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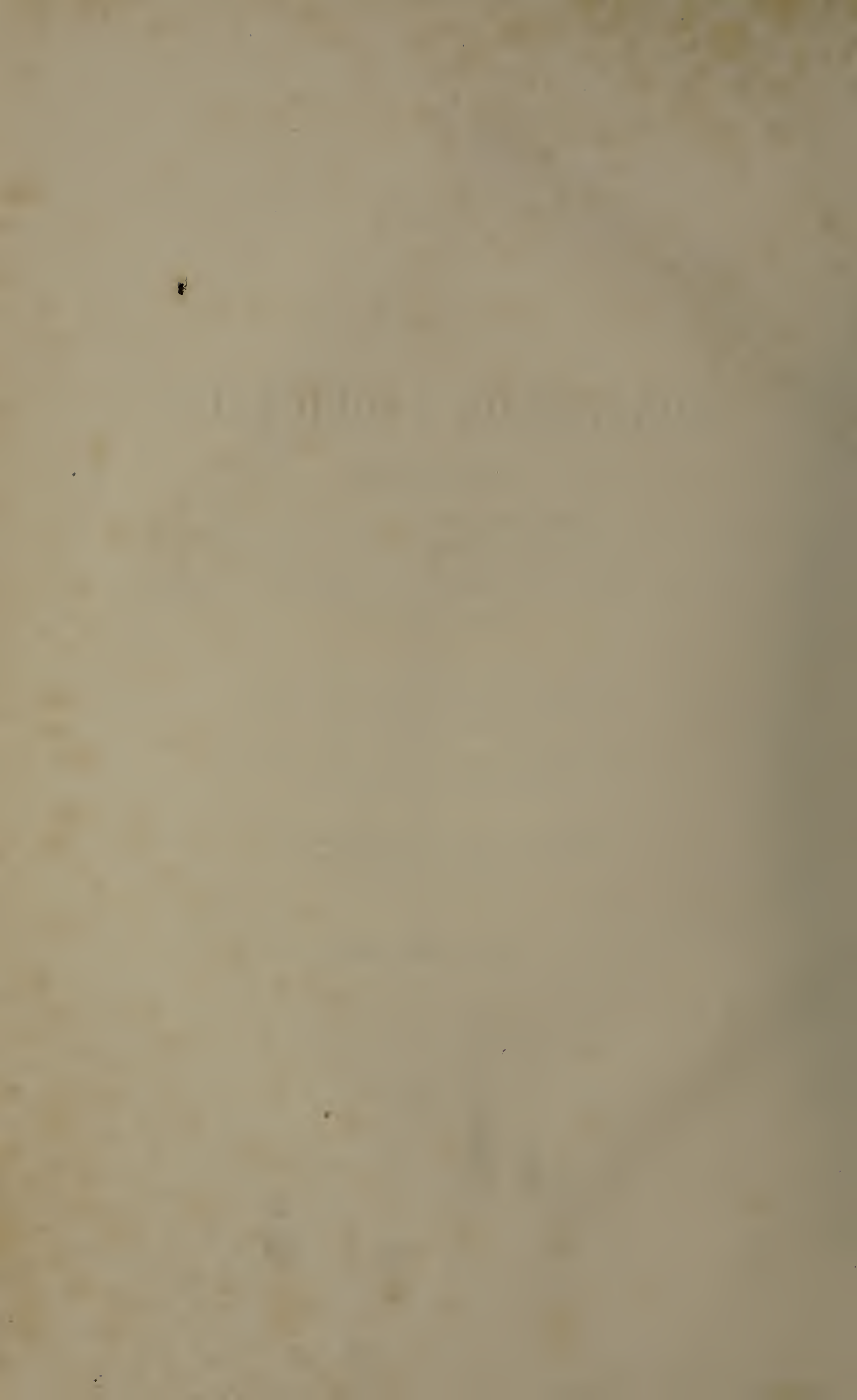
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Evesham Abbey,

IN

WORCESTERSHIRE.



EVESHAM, or Evesham, Abbey was built and endowed by St. Egwin, the third bishop of Worcester, about the year 701: Ethelred and Kenred, kings of Mercia, assisting his foundation. It was dedicated to the honour of the Virgin Mary, with whom, after the Conquest, the founder was frequently joined in the dedication style of the monastery.^a

Eoves, a herdsman of the bishop, is said to have seen, or to have imagined that he saw, a vision of the Virgin Mary; which being reported to Egwin, he repaired to the place, and to him the same vision presented itself. The Virgin commanding Egwin to build, on that spot, a monastery for monks of the order of St. Benedict. The minute particulars are given in the founder's Charter.^b

Kenred, king of Mercia, and Offa, who is styled king of the East Angles, in a joint Charter dated in 709, gave, according to the terms of the Instrument, sixty-

seven, but, according to the actual enumeration, sixty-five manses on both sides of the river Avon, to Egwin's foundation. Three of these manses were in Homme, one in Lenchwic, seven in Norton, one in Offeham, thirteen in Litleton, one in Aldinton, five and a half in Baddeseie, twelve in Bretforton, two and a half in Huniburn, seven in Willerseie, three in Wicwon, and nine in Benigwrthie and Hamton. The different boundaries follow in the Charter. Kenred also confirmed five casates of land at Morton, which had been given to Egwin in the year 703.^c

In the same year with the Charter of Kenred and Offa the Confirmation of Pope Constantine the First is dated, denouncing anathemas against those who should obstruct the new foundation.^d

EGWIN, in his Charter of Endowment, dated in 714, mentions the monastery of Flendaburch as given to him by King Ethelred, which he afterwards exchanged for the monastery of Streatford; together with twenty manses in Troiford which he had purchased of Oswald the brother of Ethelred. He speaks of the manses on the banks of the Avon given by Kenred as eighty-four in number; and enumerates a hundred and twenty as forming the total quantity possessed by the monastery. The following are the names of the villis mentioned in his

^a See Tann. Notit. Mon. The ancient names of Evesham appear to have been Haum, or Homme, Hatholm, Hethelhomme, and Ethomme. "Dr. Nash thinks Chronuchomme to have been one of its ancient names; but it seems evident from the old Charters that this was the former name of Cracome, or, at least, of a place at some distance from Evesham." Tindal, Hist. and Antiq. of Evesham, p. 1.

^b See Num. IV. The following is the history of the foundation given in the Life of St. Egwin in the Acta Sanctorum, tom. i. p. 708.

"Eoveshamensis monasterii fundatio."

"Illis diebus locus erat in territorio Wigornensi, dumisset vepribus condensis incultus, qui à modernis Eoveshammum appellatur; hunc B. Egwinus a rege Merciorum Ethelredo expetiit et obtinuit. Super illam quoque silvam quatuor pastores gregum ad victualia servorum Dei nutrienda constituit. Ex quibus unus, Eoves nomine, quadam die ad interiora silvæ progressus est; et ecce adstabat in loco quodam virgo quædam cum aliis duabus virginibus præclarissima, omnem mundanam pulchritudinem, et ipsius solis fulgorem sui splendore et gloriâ devincens, librum in manibus tenens et cum sacris virginibus cœlestia Cantica psallens. Expavit vir ille tam coruscâ visione hebetatus, nec ferens cœlestia conspiciere, tacitus ac tremens domum rediit: quæ viderat sancto episcopo intimare curavit. Vir autem Dei tacitè rem considerans, post jejunia et preces quadam die cum tribus sociis, et cum psalmis et orationibus devotis, nudus pedes ad locum designatum pergit, eminusque relictis sociis ipse interius processit, diutiusque terræ accubans, cum gemitu et lacrymis implorabat respectum misericordiæ redemptoris. Surgente illo ab oratione, tres virgines non minoris splendoris et gloriæ, quàm priùs apparuere. Quarum quæ media erat præcelsior, et omni nitore splendidior præfulgebat, liliis candidior, rosis

vernantior, odore inæstimabili fragrantior, librum quoque manibus præferens, et crucem auream luce radiantem. Cumque cogitaret hanc Domini genitricem esse; virgo præcellentissima quasi favens tam piæ æstimationi, adorantem prætensâ, quam tenebat, cruce benedixit, et cum tali valefactione disparuit. Gavisus itaque vir sanctus, et Deo gratias agens, intellexit esse divinæ voluntatis, ut locus ille Dei cultoribus consecraretur, et beatæ Dei genetrici dedicaretur. Voverat enim inter varias tentationum angustias, si Dominus prosperum faceret desiderium suum, ædificaturum Domino templum. Locum ergo protinus mundavit, opus inchoavit, et ad finem perduxit."

^c See the Charter, Num. III.

^d Num. II. It may be proper to state that the Charter of Kenred and Offa, the Confirmation or Epistle of Pope Constantine, and even Egwin's Charter, have been doubted as to their authenticity. In the ΠΡΟΠΥΛΑΙΟΝ Johannis Marshami, p. xvi. we read, "In bulla Constantini P. et diplomate regum Kenredi et Offæ, de Evishamensis cœnobii fundatione, dicitur regula B. Benedicti instaurari, quæ minus in illis partibus adhuc habetur. Et Egwini carta habet regulam S. Benedicti. . . . Illa regum carta doctissimo Spelmanno (Conc. Brit. 210. Spelm. p. 212.) suspecta est, quod Offa se Orientalium Anglorum gubernatorem denunciaret, cum esset Orientalis Saxo: neque satis est decorum monachos, jam mundo emortuos, se regum titulis adornare. Egwini carta displicet, quod subscriptionis tempore testes partim Romæ fuerunt, partim in Anglia. Nonnullis minus arridet æra Christiana, quæ vix tandem a Caroli magni temporibus in usum venit. Mihi quidem præcox illa Benedictinæ regulæ mentio recentiore ætate olere videtur." Bishop Stillingfleet also, in his Antiquities of the British Churches, chap. i. p. 26, has attacked the Confirmation of Pope Constantine upon another ground; in which he is combated by Dr. Nash, Hist. and Antiq. of Worcestershire, vol. i. p. 397.

Charter: Eovesham, Benyagwith, Hautun, Baddesey, Wicque, Haburne, Bradfortun, Willersley, Withley, Samburn, Kinwartun, Saltford major et minor, Ambresley, Vlbeory, Mortun, Buchtun, Meleygaresberrie, Tittlestrompe, Snella major, Mayeldesbeordy, and Silds-wick.^a

The monkish historians inform us that Egwin was a Wiccian, and of royal blood. He succeeded Oftsor in the see of Worcester in 692.^b In the Charter of Pope Constantine, Egwin is mentioned as having been twice at Rome. His Legend informs us that, setting out upon his first journey, he put iron fetters on his legs, throwing the key which locked them into the Severn: another account says the Avon. He afterwards found the key in the belly of a fish, according to one account at Rome, according to the other in his passage from France to England. These stories are considered as fictions invented by the monks of his monastery.^c

Egwin's second journey to Rome was in the company of Kenred and Offa, in the year 708, when those monarchs resigned their crowns for a monastic life. In that year also Egwin resigned the bishoprick of Worcester; becoming, on his return to England, *the first Abbat* of his monastery.

Bishop Tanner informs us that Egwin wrote the following pieces: 1. "De suis Apparitionibus." 2. "De primordiis sui Cœnobii." 3. "De Vita S. Aldhelmi." 4. "De Vitis variorum Sanctorum."^d He died December the 30th, A. D. 717,^e and was buried at Evesham.

A manuscript formerly in the collection of Sir Simondes Dewes, copied by Dugdale,^f preserves the names of eighteen abbats who were the immediate successors of Egwin:

ATHELWOLD,
ALDBORE,
ALDBATH,
ALDFERT,
TYLDBRITH,
CUTULF,
ALDMUND,^g
CREDANUS,
TINTFERTH,^h
ALDBALD,
ETBRITH,
ELFERD,
WLFARD,ⁱ
KYNELM,
KYNACH,
EBBA,
KYNATH, and
EDWINUS.

They are stated to have kept the possessions of the monastery entire as they were left by Egwin.^k

After the death of Edwinus, a prince of the Wiccii of the name of Athelm, or Alchelmus, procured a grant of this monastery from Edmund the son of Edward the elder, drove away the monks, and substituted secular canons in their room. One Wlric, or Ulfric, and Bishop

Osulf, were likewise encroachers on the territories of the abbey: till, in the year 960, St. Ethelwold coming hither by the command of King Edgar, restored the monks, and appointed

OSWARD to be abbot.^l In his time the original church erected by Egwin fell down: the shrine of St. Egwin only being preserved unhurt, with his relics. The church was rebuilt either by Oswald or some of his immediate successors.^m

After the death of Edgar, and probably after Oswald's death, the monks were again expelled by Alferus, or Elfere, prince of Mercia;ⁿ a few secular canons being appointed to replace them, while the larger portion of the abbey possessions were appropriated by Alfere as his own demesne. Falling sick, however, and hopeless of life, he sent for a monk of the name of

FREODEGARUS, on whom he bestowed not only the monastery, but the lands also which he had reserved as his own possessions. Freodegarus remained but a short time as abbat. He was unable to remove the canons, and desisted from the rule of the monastery altogether.

After this a powerful person of the name of Godwin came to King Ethelred the Second, and offered him three hundred mancusses of gold to have the abbey and its territory confirmed by grant to him and his successors for ever. The grant was made, and the canons were reduced by Godwin to obedience. But, a short time after, Ethelred made a second grant of this monastery to Bishop

AGELSIUS, whom Dr. Nash enumerates as one of the abbats. Agelsius, or Agelsi, falling under the king's displeasure, fled the country: when the abbey was bestowed upon Bishop Athelstan; and, after his death,^o upon Aldulf, then bishop of Worcester, by whom it was subjected to the jurisdiction of his see. Aldulf, or Adulf, appointed

ALFRIC, or AFRICIANUS, abbat of Evesham. He was succeeded by

ALGAR, or ALFGARUS, in whose time no less than forty hides of land belonging to the abbey were seized by Godwin.^p These, however, were restored to

BRITHNARUS, the successor of Algar.

AGELWINUS, or ETHELWYN, was the next abbat; who was also bishop of Wells. Upon his death, Godwin once more invaded the territories of the Abbey: but King Ethelred having appointed

AYLFWARD, or ALWARD, a monk of Ramsey, to be abbat, A.D. 1014, Godwin was driven from his encroachments. In 1034, Aylfward was made bishop of London; still continuing to hold the rule of the monastery. He was the first abbat who asserted the liberty of the monastery against the jurisdiction claimed by Aldulf bishop of Worcester: and so far obtained it, that Avikin, or Amkin, prior of the monastery, was made dean of the Vale of Evesham. Having presided over the abbey thirty years, he died on the 6th of the kalends of August, 1044, and was buried in his former monastery of Ramsey.^q

^a Num. IV. In the old edition of Dugdale this Charter is followed by an enumeration of the inhabitants of the monastery in the time of abbat Robert of Jumieges, which is omitted in its regular place, the same being given in continuity of other matter by Stevens, in the "Analecta ex Registro de Evesham de actis Abbatum." See Num. XXXVI.

^b Wharton, Anglia Sacra, tom. i. p. 470.

^c Compare Wharton, ut supr. See the originals of both stories in Num. I.

^d Bibl. Brit. Hib. p. 256. See also Fabricii Bibl. Lat. mediæ et inf. ætatis, edit. Patav. 1754, tom. ii. p. 88.

^e Wharton, ut supr. Godwin places his death in 714; and Bale and Pits in 716. The 11th of January, which is marked as the day of Egwin's celebration in the English Martyrologies, is supposed by Butler, in his Lives of the Saints, to have been the day on which his body was translated, in 1183. See Butler's Lives of the Fathers, Martyrs, and other principal Saints, edit. 8vo. Dubl. 1779, vol. i. p. 123. Brithwald archbishop of Canterbury wrote a Life of St. Egwin, a fine and very old manuscript of which is preserved in the Cottonian volume, Nero E. 1. This Life was abridged and altered by Capgrave.

^f Now MS. Harl. Brit. Mus. num. 229, with which Dugdale's text has been collated.

^g Cole, MS. vol. xxvii. p. 198, says, he was abbat A.D. 783, or 787.

^h Cole, MS. Brit. Mus. ut supr. calls him Thineforth, and places the date against his name of A.D. 803.

^l Cole says, he occurs in the years 851, 857, and 868.

^k Num. XXXI.

^l Compare Num. XXXI. Tindal, Hist. Evesh. p. 12, says, the grant to Athelm, or Alchelm, was from Edward the elder.

^m See Nash, Hist. Worc. vol. i. p. 398.

ⁿ "Tempore Edwardi Regis et Martyris, qui regnavit iii. an. et dim. facta est secunda dispersio monachorum Eoveshamensium, et institutio canonicorum per Alferum principem Merciorum." Lel. Collect. edit. 1770, tom. i. p. 240. Ingulphus, under the year 975, says, "Tunc de monasterio Eveshamensi monachis expulsis clerici fuerunt introducti, terræque tyranni de terris ecclesiæ præmiati sunt quibus regina novercali nequitia stans cum clericis, in regis opprobrium favebat; cum monachis autem rex et sancti episcopi persistebant: sed tyranni fulti reginæ favore et potentia, super monachos triumphabant." Hist. Ingulphi, edit. Gale, p. 54.

^o Leland says, A.D. 981.

^p According to Leland, who copied a history by a monk of Evesham, or Pershore, in 989. Collect. tom. i. p. 241.

^q Simeon of Durham calls him ALWOLDUS; and says he died on the 8th of the kalends of August. "Anno mxlviij. Alwoldus Londoniensis præsul, qui et ante episcopatum et in episcopatu abbatis jure Eoveshamensi cœnobio præfuit, cum pontificatum administrare pro sua infirmitate minus sufficeret, Eoveshammi residere voluit, sed fratres loci illius ad id omnino consentire noluerunt. Quapropter ablatis ex maxima parte libris et ornamentis quæ ipse eidem contulerat loco, et

MANNIUS, or MANNUS, was the next abbat; chosen by King Edward the Confessor. Simeon of Durham calls him *Wlmarus*.^a Tindal calls him *Mauricius*. He resigned, on account of ill health, in 1058; when

EGILWIN, a monk of the monastery, called in the Domesday Survey *Eluui* and *Aluvinus*,^b was appointed by the king, at Mannius's request, to succeed him. Mannius himself died on the very same night and at the hour on which King Edward the Confessor died, on the feast of the Epiphany, A. D. 1065. Egilwin was consecrated by Aldred archbishop of York. On King Edward's death he became a favourite with Harold, and was afterwards much esteemed by the Conqueror, by whom he was entrusted with the care of the counties of Worcester, Gloucester, Oxford, Warwick, Hereford, Stafford, and Salop. He is said to have increased the number of the monks from twelve to thirty-six, and to have left behind him five chests of money ("v. archas plenas argento") for the building of a new church. He died on the 14th of the kalends of March, A.D. 1077.^c

WALTER, a monk of Cerasia, was made abbat by King William I. within three months after Egilwin's death.^d His controversy with Wolstan bishop of Worcester, for the services of fifteen hides in Heamtone and four in Beninewyrthe, has been already detailed at considerable length.^e He began the building of the new church which his predecessor had intended: but finding money still wanting, he is said to have sent his monks with the shrine of St. Egwin through England to collect donations, amassing thereby a considerable sum.^f During his abbacy, the Domesday Inquisition of the possessions of the monastery was taken; whence it appears, that in *Gloucestershire* the abbey held eight hides at Malgesberia, seven in Tedestrop, ten in Bortune, ten in Bradewelle, four burgesses in Gloucester and one in Winchecomb, three hides of land in Svvelle, eight in

Willersei, three in Westune, two in Stoch, three in Hedecote, and fifty-six in the Ferding or quarter of Winchcombe. The possessions at Bradewelle and Winchcombe are not valued: but from the rest it appears that forty-four hides, which in the reign of Edward the Confessor were valued at thirty-seven pounds, at the time of the formation of the Survey produced fifty-one pounds. In *Worcestershire*, three hides at Evesham, one in Lenchwic, seven in Nortune, twelve acres in Oleberge with a leuuede of wood, one hide in Offenham, six at Liteltune, six at Bratfortune, one hide at Aldintone, three at Wigvene, six hides again at Bratfortune, six hides and a half at Badesei, seven at Liteltune, two hides and a half in Huniburne, fifteen at Ambreslege,^g five hides at Hantun, four at Beningeorde, five in Mortune, four and a half at Achelenz, one at Bvinton, four at Circelenz, with twenty-eight masures or manses in Worcester. Eighty-eight hides and a half and twelve acres, which produced seventy pounds fifteen shillings in the time of King Edward the Confessor, produced sixty-eight pounds ten shillings only in the time of the Conqueror.^h In *Northamptonshire*, the abbey held four hides at Liceberge, valued at forty shillings, both in the time of King Edward and King William. In *Warwickshire*, five hides at Witelavesford, three at Sandburne, two at Salford, three at Chenevertone, and three at Wilelei. Thirteen hides (the value of the three at Wilelei being omitted), which produced seven pounds in the time of Edward the Confessor, producing eight in the time of the Conqueror. The gross number of hides held by the monastery in the different counties amounting to two hundred and eighteen and a half, and twelve acres: producing a revenue, as far as is recorded in Domesday, at the time of the Survey, of one hundred and twenty-nine pounds ten shillings.ⁱ

Although, through the influence of Odo bishop of

quibusdam ut fertur quæ alii contulerent, ad monasterium Ramesege secessit, et omnia quæ attulit sancto contulit Benedicto, ibique resedit, et hoc anno viij. kal. Augusti feria iij. defungitur, ibidemque sepelitur." Sim. Dunelm. Twysd. Script. x. col. 182. See also Rad. de Diceto, ibid. col. 475. Chron. Jo. Brompt. ibid. col. 938. Henr. de Knyghton, ibid. col. 2329.

^a A. D. mclxliij. "In generali Concilio quod eodem tempore celebratum est Landoniæ, religiosus Eveshamensis monachus Wlmarus, qui et Manni, ut abbatis jure suo monasterio præesset, eligitur, et iij. idus Augusti feria vj. ordinatur." Sim. Dunelm. Twysd. Script. x. col. 182.

^b Domesd. tom. i. fol. 176, col. 1.; fol. 177 b, col. ii.

^c Compare Chron. Sax. edit. Gibs. p. 184. Tindal gives a minute account of what he calls a filiation from this abbey during Egilwin's administration. The particulars are thus noticed in short in the Chronicle of Mailros, A. D. 1074. "Tres monachi de Evesham venerunt, id est Aldwinus, Elfwinus, Reinfridus; ab his tribus instaurata sunt tria monasteria, Dunelmum, Eboracum, Witeby." Chron. Mailros. Gale, Script. tom. i. p. 160.

^d See Num. XXXII. A Treatise of the Abbey of Evesham, transcribed by Mr. Talbot, and printed in the Gent. Mag. for October 1788, places WALTER's election in 1086: but evidently by mistake. Knyghton has preserved a prediction made by Lanfranc respecting his coming to the abbacy. Twysd. Script. x. col. 2363.

^e See Vol. I. pp. 571, 601, 602.

^f Nash, Hist. and Antiq. Worc. vol. i. p. 398. Tindal, Hist. Evesh. p. 249, says, "This Walter, with the money Egilwin had left, built the crypts and the rest of the church, as far as the transept, excepting the tower; in which last he proceeded no farther than the supporting arches, and the first story." Compare MS. Harl. 3763, fol. 169 b.

^g Thus far comprising the sixty-five hides stated to be held by the monastery in the hundred of Fisseberge, at the beginning of this part of the inquisition.

^h At Evesham itself an intermediate increase in value, between the time of Edward the Confessor and the Conqueror, is noticed, as well as at Beningeorde; but under Achelenz and Bvinton we have instances of progressive decrease. Rents paid in kind to the monastery occur twice in these entries; once, apparently, from a mill stream at Lenchewic, of two thousand eels; and of the same number from a fishery at Ambreslege. In the first entry concerning Bratfortune, we have something like a notice that the buildings of the abbey were going on; as the oxen belonging to one of the ploughs are noticed as occasionally drawing stone to the church. A Salt-pan occurs at Ambreslege: and at Hantun the monks had a Vineyard newly planted.

ⁱ Compare Num. VI. Beside the lands entered in the Survey of Worcestershire as actually belonging to the abbey at the time of the returns, there are one or two entries of land which had belonged to Evesham in the time of Edward the Confessor, but of which the abbey had been deprived. Six hides at Actune, held by the bishop of Baieux, are stated to have been obtained of the abbey by Urso the sheriff in exchange: but four hides at Lenche are acknowledged to have been

seized by the bishop. "De his iij. hidis fuit ipsa æcclesia saisita multis annis, donec episcopus Baiocensis de ecclesia abstulit et Ursoni dedit." Domesd. tom. i. fol. 176, col. i. Two of these hides had been given to the church by Gilbert Fitz Turol for the support of a monk: the two others had been purchased of King William by abbat Eluni, or Egilwin, for a mark of gold. Urso de Abetot (who appears to have been an accomplice of the bishop) held three hides in Uptune which had been held by Egilwinus as abbat, and which were returned by the county as of right belonging to the monastery. "Aluvinus abbas de Evesham tenuit, et in abbacia recte deberet esse TESTE COMITATU." Urso also held Witune, consisting of half a hide which had been given by one Vluiet to the church at the time his son became a monk. "Hanc terram donavit quidam Vluiet eidem ecclesiæ de Evesham et posuit donum super altare quando filius ejus Aluiet factus est ibi monachus. Hoc factum est quinto anno regni regis Edwardi. Postea vero præstitit abbas Aluvinus hanc terram suo avunculo quamdiu ipse homo viveret; qui postea mortuus fuit in bello Herald contra Norrenses, et ecclesia recepit terram suam antequam rex Willielmus in Anglia venisset, et tenuit isdem abbas quamdiu vixit, et etiam successor ejus Walterius abbas similiter tenuit amplius quam septem annis." Hantune, the last manor belonging to Evesham held by Urso, consisted of four hides: the abbey title to which, upon the testimony of the county, was as good as that to Uptune. "Hoc manerium emit abbas ejusdem ecclesiæ a quodam Taino, qui terram suam recte poterat vendere cui vellet, tempore regis Edwardi, et emptum donavit Ecclesiæ per unum textum positum super altare, teste comitatu." Compare Domesd. tom. i. fol. 177 b, col. ii.

The following record of Odo's usurpations from the monastery, not only in Worcestershire but in other counties, is preserved in the Harl. Register, num. 3763, fol. 58 b.

"Hic prænotantur terræ quas Odo Baiocensis episcopus per violentiam abstulit de ecclesia sanctæ Dei genitricis Mariæ Eveshamii tempore Walteri abbatis.

In *Wircestrescire*, Acton v. hid. In Branesford i. hid. Istæ fuerunt in dominio advictum servorum Dei illius ecclesiæ. Has terras, succedente tempore, abbas Egilwinus dedit Hursoni vicecomiti pro vi. hidis in Benigwith. Sed vicecomes has terras simul modo habet, et ecclesia caret. Item, Lench iij. hid. de dominio. Similiter Hamton, iij. hid. et Hupton iij. hid. et Withon i. hid. Istæ fuerunt liberæ. Has vii. villas vicecomes, donante Odone, habet et ecclesia caret. Eunelad, vij. hid. de dominio, modo habet quidam miles Brian nomine. Deilesford, iij. hid. de dominio, Willielmus Hastings habet. In *Warewickschire*, Arewe vij. hid. de dominio, et Eccleshale ij. hid. et Wifeshale i. hid. Has tenet Robertus Marmiun. Edricheston iij. hid. de dominio, Dorsinton i. hid. Brome ij. hid. de dominio, tenet Osbernus filius Ricardi. Pro hac terra Ailwinus abbas sibi præstitit iij. marcas auri et dimid. et multa alia beneficia sibi fecit. Postea vero, nolente eo reddere aurum abbati, concessit ecclesiæ præfatam terram coram multis testibus æternaliter perfruendam. Defuncto quoque abbate Eilwino, et episcopo Odone omnes terras has auferente, ipse Osbernus recepit præfatam terram, scilicet Grefton, et simul utrumque habet nunc, terram videlicet et aurum ecclesiæ. Ad Budiford i. hid. Bivin-

Baieux, the Conqueror's half-brother, Walter was deprived, as has been already shown in the Notes, of considerable possessions which had been acquired by Egwin, yet he increased the number of his monks.

The monks, however, have carefully chronicled his grants of the abbey lands to his relations and friends, contrary to the interest of the monastery, immediately after the usurpations of Odo; together with those of abbats Maurice and Robert. His grant of fourteen hides and a virgate in different places to his brother Randulfus is expressly said to have been made "contradicente capitulo."

Mr. Talbot's manuscript places the death of Abbat Walter in 1093; but the Evesham Register in the Cotton library, as well as other authorities, say on the 13th of the kalends of February, 1086.^a

ROBERT, a monk of Jumieges, in Normandy, was the next abbat: in whose time we have a particular account of the internal condition of the monastery. There were then sixty-seven monks, five nuns, three persons who are termed "pauperes ad mandatum," three clerks who enjoyed the same privileges as the monks, and sixty-five servants. Of the monks, twelve were dispatched to Denmark by King William Rufus. The following was the disposition of the servants: five served in the church, two in the infirmary, two in the chancery, five in the kitchen, seven in the bake-house, four brewed, four attended the bath, two were shoemakers, two were in the pantry, three were gardeners, one attended at the gate of the close, two at the great gate, and five in the vineyard; four attended upon the monks when they went abroad, four were fishermen, four waited in the abbat's chamber, three waited in the hall, and two were watchmen.^b

The mission of the twelve monks to Denmark was for the purpose of establishing a subordinate priory or cell at Othenesie, the dependance of which upon Evesham, as the parent monastery, was ratified by a Charter of Waldemar king of Denmark in 1174.^c

Abbat Robert died in 1096. He was succeeded by

MAURICE, a monk of Evesham, who ruled the monastery till his death in 1122. He is said to have built what was called the old chapter house, the dormitory, a parlour, and the chapel of St. Mary Magdalen; and to have purchased many ornaments for the church.^d

REGINALD, a monk of Gloucester, nephew of Milo Earl of Hereford, was the next abbat: who is stated to have procured considerable privileges for his monastery. He went to Rome in the pontificate of Innocent the Second, on foot, to maintain a cause against Bishop

Simon: and Tindal, probably misled by Willis, says he obtained for himself and successors the use of the mitre and other pontifical ornaments: but this latter information is erroneous; the use of the gloves, ring, mitre, dalmatica, tunick, and sandals being granted by Pope Clement the Third, in the fourth year of his pontificate, to abbat Roger.^e He died, according to Stevens's 'Analecta,' on the 8th of the kalends of September, 1136: but in the Harleian Register of Evesham Pope Innocent's Bull addressed to him is dated in 1138.^f Willis says he died on the eighth of the kalends of September, 1149.^g The good deeds of this abbat are given in the words of the Harleian Register in the Note.^h

WILLIAM DE ANDEVILLE, a monk of Christ Church Canterbury, called by Gervase of Canterbury William de LONGA-VILLA,ⁱ succeeded Reginald. He was first prior of Dover. While abbat of Evesham he excommunicated William de Beauchamp and his accomplices for destroying the walls of the cemetery and robbing the church. He also recovered the castle of Bengeworth, which stood at the foot of the bridge, in the suburbs of Evesham, from the same William; and, demolishing it, caused the ground to be consecrated as a cemetery.^k He died on the 2d of the nones of January, 1159.^l

ROGER, a monk of St. Augustine Canterbury, was the next abbat, who has been already noticed as having obtained from Pope Clement the Third the use of the gloves, sandals, mitre, &c. He died, after a short administration, on the 2d of the nones of January, 1160.^m His successor was

ADAM, a monk of Cluny de Caritate, and who had been prior of Bermondsey. He was elected in 1161. He finished the shrine of St. Egwin; made an aqueduct, and the lavatory; he also ordered the two bells, 'Jesus,' and that called 'Gloriosa,' to be cast;ⁿ and supplied the church with numerous vestments, ornaments, &c. In his time, also, the bake-house, the granary, the old infirmary, (where was afterwards the abbat's chamber), and a private dormitory were built. He likewise completed the cloister which had been begun by the abbats Mauricius and Reginald, and also the nave of the church: in which latter labour he was much assisted by the dean of Wells and other well disposed persons. He also glazed many of the windows of the church; and directed the gold cup to be made which was afterwards given in ransom for King Richard the First by his successor abbat Roger.^o This abbat acquired to his office the privilege of wearing all the episcopal ornaments excepting the ring; together with a decree from Pope

ton, v. hid. Geri tenet. Ad Salford iij. hid. quas tenent canonici de Kenillewrth. In *Oaenefordsire*, Salford, v. hid. Cornewelle, iij. hid. Chestelton, vj. hid. Derneford, iij. hid. Sipton, v. hid. Has omnes terras liberas tenet Nigel. Has omnes terras prænотatas Eilwius abbas tempore Edward regis, et postea regnante Willielmo regeseniore, magna libertate tenuit multis annis. Et post mortem prædicti abbatis quamdiu ecclesia de Evesham sub manu regis fuit sine calumpnia eas habuit diebus multis. Postea vero succedente abbate Waltero, eodem anno quo abbatiam suscepit, eo quod minus erat sæculari providentia imbutus quam oportuit, episcopus Odo violenter per magnum ingenium eas abstulit, et quibus voluit militibus contradidit, et hactenus hæc sancta Ecclesia hiis terris spoliata remansit. In *Gloucestersire*, Quenton, x. hid. In Parva Slout, v. hid. Hugo de Laci habet. Swella, vij. hid. Radulfus de Tounetenet. Robertus dispensator tenet Childeswicwon, ibi x. hid. Willielmus Cunteboiz tenet Pebewrth, ij. hid."

^a Compare Numm. XXXII. XXXVI. Cole, MS. Brit. Mus. vol. xxvii. p. 198, says he was alive in 1088, according to some accounts. Tindal, Hist. Evesham, p. 250, says that abbat Walter made a vineyard on the other side of the water. Maury books were also given by him to the convent. It is singular that Simeon of Durham places abbat Walter's death as late as the year 1104. "Anno m.ciiij. venerandi abbates Walterus Eveshamensis xij. kal. Febr. et Serlo Glocestrensis iij. non. Marcij obierunt." Twysd. Script. x. col. 228.

^b Num. XXVI.

^c See Numm. XXIX. XXX.

^d MS. Harl. 3763, fol. 180.

^e Compare MS. Harl. 3763, fol. 95 b.

^f Ibid. fol. 92 b.

^g Mit. Ab. vol. i. p. 93. See also the Harleian Register.

^h "Totam Abbatiam et cimiterium optimo muro vallavit, magnam etiam partem murorum navis ecclesiæ fecit, et vetus refectory, et regularem locutorium cum capella, et aulam hospitum cum camera, et magnam coquinam fecit; etiam duo brachia, scilicet sancti Egwini et sancti Oswaldi, et magnum textum, et crucem hujus ecclesiæ preciosio-

rem, et culmen feretri sancti Egwini, duo etiam thurribula et candelabra deaurata. Fecit campanas etiam, Benedictum vero et socium ejus fecit, et tintinnabula scilicet Gloucestr. et socium ejus. Adquisivit magnum etiam dorsellum, et duo sancti Egwini de choro fieri fecit: majorem etiam nigram capam, et multa alia vestimenta, libros etiam et ornamenta huic ecclesiæ adquisivit." fol. 180.

In the following entry in the Cotton Register Vespas. B. xxiv. fol. 27, the year 1130 is called the first year of abbat Reginald. "Anno ab incarnatione Domini m.c.xxx. Reginaldi abbatis anno primo, Willielmus de Melling et Simon frater ejus reddiderunt Deo et sanctæ Mariæ et beato Egwino terras ecclesiæ quas tenebant; scilicet in Hamtona et in Nortona, ita quod ambo eas sponte super altare posuerunt, et Deo et sanctis prædictis quietas clamaverunt, et cum sacramento eas juraverunt. Ita scilicet quod nunquam nec per se neque per aliquem per se inductum in eis terris aliquid deinceps clamarent. Quod si etiam aliquis suorum aut alienus in eis aliquid clamare vellent, ipsi ubicunque essent venirent, et Deo et sancto eas sicut proprias suas dirationarent; et contra omnes homines adquietarent, nisi eos aut infirmitatis aut itineris molestia retineret. Et abbas pro caritate dedit eis xx^{ti}. marcas. Huic redditioni interfuerunt dominicus prior et conventus Eveshamensis, et Saulfus, et Simon, et Warinus, et Nicholas, Milo Glocestrensis, Milo constabularius, et Paganus fil. Johannis, et Walterus de Bello-campo, et Walterus et Willielmus filii ejus, et Radulfus Pincerna, et Isnardus, et Rogerus de Lentio, et Osbertus de Pormot, et Willielmus de Mara, et Simon dispensator, et Rogerus filius Pacardi, et Alein filius Mem."

ⁱ Chron. Gerv. Script. x. Twysd. col. 1367.

^k Nash, Hist. Worc. vol. i. p. 399. Harl. MS. 3763, fol. 180.

^l Harl. MS. ut supr.

^m Ibid. Bishop Kennett, in his Diptycha Eccl. Anglic. MS. Lansd. Brit. Mus. says he died in 1180.

ⁿ The inscriptions on these bells will be hereafter given from the Abbey Register.

^o Harl. MS. 3763, fol. 180 b.

Alexander the Third establishing an independent jurisdiction in the abbey.^a He died on the 2d of the ides of November, 1191;^b or, according to the *Analecta* in Stevens's Appendix^c and Bishop Kennett's Diptycha, in 1211.

ROGER NORREIS, a monk of Canterbury, who had been imprisoned in, and afterwards fled from, his own monastery, was the next abbat of Evesham; appointed by the royal authority against the wishes of the convent. Numerous particulars of his life will be found in Stevens's *Analecta*. Gervase of Canterbury, who is also minute upon his history, gives us the following character of him: "Erat ab adolescentia monachus sui superbus, elatus, pomposus in verbis, dolosus in factis, cupidus praelationis, aspernator religionis, ad superiores adulator, ad inferiores contemptor, gloriosus in veste, negligens in ordinis observatione, amicus foeminarum, amator equorum, iracundus ad correptiones, paratus ad detractationes; in omnibus incorrigibilis."^d According to Gervase he became abbat of Evesham in 1191.^e

Having become notorious for his waste of the abbey revenues, and for the dissoluteness of his life, he was deposed by Nicholas bishop of Tusculum, the pope's legate, A.D. 1213: retiring to Penwortham, in Lancashire, one of the Cells of Evesham, as prior; where, after residing three years, he died.

RANDULFUS, or RALPH, prior of Worcester, a native of Evesham, succeeded abbat Norreis. From the *Annales Ecclesiae Wigorniensis* it appears that in the same year he had been chosen bishop of Worcester, but at the suggestion of the bishop of Tusculum declined the election.^f In the second year after his installation at Evesham he went to Rome, to attend a general council, and there obtained some privileges. An exemplification of the Customs of the abbey in his time, copied from the Cotton manuscript Aug. II. will be found in the Appendix of Instruments.^g He died on the 16th of the kalends of January, 1229.

THOMAS DE MARLEBERG, prior of the monastery, was the next abbat elected. He received benediction from the bishop of Coventry the year after his election.^h

Tindal, from a passage at the beginning of the Cotton Register Vesp. B. xxiv., is diffuse upon the good works of abbat Marleberg. While a monk only of the monastery, it appears, his skill in the canon and civil laws, being called in aid by the convent, had led to the repulsion of the bishop of Worcester when on his way to hold a visitation at Evesham: and he had contributed much while procurator at the court of Rome toward obtaining the bull which gave an exempt jurisdiction to the monastery. While a monk, also, he had been engaged in the restoration and reparation of the church, after the falling of the tower; he likewise rebuilt the walls of the presbytery, and repaired the rest of the building; defraying no inconsiderable portion of the expense himself. He had taken a leading share, at considerable personal hazard, in the accusations against abbat Roger Norreis; being, at that time, dean of the valley of Evesham. In the second year of Randulf's abbacy, Thomas de Marleberg accompanied him to Rome, where his prudence and advice were eminently serviceable to the affairs of the monastery. Two years after this he was elected Sacrist. While in this office he made a Reading-Desk behind the choir, which the Evesham church had not before,ⁱ and appointed stated readings to be held near the tomb of St. Wilsius. He made also a lavatory in the cloister, just out of the church gate, and built an apartment in the church;

repairing likewise the lower part of the clock. He restored the shrines and glass windows which had been broken by the fall of the tower; rebuilt St. Wlstan's shrine; and repaired the tablets of the high altar. He replaced the five arches of the presbytery which had been likewise materially injured; and increased the rents and profits of the sacristy. All this was done within the space of a year. He was next elected Prior. In this office, it is said, he buried his predecessor, prior John, in a new mausoleum, and also John surnamed Dionysius. Thomas de Marleberg, at his entrance into the convent, had brought with him many books in both laws, 'per quos rexit scholas ante monachatum apud Exoniam et Oxoniam.' He brought one work of Democritus, 'et librum Antiparalenionis,' the Gradual of Constantine, Ysidorus de Officiis, and the Quadrimus of Ysidorus; Tully de Amicitia, another book of Tully, and his Treatises de Senectute, et Paradoxis; Lucan; Juvenal; and many other authors; with many sermons, notes, and questions in theology: and also notes on the art of grammar, with the rules of that art, and the book concerning accents. After his priorship was ended, he made a large breviary, the best then extant in the monastery; and bound up Hamo on the Apocalypse, and the lives of the patrons of the Evesham church, 'cum gestis omnium bonorum et malorum ecclesiae Eveshamensis,' in one volume. He also bound up the same lives and acts, separately, in another volume. He made likewise a large psalter, the best in the monastery, excepting those with glosses. He collected also all that was requisite for forming four Antiphonars with their notes, except that the brethren of the monastery helped to transcribe them. He finished many books which William de Lith had begun; the Martyrologium, the Exceptio Missae, some excellent notes on the psalter, 'et duo communia sanctorum in veteribus Antiphonariis.' He bought, also, the Four Evangelists glossed, the Prophecies of Isaiah and Ezekiel glossed, the Postills upon St. Matthew, some Allegories upon the Old Testament, the Lamentations of Jeremiah glossed, the Exposition of the Mass according to Pope Innocent, and the book of Alexander Necham called 'Corrogationes Promethei de Partibus Veteris Testamenti et Novi.' He built the towers of the presbytery, repaired that part of the church above the altar of St. John the Baptist, and erected two towers over that part of the church. He made the window in the presbytery representing the history of St. Egwin, and repaired the older painted windows in the west front of the church. He restored the throne and shrine of St. Egwin, ornamented with flower work and precious stones, which had likewise suffered by the fall of the tower. He erected the four first stalls in the prior's choir, and likewise the forms in the same. This same Thomas bought ten acres of land in Littlethorpe of Randolph dispensator, in augmentation of the priorship. This land he afterwards exchanged for some other land in Bengeworth. He also bought some land in Merstowe of Hugh de Warwic, and another piece of land 'de filia Serganti' for the support of his anniversary; as well as a wood of Peter de Lent for the same purpose. He painted the greater part of the chapter-house; contributed toward finishing the great bell-tower begun by Adam Sortes: repaired the walls of the monks' cemetery at a great expense; and supported the private dormitory, almost in ruins, by three arches, in which he expended more than four marks. He supplied the beams, lead, and payment of the work-

on the four sides in mezzo-relievo. On the principal front was represented St. Egwin bishop of Worcester, the founder of the abbey, with his crozier in his left hand, in the act of bestowing his benediction on the people. There was no doubt of this figure being intended for the founder, from the circumstance of the crozier being placed in the left hand, which invariably distinguishes the figure of a bishop, and St. Egwin was the only abbat of Evesham who enjoyed that dignity. On the back front were two heads of cherubims; and the carved ornaments on the other two sides were nearly alike. On three sides of the upper surface was a ledge to confine the cushion upon which the book was placed; with two holes in the upper corners through which the cushion was tied. To bring the ornamented sides of the desk at right angles to the eye of the spectator, it must have been elevated upon a pillar (probably of the same material), about six or seven feet high, with a few steps for the ascent of the reader at the back. See the *Archaeologia* of the Society of Antiquaries, vol. xvii. pp. 278, 279. Pl. xxiii. xxiv.

^a "Hic etiam insignia episcopalia præter anulum primo isti ecclesiae adquisivit, et privilegium Alexandri papæ quod bene ad libertatem operatur." Harl. MS. 3763, fol. 180 b. See Pope Alexander's Bull, dated in 1163, in the same manuscript, fol. 93 b.

^b Harl. MS. ut supr.

^c Num. XXXVI.

^d Chron. Gervas. Script. x. Twysd. col. 1505. See more of him as prior of the Holy Trinity, or Christ Church, Canterbury, ibid. coll. 1551, 1559, 1564.

^e Ibid. col. 1564.

^f Wharton, *Anglia Sacra*, tom. i. p. 482.

^g Num. XXXIII.

^h MS. Harl. 3763, fol. 182.

ⁱ The presumed remains of this very desk were found near the site of the abbey church a few years ago: drawings and a description of which were communicated to the Society of Antiquaries by Edward Rudge, Esq., the present owner of the estate. The desk was composed of a solid block of white marble of considerable weight, richly carved

men for covering one of the angles of the great tower; and furnished all the vestments for the chapel of the upper infirmary, and likewise its glass gate: 'cum hostio speculæ ejusdem.' He bought certain land of Adam Peterel, half of which he gave to the eleemosinary, and the other half to supply the lamps of St. Mary in Cryptis. Other services to the monastery, of a minor nature, he also performed. He moreover caused to be written, a book concerning the office of the abbat from the Purification of the Virgin Mary to Easter, the prælections concerning Easter and Pentecost, concerning the benediction of baptismal fonts, and on the profession of monks, in one volume, in a barge letter; and in another volume, in a smaller letter, all such things ordained in the monastery as had not been committed to writing, before. He made, also, the tablet for the locutory in the chapel of St. Anne, toward the west: and after the altar of St. Mary in Cryptis had been despoiled by thieves of its books and vestments, to the value of ten pounds, he contributed to their restoration: and, for that purpose, bought an alb, with ornaments of gold interwoven. He also gave half a mark for the Charter of confirmation of the estate at Radford, destined for the uses of the same altar.

After a very active abbacy of about seven years, he died on the 12th of September, 1236, and was buried under the south wall of the church, against which, during his life time, he had erected a monument, with a marble image in pontificals, sculptured for himself.^a

RICHARD LE GRAS, OR LE GRAI, who had been prior of Hurley in Berkshire, succeeded Marleberg.^b Nash calls him RICHARD LE GROS, OR CRASSUS. In his time, Nash says, the church of Evesham was consecrated by John bishop of Worcester. But there was no bishop there of that name at the time. Dugdale, in his extracts from a manuscript formerly in Sir Simonds d'Ewes's possession, only says, "cujus tempore venerabilis pater Johannes episcopus dedicavit ecclesiam de Evesham, videlicet anno Domini MCCXXXIX."^c Richard le Gras was much employed in the service of King Henry the Third, both at home and abroad. He held the office of lord chancellor of England, and was nominated to the bishoprick of Litchfield and Coventry, but died before his consecration, at Riolo in Gascony, December the 8th, 1242.^d

THOMAS DE GLOVERNIA, OR GLOUCESTER, a monk of Evesham, was the next abbat.^e He had been prior of the subordinate cell of Penwortham.^f He was confirmed, in 1243, by Pope Innocent the Fourth, but could not obtain the temporalities of his abbacy from the king till a special mandate for that purpose had been sent by the Pope. He governed the monastery about fourteen years; dying December 15th, 1255. Nash, by some strange mistake, has printed a memorandum, in his Appendix to the Account of Evesham, from the Cotton manuscript Vespasian B. xxiv. concerning this Abbat, intitled "De bonis Operibus Prioris Thomæ:"^g but it really belongs to abbat Thomas de Marleberg, and the substance has been already given in page 5. Abbat Thomas de Gloverniam was buried in the middle of the church.

^a Compare Tindal, Hist. Evesh. p. 31.

^b Annal. Eccl. Wigorn. Angl. Sac. tom. i. p. 490.

^c Compare Num. XXXII.

^d Nash, Hist. Worc. vol. i. p. 399.

^e Annal. Winton. Angl. Sac. tom. i. p. 492.

^f Nash, Hist. Worc. vol. i. p. 399. A composition between this abbat and Richard prior of Worcester, upon a controversy about the common of pasture of Harferton, Norton, Salford, &c. in 1247, will be found in the Appendix of Instruments.

^g Ibid. p. 419.

^h The Annals of Worcester call him HUGH. Angl. Sac. tom. i. p. 494.

ⁱ "Summitas clocherii ecclesiæ Evesham conflavit fulgure." Annal. Winton. ut supr. p. 495.

^k Compare Lel. Collect. edit. 1770, tom. 1. p. 173. After the battle, the bodies of Simon de Montfort earl of Leicester, his son Henry, and Hugh le Dispenser, justiciar of England, were buried in the abbey-church, before the high altar: the king himself assisting at the earl's funeral. The monks esteemed the earl a martyr; and Tyrrel saw a manuscript in the public library at Cambridge, in which prayers were addressed to him. Compare Willis, Mit. Ab. vol. i. p. 91. Tyrrel, Hist. Engl. vol. ii. p. 1052. Nash, Hist. Worc. vol. i. p. 413. Tindal conjectures that Peter de Montfort, William de Mandeville, Ralph

HENRY, OR HENRY OF WORCESTER,^h prior of Evesham, succeeded Thomas de Gloverniam. He was installed abbat on St. Egwin's day, 1256; and was confirmed by Pope Alexander the Fourth. He is stated to have discharged a debt of fifteen hundred marks contracted by his predecessors; and to have been otherwise a benefactor to the monastery. He died in the month of November, 1263. In 1261, during his abbacy, the upper part of the clock tower of the church was struck by lightning.ⁱ After the death of abbat Henry, the abbacy was vacant till 1266. In the interval, the battle of Evesham was fought.^k In the month of September, 1266, Ottobon, the pope's legate, appointed

WILLIAM DE WHITECHURCH abbat of Evesham,^l originally a monk of Pershore, and afterwards abbat of Alnecestre, or Alceter, in Warwickshire, a cell to Evesham. He purchased the manor of Bengeworth of William de Beauchamp, earl of Warwick; and likewise acquired a considerable estate, together with the advowson of the church, at Dereford. He died on the 3d of the nones of August, 1282.^m

JOHN DE BROKEHAMPTON, a monk of the monastery, was the next abbat, confirmed by Pope Martin the Fourth, at Rome. He built the cloister opposite to the chapter-house, vaulted it over, and made a library, or studies, for the monks, above it.ⁿ It was during his abbacy that Henry Latham, one of the monks, built the refectory, the great hall, the abbat's hall, kitchen, and a new chapter-house: the last of which, for size and beauty, is stated to have excelled all the other chapter-houses in the kingdom. He died August 18th, 1316; or, according to others, in 1317. He was succeeded, the year of his death, by

WILLIAM DE CHYRYTON, OR SHIRITON, another monk of the monastery, who was elected abbat August the 30th; being confirmed by Pope John the Twenty-second on Sexagesima Sunday. In his time, William Stow, sacrist of the monastery, anno 1319, built the new steeple, or belfry.^o Among the acquisitions obtained by William de Chyryton for the monastery, were the manors of Tatlynton and Witheleye, with the advowsons of the churches of Leylond, Ombresleye, and Baddeby. He granted, for the use of the hostilarius, an old apartment near the abbat's hall, to be fitted up for the accommodation of guests of any religious order. He also built the stately Gate of the Abbey, with its chapels and apartments.^p Having governed the monastery twenty-eight years, he died on the ides of December, 1344.

WILLIAM DE BOYS, OR BOYCE, was elected abbat on the kalends of January following: being confirmed by Pope Clement the Sixth at Avignon. He was much esteemed by the monks for kindness and good humour: enriching the monastery not only by his gifts but by the improvement of its lands. He obtained leave from Pope Urban the Fifth that his successors might be consecrated by whatever English bishop they should choose.^q He died June 13th, 1367; and was buried by Lewis bishop of Hereford, in Evesham church, near the altar of St. Egwin. He ordered the two great bells of the church, *Maria* and *Egwin*, to be made.

Basset, Sir John St. John, and other persons slain in the battle, were likewise interred in the abbey-church. Hist. Evesh. p. 137.

^l Leland, Collect. tom. i. p. 246, says, in 1265.

^m An entry upon the Originalia Rolls says, "10 Edw. I. rex commisit Adæ le Butiller abbatiam de Evesham vacantem per cessionem fratris Willielmi de Whitechurch nuper abbatis ejusdem loci, et in manu regis existentem custod. quamdiu rex placuerit." Rot. Orig. 10 Edw. I. ro. 13. Again, "11 Edw. I. r. commisit Thomæ de Codeleye abbatiam de Evesham vacantem custod. quamdiu rex placuerit. Ita quod de exitibus," &c. Ibid. ro. 3.

ⁿ See Lel. Collect. tom. i. p. 249. The Annales Ecclesiæ Wintoniensis say, "An. 1289. Rex Edwardus declinans monachos Eveshamiæ, *tantum immunditias*, apud Offenham fecit moram." Angl. Sac. tom. i. p. 510. In 1291, the campanile of Evesham Abbey fell down. "Anno D. 1291. Campanile Evesham cum tanta vi et impetu violento [concussum est] quo max. pars ejusdem campanilis, tam de materia quam de plumbo, cecidit." Lel. Collect. tom. i. p. 248. According to a passage in a previous page, it had been repaired in the 7th of Edward the First. Ibid. p. 246.

^o Leland. Collect. tom. i. p. 249, says, "A. D. 1319. Hoc anno obiit Henricus Lathomus, qui sub venerabili viro Joanne quondam abbate Evesham capitulum, dormitorium, refectorium, aulam abbatis, et coquinam artificiose composuit."

^p Compare Tindal, Hist. Evesh. p. 261. ^q See Num. XXXII.

JOHN DE OMBRESLEYE, or OMBERSLEY, was the next abbat. He was elected by the convent July 4th, 1367; and, by virtue of the privilege obtained by his predecessor, consecrated by the bishop of Lincoln, at Banbury in Oxfordshire, on the 15th of the kalends of August. He died, after having presided twelve years, October 30th, 1379, and was buried in the abbey church.^a

ROGER ZATTON, sacrist of the monastery, was elected abbat on the 12th of the kalends of December, 1379; being consecrated by the bishop of Lincoln, at his palace in the metropolis.^b In the time of this abbat,

^a The following is the account of this abbat and his good deeds, given in the Harleian Register, 3763, foll. 186 b, 187. "Isti [Willielmo de Boys] successit frater Johannes de Ombresleye, monachus et celerarius domus ejusdem, canonice a conventu electus iiij^{to}. non. Julii proximo tunc sequente [A. D. 1367]. Qui statim a venerabili patre Lyncolniensis episcopo xv. kal. Augusti, virtute cujusdam privilegii a papa Urbano quinto indulti, munus benedictionis apud Bannebury dioc. episcopi prædicti suscepit. Deinde kal. Augusti proximo tunc sequente apud Evesham et honorifice installatus. Qui ibidem xii. annis residens diem suum clausit extremum, anno Domini millesimo ccc.lxxix. Et cum virtutum præmia merentibus tribui conveniat, expeditque defunctorum gestalaudabilia per scripturas ad ipsorum laudem memoriæ commendare, et ad exemplum posteris, ut ipsi per ipsorum lecturas ad similia perpetranda propensius excitantur. Hinc est quod bonæ memoriæ frater Johannes Ombresley, abbas antedictus, dictum monasterium pro tempore quo ei præfuit in spiritualibus et temporalibus sapienter gubernavit et discrete, ac præter diversitates sibi illatas, et injuriose non sine magnis laboribus et expensis sustinuit, et patienter, ut tunc oportuit, toleravit. Diversis bonis tam mobilibus quam immobilibus ditavit; atque possessiones ipsius ampliavit, quorum particulares descriptiones insequentibus inseruntur distincte. In primis, adquisivit terras et tenementa Johannis de Sodynton in dominio de Ombresleye cum magnis laboribus et expensis erga dominum regem, et alibi et imperpetuum sibi et monasterio suo prædicto incorporavit ad magnam quietem sui et successorum suorum. Et in ista acquisitione habuit Johannes le Rous Kyngeley in escambium particular. sub certis modo et formis sub reversione possibili ad monasterium prout in cartis domini regis plenius continetur. Item sic adquisivit magnis laboribus et expensis manerium de Eyforde cum advocacione ecclesiæ et aliis pertinentiis suis. Item adquisivit unum tenementum in Evesham Thomæ Aston, et omnia tenementa quæ fuerunt Johannis Dykon in Bengeworth. Item ædificavit apud Ombresley unam aulam et unam cameram in parte australi, et aliam in parte boreali, et unum stabulum extra inferiorem portam. Et minorem grangiam in curia exteriori. Item ædificavit apud Offenham exteriorem portam cum camera super ipsam, et stabulum contiguum eidem. Item apud Northlyttelton ædificavit unam grangiam decimalem. Item apud Evesham in Berton unum columbare. Item adquisivit apud Evesham quatuor Shopas quondam Janok. Item providit unum baculum pastorem preciosum, unam crucem processionalem argenteam cum baculo portabili pro eadem de eodem metallo, et unum magnum turribulum, et unum minus manuale, duas naviculas deauratas cum coclearibus argenteis pro eisdem deauratis, unum par pelveorum argenteorum pro lavator. circa altare, duo paria phiolarum argent. et duo candelabra argentea, et unum scalop pro sale, unum osculatorium pacis, unam campanam modicam argenteam et deauratam pro capella, unum vas pro aqua benedicta, cum aspersorio argenteo. Item adquisivit de executoribus bonæ memoriæ Willielmi nuper episcopi Wygorn. unum par vestimentorum de albo panno aureo, viz. unam casulam, unam dalmaticam, tres tunicas, capam principalem, et unam aliam pro capellano, et duas alias pro duobus cantoribus chori, et unum sedile episcopale cum coopertoriis ipsius, frontell. duo pro altare unum videlicet superius et aliud inferius pro eodem, et unum aliud par vestimentorum be blew velewett de precioso opere enbrowdato cum perellis et lapidibus preciosis, videlicet unam casulam cum duabus tunicis et tribus albis, unam capam choralem de eadem secta cum stolis et manipulis condecens. Item adquisivit perillas et lapides preciosos ad magnum valorem pro una mitra faciendâ; et ædificavit unam panam claustrii contiguam ecclesiæ cum vitris et pavimentis pro dicto pano et uno alio. Item providit pro mensa abbatis vj. chagers argent. xxiiij. discos, et totidem salsoria, et duos discos elimosinarios, duo magna salaria, xxiiij. coclear. argent."

Fabyan, under the year 1376, says, "In this yere also, the ternautes or menyall servautes of the Erle of Warwyk made a ryot upon the monkes of Evysham, and slewe and hurte many of the abbottes ternautes, and spoyled and brake his closures and warynes, and sewyd their pondes and waters, and dyd unto them many displeasures, to the utter ruyn of that monastery; ne had the kyng the soner have sent downe to the erle his letters, charyng hym to sease and withdrawe his men from that ryot, whiche afterwarde was pacyfied without any notary punysshment of suche persones as were begynners or executours of that ryot." Fabyan's Chron. edit. 1811, p. 487.

^b Num. XXXII.

^c See Num. XXXVI.

^d The following is the account given in the Harleian Register of the good deeds of Nicholas Hereford, who was prior of Evesham under the abbats Boys, Ombresleye, and Zatton, for above forty years.

"Memorandum quod anno Domini millesimo ccc^{mo}. nonagesimo secundo, anno regni regis Ricardi Secundi xv^{mo}. x^o. kalend. Maii obiit p^{re} memoriæ venerabilis prior Nich. Herford qui prioratum ecclesiæ Eveshamiæ devote et religiose vivendo per xl. annos et iiii^{or}. ebdomadas sub ejus abbatibus rexit et optinuit, et post ejus obitum multa be-

neficia et ecclesiæ ornamenta dicto monasterio ad ejus animæ salutem et in posterum ex^{ta}. reliquit. videlicet, unum par vestimentorum pro majori altari embrowdatum cum aquilis de auro de cipre, et le chaumpe de blew velveto, cum capa, dalmaticis, et xxx^{ta}. albis cum paruris de eisdem aquilis. Et aliud par vestimentorum de viridi velveto embrowdat. cum capitibus cervinis, cum capa, dalmaticis, cum iiij. albis de eodem. Et aliud vestimentum tm' pro sacerdote de panno auri de Luc. viz. casula, alb. cum paruris, stola, manipulo, et frontello, quod dominus abbas ex ejus bonitate in memoriam animæ ejus dedit capellæ beatæ Mariæ in criptis, cum uno calice operis Sarecenorum, cum duabus violis argenteis deauratis et sculptis. Et aliud vestimentum tm' pro sacerdote de panno cypreo, quod dominus abbas contulit Johanni Golafre. Et aliud vestimentum domino Thomæ Hambury eodem modo. Et unum calicem maximum totius mon. ponderis x^{li}. cum ij^{oz}. bacyns^a argent. pro majori altari. Et vj. alios calices tam bonos quam mediocres in quibus nomen ejus est sculptum, expensis propriis fieri fecit.

RICHARD DE BROMESGRAVE, infirmarer of the mo-

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"Pretium istorum Librorum cum Quaternis discernat pie Discretio legentis.

Pretium Vestimentorum de blew velvett . lx^{li}.

Pretium Vestimentorum de viridi velvett . xx^{li}.

^a Interlin. pelveis.

nastery, was elected Zatton's successor on the 8th of the ides of December following: receiving consecration from the Bishop of Bangor, then chancellor of the university of Oxford. He ordained that, at Pentecost, every monk of the monastery, whether present or absent, should be allowed twenty pence, a goose or capon, and a quart of wine; and the prior a double share, viz. three shillings and four pence in money, two capons, and two quarts of wine.^a He died May 10th, 1435;^b and was buried in Mary's chapel, near the steps ascending to the altar.

JOHN WYKEWANE, prior of Evesham, was elected abbat on the 12th of the kalends of January, 1436; being consecrated on St. Thomas's day by the bishop of Bath at Dangerswold. He died in 1460; and was buried in the chapel of St. Mary, before the image of St. Catharine.^c

RICHARD PEMBROKE, S.T.D., was elected abbat March 3d, 1460. He was consecrated by the bishop of Hereford: and the temporalities of the convent were restored to him May 8th following.^d He died March 7th, 1467.^e

RICHARD HAUKYSBURY was elected abbat in 1467, having previously been prior of the monastery. He was consecrated by the bishop of Lincoln; and received the temporalities of the monastery on the 22d of June. Willis states that this abbat stood godfather, anno 1476, to Richard, son of George Duke of Clarence, who was born within the monastery of Tewksbury.^f Stevens, however, thinks this a mistake.^g In his time the monastery incurred a considerable debt. He died April 6th, 1477.

Pretium Vestimenti de auro de Luc.	vj. marc.
Pretium Vestimenti cum rosis	xx ^a .
Pondus magni Calicis	x ^l .
Pondus Calicis de opere Saracenorum	lxvij ^a .
Pretium Librorum cum pretio Script.	xlviij. marc. et dim.
Pretium pro factura unius Mapa Mundi	vj. marc.

Cujus animæ propitiatur Deus. Anima ejus, et animæ omnium fidelium defunctorum per Dei misericordiam in pace requiescant. Amen. Amen." Harl. MS. Brit. Mus. 3763, fol. 191.

^a Compare Num. XXXVI. Dr. Nash has given us, from the Cotton MS. Titus, C. ix. fol. 24, the following Bill exhibited by this abbat to the Council at Westminster in Trinity term, 10 Hen. V., the king being at that time in Normandy, together with the process, concerning certain violences perpetrated by one Henry Lench of Doredale. "Memorandum quod termino Trinitatis anno regni Henrici quinti decimo, dicto rege tunc in Normannia existente, Ricardus Bremesgrouve tunc abbas de Evesham coram Concilio dicti domini regis per billam suam in propria persona sua apud Westm. graviter conquærendo versus Henricum Lench de Doredale, monstravit de eo, quod idem Henricus Lench, manu forti, modo guerrino arraiatus, arbores dicti abbatis apud Ombresley ad valentiam centum solidorum succidit, et asportavit, et liberam warennam suam ibidem intravit; et lepores, cuniculos, perdidit, phasianos, infra warennam prædictam cepit et asportavit; et in Johannem Brewer molendinarius dicti abbatis, ac in homines et tenentes suos ibidem, tales ac tantas imposuit minas et gravamina, sic quod dictus molendinarius homines ac tenetes ejusdem abbatis circa sua negotia ibidem palam ob metum mortis accedere non audebant; et molendinum dicti abbatis ibidem fregit, et rotam aquaticam ejusdem molendini cum quadam secure succidit et devastavit, ac januas flumineas ejusdem molendini evellit, et in parvis pecibus succidit, et in aquam ejecit, prout in dicta billa plenius continetur, cujus tenor sequitur in hæc verba, &c. Et super hoc per consensum dicti Concilii concessum fuit eidem abbati quoddam breve vicecomiti Wigorn. directum ad attach. prædictum Henricum per corpus suum sub pœna centum librarum; ita quod cum haberet coram dicto Concilio in xv. sancti Johannis Baptistæ eodem termino. Ad quam diem dictus vicecomes retornavit quod constabat eidem Henrico breve prædictum versus eum emanasse, et se ad partes ignotas extra ballivam suam retraxit. Et super hoc per consensum dicti Concilii concessum fuit eidem abbati quoddam aliud breve eidem vicecomiti directum ad capiendum prædictum Henricum si inventus fuisset in balliva sua; et ulterius ad proclamare faciendum in publicis locis infra ballivam suam, ubi sibi melius videbitur expedire, quod prædictus Henricus sit coram dicto Concilio in octavis sancti Michaelis sub pœna ducentarum librarum; tenor cujus brevis sequitur in hæc verba: 'Rex vicecomiti Wigorn. salutem,' &c. Et postea ante prædictas octavas sancti Michaelis, ad instantiam Philippi Morgan tunc episcopi Wigorn. et Joannæ Beauchamp dominæ de Bergevenny, et aliorum fide dignorum, concordati sunt in modo et forma quæ sequitur: viz. quod prædictus Henricus rotam aquaticam prædictam, nec non januas flumineas prædictas, sumptibus suis propriis et expensis, cum omni festinatione in adeo bono statu seu meliori sicut prius extiterunt de novo faciet et reparabit. Et quoad residuum transgressionis prædictæ consensus fuit per præfatos episcopum et dominum quod prædictus Henricus humilissimo modo quopoterit genuflectendo peteret perdonationem, et sic genuflectendo maneret quousque prædictus abbas eum a terra sursum accipere placuerit. Et sic benigne et mansuete fecit; et præfatus abbas pietate et misericordia motus ei perdonavit. Et ulterius prædictus Henricus per consensum dictorum episcopi et dominæ super

WILLIAM UPTON, a monk of Evesham, and prior of the cell of Alceter, was elected abbat April 18th following. He is stated to have paid the debt contracted by his predecessor to the amount of a thousand marks. He died Aug. 12th, 1483; and was buried in the abbey church, between the baptistery and the altar.^h

JOHN NORTON, who is called "prior claustralis," was elected abbat Sept. 4th, and received the temporalities Sept. 27th, 1483. He ordered that, on the day of his anniversary, every brother of the monastery should have twenty pence: and, among them, one deer from the park of Offenham. The park he is said to have enlarged on this account. He died July 2d, 1491.ⁱ He was buried in the nave of the church, before the altar of Jesus.^k

THOMAS NEWBOLD, cellarer of the convent, was elected abbat July 18th, and received the temporalities Aug. 23d, 1491. He was consecrated by the bishop of Hereford, and installed the 10th of September following. After presiding two-and-twenty years, he died suddenly Dec. 6th, 1513; and was buried in the body of the church, at the head of his predecessor.^l

CLEMENT LITCHFELD,^m alias WYCH, who had been previously prior of the monastery, was elected abbat December 28th, 1513: receiving consecration from the bishop of Ascalon at his own manor-house of Offenham. The temporalities of the monastery were restored to him on the 4th of February, 1514.ⁿ He paid several sums of money to King Henry the Eighth, and his minister Wolsey. One hundred and sixty pounds to the king, according to custom, for a free election: one hundred

sacrum evangelium præstitit juramentum quod ipse aliquod dampnum, molestiam, seu gravamen præfato abbati, hominibus seu tenentibus suis, imposterum non faciet nec fieri procurabit imperpetuum," &c. In consequence of this dispute between Henry Lench and the abbat of Evesham, the following letter was written to the abbat by the chancellor. It is intituled, "Littera missa abbati Eveshamiæ per reverendum virum R. Leyot cancellarium ducis Bedf."

"Reverent fader and lord, I recomaunde me to your good ant bountenous fadrehede yn the trewyste wise, desiryng ever the welfare ant the felicite of youre reverent fadrehede as of myself, preying you lowly that my homly wrytyng yn no wyse displese that gentil ant trewe herte that God has set in you. For as I dar, I youre trewe servant by my trowth while I lyve, compleyn me that yee liste not lete me yn the noubre of youre other servants be privey to siche matiers as my povertnesse might doo any manner of pleisir to your goode ant bountenouse lordship. For he my trouthe I will while I lyve both by lawful menys and awful be youre trewe man to the utterance of my powere agayns alle youre adversaries, where some ever they dwelle, or what condicion that thai be of; outcepte sich persones the wiche I wel not yee of your wisdaim wil not offende yn no wise. Rev'ent fadre and lord, I come out of the forest of Dene, the whyche is my lordes lordship, on Monday last to Worcester; ant the Woleshull ant Wode wyth other diverse gentilles told me muches of the processe of the mysrewle of Brace's sone in lawe to you wart, ant how he kepte not his day, and so yee were vexed in voide bycause of hys nonn apperance; the whiche is littel joy of me be my trouthe. Bute myn owne good lord then hyth wel yn youre hert that yf yee, or any of youre tenaunts, or the leste child toward yow, suffre eny wrong other yn body, good, or catell, bote yffe it be sore revenkyst bothe lawfully and awfully as the cause requirith, blame youre selfe ant no man elles. For, blest mot God be of his mercy, ye be as well endofid with lordships ant frenlihode, ant service of other pore men, as any lord of youre estate in this reme. Ant for the effectuel execucion of this matier, for Godes love I youre servaunt as I dar require you that yee spare not nothur the labour of my persone ant of alle my frendes ant the expenses of my goodes; preying yow of your good ant faitfull lordship that yee list by the berer of this yn this matier commaunde me youre will with alle youre othur pleisirs. Ant yn the accomplisment of theym I shall be no gret sleper by my trouthe. Ant I hiseche almighty God of his endly mercy geve you evir as wel to fare as ever farde cristene creature. Wryten in youre awyn house at Himptone, yn the whiche I trist yn God hastely to se yow, the 17th day of June. Your trewe servaunt by my trouthe, RICHARD LEYOT." Nash, Hist. Worc. vol. i. p. 421.

^b See Num. XXXVI. Nash, Hist. Worc. vol. i. p. 400, says May 30th, 1433: by mistake.

^c Compare Nash, Hist. Worc. vol. i. p. 400. Tindal, Hist. Evesh. p. 39.

^d MS. Lansd. Brit. Mus. 8vo. Cat. num. 1018, fol. 44.

^e See Num. XXXVI.

^f Mit. Ab. vol. i. p. 96.

^g Suppl. to Mon. Ang.

^h Compare Tindal, p. 39.

ⁱ See Num. XXXVI.

^k See Nash, Hist. Worc. vol. i. p. 400.

^l Tindal, Hist. Evesh. p. 40.

^m Stevens, from the Cotton manuscript Vespas. B. xv., calls him TICHELFIELD. See Num. XXXVI.

ⁿ MS. Lansd. ut supr. p. 58. Wood, in the Ath. Ox. says he was admitted bachelor of divinity in the university of Oxford in 1501.

pounds to Wolsey, who demanded it without any sufficient reason: five hundred marks, lent to the king at first, but afterwards given to him: five hundred marks to the king for fifths: five hundred marks for a pre-munire: fifty pounds to Wolsey for his visitation: fifty pounds to a cardinal who came from Rome: twenty pounds at another time to Wolsey for his protection: besides several fees to the servants of the king and the cardinal: and, one year, he was forced to maintain twenty-four of the king's servants daily at his table, and to provide for their horses.^a Notwithstanding these heavy charges, he was a munificent patron of his convent. He adorned the choir of the church with considerable elegance; built a handsome tower in the cemetery, which still remains entire; and added two chapels of considerable beauty, one to St. Laurence's church at Evesham, the other to the church of All Saints. Just before the Dissolution, not choosing to surrender his abbey to the king, he was persuaded by Cromwell to resign his pastoral staff. He died at, or near Evesham; and was buried in the chapel of All Saints church, adjoining to the abbey, (which he had himself built,) Oct. 9th, 1540.^b In a window of the abbey church was this inscription, put up in his lifetime: "Orate pro anima domini Clementis Lychfeld sacerdotis, cujus tempore turris Eveshamiæ ædificata est."

PHILIP HAWFORD, *alias* BALLARD, a young monk of this house, was created abbat in 1539, on Lichfield's resignation: and, on November the 17th in the same year, surrendered his monastery to the king, much to the discontent of his predecessor. For this acceptable service Hawford obtained a pension of two hundred and forty pounds per annum; and was afterwards made dean of Worcester, as Stevens supposes, in lieu of the pension. Wood says he died in 1557; Willis adds, "but 'mortuus' written against his name in the pension-book of 1553 seems to show he died sooner."^c

The original of the following letter, announcing the surrender of the monastery to Lord Cromwell, is preserved in the Cotton manuscript Cleop. E. iv. fol. 255.

"My duete most humbly remembryd, it may please your lordyship to bee advertised that according to yowr commawndment I have byn att Evesham and ther receyvyd the resignation of th'abbott, whiche he was contentyd to make immediatly uppon the sight of your lordyshipps letters, saving thatt he desiryd me very instantly thatt I wold nott open the same during the tyme of my being here, bicause (as he sayd) it wold bee notyd thatt he was compellyd to resigne for fear of deprivation; as touching his pension and the assurance

thereof, he hath made certayn requests, submitting himself to bee ordred in all things as to your lordeshipp shall be thought mete.

"Wee have taken the surrendre of this priorye with as moche quyetnes as might be desiryd, and prepare ourself for the dispeche of all other things as diligently as wee may; which finisshed wee shall wayte on your lordeshipp and certefye the same of all things att large. This berar can certefye your lordyship whow farre wee have procedyd hitherto by whom wee have send the names of the chanons for the making of ther capacites. Thus allmighti God have your lordyship in his blessed keeping. From Lanthonye the xvijth. of Marche.

"Yor. lordyshipps most
bownden beadsman and servant
WILLIAM PETRE."

"To my singular good Lord Cromwell
Lord Privy Seale thys deliver.

The revenues of the abbey were valued at the Dissolution, according to Dugdale, at 1183*l*. 12*s*. 9*d*. per annum. According to Speed, at 1268*l*. 9*s*. 9*d*.^d

The site and demesnes of the monastery, together with Honyam meadow, were granted in the 34th Hen. VIII. to Philip Hobbye, Esq. in consideration of the sum of 891*l*. 10*s*.^e

The present proprietor of the manor and monastery of Evesham is Edward Rudge, Esq.

Tindal has enumerated the churches in and near Evesham of which the abbats of that place were once the proprietors. These were All Saints and Saint Laurence in Evesham; Bingworth; Hampton Magna and Parva; Bradforton; Church Honeyborn; Offenham; South, Middle, and North Littleton; Norton; Badsey; Wicemford, or Wickamford; Ombersley; Oldborough; and Stoney or Abbots Morton.

Nash likewise, in his History of Worcestershire, notices the respective manors and advowsons in the county belonging to the monastery. While the monastery flourished, two bailiffs governed the town of Evesham under the abbat in civil causes.^f

Sir Robert Atkyns, in his History of Gloucestershire, mentions the manor and advowson of the chapel of Adlestrop; the manor and advowson of the rectory of Aston Somervil; the manors of Bledington and Bourton on the water; the manor and advowson of the rectory of Broadwell; a manor in Studlecot and Bartram; a manor in Pebworth, with the impropriate rectory and advowson of the vicarage; the manor and advowson of Sainbury; a meadow in Upper Slaughter;

vj^{li}. xiiij^s. iiij^d. Thomæ Dingley per annum xl^s. Thomæ Watson per annum iiij^{li}. Johannis Hunstede per annum vj^{li}. Johannis Pryme per annum viij^{li}. Penc. Willielmi Litleton per annum vj^{li}. xiiij^s. iiij^d. Georgii London per annum xl^s. Humfridi Acton per annum ix^{li}. Thomæ Marlborough per annum vij^{li}. Nicholai Malverne per annum vj^{li}. xiiij^s. iiij^d. Johannis Alcottor per annum vj^{li}. xiiij^s. iiij^d. Ricardi Studdeley per annum vj^{li}. xiiij^s. iiij^d. Reginaldi Barnesley per annum vj^{li}. xiiij^s. iiij^d. Roberti Vertue per annum vj^{li}. xiiij^s. iiij^d. Thomæ Weston per annum vj^{li}. xiiij^s. iiij^d. Johannis Upton per annum vj^{li}. xiiij^s. iiij^d. Johannis Brokhampton per annum vj^{li}. xiiij^s. iiij^d. Johannis Feckenam decan. sancti Pauli x^{li}. Thomæ Alchurche per annum vj^{li}. Thomæ Lichefeld per annum vj^{li}. xiiij^s. iiij^d. Ricardi Grace per annum vj^{li}. xiiij^s. iiij^d. Ricardi Throgmorton per annum vj^{li}. xiiij^s. iiij^d. Thomæ Stafford per annum vj^{li}. xiiij^s. iiij^d. Johannis Bromesgrove per annum vj^{li}. xiiij^s. iiij^d. Johannis Strettford per annum vj^{li}. Walteri Grafton per annum vj^{li}. Willielmi Compton per annum vj^{li}. xiiij^s. iiij^d. Philippi Haward per annum ccxl^{li}. Thomæ Bristowe per annum vj^{li}. vj^{li}. viij^d."

^d Nash, Hist. Worc. vol. i. p. 408.

^e See Numm. XLII. XLIII. Four years after this grant, Philip Hobbye had licence to alienate the manor of Salford in Warwickshire, which had come with it to Anthony Lyttelton. See Num. XLIV. Stevens says, "By another Licence, of King Edward the Sixth, to alienate severall lands and possessions then in the hands of John Earl of Warwick and Viscount Lisle, knight of the Garter and great chamberlain and high admiral of England, it appears that the manor of Stowe in the county of Gloucester, and of Nethercote in the same county, mentioned among other particulars in the said licence, did, before the Suppression, belong to the same abbey of Evesham." The original was in the possession of William Stanford, Esq. of Abbot-Salford.

^f Nash, Hist. of Worc. vol. i. p. 411, from the Habington MSS. In the 20th of Hen. III. the liberties of Evesham were seized on account of the use of false measures; but they were restored on the submission of the abbat and monks. Nash, *ibid*.

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^a Compare Num. XXXVI. Nash, vol. i. p. 400.

^b Willis, Mit. Ab. vol. i. p. 96. See also Tindal, p. 41. Mr. Habington says, he was buried in 1546. Nash, ut supr. p. 401, note. Cole (ex Coll. Ricardi Graves de Mickleton arm. ex Registro de South Littleton prope Evesham) gives an extract from the parish Register which corroborates this latter date. "An^o. Dⁿⁱ the xxviith. daye of the monyth of October in the xxxviiith. yere of the reynen of our soveraygn lorde Kinge Henry the VIII. m.v^c. xlvi. dyed and was beryed in the paryshe cherche of Alhalowyn in Evesham, Mast^r. Clement Wych bachelor of divinitie, and summetyne abbot of the monest^ry of Evesham, the wyche geve to our churche, before he dyed, iii. kyne to have a Masse and Dirige, with serten Refreshyng to the parysheners at every yeres mynde for ever." MS. Cole, Brit. Mus. vol. xxvii. p. 199. A view of abbat Litchfield's chapel is given in Tindal's Hist. of Evesham, p. 238.

^c What is here meant by the word "mortuus" written against abbat Hawford's name is not clear. In the Counter-part of the Pension Roll, formerly belonging to Mr. Sharpe of Coventry, and now preserved in the British Museum, signed by the queen, the pension appears to have been still paid, in 1553, with numerous others.

"EVESHAME NUPER MON. Feod. Roberti Throgmorton capitalis senescall. omnium possessionum nuper monasterii per annum vj^{li}. Willielmi Cokeson auditoris omnium possessionum ejusdem monasterii per annum xij^{li}. Annuitat. et Corrod. Johannis Brace per annum vj^{li}. xiiij^s. iiij^d. Philippi Hennyng per annum xl^s. Willielmi Rede et Thomæ Filkins per annum xxvj^s. viij^d. Matild. Walys et Johannæ Halle fil. xxvj^s. viij^d. Thom. Gwente per annum liij^s. iiij^d. Ricardi Fisher per annum xl^s. Johannis Matthew et Johannis Russell, xl^s. Henrici Shepard et Roberti Pennell xxvj^s. viij^d. Henrici Edmonds per annum xxvj^s. viij^d. Roberti Ditton per annum xxx^s. Johannis Wedon et Egidii Tailor per annum xl^s. Johannis Colyns junioris per annum xxvj^s. viij^d. Thomæ Cartor per annum xl^s. Willielmi Bradeley et Roberti Tailor liij^s. iiij^d. Willielmi Wigeston et Johannis Cokeseye xl^s. Thomæ Shorell per annum xxvj^s. viij^d. Henrici Polstede per annum

the manor of Eyford; the manor and advowson of the rectory of Stowe; the manor of Upper Swell; and the manor and advowson of the rectory of Willersey; all as the monks' possessions: together with free warren in Clapton; tithes in Cow Honibourn; and a court-leet in Weston.

Bridges, in the History of Northamptonshire, notices the manor, impropriate rectory, and advowson of the vicarage of Badby; the manor of Newnham; four hides of land in Lichborow; and a house in Northampton; as their property in that county.

Dugdale, in his Warwickshire, notices their right in the advowson of the church of Barford; in a pension from the church of Ilmington; in possessions in Binton, Grafton, and Coughton; the village of Sambourn; the priory of Alcester; possessions at Kinewarton, Wethele, Ragle, Kingle, and Oversley; lands in, and the hundred of Whitlaxford; in a pension from the canons of Kenilworth; in lands, and a pension from the church, at Saltford Priors; and in lands at Salford or Saltford Abbots.

Newcourt, in his Repertorium Ecclesiasticum, notices the advowson of St. Michael's Cornhill, and the impropriation of the church of Hillingdon, as belonging to them in Middlesex.

The advowsons of Corwelle in Oxfordshire, of Leyland in the diocese of Coventry, of Muckleton in the diocese of Worcester, and of Meryton in that of Lincoln, are also stated to have belonged to Evesham ab-

bey. The monks had likewise possessions at Pikesley in Herefordshire.^a

Nash says, the Abbat of Evesham had liberty to buy provision or other necessities in any market in England without paying toll.^b

Of the customs and internal regulations of the monastery, sufficient will be found among the Instruments in the Appendix.^c Translations from them are given both in Nash and Tindal's Histories.^d

Leland found the following works in the convent library:

- 'Calchidius super Timæum Platonis:'
- 'Liber peri Ermeneias Apuleii:'
- 'Adæ, Eveshamensis Abbatis, ad Virgines de Godstowe:'
- 'Idem, de Miraculo Eucharistiæ ad Raynaldum:'
- 'Ejusdem aliquot Epistolæ:'
- 'Historia Pauli de Casina: ' and
- 'Fortunatus.'^e

Of the REGISTERS of this monastery, Bishop Tanner notices one which was formerly in the library of Lord Chief Justice Coke: and another as purchased by the Earl of Kent 'in auctione Ceciliana.'

That which he speaks of as being in the possession of Richard Fleetwood, Esq. of Penwortham in Lancashire, in 1628, was unquestionably the manuscript which is now preserved among the Harleian manuscripts in the British Museum, num. 3763.^f

^a Hist. of Worc. vol. i. p. 403.

^b See also Tindal, p. 85.

^c See Numm. XXVII. XXVIII. XXXIII. XXXIV. XXXV. XXXVII. XXXIX.

^d Nash, Hist. Worc. vol. i. pp. 404, 405. Tindal, Hist. Evesh. p. 91—125.

^e Lel. Collect. ed. 1770, tom. iv. p. 160. He also notices "S. Wystanus rex et martyr, S. Credanus abbas, S. Odulphus," and "Egwynus abbas," as "sepulti apud Evesham." Ibid.

^f Much of this manuscript is occupied by juridical disquisitions and formularies of instruments. On the first leaf is the following entry, in the hand-writing of Wanley, Lord Oxford's librarian.

"Memorandum. When Henry Fleetwood of Penwortham Esq. disposed of this book to my noble Lord Harley, he reserved to himself and his family a Right of borrowing the same out of the library, whensoever (upon occasion of contests with the bishops of Chester) it shall be necessary to produce it at trials in public. And accordingly, my lord was pleased to lend it to Mr. Fleetwood for that purpose the last summer. In token of this covenant, which was made with my privity; and for the certain Information of Posterity; I do hereto put my name, this second day of March 1721.

HUMFREY WANLEY."

The following is a List of the more important Instruments contained in this manuscript. Those only have been omitted which are entirely insignificant. The Deeds marked by an asterisk will be hereafter printed in full.

1. Processus de Amberley in Curia Rom. habitus per magistrum Thedisium de Lavania contra magistrum Willielmum de Charn-ton et Abbatem de Evesham, A.D. 1284, fol. 1.
2. Litera Pensionis Rectori Ecclesiæ de Ambresleye, fol. 47.
3. Confirmatio Appropriationis Ecclesiæ de Ambresleye, fol. 47b.
4. Ordinatio Vicariæ de Langebergh, fol. 48 b.
5. Ordinatio Vicariæ de Snytesfeld, A.D. 1325, fol. 50.
6. Appropriatio Ecclesiæ de Ambresleye, A.D. 1321, fol. 51 b.
7. Indentura facta inter Abbatem Eveshamiæ et Hugonem Sprot civem Londoniæ, fol. 55 b.
8. Carta Ceolredi Regis Merciorum, A.D. 710, fol. 60.
9. Carta Æthelbaldi Regis Merciorum, A.D. 716, fol. 60 b.
10. Carta Offæ Regis Merciorum, A.D. 777, fol. 61.
11. Carta Beorhtwulfi Regis Merciorum de terris in Quenton, Pebeworth, et Mapelesbarwe, fol. 61 b.
12. Carta Unathewedæ vicecomitis Warwichiæ de terris in Wihtlachesford et Grefton, A.D. 962, fol. 62.
13. Carta Ædelredi Regis de terra in Madelgæresbyri, A.D. 1016, fol. 62 b.
14. Carta Canuti Regis, A.D. 1020, fol. 63.
15. Carta Eadwardi Regis Confessoris de terra æt Suuelle, fol. 64.
16. Carta Ailrici, Oseri Regis filii, de terris in Childeswicwon, A.D. 706, fol. 64 b.
17. Carta Ædelwardi, subreguli Wicciorum, de terris in Ombreswelle, A.D. 706, fol. 65.
18. Carta Walteri Sacerdotis de terris portiuncula in loco qui appellatur Swelle, A.D. 706, fol. 65 b.
19. Milites et Liberi tenentes de Abbatia de Evesham, fol. 66.
20. Redditus Officiis Monachorum Eveshamensis Cœnobii assignati, fol. 67.
21. Limites Vallis Eveshamiæ, *Saxonice*, fol. 68 b.
22. De terris Abbatæ in Wicwon, fol. 70.
23. In Huffeham, fol. 71.
24. In Lenchwic, fol. 72.
25. In Villa de Norton, fol. 72.

26. In Humburne, fol. 73.
27. In Baddeby, fol. 73 b, 74.
28. In Neuham, fol. 74.
29. Ambreslega, fol. 74 b, 75.
30. In Hamton, fol. 76.
31. In Benigwrthe, fol. 76 b.
32. In Willerseia, fol. 77.
33. In Bradewelle, fol. 77.
34. In Telestroppe, fol. 78.
35. In Salford, fol. 78 b.
36. Carta Henrici Regis I. de Hundredo de Blacahurste, fol. 79 b.
37. Conventio inter Abbatem Malmesburiensis Ecclesiæ Robertum secundum et Abbatem Eveshamensis Ecclesiæ Rogerum secundum, fol. 81, iterum fol. 207.
38. De Capella de Humburna, fol. 81.
39. Controversia de Capella de Witlakeford, fol. 81 b.
40. Conventio super Capella de Parva Salford, fol. 82.
41. Carta Rogeri Episcopi Wigorniae de Advocatione Capellæ de Westona, fol. 83 h.
42. Carta Willielmi Episcopi Wigorniae de Ecclesia de Ambresl. fol. 83 b.
43. Carta Johannis Episcopi Wigorniae de Ecclesia de Ambresl. fol. 84.
- * 44. Carta Brienis filii Comitis de Ecclesia de Hildendona, fol. 84.
45. Carta Gileberti Episcopi Herefordiæ, fol. 84 b.
46. Concordia de Assarto in Ambresl. fol. 84 b.
47. De Controversia super Capella de Humburn, fol. 85.
48. Carta de Oddeneseie, fol. 85 b.
49. Cartæ de Penewrham, foll. 86, 86 b, 87, 87 b.
50. De terra de Hokewike, fol. 87 b.
51. Carta Henrici de Taiden, fol. 87 b.
52. Carta Willielmi de Pinkeni de decima de dominio de Sloute, fol. 88.
53. Carta Hugonis de Gundevilla hominibus Abbatis de Evesham de potestate eundi, et emendi, et vendendi in foro suo de Campendena, fol. 88 b.
54. Carta de Baddebi, fol. 88 b.
- * 55. Carta de Ecclesia de Kinewarton, cum Capella de Alna, et cum Capella de Witheleia, fol. 89.
- * 56. Carta Philippi seneschalli, fol. 89.
- * 57. Carta Benedicti fil. Stephani London. de Ecclesia S. Michaelis de Cornhulle in Lond. fol. 89 b.
- * 58. Compositio de Ecclesia de Hildeduna.

Transcripta Privilegiorum Eveshamensis Ecclesiæ: viz.

59. Constantini I. Papæ, foll. 92, 92 b.
60. Innocentii II. Papæ, fol. 92 b.
61. Alexandri III. Papæ, foll. 93, 93 b, 94, 94 b.
62. Gregorii VIII. Papæ, foll. 94 b, 95.
63. Clementis III. Papæ, fol. 95 b.
64. Cœlestini III. Papæ, fol. 96.
65. Innocentii III. Papæ, foll. 96 b, 98, 98 b, 99, 99 b.
66. Innocentii IV. Papæ, foll. 99 b, 100, 100 b, 101, 102, 102 b, 103, 103 h, 104, 104 b.
67. Urbani IV. Papæ, fol. 104 b.
68. Clementis IV. Papæ, fol. 105.
69. Gregorii X. Papæ, foll. 105, 105 b.
70. Nicholai III. Papæ, foll. 105 b, 106.
71. Nicholai IV. Papæ, fol. 106 b.
72. Johannis XXII. Papæ, foll. 107, 107 b, 108 b.
73. Clementis VI. Papæ, fol. 110.

Another important Register will be found in the Cotton manuscript Vespasian B. xxiv.^a

The Cotton manuscript Titus C. ix. as far as folio 39, contains the Acts of abbat Richard Bremesgrave, beginning with the feast of the Nativity, A. D. 1418.

74. Innocentii VI. Papæ, fol. 110 b.
75. Urbani V. Papæ, fol. 112.
76. Alexandri III. Papæ, fol. 112 b.
77. De Conservatione Privilegiorum, fol. 113.
78. Quod Cantaria sæcularis non fiat in Monasterio, fol. 113 b.
79. Memoranda ad Monasterium Eveshamiæ spectantia, foll. 115, 195.

Copia Cartarum quorundam Regum de Libertatibus Ecclesiæ Eveshamensis: viz.

80. *Henrici I.* Confirmatio Hundredi de Blakhurst, cum aliis Libertatibus, fol. 116.
81. *Henrici III.* Carta Confirmationis, fol. 116.
82. Quod bosci Abbatis infra forestam de Feckenham sint quieti, fol. 116 b.
83. Quod Abbas recipiat denarios per ballivos suos de terris et tenementis et hominibus suis, et respondeat ad Scaccarium, fol. 117.
84. De eodem, Baronibus de Scaccario, fol. 117 b.
85. De Warennæ et Parco de Baddeby et Newenham, fol. 118.
86. De Warennæ terrarum Abbatis in Comit. Wygornia et Gloucestræ, fol. 118.
87. *Edw. I.* Confirmatio Manerii de Dengeworth, a. r. viii^o. fol. 118 b.
88. De terris Johannis de Whitechurche in Acheleuch et Bengeworth, fol. 119.
89. De terris et burgagiis Johannæ de Tywe in Evesham, fol. 119.
90. De manerio de Seynesbury, fol. 119.
91. *Edw. II.* De terris et tenementis Johannis de Whytechurche in Evesham, a. r. ij^o. fol. 119 b.
92. De manerio de Villeberwe, fol. 119 b.
93. De terris et tenementis Johannis de Whytech. in Donynton, Hudycote, et Borton, fol. 120.
94. De feodo de Aston Somervyle, fol. 120.
95. De terris et tenementis Joh. de Whytechurche et Pet. de Stoke in Newenham, a. r. vj^o. fol. 120.
96. De terris et tenementis Joh. de Whytech. in Luttelton, fol. 120 b.
97. De terris et tenementis Johannis de Luttelton in Luttelton, fol. 121.
98. Confirmatio de Seynesburye, fol. 121.
99. De terris et tenementis Johannis de Whytech. in Baddeseye, Bretforton, et Luttelton, fol. 121 b.
100. Perambulatio Forestæ, fol. 121 b.
101. De terris et tenementis magistri Johannis de Luttelton in Evesham, Lenchewyk, et Twyford, fol. 122.
102. De Appropriatione Ecclesiæ de Baddeby, fol. 122 b.
103. De terris et tenementis in Hogwyke, Penewortham, et Farynton, fol. 122 b.
104. De Cantaria de Borton, fol. 122 b.
105. De Appropriatione Ecclesiæ de Ombresleye, fol. 123.
106. Confirmatio Cantariæ de Hauleye, fol. 123.
107. De terris et tenementis domini Nich. de Baddeseye in Evesham, Baddeseye, North Luttelton, et Bretforton, fol. 123 b.
108. De terra Roberti Veski in Hampton, fol. 124.
109. *Edw. III.* Pro terris et pertinentiis in Kynewarton, fol. 124.
110. Confirmatio de Wytheleye et Kyngeley, fol. 124 b.
111. Licentia adquirendi xx. libratas terræ et redditus, fol. 124 b.
112. De Libertatibus, a. r. iij^o. fol. 125.
113. De Appropriatione Ecclesiæ de Leylond, fol. 126 b.
114. Confirmatio Appropriationis Ecclesiæ de Baddeby, fol. 127.
115. De custodia Maneriorum de Tatlynton, Baddeseye, Kynewarton, Whiteleye, et Kyngeleye habenda tempore vacationis, fol. 128.
- * 116. Pro Abbatia firmanda et kernellanda, fol. 129 b.
117. De Vasto de Penwortham, fol. 130 b.
118. De maneriis de Tydelmenton et Admyscote et aliis, fol. 131.
119. De putura de Penwertham, fol. 131 b.
120. Concessio Regis Priori et Conventui quod habeant custodiam Abbathiæ tempore vacationis, a. r. nono, fol. 133.
121. Pro maneriis de Tadlinton et Neubold, cum pertinentiis, fol. 134.
122. Confirmatio super Appropriationem Ecclesiæ de Baddeby, fol. 136 b.
- * 123. Carta de Feria et Mercato de Ambresleye, fol. 137 b.
124. De manerio de Eyford, &c. fol. 140 b.
125. De parco de Ambresleye, fol. 141 b.
126. *Ric. II.* Confirmatio Concessionis Regis Edw. III. quod Prior et Conventus habeant custodiam Abbathiæ cum omnibus pertinentiis tempore vacationis, a. r. tertio, fol. 143.
127. Transcripta Consuetudinum Monasterii Eveshamiæ, fol. 149.
128. Copia Instrumentorum et Factorum de communi Sigillo, fol. 152 b.
129. Concessio lx^a, de Ecclesia de Ombresleye, ibid.
130. Assignatio Capellæ de Luttelton ad Hostilar. fol. 153.
131. Confirmatio Capellæ de Bretforton, ibid.

The manuscript Vitellius E. xvii. copied by Stevens, is burnt and in ruins.

The titles of four original Charters formerly belonging to the Cottonian and Harleian collections, and now preserved in the British Museum, are given in a

132. De Sacerdote celebrante pro negligentis Conventus, et de Anniversario Henrici Abbatis, A.D. 1263, fol. 154.
133. Confirmatio iij^{or}. libr. de Ecclesia de Honyborn, fol. 154 b.
134. De Anniversario Willielmi de Whytechurche Abbatis, fol. 155 b.
135. De Incremento redditus ad officium Coquæ, per Johannem Abbatem, fol. 156 b.
136. De Anniversario domini Johannis Abbatis, fol. 157.
137. De Anniversario Walteri Walcote Prioris, fol. 157 b.
138. De Anniversario Willielmi de Chiryton Abbatis, fol. 158.
139. Assignatio Ecclesiæ de Ombresleye, fol. 158 b.
140. Assignatio Ecclesiæ de Baddeby, fol. 159.
141. Concessio Ecclesiæ de Leylond, et panis ad cœnam Conventus, ibid.
142. De Sacerdote celebrante pro fratribus defunctis et aliis benefactoribus, A.D. 1350, ibid.
143. De Sacerdotibus celebrantibus in Capella ad Carnarium, fol. 160.
144. De pensione Archidiaconi Northampton. foll. 162, 206.
145. De pensione Episcopi Lyncoln. foll. 162, 206.
146. De pensione Capituli Wygorn. foll. 162 b. 208.
147. De pensione Episcopi Cestriæ, foll. 162 b. 207 b.
148. Taxatio Ecclesiarum, Proventuum, Reddituum, et Obventionum temporalium et spiritualium Abbatiæ Eveshamiæ, secundum verum valorem, facta ad mandatum reverendorum patrum dominorum Wynton. et Lyncoln. episcoporum, executorum deputatorum negotii decimæ domino Regi Edwardo illustri filio H. Regis concessæ in subsidium Terræ Sanctæ, per magistros Ricardum Vyenna et Walterum filium Warr. clericos, cum portionibus perceptis et detentis decimis tam in parochiis propriis quam alienis, fol. 163.
149. Taxatio tricesimæ Abbatis et Monachorum Eveshamiæ, bonorum suorum mobilium de temporalibus concessa domino E. Regi illustri pro militatione Edwardi filii sui, Anno Domini Millesimo ccc.vj. Regni sui xxxiv^{to}. fol. 166 b.
150. Tenentes de dominicis terris Abbatis Eveshamiæ ad faciendum servitium domini Regis pro ipso Abbate quomodocunque et ubi Rex voluerit, ipso præsentem, fol. 167.
151. Extracta particula de gestis Abbatum, fol. 168.
- * 152. De Nicholao Herford Priore Ecclesiæ Eveshamensis, fol. 191.
153. Compositio inter Abbatem de Evesham et Abbatem de Hayles pro molendino de Ewelme, fol. 209.
154. Ordinatio Reddituum pro Capellanis celebrandis in cimiterio, fol. 210.
- * This manuscript has been written at various periods: and contains Charters both of an important and an unimportant kind. Numerous boundaries of lands, in Saxon, are also dispersed through the volume. The following are the titles of the principal Instruments. Those marked with an asterisk will be given at length hereafter.
1. De bonis operibus Prioris Thomæ, fol. 1.
2. Carta Eylwini Abbatis, fol. 8 b.
3. De Controversia inter Monasterium Eveshamense et Monasterium Wincelcumbense super Capella de Huniberna, fol. 11.
4. Controversia inter Monasterium Eveshamii et Ecclesiam de Kenildewarda super Capella de Witlakesford, fol. 11 b.
5. Controversia inter Abb. et Conv. de Evesham et Priorem et Canonicos de Kenildewrda super Capella de parva Salford, fol. 12.
6. Carta Brienis fil. Comitis de Ecclesia de Hildendona, fol. 14.
7. Cartæ Willielmi I. Regis de Libertatibus, fol. 15.
- * 8. Carta Waldemari Regis Danorum de Prioratu de Othenesie, fol. 16.
9. Carta Eadwig Regis de terra æt Beaddingabyrnan, fol. 17.
10. Carta alia Waldemari Regis, fol. 17 b.
11. Carta Cnuti Regis de terris in Badebi et in Neweham, fol. 17 b.
12. Limites et Metæ domini de Sumborne, fol. 18 b.
- * 13. Carta R. Episcopi de Othenesi, fol. 19.
14. Ambreslege, fol. 22 b.
15. Carta Æthelbaldi Regis de portione mansionis in Saltwich, fol. 24 b.
16. Carta Henr. Regis de Ambresleg. fol. 24 b.
17. Carta Willielmi Regis de terris in Westun, Swellam, et Reingwrtham, fol. 24.*
18. Carta Æthelredi Regis de Heamtun, fol. 25.
- * 19. Carta Willielmi Regis de terris in Vicecomitatu de Warewic, fol. 25 b.
- * 20. Carta Willielmi II. Regis de Libertatibus, fol. 25 b.
- * 21. Carta Leofrici Comitis de Heamtune, fol. 26.
22. Carta Eadwardi Regis Conf. de Heamtune, fol. 26 b.
23. Carta Kenredi Regis de Mortun, fol. 32.
24. Carta Eadwardi Regis Conf. de ruris portiuncula æt Lench, fol. 33.
25. Alia Carta Eadwardi Regis de Lench, fol. 34.
26. Carta Ædilbaldi Regis Mercensium de terra quæ dicitur Aactune, A.D. 718, fol. 35 b.
27. Carta Ælfgari Ducis de Actune, t. *Edw. Conf.* fol. 35 b.
28. Carta Eadwardi Regis Conf. de terra quæ ab incolis vocatur Eunelade, fol. 36.
29. Carta Ælfgari Ducis de terra quæ dicitur Deilesford, fol. 37.
30. Carta de Otheniseie, fol. 44 b.

Note.^a Bishop Tanner refers to a Record of the Abbey-possession in the time of Queen Elizabeth, preserved in the office of the king's remembrancer in the Exchequer.

Willis says, "What sort of a fabrick the abby church was I can no ways understand, only that it had a high tower in the middle;^b for the said church, with the cloisters, offices, &c., became so entirely demolished after the Dissolution, that nothing that belong'd to it remains at present but a large tower, which stands by itself in the cemetery, no other building being contiguous to it. This tower was built in the time of Henry VIII. by abbat Lichfield. 'Tis a well wrought structure, being at least a hundred feet in height, and is adorn'd at top with neat battlements and pinnacles. In it hang eight bells, tho' not very great ones, which, at the restoration of King Charles II, were taken out of the two parish churches above mentioned, by the town's people. The parish churches are still standing, and are very near this tower. One of them is dedicated to All-Saints, and the other to St. Laurence. Neither of them has any bells, but the bells in the abby tower serve for the use of both. One of them, *viz.* St. Laurence, is officiated in the morning, and All-Saints in the afternoon all the summer season; but in winter-time there is very rarely divine service perform'd in St. Laurence's church, that of All-Saints being only frequented. Both these churches have small spire steeples, and isles and bodies which are leaded; and with Bengworth on the other side of the water, (being likewise a spire,) and the abby tower, afford a pleasant prospect from the adjacent hills of Blockley. At the upper end of the south isle of All-Saints church, is a small chapel, built by abbat Lichfield; 'tis arch'd at top with stone, and carv'd, and under an arch are the initial letters of his name C. L. for Clement Lichfield. At the entrance into it is a grey marble, on which, as tradition says, was the said abbat's portraiture, and a monumental inscription for him under it in brass, which are torn off. In the church of St. Laurence, at the upper end of each isle, parallel with the body of the church, are two chapels, which seem to have been built about the same time as that of All-Saints, *viz.* not long before the Dissolution.

"Leland has inform'd us, that in the aforesaid tower was a great bell, and a goodly clock; but I have not been able to learn what is become of the clock-bell, though, I suppose, it continued till the restoration of King Charles II; when the youth of the town joining together, and taking the bells out of the parish steeples, melted them, and cast the present ring of eight bells now hanging together in the tower, as I have before observ'd.

"On or near the site of the monastery is erected a handsome dwelling-house, in building of which 'tis supposed the abby stone was employ'd. They have no tradition here of the abby church, cloisters, or chapter-house; but in the cemetery near St. Laurence's church is an old arch yet standing in ruins, which perhaps might have been some part of those buildings. There are no memorable monuments in either of the parish churches."^c

The abbey of Evesham, when in prosperity, was one of the largest and most stately in the kingdom: situated upon the bank of the Avon. The abbey-church was a sumptuous building of more than ordinary length; with a cloister on the south side. Habingdon's manuscripts say, the abbey church and cloisters were of elegant workmanship, and had within them a hundred and sixty-four pillars which were gilt. And fragments of gilt capitals, with other embellished ornaments, have frequently been found of late years. This church had fifteen altars, besides the High Altar of Jesus: *viz.* those of the Virgin Mary, of the twelve Apostles, Pope Constantine, and St. Egwin: all in their chapels.

Abbat Lichfield's tower still possesses the character of great magnificence; and is well preserved. Nash says, it is raised on a base of about twenty-two feet square, to the height of a hundred and seventeen feet from the ground to the summit of the vanes.

Beside it, the gateway which was formerly the principal entrance to the abbey is the only remain: forming an elliptical arch seventeen feet high from the ground to the key-stone. Three sets of mouldings divide it into two ranges of niches; and in each range are eight figures, now considerably mutilated. In the centre of the outer range is a defaced figure of an angel praying.^d

- * 31. Carta Roberti de Staffordia, fol. 52.
- 32. Conventio inter dominum abbatem Reginaldum et Conventum de Evesham et Sperlingum presbiterum, de Ecclesia Sancti Michaelis de Cornulla Lond. fol. 52.
- 33. Carta Beorhtulfi Regis Mercensium de ruris portiuncula æt Willereiseiæ, fol. 60.
- * 34. Carta Kenredi Regis Merciorum, A. D. 709, fol. 64.
- 35. Carta Edwardi Regis Conf. de tribus cassatis æt Suuelle, fol. 66 b.
- 36. Carta Offæ Regis de ruris portiuncula æt Eoueshame, A. D. 778, fol. 70 b.
- 37. Carta Hugonis Bussel, donationes antecessorum suorum recitans et confirmans, fol. 71.
- 38. Carta Ranulphi Consulis Cestriæ de Elemosina sua de Hocwica, fol. 71 b.
- * 39. Bulla Constantini Papæ, A. D. 709, fol. 72.
- 40. Bulla alia C. Papæ, A. D. 713, fol. 72 b.
- 41. Bulla Alexandri Papæ, A. D. 1163, fol. 73.
- 42. Bulla Alexandri Papæ de Ecclesia de Ambresley, fol. 74.
- 43. Bulla Clementis Papæ de eadem Ecclesia, fol. 74.
- 44. Bulla J. Papæ, A. D. 1138, fol. 74 b.
- * 45. Bulla Clementis Papæ Rogero Abbati de usu cirothecarum, annuli, mitræ, &c. fol. 75.
- 46. Bulla alia Clementis Papæ, fol. 75.
- 47. Bulla Celestini Papæ de usu mitræ &c. fol. 75 b.
- 48. Bulla Innocentii Papæ, fol. 76.
- * Cart. Antiq. Harl. 43 D. 28. Confirmatio Edwardi regis abbati de Evesham de terris in Kynewarton. 1 Edw. III.
- Ibid. 45 I. 27. Carta Walteri de Bello Campo militis Willielmo abbati Evesham et ejusdem loci conventui de terris in Kyme Warton. 1 Edw. III.
- Cart. Antiq. Cotton. xxvii. 193. Scriptum Johannis fil. et her. Malculmi Musard Willielmo abbati de Evesham de manerio de Wythelye in com. Warrewick, et de terr. in Kyngleye. 23 Edw. III. *Cum. Sig.*

Ibid. xv. 55. Licentia Edwardi regis Angliæ Henrico de Om-breslegh quod terr. in Derlyngescote conventui de Evesham dare possit. 4 Edw. IV. *Cum Sig. mag.*

^b The Cotton manuscript Nero D. 111. fol. 246, gives the following particulars respecting the bells, &c. in the old church.

"Nota de versus super Campanas, et primo super campanam in honore sancti Egwini consecratum anno Domini m.ccc.liiiij.

"Dompnus Will'mus Boys, abbas, me fieri fecit in honore sancti Egwyni.

'O pater Egwyne tibi consono nocte dieque.
Me fugeant digne tonitrus, mala fulgura quæque.' } Egwyn.'

'Me sonante pia succurre virgo Maria
Ecclesiæ genti discedant fulgura venti } Maria.' Will'mus Boys
nos fieri fecit.

'Christus vincit, Christus regnat, Christus imperat.' } Ihc.'

'Ave gloriosa Virginum Regina; } Gloriosa.'
Vitis generosa, vitæ Medicina. }

'Ave Maria gratia plena. Dominus tecum.' } Gracia.'

Super Campanam ud Lavatoria.

'Convoco pransuros ad mensam et bibituros.
Prospera succedant, mala me resonante recedant.'

Quatuor temporibus Anni.

Videlicet, Estas, Autumpnus, Hyems, et Ver.
'Dat Clemens hyemem, dat Petrus Ver Cathedratus.
Estuat Urbanus, Autumpnat Bartholomeus.' } Catholicon.

'Festum Clementis hyemis capud est orientis.
Cedit Hyems retro, cathedrato Symone Petro.' } Will'mus
Rac'onel
Divinorum.

Versus in tabula super Altare Beatæ Mariæ.

'Perpetuis annis animæ sit vita Johannis
Patris Eveshamiæ qui sic altare Mariæ
Sumptibus ornavit. Ric. opus reparavit.
Pictor Martensis habitator Londoniensis.'

Herod. Herod

'Asclonita necat pueros. Antipa. Johannem.
Herod

Agrippa Jacobum servans in carcere Petrum.'"

In a later hand :

"Nota quod iiij. nonas Septembris die Lunæ anno Domini 1522, et anno regis Henrici octavi 13. consecrata erat ara ex parte septentrionali navis ecclesiæ in honorem sancti Egwini. Eodem anno et die dedicata erat ex adversa parte aræ in honorem salutiferæ crucis a Radulpho suffraganeo episcopi Wigorn. et episcopo Ascolens."

^c Mit. Ab. vol. i. pp. 90, 91.

^d It is engraved in Tindal's History of Evesham, p. 133.

The following description of the Seal of the abbey of Evesham is communicated by Edward Rudge, Esq. F.R.S. & A.S. the proprietor of the manor, site, and demesne lands of the monastery, and is taken from an impression in wax now in his possession affixed to a lease of the manor house and demesne lands of Middle Littleton, granted by the last abbat, Phillip Hawford, to John Aldington, Dec. 16, 30th Hen. VIII.

The principal side of the Seal gives a representation of the legend which relates to the building of the abbey-church and to the endowment of the abbey by King Ethelred.^a Round the extremity of the principal side of this Seal are the words, SIGILLVM . SANCTE . MARIE . ET . SANCTI ECGWINI . EPI . EOESHAMENSIS . MONASTERII . "The Seal of St. Mary and of St. Egwin bishop of the monastery of Evesham." Beneath the representation of the abbey church, at the upper part of the Seal, are the words, ECCE . LOC . QUE . ELEGI . i. e. Ecce locum quem elegi: "Behold the place which I have chosen."

The lower inscription, round Eoves attending his swine, has been carefully compared with two other impressions of the abbey Seal taken from a different matrix, also in Mr. Rudge's possession; and the following explanation of it will be found to correspond with the subject represented within it.

EOVES HER . WENEDE . MIT . WAS . SWIN
ECGWIN . CLEPET . VIS EOESHOM.

"Eoves here wended with his swine
Ecgwin named [it] Vic Eovishom."

Which old English rhimes, for such they are intended to be, may be thus explained:

1. EOES, the name of the Swineherd.
2. HER, Saxon for *here*.
3. WENEDE, the old English or Saxon word *wended*, i. e. *went*.
4. MIT, a corruption of WIT, the Saxon *with*; the w turned upside down.
5. WAS, probably a corruption of HIS; which, as well as the preceding word, may have been incorrectly copied from an impression of an earlier Seal, which was perhaps lost.
6. SWIN, *swine*.

The next line is much less difficult of explanation, when duly considered and compared with the legendary story.

7. ECGWIN. The first letter appears to want the middle stroke; the second letter is a c, and not an o.

8. CLEPET, *named*.

9. VIS EOESHOM. On the original Seal the third letter was most likely a c instead of s, which will explain this word to be the *Eoveshom* of the *Wiccians*, or people of Worcestershire, who were originally called *Vicci*, or *Wicci*. The spot, as the legend suggests, had originally been simply called *Hom*, i. e. *holm*. Egwin, therefore, when he built the abbey at the instance of Eoves's vision, gave a new name to the place. The vic was afterwards omitted when the county got another name, and Vic Eoveshom became Evesham. Or the vis may be intended for the Saxon vic, a village, or place surrounded by a winding river, which is the precise situation of the town of Evesham, encompassed as it is by the Avon forming a horse-shoe around it.

On the reverse of this Seal, on the left and near the top, the Virgin is seated, with the child on her lap, within a Gothic niche. On the right side, near the top, is St. Egwin kneeling, and holding up with both hands a representation of the abbey-church, which appears to be another side of the same church given in the impression on the obverse. Beneath St. Egwin, is a bishop, receiving from a king a charter, on which is inscribed DAMUS REGIE LIBERTATI. Under the charter, on an oval shield, are the royal arms, the three leopards of England. Behind the bishop is a monk, bare-headed, holding up his right hand; in his left is a book. Behind the king is the figure of a queen seated, and beyond her an attendant also seated, holding a falcon on his arm. All these figures are under canopies of the early Gothic form. The inscription round, is in a similar character to that on the other side, and entirely in the Latin language: a few of the letters at the bottom are broken off, on which account the inscription cannot be completely made out: DICTIS . ECGWINI . DAN FRATRI RI . OMNIBUS . UNDE . PIE . NITET . AULA SACRAE . MARIE.

PENWORTHAM and ALCETER, cells to Evesham, will be spoken of in their respective places.

Cartae ad Eveshamense Coenobium in agro Wigorniensis spectantes.

NUM. I.

[W. Malmesb. fol. 162 a, n. 10.]

HABET etiam Wigornensis provincia abbatiam Eveshamensem, et Perscorensem. Eveshamum fundavit beatus Egwinus episcopus, de quo quid miraculi sit, quod Beda tacuerit, nondum per me potui advertere, vel per alios addiscere, praesertim quod cum Kenredo rege Merciorum et Offa rege Orientalium Anglorum Romam iverit, quorum profectionem historicus non siluit. Verumtamen quaecunque res hanc taciturnitatem imperaverit, constat eum tertium Wigorniensium praesulem fuisse, locum illum quo nunc coenobium visitur, peculiariter amasse, incultum antea et spinetis horridum, sed ecclesiolam ab antiquo habentem, ex opere forsitan

Brittannorum. Eo loci vir sanctissimus, dum solitudine invitante frequentaret excubias, Dei genitricis visione et alloquutione mulceri meruit, planè et absque scrupulo praecipientis, ut ibidem sibi fundaret coenobium futurum sibi gratiosum, illi negotiosum. Institit ille jussis et complens opus, apostolicis et regis privilegiis corroboravit. Quid illud? credendumne putatur, quod tradit antiquitas? peccatorum juvenilium quondam conscium, pedes compedibus irretuisse, clavibus compedum in anem jactatis, palàm dixisse, tunc se demùm de peccatis securum futurum, cum compedes vel divinitus, vel ipsis reserarentur clavibus; ita Romam profectum prosperèque reversum. Jam verò in illo mari, quo a Gallico continenti Angliam navigio transmittitur, cum navigaret, immanem piscem saltu puppim, qua pontifex vehabatur, ingressum, certatimque annitentibus nautis reten-

^a See Num. I.

tum, in ejus exenterati jecore clavem repertam, seræque compedum apposito, sancto soluto securitatis plurimum donasse.

[Johannis Tinemuthensis Hist. Aurea MS. cap. 199.]

KENREDUS rex, relicto regno Merciorum unà cum Offa filio regis Est-Saxonum, strenuo juvene, Romam venit, anno Dominicæ incarnationis dccix. ubi et monachus attonsus obiit, cum quibus Egwinus Wicciorum episcopus Romam veniens, privilegium monasterii sui de Evesham secum detulit.

[Ibid. cap. 203.]

ANNO DCCXVIII. Circa hunc annum obiit sanctus Egwinus Wicciorum episcopus, hoc est Wigorn. Hic in territorio Wigorn. extitit oriundus ex regali prosapia, ac tandem adultus, in Wigorn. episcopum electus, et tantò humilior effectus quantò altiori sublimatus erat officio, pater orphanorum, sustentator viduarum, et consolator erat desolatorum, pravis sermo ejus quasi stimulus, id est, quasi clavis in alium defixus, mansuetis verò quasi oleum, fortibus durus, humilibus mitis, et mansuetus. Populus tandè videns se illicitam non licere, et assueta vitia relinquere, contra sanctum Dei in iram, odium, et scandalum exarsit, et eum tandè de episcopatu expulit. De eo nempè non solum apud regem accusatio, set etià apud Romanum antistitem ab inimicis prolata fuerat delatio.

Beatus igitur Egwinus, quamvis coràm hominibus se immunem ab illatis sciret, pro peccatis populi sui, ac suis in juventute commissis, pedes suos vinculis ferreis astrinxit, quæ clave poterant ligari atque reserari, ipsamque clavem in fluvium Avene projecit, palàmque dixit: tunc demùm se de peccatis securum fore quandò compedes sui, aut divina virtute, aut illa clavi essent reserati. Sic vinculatus Romam profectus est: campanæ urbis, ut fertur, in ejus adventu per se sonuerunt. In ecclesia sancti Petri ad orationem prosternitur, qua completa ad sacra missarum misteria celebranda sollempnitè præparatur. Interim namque famuli pro cibis emendis ad fluvium pergunt, piscem emunt, exenterant, clavem in ejus ventre reperiunt, et episcopo deferunt, ferrumque quod Anglica Avena absorbuerat Romana Tiberis exalat. Vir igitur Dei coram cunctis clavem accepit, et vincula sua reseravit, &c.

De principalibus Eveshamensis Cænobii benefactoribus.

[MS. Harl. 3763, fol. 57.]

ANNO ab incarnatione Domini dcc. rex Merciorum Ethelredus filius Pendæ in honore beatæ Virginis Mariæ dedit viro venerabili Egwino Ethom et Chadelbur.

Anno ab incarnatione Domini dcciii. prædictus Ethelredus dedit ecclesiæ beatæ Mariæ in Ethom, Fladebur, Stretford, Offeham, tres Litletonas, Poddeho, Huniburne, Bretferton, Badeseiam, Aldinton.

Anno ab incarnatione Domini dccvi. Eilwardus Wicciorum subregulus, consentiente rege Kenredo, dedit ecclesiæ beatæ Mariæ in Ethom Ambresl. Eodem anno Ailricus Oseri regis filius, consentiente rege Kenredo, dedit ecclesiæ beatæ Mariæ in Ethom, Childes Wicwon, et Balterus filius Duddæ dedit Swelle majorem.

Anno ab incarnatione Domini dccvii. Kenredus filius Wlferi rex Merciorum dedit ecclesiæ beatæ Mariæ in Ethom, ex una parte avenæ, Nortonam, Eccheslenc, Mortonam, Biuinton, Hulebarewe, Witheliam, Samburnam, Kinewarton, Salfordiam, et alteram Salfordiam: ex altera parte avenæ Hamton, Benigwrth, Wicwon, Willerseiam, Duninton, Braddewelle, Tetlestroppe, Stowam, Malgaesbur, Burchtonam.

Anno ab incarnatione Domini dccxi. rex Merciorum Chelredus filius regis Ethelredi dedit ecclesiæ beatæ Mariæ in Ethom, Rageleiam, Areweiam, Eccleshale, Wiueleshale, Edricheston, Dorsinton, Brome, Mulecoth, Buninton, Hildeburwrth, et unam hidam in Buddiford.

Anno ab incarnatione Domini dccxvi. Ethelbaldus filius Alewi rex Merciorum dedit ecclesiæ beatæ Mariæ de Evesham, Hacton, Branesford, Hamton juxta Wic-

cium emporium, Hupton, Witton, et Lench Alnoth juxta Chadelbur, Weston, Hudicoth, Stoke.

Anno ab incarnatione Domini dccxxi. prædictus Ethelbaldus dedit ecclesiæ beatæ Mariæ in Evesham unam portionem quam acolæ Sele nuncupant in loco ubi salsæ bulbunt aquæ, cum statu trium mansionum, et prædicta Sele debet reddere annuatim ecclesiæ beatæ Mariæ in Evesham ccc.lx. mittas salis.

[Ex Registro quodam Abbathiæ de Evesham, per Rob. Glover, Somerset Heraldum, desumpta.]

Rex Ethelredus, filius Pendæ regis Merciorum, primus et præcipuus fundator noster, dedit beato Egwino locum illum, qui tunc Ethomme, nunc Eveshamia vocatur, ubi monasterium construxit anno Domini dcc.

Idem rex dedit postea castellum de Chaddebury, et vetus monasterium de Stratfordâ, anno Domini dcciii.

Iste Ethelredus factus est monachus apud Bardney, relicto regno, et ibi jacet sepultus: et regnavit in Mercia xxx. annis; relicto regno temporali, apud Bardeney regulariter est attonsus, anno Domini dccv. et xiii. annos ibidem devotè peregit.

Offa rex Orientalium Saxonum, filius Sigheri regis Orientalium Saxonum, dedit anno domini dcciii. Offenham. Iste Offa, hortatu Keneswithæ, filiæ Pendæ, sororis Ethelredi, quam cupierat uxorem, Romam cum Kenredo rege et beato Egwino ivit, ubi monachus factus, ibidem requiescit, anno Domini dccx.

Ethelwardus, aliàs Aylwardus, Wicciorum subregulus, dedit nobis Ombresleyam, anno Domini dccvi.

Ailricus filius Osheri regis, dedit nobis Childeswykwane, eodem anno. Kenredus rex Merciorum, filius Wolferi regis, dedit nobis Hamton, &c. anno Domini dccviii.

Ceolredus rex Merciorum, filius Ethelredi fundatoris nostri, sed non Ostrithæ reginæ, dedit nobis Raggeleiam, &c. anno Domini dccxi.

Ethelbaldus rex Merciorum, aliàs vocatus Ethelardus, filius Alwii, consobrinus Cohelredi, dedit nobis Hactone, anno Domini dccxvi.

Offa filius Tunfrith, rex Merciorum, dedit nobis Dunnynton, &c. anno Domini dcllvii.

Beortulphus rex Merciorum, dedit nobis Pebwortham, anno Domini dcllxxiii.

Ufa comes Warwici, dedit nobis Witlakesfordiam, et Graston minorem, anno Domini dccccxxiii. tempore Edgari regis.

Ethelredus rex Angliæ, frater beati Edwardi martyris, dedit nobis unam mansam in Stowyâ, juxta Malgaesbury, anno Domini dccccxxxvii.

Canutus rex totius Angliæ, dedit nobis anno Domini m.xviii. dominium de Badby et Newnham.

Warinus Bushell, dedit nobis ecclesiam de Penwortham, cum decimis, &c.

Ricardus Bushell, filius prædicti Warini, dedit nobis ecclesiam de Leylonde, &c.

Albertus Bushell, filius prædicti Ricardi, dedit nobis diversas terras in Longeton, Ekeston, Lelande, et Meoles.

Robertus Bushell dedit diversas terras apud Penwortham.

Galfridus Bushell, filius Roberti, dedit nobis diversas terras in Longetone.

NUM. II.

Cænobium de Evesham in agro Wigorniensis.

[Autographum Saxonico caractere scriptum in Bibliotheca Arundeliana. Iterum MS. Cotton. Vesp. B. xxiv. fol. 72.]

Constantinur episcopur. gepur geporum Dei. Bpupalbo Bpitanmarum ecclesiæ pumatulatem et apostolicam benedictionem. Unepabilem unum Eguunum episcopum, quem bi tua ppaternitaj ad apostolicam jedem mupit, etiam nunc pecundo manipuly iupitiae pceptum tibi pemittimur, monentej quatinur jic juor effectur adiuuando pproquejur, jicuti illum a Deo incepurje et in ua Dei cucupurje cognouit. Porro de upione illa, immo apepta optentione, qua je beata upgo Maria ei manipertant, eque ita ceptum ejje te-

neamur quemadmodum de uiri bonitate non dubitamus. Denique uigilantiam tuam admonemus, quatinus illi in partibus in quibus manifestatio habita fuisse reperitur, concilium totius Angliæ cogas, episcopos facique ordinis religiosarum personarum illuc conuenire facias, optimateque regni cum processibus suis adesse præcipias, quibus in nomine domini congregatis denuntiatur, quod duo reges Angliæ Kenredus et Offa, cum quibus iam dictus episcopus ad limina apostolorum uenit in loco ortensæ uisionis plurima de suis beneficiis in præsentia nostra regia libertate donata, et apostolica auctoritate confirmata contulerunt, quatinus ibidem congregatio monachorum, secundum regulam memorandi patris Benedicti, quæ minus in illi partibus adhuc habetur possit instaurari et indecensiter Christi famulari. Ipsas autem donationes et beneficia præfati reges in ipsorum priuilegio nominatim determinauerunt, et a nobis corroborari ceperunt. Igitur, præter dilecte, quoquomodo Christo annuntietur lucrum Christi requirere, opus Christi exerce, promulgaturque in concilio sententiarum, tum a Deo ortensæ uisionis, tum apostolicæ auctoritatis, tum regis libertatis, et donationis, tum tui ipsius clerici et populi assensum et fauorem, consuetudine omne Christo diuinitus ortensum, apostolica, auctoritate fultum, regis libertate donatum, cleri et populi benedictione sancitum. Tibi autem et successores tui, memorato Egrino episcopo assentiente, curam animarum eiusdem ecclesiæ præcipue iniungimus, ut si, quod absit, aliquo diaboli impulsu quicquam peruersum aut tyrannum facrum locum minueret aut impugnare præsumpserit, tibi a Deo concessæ potestatis sententia, et anathematis percussus uerbere complere non audeat. Si quid uero iniuriæ partem inibi comperit fuisse operi, aurius summi pontificis patriæ potius deperatur, quam per alicuius occultam sententiam sanctus locus iniuste deprauetur. Ipsum ergo locum quem regia potestas regis libertati donauit, et nos auctoritate Dei et sanctorum apostolorum et nostra donamus, ut nullus cuiuscunque ordinis homo hoc quod constitutum deprauare aut minueret præsumat. Qui hoc deperuerit, aut male contaminauerit, sit ille maledictus. Qui uero repaauerit et adauerit benedictionibus repleatur. Scripta hæc epistola anno dominicæ incarnationis dccix. in ecclesia palatiorum Lateranensium, præcipiente et confirmante Constantino apostolicæ sedis antistite, assistantibus et confirmantibus regibus Angliæ Kenredo et Offa, rogante uenerabili uirgo Eguino episcopo, coram pluribus archiepiscopis et episcopis et principibus et nobilibus diuersarum prouinciarum, cunctis clamantibus et dicentibus, quicquid in hac constitutione uerba sanctitatis exciperet, laudamus concedimus et confirmamus. ✠ Ego Constantinus Romanæ sedis episcopus per signum sanctæ crucis harum donationes et libertatem confirmamus. ✠ Ego Egrinus humiliter episcopus confirmamus. ✠ Ego Kenredus rex corroboramus. ✠ Ego Offa rex confirmamus.

NUM. III.

Carta Kenredi et Offæ Regum.

[Ex Registro de Evesham in Bibliotheca Cottoniana, Vesp. B. xxiv. fol. 64 a.]

✠ In nomine Patris, et Filii, et Spiritus Sancti, Amen. Quoniam transeuntis quidem mundi vicissitudo cotidie per incrementa temporum crescit, et crescendo decrescit, et ampliando minuitur, crescentibus repentinis variorum incursum ruinis, finis esse cunctis in proximo cernitur; ideo vanis ac transilibus rebus, mansura celestis patriæ præmia mercanda sunt. Quapropter ego Kenredus, Dei dono, rex Merciorum; et ego Offa, diuina permissione Orientalium Anglorum gubernator, pro redemptione animarum nostrarum ac prædecessorum nostrorum, et subsequentium salute, donamus, concedimus in loco in quo beata Virgo Maria se venerabili viro Egwino manifestavit, in Homme, et presenti libello confirmamus, ad honorem et reverentiam ejusdem Dei genitricis, lxxvij. mansas ex duabus partibus fluminis quod vocatur Avena. Tres uidelicet quæ sunt in Homme. In Lenchwic j. In Nortona vij. In Offeham j. In

Litletona xij. In Aldintona j. In Baddeseia v. et dimid. In Bretfertona xij. In Huniburna ij. et dimid. In Willerseia vij. In Wiewona iij. In Benigwrthia et in Hamtona ix. Et ex mera liberalitate, sicut dignum est, et regali munificentia, prænominate mansas, ubi manifestatio habita fuisse refertur, cum cæteris partibus præassignatis, regis libertati donamus, ac omnipotenti Deo, ac beatis apostolis ejus Petro et Paulo in perpetuum liberas commendamus, quatinus ibidem congregatio monachorum, secundum regulam beati Benedicti, possit instaurari, et indesinenter Christo famulari. Ad maiorem autem nostræ donationis firmitudinem, in notitiam tam præsentium quam imposterum succedentium venire volumus quibus limitibus sacer locus quem regis libertati donatum Deo contulimus, circumseptus includitur.

In primis à Twiford ex parte australi usque in Cro-nochomne, juxta decursum fluminis ambitus loci protrahitur, ac inde juxta aquam usque ad divisionem terræ de Fladeburg, quæ Meredic appellatur, et sic in directum per ascensum montis per medium Ældezapen ad Ealdeneppinhage, ab Ealdeneppinhage, ad Boelagerette, à Boelagerette in Nopþenol, ex quo per Lencdune usque ad divisiones terrarum de Lench, et de Hepperton in Pennecumbe. Inde per Fulanboc usque in Hapenpille, et ab Hapenpille in Capkeþod. Ac inde in Goldepelle, et sic in longum rivuli, usque in Smalmoþe, ac inde in Auenam, et sic in Offepole; ab Offepole in Pikeþeþomme, a Pikeþeþomme in Bupþence, à Hlence in Ealdenedune, ab Ealdenedune in Ealdenemýxan, ex quo in Bugþilþeþet in Senepþod, ac inde in Chupþeþtize, a Chupþeþtize in Flittindþape, et sic in Blackanþyt. A parte tamen orientali non longè à Blakenepýt in Meþeþupne, à Meþeþupne in Hunibupne, ex quo per Nopþameþe in Earþhamþe, inde in circuitu prati de Poddenho, dehinc in Podemoþe, et sic in Heþuenhale. Iterum in Hunibupne in longum rivuli, usque ad Stanþeþþod. Iterum in Bugþilþeþet versus Scenedune; ac inde in Meþebnoc a Meþebnoc in Meþedic, et sic in Winþupne in Laleþþodn, a Laleþþodn Lauþgeþoþeþe, a Lauþkeþoþeþe in Poddenhoþme, a Poddenhoþme in Polþþone, a Polþþone in Meþebnoc, et sic in Stanþanþulleþþe, a Syþe in Bupþepelle, à Bupþepelle in Bupþepalle, ac inde in Ealþeþape quod indigenæ nanþmonþeþland uocant, secus Bugþilþeþet, ex quo, à parte occidentali usque ad Boþþeþe, a Boþþeþe in Halþþeþtan, ab Alþþeþtan in Cademunþþe, a Cademunþþe in Bleþemeþe, a Bleþemeþe in Bþaceþþane, a Bþaceþþane in Ealþþape in Willeþþeþam, à Willeþþeþam in Sondþnoc, ex quo in Heþeþeþe, et sic in Nopþþomme, à Nopþþomme in Bþeþþupne dehinc in Heþeneþeþe, ab Eþeneþeþe in Badþþelle, à Welle in Laleþþupne, à Ðupne per Picheþþho in Pþeþþeþmede, ac inde in Meþeþþone, à Meþeþþone in Bþodeþeþe, à Bþodeþeþe in Æþþeþþeþeþe, inde in Potþcot, à Potþcot in Ðþutþþeþeþe, et sic in Ruþþeþe, à Ruþþeþe in Meþedic, à Meþedic in Padþþeþþeþe, à Beþþeþþe in Lihþþeþeþe, iterum per Meþedic in Eþenþþnen, iterum in Meþedic, deinde in Pþutþþeþeþe, et sic in Meþebnoc, per Meþebnoc usque in Domþþol, ex quo in Halþþþþeþeþe, ab Halþþþþeþeþe in Meþþeþþeþe, à Meþþeþþeþe iterum in Auenam.

Volumus insuper ac decernimus, in nomine Domini terram quinque cassatorum quæ Mortona nuncupatur, eadem libertate in perpetuum gaudere: quam quidem terram ego Kenredus rex Merciorum, anno Dominicæ incarnationis dccij. cum jam, unà cum venerabili viro Egwino episcopo, apostolorum limina visitare dispo-nerem, inter quedam alia donaria ad fabricam monasterii construendi in Homme concessi eidem, et sub testimonio plurium potentum meorum scripto confirmavi. Statuimus igitur in nomine Domini et in virtute Dei summi præcipimus, tam viventibus, quam Domini predestinatione, nobis in posterum succedentibus, ut hujus donationis seu libertatis statuta, ad irritum deducere minime quispiam audeat. Si quis autem hoc nostræ munificentiae donum depravare vel diminuire, seu quolibet modo alienare versutus attemptaverit, deleatur nomen ejus de libro vitæ, et æterna miserrimus, cum complice suis, damnatione puniatur, nisi prius satisfactione digna emendaverit, quod contra nostrum decretum obstinatus præsumpsit. Amen. Acta sunt hæc anno Dominicæ incar-

nationis dccix^o. in ecclesia Salvatoris Lateran. confir-
mante Constantino Romanæ sedis antistite, astantibus
et confirmantibus regibus Angliæ Kenredo et Offa, ro-
gante venerabili viro Egwino episcopo, cum pluribus
archiepiscopis, et episcopis, principibus, ac nobilibus
diversarum provinciarum, cunctis clamantibus, et dicen-
tibus, nos hanc voluntatem, et regiam liberalitatem lau-
damus, donationibus, ac libertatibus consentimus. Ego
Constantinus, Romanæ sedis episcopus, per hoc signum
✠ sanctæ crucis, has donationes in libertatem hanc con-
firmavi. ✠ Ego Egwinus episcopus humilis confirmavi.
✠ Ego rex Kenredus corroboraui. ✠ Ego rex Offa
consensi.

NUM. IV.

Carta Eguini Wigorniensis Episcopi.

Ego Egwinus, Wicciorum humilis episcopus, volo
manifestare omnibus fidelibus Christi, qualiter per Sancti
Spiritus inspirationem, et per labores multarum et mag-
narum visionum ostensum est mihi, quod ego primum
unum locum edificare deberem ad laudem et gloriam
omnipotentis Dei et sanctæ Mariæ, omnium electorum
Christi, et etiam mihi ad eternam retributionem. Cum
igitur maximè florerem in diebus Ethelredi regis, expetii
ab eo locum qui Haum nuncupatur, in quo loco sancta
et perpetua virgo Maria primum cuidam pastori gregum,
Eoves nuncupato, dehinc etiam mihi cum duabus vir-
ginibus librum in manibus tenens apparuit. Mundavi
itaque locum, opusque inceptum, Dei optimi laudetur
gratia, ad finem perduxit. Volo igitur ostendere omni
sequenti generationi quas possessiones supradicto loco
acquisivi, et ipsas terras ab omni exactione potestatum
omnium adquietavi, ipsamque adquietationem apostoli-
cis auctoritatibus et privilegiis, necnon et regalibus
edictis confirmari feci, ut fratres secundum regulam
sancti Benedicti inibi Deo servientes sine perturbatione
vitam agerent. Nomina etiam villarum volo manifes-
tare, quas omnes liberas et juste acquisitas Deo et
sanctæ Mariæ obtuli. Itaque ab Athelredo rege quod-
dam cœnobium, quod Flendaburch nominatur obtinui,
quod postea pro alio cœnobio quod Streatforda nomina-
tur mutavi, post parvum verò tempus à prædicti regis
fratre Oswardo viginti mansas in loco qui Troiford ap-
pellatur adquisivi.

Postea verò succedente in regnum Kenredo, con-
cessit et ipse mihi octoginta quatuor mansas super
utrasque partes illius fluminis, quod Avona vocitatur.
Quidam autem adolescens, Athericus nomine, octo
mansas mihi concessit, et Walterus venerandus sacerdos
alias octo mihi mansas donavit. Sicque Deo propitio
brevis tempore centum et viginti mansas prædictæ Christi
ecclesiæ acquisivi, sicut scriptum est et confirmatum in
chartis ecclesiæ, et in libro manifestatur terra et termini
ejus, quem scripsit Brichtwaldus episcopus, et dictavit
præcepto Romani pontificis, cum consensu principum
totius Angliæ. Hæc verò sunt nomina villarum quas,
ut supradictum est, acquisivi: Eovesham, Benyagurth,
Hautun, Baddesey, Wicque, Haburne, Bradfortun, Wil-
lersley, Withley, Samburn, Kinwartun, Saltford Major
et Minor, Ambresley, Ulbeory, Mortun, Buchtun, Me-
leygaresberrie, Tittlestrompe, Snella Major, Mayeldes-
beordy, Sildswick quoque. Has omnes terras, ut præ-
fatus sum, liberas ab omni calumnia adquisivi et sanctæ
Dei ecclesiæ obtuli. Qui ergo locum quem apostolica
dignitas et regia potestas regia libertate donavit, et nos
auctoritate Dei et sanctorum apostolorum donamus, de-
pravare aut minuere vel contaminare præsumperit, ju-
dicetur ante tribunal Christi, et nunquam in Christi
veniat memoriam, nisi in hac vita penitens emendet.
Qui verò servaverit et adauxerit, benedictionibus repleatur,
Fiat. Amen. Scripta est hæc charta anno Dominicæ
incarnationis dccxiv. ✠ Ego Eguinus per signum
sanctæ crucis. ✠ Ego Keneredus rex subscripsi. ✠
Ego Offa per signum crucis confirmavi. ✠ Ego Bricht-
waldus archiepiscopus subscripsi. ✠ Ego Oswardus
frater ejus confirmavi.

NUM. V.

*Carta Offæ Regis Merciorum de Terra concessa Comiti
Esme Præposito Domus suæ, et post hæredes ejus mas-
culos Ecclesiæ de Evesham, et inter Cartas hujus Ab-
batiae transcripta ad literam.*

[Penes Joh. Smith de Acton Burnel in Com. Salop. armig.]

IN nomine Domini summi, Ego Offa almi regnantis
gratia rex Merciorum, partem terræ juris quam largiflua
benevolentia dominus gratis donavit, Esme comiti, præ-
fectoque meo, rurem trium tributarium vocatum Eo-
wengolad perdonabo, anno ab incarnatione Domini
DCCCLXXXIV. et regni mei xxvii^o. et sic ager huic pretio
emptus est centum oves, triginta boves et vaccas, tri-
ginta equos indomitos dedit. Rus etiam hoc modo
donatum est, ut suum masculum possideat et non fœmi-
ninum, et post obitum prosapiæ illius data sit tam villa
quam universa terra quæ in sua potestate est ad religio-
sam ecclesiam quæ nuncupatur Evesham.

Ego Offa. Ego Cinedred. Ego Barthunus.

NUM. VI.

*Prædia ad Ecclesiam S. Mariæ de Evesham spectantia
tempore Regis Willielmi Conquestoris.*

[Ex Libro Censuali vocato *Domesday Book*, penes Camerar. Scacc.]

Glowec'scire, fol. 165 b.

TERRA S. MARIE DE EVESHAM. In SALEMONES HUND.
Ecclesia S. Mariæ de Evesham tenet MALGERESBERIE. ad
Eduuardestou. Ibi tempore Regis Edwardi erant viii.
hidæ. et nona hida jacet ad æcclesiam S. Edwardi. Rex
Adelredus quietam dedit ibi. In dominio sunt iii. car.
et xii. villani et unus liber homo et presbiter inter se
habentes vii. cur. Ibi vi. servi. et molinum de vii.
solid. Prati aliquantum. Tempore Regis Edwardi vale-
bat c. solid. Modo vii. lib.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet TEDESTROP. Ibi vii. hidæ. In
dominio sunt ii. car. et x. villani et ii. bord. cum iii. car.
Ibi iii. servi. et unus miles cum ii. car. Ibi parum prati.
Valuit iii. lib. Modo c. solid.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet BORTUNE. Ibi x. hidæ. In do-
minio sunt vi. car. et xvi. villani et viii. bord. et ii.
liberi homines cum vii. car. Ibi presbiter cum dim. car.
Valuit viii. lib. Modo xii. lib.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet BRADEWELLE. Ibi x. hidæ. Ibi
vi. car. in dominio.^a et xxv. villani. et viii. bord. et
unus liber homo et presbiter. Inter omnes habent xii.
car.

In GLOUUEC. iii. burgenses. In WICECOMBE unus.
reddunt xxvii. den. Valuit tot. viii. lib. Modo xii.
lib.

In WIDELEI HUND. Ipsa æcclesia tenet SVVELLE.
Ibi iii. hidæ. et ix. villani. et ii. bord. et presbiter.
Inter omnes iii. car. Ibi vi. servi. Valuit. iii. lib.
Modo v. lib. In dominio sunt iii. car. Ibi iii. molin.
xx. sol.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet WILLERSEI. Ibi viii. hidæ. i.
ad WIQUENNAM. Ibi iii. car. in dominio. et xvi.
villanos et iii. bord. et presbiter cum vi. car. Ibi
ii. servi. et parum prati. Valuit iii. lib. modo c.
solid.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet WESTUNE. Ibi iii. hidæ. et una
libera. In dominio sunt ii. car. et v. villani et presbiter
cum ii. car. Valuit xx. sol. modo xl. sol.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet STOCH. Ibi ii. hidæ. In dominio
est una car. et vii. villani. et ii. bord. cum ii. car. Ibi i.
servus. Valet et valuit xl. solid.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet HEDECOTE. Ibi iii. hidæ. In
dominio est una car. et ii. servi et uxores. iii. villano-
rum nuper defunctorum habent i. car. Valet et valuit
xx. solid.

Has ii. villas habet abbas duobus militibus suis com-
mendatas.

In Terdingo de WICELCÔBE habuit S. Maria de Eve-
sham lvi. hidas. T. R. E.

^a *Interlin.* Ibi xiiii. servi.

Wirecesterscire. fol. 175 b.

TERRA ÆCCLESIE DE EUESHAM. In EVESHAM villa ubi sedet abbatia sunt et fuerunt semper iii. hidæ liberæ.

Ibi sunt in dominio iii. car. et xxvii. bord. servientes curiæ. et habent iii. car. Ibi molinum de xxx. solid. et xx. acr. prati.

De censu hominum ibi manentium xx. solid.

Tempore Regis Edwardi valebat lx. solid. et post iii. lib. Modo cx. solid.

In FISSEBERGE hund. habet æcclesia de Evesham lxv. hid. Ex his xii. hidæ sunt liberæ. In illo Hund. jacent xx. hidæ de DODENTREU. et xv. hidæ de WIRCECESTRE. perficiunt Hundret.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet LENCHEWIC. Ibi est una hida libera. et semper fuit. et in NORTVNE sunt vii. hidæ. In dominio sunt v. car. et xiii. villani et xi. bord. et unus francigena. Inter omnes habent xi. car. Ibi x. servi. et ii. molini de xxii. solid. et vi. denar. et ii. mill. anguill. Ibi xii. acr. prati. Tempore Regis Edwardi valebat vii. lib. et post cx. sol. Modo vii. lib.

In OLEBERGE sunt xii. acræ terræ et ibi sunt ii. rustici porcarii. et Siluæ una leuuede. Val. v. solid.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet OFFENHAM. Ibi est i. hida libera. et ad LITELTVNE sunt vi. hidæ. et ad BRATFORTVNE vi. hidæ. In dominio sunt iii. car. et xxv. villani cum vii. car. et ii. radman. et ii. francig. quisque eorum habet i. car. Ibi xx. bord. et xx. acr. prati. et molin. de xii. solid. et vi. den. Ibi sunt boves ad i. car. sed petram trahunt ad æcclesiam. Tempore Regis Edwardi et post valebat viii. lib. Modo vi. lib. et x. solid. Ad hoc manerium jacet i. Bereuich, ALDINTONE. Ibi i. hida libera ad æcclesiam. et in dominio sunt ii. car. et v. bord. cum i. car. Ibi iii. servi et molinum de v. solid. Valeb. et valet xl. solid.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet WIQVENE. Ibi sunt iii. hidæ liberæ. et ad BRATFORTVNE vi. hidæ. In dominio sunt iii. car. et xvi. villani et vii. bord. cum x. car. Ibi molinum de xl. den. et x. acr. prati. Valebat et valet vi. lib.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet BADESEI. Ibi tempore Regis Edwardi fuerunt vi. hidæ et dimid. In dominio sunt ii. car. et xii. villani cum viii. car. Ibi iii. servi et una vidua. Valebat vi. lib. modo iii. lib. et x. solid.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet LITELTVNE. Ibi fuerunt vii. hidæ tempore Regis Edwardi. In dominio sunt ii. car. et xv. villani et unus francig. cum ii. villanis. Inter omnes habent vii. car. Ibi iii. servi.^a Valebat iii. lib. et x. sol. modo lxx. solid.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet HVNIBVRNE. Ibi ii. hidæ et dimid. tempore Regis Edwardi. In dominio sunt iii. car. et presbiter et x. villani et iii. bord. cum iii. car. Ibi iii. servi. Valebat iii. lib. Modo iii. lib. Ibi xi. acr. prati.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet AMBRESLEGE. Hæc antiquitus pro iii. hid. fuit libera. sic dicunt cartæ de æcclesia. sed tempore Regis Edwardi fuit numerata pro xv. hid. inter silvam et planum. et iii. hidæ ex eis sunt liberæ. Ibi sunt in dominio v. car. et xxx. villani et xii. bord. et ii. presbiteri. et ii. radmanni. et x. bovarii. Inter omnes habent xx. car. Ibi piscaria et dimid. redd. ii. mill. anguill. et ii. molini de viii. solid. et iii. acr. prati. Silua de ii. abz. leuudes. et in Wich i. salina. Tempore Regis Edwardi valebat et post xviii. lib. Modo xvi. lib.

In OSWOLDESLAV Hund. Ipsa æcclesia tenet HANTVN. Ibi v. hidæ fuerunt tempore Regis Edwardi. In dominio sunt iii. car. et xv. villani et v. bord. et unus francig. cum iii. bord. Inter omnes habent vii. car. Ibi viii. servi. et x. acr. prati et vinea novella ibi et ii. molini de xx. solid. Valebat c. solid. modo vi. lib.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet iii. hid. ad BENINGEORDE. et quintam hid. tenet Vrso. Has v. hid. diratiocinavit Walt. abb. ad ILDEBERGAM in iii. sciris coram Episcopo Baiocensi et aliis baronibus regis. Ibi sunt ii. car.

et v. villani et ii. bord. cum ii. car. Ibi vi. servi. Tempore Regis Edwardi valebat lx. solid. et post l. sol. Modo lx. sol.

In ESCH Hund. Ipsa æcclesia tenet MORTVNE. Ibi fuerunt v. hidæ tempore Regis Edwardi, sed ex eis magna pars prestita fuit foris. In dominio est una car. et vii. villani, et ii. bovarii cum iii. car. Ibi xv. acr. prati. Silva iii. quarent. long. et una quarent. lat. valebat et valet xxx. solid. Rannulfus tenet de abbate.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet ACHELENZ. Ibi iii. hidæ et dimid. In dominio est una car. et iii. villani et iii. bord. cum i. car. Ibi ii. servi et vi. acr. silvæ. Tempore Regis Edwardi valebat xxv. solid. et post xx. sol. Modo xv. solid.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet BVINTVN. Ibi i. hida. et una car. et iii. bord. et iii. acr. silvæ. Valuit xx. solid. et post xv. sol. Modo x. sol.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet CIRCELENZ. Ibi fuerunt iii. hidæ tempore Regis Edwardi. In dominio sunt ii. car. et presbiter et iii. villani et ii. bord. et iii. bovarii. et unus francig. Inter omnes habent iii. car. Valuit et val. xxx. solid.

In Ciuitate WIRECESTRE. habet æcclesia de Evesham xxviii. masuras. Ex his sunt v. uuastæ. et aliæ reddunt xx. solid.

Northant'scire. fol. 222 b.

TERRA ÆCCLESIE DE EVESHAM. In GRAVESEND Hund. Abbatia de Evesham tenet iii. hid. in LICEBERGE. Terra est x. car. In dominio sunt ii. et viii. villani et vi. bord. cum v. car. Valuit et valet xl. sol. Leuenot libere tenuit tempore Regis Edwardi.

Warwicscire. fol. 239.

TERRA ÆCCLESIE DE EVESHAM. In FERNECVMBE Hund. Abbatia de Evesham tenet in WITELAVESFORD v. hidas. Terra est vi. car. In dominio sunt ii. et iii. servi et ii. ancillæ. et iii. villani et vi. bord. cum ii. car. Ibi molinum de x. sol. et xx. stich. anguill. Ibi xxiii. acr. prati. Silva i. quarent. long. et dimid. lat. Tempore Regis Edwardi valebat xl. solid. et post xxx. Modo l. sol. Hanc terram tenuit Wigot tempore Regis Edwardi.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet in SANDBVRNE. iii. hid. Terra est iii. car. In dominio est una. et ii. servi et ii. villani et iii. bord. cum iii. car. Silva i. leuu. long. et dimid. leuu. lat. Valuit xx. solid. Modo xxx. solid.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet in SALFORD. ii. hid. Terra est vi. car. In dominio est una. et ii. servi et ix. villani et v. bord. cum vii. car. Ibi molinum de x. solid. et xx. stich. anguill. et Pratum vi. quarent. et dimid. long. et i. quarent. et dim. lat. Valuit xl. solid. Modo lx. solid.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet in CHENEVERTONE. iii. hid. et Rannulfus de abbate. Terra est v. car. In dominio est una. et iii. servi. et iii. villani et ii. bord. cum i. car. Ibi molinum de iii. solid. pratum i. quarent. long. et xii. pertic. lat. Valuit xl. sol. et post v. sol. Modo xx. sol.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet in WILELEI iii. hid. Terra est iii. car. Ibi sunt.

NUM. VII.

Carta Regis Willielmi, Terras ad Eveshamensem Abbatiam, in Warwicensi Comitatu jacentes, confirmans.

[Ex Regist. de Evesham in Bibl. Cotton. Vesp. B. xxiv. fol. 25 b.]

W. REX. Anglorum, W. episcopo et R. vicecomiti salutem. Mando vobis et præcipio, quatinus Adelwinum abbatem terras ecclesiæ de Evesham; Saltfordiam scilicet et Edricestun, et Milecotan, et Ragele, et Arwam, et Ecclesham, et Bildeburgwrd, et Grafton, et Withlakesford, et Dorsiton, et alias terras, quas in vicecomitatu de Warewic habet, cum magno honore et

^a Interlin. Et viii. acræ prati.

quietè tenere faciatis, ut eas habeat et teneat ad usus servorum Dei, cum meâ bonâ pace et protectione. Et tibi præcipio R. vicecomes, ut non consentias, quod aliquis ei injusticiam de aliquâ re faciat, quia consentire nolo; sed cum sacâ et soc, et omnibus consuetudinibus plenaliter suas res teneat: et si ei aliquis injusticiam facere præsumpserit, clamet ad me abbas, et ego ei plenam rectitudinem, de quibus clamaverit, faciam.

NUM. VIII.

Carta Leofrici Comitis, de Terrâ de Hamtune.

[Ibid. fol. 26 a.]

Ego Leofricus comes manifesto in brevi isto, quod terram quæ vocatur Heamtune, ad monasterium de Evesham dedi; et misi in illam ecclesiam, quam ego et conjux mea Godgyve ibidem in honore sanctæ et individuæ Trinitatis, pro animabus nostris devotè ædificavimus; et hoc cum victu et hominibus, et omnibus rebus et consuetudinibus ad eandem pertinentibus, ita sicuti ego ipse unquam melius illam in manu meâ tenui et possedi: et ego, quamdiu vixero, illius terræ procurator et defensor esse volo; et consentire nolo, ut aliquis injusticiam in eâ faciat plus nunc, quàm tunc, quando in manu meâ ipsum habui, et in eâ sedi. Istam terram ex dono regio accepi; et ad eam, sicut Cnut rex mihi concessit, veni; quia suæ erat potestatis eam possidendam cui vellet tradi; nam frater meus Normannus illam ante me habuit, sicut rex Ethelredus, ad relinquendum, post se, cui hæredi voluisset, libenter ei, pro suo grato servitio eam concessit; quia ex prævaricatione in jus ejus, recto nobilium suorum judicio, accepit; et ipse frater meus tam diu sine clamore et calumpniâ omnis hominis in eâ sedebat et possidebat, quamdiu vivebat; et ego post eum quantum michi placuit; et qui modo habent, sicuti ego habui, volo ut ipsi habeant. Iste brevis scriptus habetur, ut sit in testimonium, et meæ elemosinæ stabile firmamentum, quam ecclesiæ concessi servis Dei, ad eorum victum. Modo est Birtegus episcopus testis hujus meæ donationis, et totus comitatus Wigorniensis civitatis. Deus totius mundi creator et rector, qui cuncta creavit et fecit, et cunctorum corda scrutatur et renes, cunctos qui huic meæ donationi adjuvaverit, ut firma sit, suâ benedictione multiplicet, et custodiat: et accrescere qui voluerint, cunctis bonis crescant et repleantur.

NUM. IX.

Carta Willielmi II. Regis de Libertatibus.

[Ibid. fol. 25 b.]

W. REX Anglorum Vr. vicecomiti et cæteris vicecomitibus et ministris sub quibus ecclesia de Evesham habet terras salutem. Sciatis quod ego volo et præcipio ut illa ecclesia habeat et teneat totum honorem qui pertinet ad eam cum tali honore, et pace, et libertate, cum terris, et legibus, et consuetudinibus, cum clericis et laicis, sicuti unquam melius habuit tempore regis Eadwardi, et patris mei, et meo, et sicuti abbas dirationavit coram me contra episcopum S. et defend. ut nec episcopus nec aliquis potens homo super ecclesiam et super abbatem de hiis rebus aliquid invadat aut injustitiam faciat. Quod si autem episcopus aut aliquis alius de hiis rebus quæ ad ecclesiam pertinent, et quæ pater meus ei concessit, et ego concedo: quod si super abbatem reclamaverit, abbas non respondeat ei neque placitum teneat nisi in curia mea. Neque episcopus ordinationes aut synodos ibi per se teneat, aut ordines faciat, nisi ab abbate loci rogatus fuit ut faciat. Scripta hæc carta anno Dominicæ incarnationis m^o.c^o. præcipiente rege W. Testibus, A. Cant. arch. et M. episcopo Lond. et R. episcopo Lincoln. et R. episcopo Dunelm. et abbate G. de Westm. et abbate R. de Sancto Albano, et Eudone dapifero, et W. cancel. Et multis aliis baronibus totius Angliæ in solempnitate Paschali. In iiij^a. . . Paschæ, apud Winton.

NUM. X.

Carta Roberti de Stafford, donationem de Wrotesleie et Livintone, per Robertum avum suum, confirmans.

[Adhuc ex præf. Regist. de Evesham in Bibl. Cotton. fol. 52.]

SCIANT universi, tam præsentēs quàm futuri, quod ego Robertus de Staffordiâ, et Robertus filius meus et hæres, concessimus et confirmavimus, et præsentī scripto atque sigillo corroboravimus donationes terrarum illarum, scilicet Wrotesleie et Livintone, quas Rodbertus avus meus contulit, et pater meus Nicholaus concessit ecclesiæ de Evesham, et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus; ut prænominata ecclesia terras illas prædictas habeat et possideat in puram atque perpetuam elemosinam; atque imperpetuum teneat prædicta ecclesia prædictas terras liberas et quietas, et solutas ab omni exactione et seculari servitio, tam regio, quam ad me et ad hæredes meos pertinente; in sylvis, in pratis, et in pascuis, et in omnibus aisiamentis, quæ ad prædictas villas pertinent. Hiis testibus, Rodberto filio Odonis, Willielmo de Witteleia et Rodberto fratre ejus, Godefrido Bras, et Johanne constabulario, Rogero de Vlehale, Rodberto clerico, et pluribus aliis.

NUM. XI.

Carta Brieni filii Comitis.

[Harl. MS. 3763, fol. 84.]

B. FILIUS comitis R. London. episcopo, et Hug. de Bocland, atque hominibus de Coleham et de Midelsexa salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ de Evesham ecclesiam de Hildendona et tertiam partem decimæ de dominio meo cum una hida terræ et unam mansionem cum orto quod ibi pertinet apud Wixebrug. Et volo et præcipio quod pacifice et honorifice habeat ea conventionē quod ego et uxor mea simus fratres et participes orationum et beneficiorum illius ecclesiæ in sempiternum. Hoc fuit in nativitate Domini, apud Eure in redditu de curia Lond. Teste ipsa domina Matilde et R. Basset.

NUM. XII.

Carta de Ecclesia de Kinewarton.

[Ibid. fol. 89.]

RANDULFUS de Kinewarton omnibus Christi fidelibus eternam in Domino salutem. Ad publicam omnium volo referri notitiam me pro amore Dei et salute animæ meæ, et animæ Christianæ uxoris meæ, et pro animabus omnium parentum et prædecessorum meorum, dedisse et concessisse Deo, et beatæ Mariæ, et beato Egwino, et Rogerio abbati de Evesham et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus, ecclesiam de Kinewarton, cum capella de Alna et cum capella de Witheleia, et cum omnibus ejusdem ecclesiæ pertinentiis et libertatibus, et liberis consuetudinibus, in puram et perpetuam elemosinam, Alexandro filio meo et hærede volente et consentiente. Ut igitur hæc mea donatio et concessio futuris temporibus firmum et stabile robur obtineat illam præsentis scripti annotatione, et sigilli mei appositione roboravi, et cartam meam super magnum altare de Evesham obtuli in memoria prædictæ meæ donationis perpetuo duraturam. Hiis testibus: Alexandro filio meo et hærede, Ric. de Eccleshale, Aluredo de Burchulle decano Eveshamiæ, magistro Absalon. Willielmo senescallo de Evesham, Willielmo de Kapes, Willielmo de Bosco, et Hugone fil. ejus, Roberto Drake, magistro Stephano, Rand. persona de Wike, et multis aliis.

NUM. XIII.

Carta Philippi seneschalli.

[Ibid.]

SCIANT præsentēs et futuri quod ego Philippus seneschallus pro salute animæ meæ et prædecessorum

meorum et hæredum meorum in pleno capitulo Evesham, in presentia domini Adæ abbatis et Maur. prioris, et totius conventus, multis etiam præsentibus tam clericis quam laicis, abjuravi, et in perpetuum remisi amphoram cervisiæ quam percipiebam in bracino abbatis et monachorum. Hanc eandem remisit et abjuravit filius meus et hæres Willielmus primogenitus, et alii filii mei similiter, videlicet Philippus, Simon, Gaufridus. Dominus vero abbas et conventus concesserunt mihi et hæredibus meis molendinum de Salford cum pertinentiis suis, videlicet Mulcroft, et acra prati juxta vadum de Cliva, et stagno, in perpetuum tenendum pro duabus marcis annuatim solvendis pro omni servitio, ad festum sancti Michaelis dimidiam marcem, ad festum sancti Andreæ dimidiam marcem, in annunciatione beatæ Mariæ dimidiam marcem, ad festum sancti Johannis Baptistæ dimidiam marcem. Et ne ex hiis in posterum detur alicui occasio malignandi præsentī paginæ tam ecclesiæ sigillum quam meum proprium, comuni assensu appositum est. Hiis testibus: Ric. Decano de Welles, magistro Radulpho, Girardo camerario abbatis, et multis aliis, scil. Walchelino, Henrico fratre ejus, Henrico fil. Walchelini, Reg. fil. Willielmi, Ricardo de Weston, Bertramo de Hudicoth, Hugone de Bretferton, Augustino de Salford, Waltero Grim.

NUM. XIV.

Carta Benedicti fil. Steph. London.

[Ibid. fol. 89 b.]

Ad diuturnitatem custodia fidelis est scripta quæ emergentibus opponit obstaculum calumpniis, et rerum seriem incommutabili loquitur veritate. Hujus perspectu rationis ego Benedictus olim filius Stephani London præsentī decrevi mandare cyrographo quod cum jampridem prædecessores mei tanquam jure hæreditario possederint ecclesiam sancti Michaelis de Cornhulle in Lond. necnon et ego ipse possederim. Tandem ego animadvertens quod sanctuarium Dei hæreditaria successionē non debeat possideri, præsertim cum ecclesiastica possessio omnino aliena esse debet a laico, quicquid juris habui in præscripta ecclesia in pleno capitulo apud Evesham in præsentia domini Adæ abbatis et conventus ad quos prænominata ecclesia cum pertinentiis suis a multo retro temporibus dinoscitur pertinere, renuntiavi pro salute animæ meæ et animarum prædecessorum meorum. Ita ut de cætero non possim nec aliquis meorum jure successionis possit in præfata ecclesia aliquid juris vindicare.

NUM. XV.

Bulla Clementis Papæ de usu Citrothecarum, Annuli, Mitræ, &c.

[MS. Cotton. Vesp. B. xxiv. fol. 75.]

CLEMENS episcopus, servus servorum Dei, dilectis filiis Rogero abbati et fratribus sancti Egwini Eveshamensis monasterii salutem et apostolicam benedictionem. Largitione nostri muneris et gratiæ eos duximus decorandos quos fidei meritum ac devotionis constantia nobis reddunt acceptos, et qui nullo mediante ad jurisdictionem beati Petri et nostram specialiter pertinere noscuntur. Hac itaque ratione inducta, et devotionis et fidei vestræ intuitu provocati, tibi fili abbas, sicut ex gratia et liberalitate sedis apostolicæ, tu et successores tui usum cirothecarum et anuli habetis; ita quoque usum mitræ, dalmaticæ, tunicæ, et sandaliorum, necnon et vestimenta sacerdotalia benedicendi de consueta clementia et de benignitate sedis apostolicæ duximus concedendum. Indulgentes ut his omnibus in solemnibus diebus infra monasterium tuum, et obedientias ejus, in processionibus quoque ipsius monasterii, in conciliis Romani pontificis et legati ejus, atque in synodis episcoporum incunctanter utamini. Dat. Later. viº. idus Julii pontificatus nostri anno ijº.

NUM. XVI.

Conventio facta inter Abbatem Malmesburiensis Ecclesiæ Robertum secundum, et Abbatem Eveshamensis Ecclesiæ Rogerum secundum, et utriusque loci Conventum, de communicandis omnibus inter ipsos beneficijs tam carnalibus quam spiritualibus.

[MS. Cotton. Vitellius E. xvii. fol. 226.]

HÆC est conventio facta inter abbatem Malmesburiensis ecclesiæ Robertum secundum et abbatem Eveshamensis ecclesiæ Rogerum secundum, et utriusque loci conventum. Quod quotienscumque abbas sive aliquis fratrum hinc inde adventaverit copiam intrandi capitulum habeat, et generaliter communicabit omnibus beneficijs tam carnalibus quam spiritualibus, ac si esset ejusdem loci monachus. Si vero contigerit aliquem fratrum alterutrius ecclesiæ ob aliquem excessum ad alteram directum fuisse, nulla nisi generali debet custodia coartari. Et si forte aliquis instinctu diabolico et propriæ voluntatis arbitrio absque licentia domum propriam egressus fuerit, in altera refugium habeat; et si ibi condigna satisfactione poenituerit, per abbatem illius ecclesiæ domui suæ reconciliari, et loco proprio debet restitui, nisi talis fuerit culpa, pro qua debeat utraque privari. Pro defunctis fiet hoc modo. Pro abbate defuncto unum tricennale fiet in conventu, et tres missæ a quolibet celebrabuntur sacerdote, et a cæteris inferioris ordinis unum psalterium dicetur, et in refectorio præbendam habeat annualem. Pro defuncto autem professo sic fiet. Accepto obitu ejus, si hora competenti breve venerit, statim legetur et facta absolutione, Verba mea, cum Dirige in instanti compleatur; et proxima feria vacante, missa pro eo in conventu solemniter celebrabitur, et a singulis sacerdotibus ei tres missæ persolventur, et ab alijs inferioris ordinis psalterium unum dicetur; et præbenda qualis pro vivo impenditur, per triginta dies pro anima ejus erogabitur. Et nomina tam abbatum quam fratrum defunctorum in martyrologio hinc inde scribentur. Ut autem hæc conventio firma permaneat et rata, utriusque capituli sigillo est corroborata.

Consimilis conventio est inter monasterium Eveshamiæ et monasterium de Witeby; et etiam monasterium Eboracense et prioratum Daciæ civitatis Odene-seye.

NUM. XVII.

Compositio facta inter Abbatem de Evesham et Priorem Wigornensem, inter quos Controversia vertebatur super Communia Pasturarum de Harferton, de Norton, et de Salford, et de Sench, et de Honingham.

[Penes Gul. Stanford de Abbot Salford in com. Warwicensi, armig.]

SCIANT omnes, præsentēs et futuri, quod cum controversia verteretur inter dominum Thomam abbatem Evesham et ejusdem loci conventum ex parte una, et dominum Richardum priorem Wigornensem et ejusdem loci conventum ex altera, super communia pasturarum de Harferton, de Norton, et de Salford, et de Sench, et de Honingham, dicta controversia sub hac forma conquivit, viz. quod dicti abbas et conventus pro se et pro omnibus hominibus suis tam liberis quam nativis (excepto Willielmo dicto senescallo de Evesham) concesserunt dictis priori et conventui in perpetuum quod non communicabunt aliquo tempore in pastura de Harferton a Natali Domini usque ad festum sancti Michaelis, ita tamen quod liceat eis et hominibus suis singulis annis communicare in dicta pastura de Harferton a festo sancti Michaelis usque ad Natalem Domini sicut ibidem eo tempore consueverunt communicare. Dicti vero prior et conventus pro se et pro omnibus hominibus suis de Harferton tam liberis quam nativis concesserunt dictis abbati et conventui in perpetuum quod non communicabunt aliquo tempore in pasturis de Norton, de Salford, de Sench, et de Honingham, a Natali Domini usque ad festum sancti Michaelis; sic tamen quod liceat eis et hominibus suis singulis annis communicare in pasturis de Norton, de Salford, de Sench, et de Honingham, a

festis sancti Michaelis usque ad Natalem Domini sicut ibidem eo tempore communicare consueverunt. Acta in crastino sancti Egwini apud Evesham, anno gratiæ millesimo ducentesimo quadragesimo septimo, coram venerabili viro magistro Simone de Wanton justiciario domini regis itinerante. In cujus rei testimonium parti hujus chirographi penes dictos abbatem et conventum remanenti dicti prior et conventus sigilla sua apposuerunt; alteram vero partem penes dictum priorem et conventum remanentem dicti abbas et conventus sigillis suis roboraverunt. Hijs testibus magistro Simone de Evesham, magistro Willielmo de Powicke, David rectore ecclesiæ de Lindredge, Thoma de Stoke, Thoma de Littlinton, Adam de Boteler, et multis alijs.

NUM. XVIII.

Scriptum de decimis Molendinorum in Manerio de Colaham et Wixebrugg.

[Harl. MS. 3763, fol. 91.]

HÆC est amicabile compositio et ordinatio facta inter ecclesiam de Hildeduna de voluntate et consensu abbatis et conventus de Evesham, patronorum ejusdem ecclesiæ, volente et consentiente magistro Waltero de Langeton ejusdem ecclesiæ tunc rectore, ex una parte, et dominum Rogerum et Philippum hæredem suum de Coulay ex altera, super decimis molendinorum prædicti Rogeri in manerio de Colaham et Wixebrugg, habitorum vel habendorum, de quibus tamen ecclesia de Hilded prius decimas non habuerit. Videlicet quod prædictus Rogerus in recompensationem prædictarum decimarum, et pro eisdem decimis molendinorum contulit ecclesiæ de Hilded. tres culturas de dominico suo ante portam personæ de Hilded. jacentes, scilicet culturam illam quæ protenditur in longum versus la Pulle juxta viam quæ ducitur versus Wivelay, et aliam culturam quæ protenditur in longum ab eadem via versus Coveley. Scilicet totum illud quod dictus Rogerus in eadem cultura habuit. Et tertiam culturam quæ adjacet illi culturæ contigua versus Coveley, et extenditur in longum ab austro versus aquilonem. Dictas videlicet culturas imperpetuum habendas pro prædictis decimis molendinorum, et possidendas. Prædictus vero magister Walterus de Langeton tunc rector dictæ ecclesiæ, de voluntate et consensu abbatis et conventus de Evesham prædicto Rogero concessit ut oratorium, cum campana intra oratorium pendente, erigat in curia sua de Couelay et imperpetuum habeat, tam ipse quam hæredes et successores sui, propriis sumptibus, et proprio capellano suo officiant. Ita tamen quod tam ipse Rogerus et quilibet hæredum suorum qui pro tempore fuerit, quam capellanus qui pro tempore fuerit in prædicto oratorio officians, fidelitatem ecclesiæ de Hilded. et personæ qui pro tempore fuerit faciet, de jure ecclesiæ de Hilded. observando, et de omnibus ad illam pertinentibus, et potissime de obventionibus in eodem oratorio provenientibus quæ pleno jure pertinent ad ecclesiam de Hilded. tam de prædicto Rogero parochiano de Hilded. de tota terra sua quam habet in manerio de Colaham, et de familia sua, quam de hospitibus suis, et ex quacunque alia causa provenientibus. Ita quod prædicta persona pixidem habebit serratam in prædicto oratorio ad obventiones observandas et personæ fideliter in omnibus restituendas. Prædictus vero Rogerus et hæredes sui, cum uxoribus suis, cum in partibus illis fuerint, venient ad ecclesiam de Hilded. in quatuor festivitatibus anni, ut pleno jure parochiani ejusdem ecclesiæ, scilicet in Natali Domini, in Pascha, in festivitate sancti Johannis Baptistæ, et in festo Omnium Sanctorum. Convenit etiam quod si forte aliquis successorum prædicti magistri Walteri in eadem ecclesia de Hilded. prædictum Rogerum sive aliquem hæredum vel successorum suorum aliquo tempore super prædictis decimis molendinorum coram quocunque iudice inquietaverit, vel molestaverit, vel aliquam moverit controversiam, vel aliquo modo hanc compositionem in decimis, vel concessionem in oratorio, in toto vel in parte, infirmare temptaverit perpetua ei obstet exceptio. Et nihilominus tota præ-

dicta terra cum fructibus, medio tempore, a quocunque perceptis, ante litis ingressum et antequam eidem respondere teneantur libere et licite absque omni consuetudine, et sine cujuslibet contradictione, redeat in jus et proprietatem, et dominium, et possessionem prædicti Rogeri vel hæredum et successorum suorum qui pro tempore fuerint. Ita quod ex tali habita possessione et tali habita recompensatione nullum in proseguenda causa sua sentiat persona sibi subsidium profuturum: sed in ipsa causa, utpote de novo omnino inter partes suscitanda, salvæ sint eidem Rogero et hæredibus et successoribus suis omnes defensiones et exceptiones tam ex ista compositione et ordinatione quam aliunde competentes. Et sive prædicta compositio inter partes observata fuerit sive non, ipsum oratorium perpetua permaneat et consistat prædicto modo deservendum. Et ut hæc compositio rata et firma in posterum permaneat abbas et conventus de Evesham, magister Walterus de Langet. tunc persona de Hilded. et dictus Rogerus de Coveley huic scripto, in modum chirographi composito, signa sua apposuerunt. Teste capitulo de Middelsex.

NUM. XIX.

Licentia pro Abbatia firmanda et kernellanda.

[Ibid. fol. 129 b.]

EDWARDUS Dei gratia rex Angliæ, dominus Hiberniæ, et dux Aquitaniæ, omnibus ad quos præsentis literæ pervenerint salutem. Sciatis quod cum nuper per literas nostras patentes de gratia nostra speciali concessimus et licentiam dederimus pro nobis et hæredibus nostris quantum in nobis est dilectis nobis in Christo abbati et conventui de Evesham quod ipsi domum suam ultra portam abbatiæ illius muro de petra et calce firmare et kernellare; et domum illam sic firmatam et kernellatam tenere possent sibi et successoribus suis imperpetuum, prout in literis nostris prædictis plenius continetur. Nos volentes eisdem abbati et conventui gratiam in hac parte facere ampliorem, concessimus et licentiam dedimus pro nobis et hæredibus nostris, quantum in nobis est, præfatis abbati et conventui quod ipsi capellam et alias domos dictæ domui ultra portam prædictam adjacentes, necnon abbatiam prædictam muro de petra et calce firmare et kernellare, et capellam, domos, ac abbatiam prædictas, sic firmatas ac kernellatas, tenere possint sibi et successoribus suis imperpetuum, sine occasione vel impedimento nostri vel hæredum nostrorum justiciariorum, eschaetorum, vicecomitum, aut aliorum ballivorum seu ministrorum nostrorum quorumcunque. In cujus rei testimonium has literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste me apud Westm. quinto-decimo die Martii anno regni nostri decimo.

NUM. XX.

Carta de Feria et Mercatu de Ambresleye.

[Ibid. fol. 137 b.]

EDWARDUS Dei gratia rex Angliæ et Franciæ, et dominus Hiberniæ, archiepiscopis, episcopis, abbatibus, prioribus, comitibus, baronibus, justiciariis, vicecomitibus, præpositis, ministris, et omnibus ballivis et fidelibus suis salutem. Sciatis nos de gratia nostra speciali concessisse et hac carta nostra confirmasse dilectis nobis in Christo abbati et conventui de Evesham quod ipsi et eorum successores imperpetuum habeant unum mercatum singulis septimanis per diem lunæ apud manerium suum de Ambresleye in com. Wygorn. et quandam feriam ibidem singulis annis in festo sancti Barnabæ apostoli, et per tres dies proximos sequentes duraturos, nisi mercatum illud et feria illa sint ad nocumentum vicinorum mercatorum et vicinarum feriarum. Quare volumus et firmiter præcipimus pro nobis et hæredibus nostris quod prædicti abbas et conventus et successores sui prædicti imperpetuum habeant prædictum mercatum et feriam apud manerium suum prædictum cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus ad hujusmodi mercatum et feriam pertinentibus, nisi mercatum illud et

feria illa sint ad nocumentum vicinorum mercatorum et vicinarum feriarum, sicut prædictum est. Hiis testibus: venerabilibus patribus S. archiepiscopo Cantuar. totius Angliæ primate; J. archiepiscopo Ebor. Angl. primate, cancellario nostro, W. episcopo Wynton. thesaurario nostro, Henrico duce Lancastriæ, Ricardo Arundell, Thoma de Bello Campo Warr. comitibus, Rogero de Mortuo Mari de Wyggemore, Henr. de Percy, Johanne de Grey de Retherfeld seneschallo hospitii nostri, et aliis. Dat. per manum nostram apud Westm. decimo die Maij anno regni nostri Angliæ vicesimo octavo, regni vero nostri Franciæ quinto decimo.

NUM. XXI.

Carta Henrici Ducis Lancastriæ de Terris et Tenementis, &c. Monachis de Evesham concessis in Penwortham, &c.

[MS. Cotton. Nero D. III. fol. 246.]

HENRICUS dux Lancastriæ, comes Derbiæ, Lincolnæ, Leycestriæ, ac senescallus Angliæ, omnibus dilectis et fidelibus suis, tam ministris quam ballivis, salutem. Noverint universi per præsentem nos dedisse, concessisse, relaxasse et omnino de nobis et hæredibus nostris quietum clamasse abbati et conventui Eveshamiæ et successoribus eorum imperpetuum omnes terras ac tenementa, messuagia, servicia, domus, reversiones, cum advocationibus ecclesiarum, capellarum, dignitatum, cum elemosinis, piscarijs, pannagijs, libertatibus, liberis curijs, communijs, estoverijs suis capiendi tam in bosco et plano quam in mora, marisco, et turbarijs, tam de claudendo, edificando, et ad edificia et ad constructa reparanda, quam ad comburendum, et ad alia necessaria sua facienda, sine perturbatione nostri, hæredum nostrorum seu ministrorum nostrorum, seu aliorum quorumcunque, quæ quidem terræ, tenementa, messuagia, servicia, communia, reversiones, advocaciones, dignitates, elemosinæ, piscariæ, pannagia, liberæ curiæ, communia, estoveria abbas et conventus habuerunt ante diem confectionis præsentium in villa de Penwortham, Faryngton, Howyke, Hoton, Longeton et Leylond, et per easdem bundas et metas. Præter has donationes ego do et concedo et sigillo meo confirmo Deo et sanctæ Mariæ et monachis in Penwortham Deo servientibus quandam partem vasti nostri inter Martynns, Bothomny et Brandelegh quod vocatur Whadycthegrenes in eadem villa cum pertinentijs, et quod liceat eis dictum vastum claudere et ad utilitatem et usus suos proprios clausum tenere; habendum et tenendum de nobis et hæredibus nostris in liberam et perpetuam elemosinam, sine aliquo servicio sæculari, exactione seu demanda, nichil nobis vel hæredibus nostris reservando, nisi tantum preces et orationes; et nos et hæredes nostri omnes terras et tenementa per easdem metas et bundas et cætera supradicta abbati et conventui et eorum successoribus in perpetuum contra omnes gentes warantizabimus et acquietabimus et defendemus in perpetuum. In cujus rei testimonium, &c.

NUM. XXII.

Litteræ Fraternitatis concessæ Domino Radulpho de Botelaro, Domino de Sydeley, et alijs.

[Bibl. Cotton. Vitellius E. XVII. fol. 249.]

IN Christo Jesu nobis dilectis reverendis personis dominæ Elizabethæ Botelar uxori domini Radulphi Botelar, domini de Sydeley, et Thomæ R. filio eorundem, et Johanni Hende, et J. H. filijs ejusdem Elizabethæ, permissione divina abbas monasterij Eveshamiæ et ejusdem loci conventus, ad Romanam ecclesiam nullo medio pertinentis salutem, et per orationum suffragia regna cœlestia promereri. Devotiones sinceras quas ad nostrum habetis monasterium, ob Christi reverentiam, et gloriosæ virginis Mariæ matris ejus, et sancti Egwini, cujus titulo idem monasterium specialiter insignitur, diligentius attendentes et in Domino commendantes quoad eo præcipue quæ salutem continent animarum quantum

cum Deo possumus vobis et cuilibet vestrum vices cupimus refundere salutare; ideo omnium missarum, orationum, jejuniorum, vigiliarum, abstinentiarum, laborum, disciplinarum, elemosinarum, cæterorumque bonorum omnium quæ per fratres nostros in dicto monasterio nostro misericorditer operari dignabitur clementia Salvatoris, tam in vita quam post mortem participationes perpetuas vobis et cuilibet vestrum concedimus, et vos et quemlibet vestrum in fratrem et sororem domus nostræ admittimus per præsentem. Adjicientes nichilominus et de gratia speciali concedentes ut cum obitus vester vel unius vestrum memoria in capitulo domus nostræ fuerit nunciata, idem pro vobis et altero vestrum fiet quoad præmissa et singularia quod pro fratribus domus nostræ defunctis communiter fieri consuevit. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum commune præsentibus est appensum. Data in capitulo nostro Eveshamiæ tertio die mensis Januarij, anno regni regis Henrici . . . post conquestum Angliæ^a et anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo.

Consimiles Cartæ confraternitatis concessæ sunt domino Bose de Montfort; Johanni duci Bedfordiæ; Cecilie matri regis E. III^{ti}. Annæ ducissæ de Bukyngham.

NUM. XXIII.

Littera certificatoria pro Visitatione.

[Ibid.]

REVERENDO in Christo patri ac domino domino Willelmo Dei gratia abbati monasterij de Perschore ordinis sancti Benedicti, Wygorniensis diocesis, a presidente et capitulo generali dicti ordinis apud Northampton ultimo celebrato visitatori legitime deputato; sui humiles confratres et devoti Johannes permissione divina abbas monasterij Eveshamiæ ordinis sancti Benedicti Wigorniensis diocesis ad Romanam ecclesiam nullo medio pertinentis et ejusdem loci conventus reverentias debitas cum honore. Mandatum vestrum ix^o. die mensis Maij recepimus continens hunc tenorem. Willelmus permissione divina abbas monasterij beatæ Mariæ et sanctæ Edburgæ virginis de Perschore ordinis sancti Benedicti Wygorniensis diocesis per capitulum generale ultimo apud Northampton celebratum visitator deputatus, venerabili Christo patri et domino eadem permissione abbati monasterij de Evesham et ejusdem loci conventui prædictæ ordinis et diocesis salutem in omnium Salvatore. Cum adjunctum nobis officium studiosius peragendum obedientia nos excitet, et necessitas obsequendi, vos dominum abbatem et conventum prædictos præmunimus, per vos absentes, si qui sint, volumus præmuniri, quod die Mercurij proximo ante festum Pentecostes, videlicet ultimo die mensis Maij, cum continuatione et prorogatione dierum ex tunc sequentium, si opus fuerit, vos et statum monasterij vestri prædicti auctoritate nobis commissa, intendimus, Deo favente, personaliter visitare. Quocirca vobis mandamus auctoritate prædicta quatinus in domo capitulari monasterij vestri prædicti, die supradicto hora competenti coram nobis vel commissario nostro seu commissarijs nostris in hac parte compareatis, visitationem nostram prout decet subitari, facturi, et recepturi, in omnibus et per omnia quæ canonicæ sanctiones dictaverint et regularibus conveniant institutis. Die vero receptionis præsentium et quid in præmissis facere decreveritis, ac de nominibus et cognominibus præmunitorum una cum designatione officiorum suorum nos vel commissarium nostrum seu commissarios nostros dictis die et loco debite certificetis per vestras literas patentes harum seriem continentes. Datum in monasterio nostro prædicto tertio die mensis Maij, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo quadragesimo primo. Cui quidem mandato vestro parvumus, paremus, et parebimus in omnibus reverenter. Cujus auctoritate mandati omnes et singulos commonachos et confratres nostros ecclesiæ prædictæ peremptorie citari et præmuniri fecimus quod compareant et nos comparebimus conventualiter congregati coram vobis aut vestris

^a Annus est secundus Henrici quarti.

commissarijs in hac parte quibuscumque, dictis die et loco hora capitulari cum continuatione et prorogatione dierum sequentium, si opus fuerit, vos ad peragendum hujusmodi visitationis vestrae officium humiliter admis- suri, ipsamque visitationem vestram debite subituri, ul- teriusque facturi et recepturi in præmissis quod tenor mandati vestri antedictus exigit et requirit. Nomina et cognomina omnium et singulorum commonachorum et confratrum nostrorum ecclesiae prædictae cum plenaria designatione officiorum eorundem continentur in cedula præsentibus annexa, et sic mandatum vestrum supradic- tum sumus in omnibus executi. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum commune præsentibus duximus appo- nendum. Datum in domo nostra capitulari Eveshamiae penultima die mensis Maij, anno Domini supradicto.

NUM. XXIV.

Hæc sunt Nomina Benefactorum, fratrum et sororum vi- ventium, Monasterij Eveshamiae, scripta per fratrem Thomam Wynchecombe Præcentorem, anno Domini m^o.cccc^o.xliiii^o. H. VI^{ti}. xx^o.^a

[Ibid. fol. 250.]

DOMINUS dominus Willelmus Nevyle dominus de Fawkenbrugge, miles.
Edwardus Nevile dominus de Bergevenye.
Domina Elizabeth Boteler uxor de
Johannes Hende } armigeri et filij ejusdem E. Bo-
Johannes Hende } telar.
Margareta.
Dominus Thomas Stanley miles et Johanna uxor
ejus.
Dominus Ricardus Howzton miles et Margareta
uxor ejus.
Henricus Howzton }
Alicia } filij eorum.
Sibilla }
Dominus Baioniensis episcopus.
Dominus Karolus Whyesdenes sacerdos.
Johannes Kyngeston armiger.
Johannes Byrkehed generosus et Elianora uxor ejus.
Willelmus Wynton uxor ejus.
. . . . Folkes et Margareta uxor ejus.
Alicia Archerd de Worcetria.
. . . . Milleward de Evesham Agnes uxor ejus.
Matild
Ricardus Philippus.
Christiana Hondy de Evesham.
Agnes Adames de Salford.
. . . . Smyth de Lenchewyke et uxor ejus.
. . . . Monke.
. . . . Davyes }
. . . . Boole } de Bretford.
. . . . Carpynter de E. Alicia uxor ejus.
A uxor ejus de Wykewon.
. . . . Smyth, uxor ejus de Bengeworp.
Et J. Mynstrell, Tho. Harper.
Nicholaus Dyer mortuus non habet breve.
Nich. . . . uxor ejus.
. . . . redynge.
Will. Lyddelow.
Tho. Ynddekynne Glasyr.
Ric. Plumar.
Laurencius Bocher et Alice uxor ejus et Petronell
fil.

NUM. XXV.

Hæc sunt Nomina Benefactorum, fratrum et sororum vi- ventium, Monasterij Eveshamiae scripta per fratrem Præcentorem, anno Domini m^o.cccc^o. quingua- gesimo.

[Ibid. fol. 251.]

DOMINUS Th. Ascheby.
Johannes Walle et Maria uxor ejus.
. . . . Segysborow.

Joh. Barbur et Margareta uxor ejus.
. . . . Bodicote et uxor ejus.
. . . . Tetbury et Alicia uxor ejus.
Joh. Schypston et Alicia uxor ejus.
Th. Osteler et Juliana uxor ejus.
Juliana Coke.
Dns. Joh. Ireland rector de Met.
Dns. Will. Redyng rector de Welersey.
Will. Godehorus.
Ric. Adams et Alicia uxor ejus.
Joh. Hyath Tornor, et Marg. uxor ejus.
. . . . Logne et uxor ejus.
Elionora Stafford domina de Grafton.
Will. Puldson armiger.
Th. Holford armiger.
Joh. Pembrok et Elizabeth uxor ejus.
Will. Crowdar et Elizabeth uxor ejus.
Th. Sadeler et uxor ejus.
Will. Tayler et Margeria uxor ejus.
Rob. Honyat et Alicia uxor ejus.
Dns. Will. Stok. Capell.
Joh. Zeonge et Marg. uxor ejus.
Rob. Wystanus et Johanna uxor ejus.
Joh. Ferehlo et Alicia uxor ejus.
Dns. Henricus Pantri rector de Stow.
Th. Aston civis Lond. et Amicia uxor ejus.
Wills. Gregory civis Lond.
Agn^o. Barue vi^d.
Agn^o. Haly xx^d.
Sara Ritic xii^d.
Magister Leodowycus Suddu Baccalarius Juris ca-
nonici.
Walterus Welsche generosus.
Magister Adam Seucher.
Henricus Wolley.
. . . . Bradley.
Symon Cowebryge.
Wills. Godebehere.
Ricardus Smarte.
Johannes Kynge.
Laurentius Moyne et Agnes uxor ejus.
Wills. Broysaldowne et Emota uxor ejus.
Georgius Capul.
Thomas Henley.
Johannes Rolnes et Alicia uxor ejus.
Ricardus Mynsterworth et Sibilla uxor ejus.
Mauritius Panter et Johanna uxor ejus.
Willelmus Golde et Elizabeth uxor ejus.
Edwardus Arthur et Johanna uxor ejus.
Johannes Aleyn et Matilda uxor ejus.
Johannes Huntley.
Henricus Crocher.
Johannes Barbone.
Hugo Jones et Elizabeth uxor ejus.
Matheus Grenys.
Johannes Hale.
Johannes Mylys breviator Xpo. Cantuar. sancti
Augustini et de Broys fuit hic vigilia sancti Mathæi
apostoli.
Johannes Devell breviator de Stodley et Bordsley
fuit hic die Veneris post festum exaltationis sanctæ
crucis.

NUM. XXVI.

Carta Johannis Abbatis de uno Tenemento cum Curtilagio Subpriori Conventus Eveshamiae assignato ad duas lucernas inveniendum.

[MS. Cotton Nero D. III. fol. 247.]

OMNIBUS Christi fidelibus ad quos Litteræ præ- sentes pervenerint, Johannes permissione divina abbas monasterij Eveshamiae, et ejusdem loci conventus, sa- lutem in Domino sempiternam. Noveritis nos unanimi consensu dedisse, concessisse, et præsentis scripto nostro assignasse et confirmasse, pro salute animæ nostræ et Thomæ Evesham monachi et prioris nostri unum tene-

mentum cum curtilagio adjacente, suis sumptibus adquisitum, officio subprioris monasterij nostri antedicti, quod situatum est in alto vico Eveshamiæ ex parte occidentali ex opposito portæ per quam intrant carragia in cimiterium, inter tenementum Sacristæ monasterij prædicti in quo Willelmus Fremon monachus manet ex parte una, et tenementum pitanciarij in quo Ricardus Weler manet ex parte altera, una cum prima camera illa in infirmaria nostra situata, quæ quondam fuit Johannis Warewyk ex parte sinistra introitus Infirmariæ dum vacaverit; habendum et tenendum totum prædictum tenementum cum suis pertinentijs et cum camera prædicta Henrico Bengeworth subpriori, et suis successoribus in perpetuum. Ita tamen quod subprior qui pro tempore fuerit inveniat duas lucernas, unam ad hostium locutorij ante Karulos, et aliam ante hostium coquinarij, cum candelis in eis jugiter omni nocte ardentibus usque post completorium, ob reverentiam crucifixi et ad processiones eo devotius atque frequentius ante collationem ab omnibus faciendas, necnon et ut fratres Deum contemplantes in claustro pro nostris et suis excessibus devotius exorare valeant, videlicet a festo translationis sancti Egwini episcopi et confessoris usque ad festum purificationis beatæ Mariæ quotienscumque et quandocumque necesse fuerit. Hoc tamen proviso, quod tam dictus subprior quam etiam tertius prior cum adjuvamine prioris omnem diligentiam adhibeant, ut hostia claustrij versus curiam claudantur quotienscumque conventus in claustro resideat, nec non et missas de Spiritu Sancto et pro defunctis nullomodo procrastinari permittant. Quod et si contingat per negligentias dictorum gardianorum prænominata hostia non claudi, vel prædictas missas procrastinari, prædicti gardiani digna ammonitione prioris subjaceant, seu per defectum ejusdem subprioris dictas lucernas et candelas ad eas pertinentes minime sustentari, seu negligenter accendi in omnibus noctibus supradictis, vel in aliqua earundem, volumus per priorem qui pro tempore fuerit et conventum de communi ejusdem subprioris idem defectus suppleatur. Volumus tamen et concedimus quod idem frater Thomas prior monasterij nostri dum vixerit dictum tenementum cum curtilagio adjacente sine alicujus contradictione possideat. Si quis vero huic ordinationi nostræ ausu temerario contraire sive contradicere præsumpserit, indignationem omnipotentis Dei, beatæ Mariæ Virginis, ac apostolorum Petri et Pauli, necnon et sancti Egwini omniumque sanctorum ipso facto incurrat. Dat. in domo nostra capitulari, anno Domini m^o.cccc^o. quinquagesimo in festo decollationis sancti Johannis Baptistæ.

NUM. XXVII.

De Consuetudinibus et Ordinationibus officialium separatim in Abbacia de Evesham.

[Ex autographo sub sigillis in curia Augmentationum.]

Cum I. Dei gratiâ Mariæ in via lata diaconus cardinalis, apostolicæ sedis legatus, officio legationis sibi injunctæ in Anglia fungeretur, et orta esset controversia inter me abbatem et nos conventum Evesham super statu domus nostræ coram eo; tandem amicabilem hoc modo sopita est: videlicet, quod abbas infra septa monasterii existens, inter fratres secundum antiquam domus illius consuetudinem conversando regulariter vivet, et exteriora pro viribus suis ad utilitatem ecclesiæ, providè et fideliter dispensabit. Prior verò, subprior, tertius prior, et alii custodes ordinis, prior de Penuertham, præcentor, sacrista, camerarius, celerarius exterior, coquinarius, pitanciarus, infirmarius, elemosinarius, custos vineæ, gardinarius, magister fabricæ ecclesiæ, magister hospitum, de concilio et consensu conventus vel majoris et sanioris partis in capitulo ab abbate creentur. Qui si minus honestè quod absit, vel minus prudenter in officiis suis se habuerint, vel malè administraverint, à fratribus prius correpti regulentur, si non emendaverint, in capitulo amoveantur, et alii sub forma prædicta in loco eorum in capitulo in conventu subrogentur, ne aliquo casu in manum regis deveniant ipsa officia, abbate fortè decedente, vel per moram fiat deterioratio obedi-

entiarum, aut aliquis defectus propter moram emergat. Prior verò, et prædicti magistri ordinis simul cum abbate, ut ordo monasticus cum rigore disciplinæ secundum regulam beati Benedicti observetur, summam diligentiam adhibeant. Maximè autem opera præstent, ne monachi aliquid proprium habeant, et ne aliàs quàm in refectorio sine licentia comedant, et ut elemosina sua per manus elemosinarii erogetur; et ne a claustro sine licentia exeant, et ut silentium locis et horis statutis observetur, et ut fratres frequenter delicta confiteantur, nec tamen aliis quam hiis qui ad hoc deputantur. Alii vero supradicti officiales omnes qui redditus percipiunt, quater in anno coram abbate, vel eo quem loco suo statuerit, priore, et sex claustralibus, tribus ab abbate, et tribus a conventu vocatis, de administratione sua computum reddant, coquinarius verò qualibet ebdomada.

Isti vero officiales, quotiens domi fuerint, in congregatione jugiter permaneant, et conventum in ecclesia, in capitulo, in claustro, in refectorio sequantur, ut si, quod absit, in officiis suis aliquis defectus emergerit, illi statim suppleant. Nulli duo officia assignentur, sed cuilibet adjungatur socius testis diligentiae suæ.

Si vero in aliquo officio propter temporis malitiam aliquid ultra redditus officio illi assignatos expensum fuerit, si in aliquo officio aliquid fuerit residuum; per illud defectus alterius officii suppleatur. Si autem ullum officium defectum alterius officii supplere potuerit, abbas per manum celerarii exterioris suppleat. Præterea si quodlibet officium sibi suffecerit, et aliquid residuum fuerit; abbas de concilio capituli, vel majoris et sanioris partis in id quod in capitulo judicaverit utilius ecclesiæ expendat. Si verò aliquid de redditibus monachorum officiis assignatis, vel in perpetuum, quod absit, vel ad tempus detineri contigerit, vel aliquo modo evacuari, vel diminui, abbas tandem de concilio capituli ubi commode fieri poterit alibi in eodem officio assignet. Liceat præterea monachis possessiones et redditus officiis suis assignatos, veluti novalia faciendo, et redditus augmentando, et novos adquirendo ampliare, seu quibuscunque aliis justis modis meliorare. Celerarius siquidem exterior talis de proprio conventu et in capitulo ab abbate creetur, qui exceptis redditibus monachorum officiis assignatis, ad præceptum abbatis totius abbathiæ curam gerens, sciat et possit conventui necessaria ministrare, scilicet panem, cervisiam, duo pulmenta, ignem et salem, et quædam alia in consuetudinibus expressa. Hospitibus autem juxta facultatem domus providebit celerarius. Viris tamen religiosis, qui de officio suo sunt, videlicet personis eorum sicut et fratribus administrabit, exceptis abbatibus et capellanis eorum, quibus non inveniet aliquid nisi in diebus jejunii, sicut nec ipsi abbati, nec illis qui cum eo comedent, vel capellanis ejus, hoc dicimus nisi in refectorio comedant. Servientibus etiam obedientiarum abbathiæ, celerarius procuracionem debitam et stipendia juxta consuetudinem domus administrabit. Iste quidem celerarius de administratione sua, non solum. quater superioribus, sed quotiens ipse abbas voluerit computum reddat, qui nisi benè administraverit, sicut de aliis obedientiariis dictum est, ad justam conquestionem conventus, et rationabilem voluntatem abbatis amoveatur, et alius statim loco ejus subrogetur, et in capitulo numerum fratrum abbas integrum conservet, nullum monachum recipiat, aut ejiciat, vel ad tempus vel in perpetuum, nisi de concilio conventus vel majoris et sanioris partis, et in capitulo. Ecclesias autem, vel alios redditus, vel aliquas terras, non nisi de concilio universitatis vel majoris et sanioris partis, et in capitulo alicui conferat, nec rusticos sine consensu eorundem manumittat. De terris siquidem revocandis, si quæ tempore suo vel prædecessoris sui alienatæ sunt, pro viribus suis, concilio conventus sui utatur. Similiter in causis ecclesiasticis, vel forensibus agendis, vel terminandis, capituli sui utatur concilio. Servientes autem qui monachis ministrare tenentur, scilicet, de infirmaria, sartrina, lavandaria, refectorio, sacristaria, locutorio, de concilio capituli secundum priorem formam constituentur et deponantur. Hæc omnia intelligantur salvis in omnibus regularibus institutis.

NUM. XXVIII.

Hij sunt redditus Officiis Monachorum Eoveshamensis Cœnobii assignati.

Ad prioratum pertinent decimæ de Beningwrthe, tam majores quam minores, de terris monachorum, ad pergamenum et exhibitionem scriptorum pro libris scribendis.

Præcentor.

Ad officium præcentoris pertinet quædam terra de Hamptona, de qua precipit præcentor annuatim quinque solidos: et decimæ de Stokes, et de quadam terra de Alnecestre decem et octo denarios. Ex his debet invenire præcentor incaustum omnibus scriptoribus monasterii, et pergamenum ad brevia, et colores ad illuminandum, et necessaria ad ligandum libros, et necessaria ad organa.

Sacrista.

Ad sacristariam autem pertinent sex capellæ in valle, videlicet duæ in Evesham, ex quibus percipit sacrista annuatim decem marcas et candelas quæ offeruntur in illis. Duæ etiam capellæ de Lenchwic, et de Nortona, de quibus percipit decem solidos annuatim, et una in Mortona, de qua percipit tres solidos annuatim, et una in Uffeham, de qua percipit decem et octo denarios. Item de ecclesia de Baddebi percipit duas marcas. De capella de Wihtlakeford decem solidos. De ecclesia de Westona dimidiam marcam. De ecclesia de Stowa quinque solidos vel duas petras ceræ. De ecclesia sancti Albani in Wigornia quinque libras ceræ. De burgagio in villa Eovesham viginti solidos. De burgagio in Wigornia quinquaginta solidos. De terra in Hamptona quinque solidos. In Lench pertinent ad sacristariam tres hidæ et dimidia. In Bretfortona in uno campo quinquaginta quinque acræ: in altero septuaginta sex in dominico; in villenagio quinque virgatæ terræ et dimidia, et decima de eadem terra, in garbis, linis, et agnis, et decimæ de quatuor hidis in eadem villa, duabus scilicet hidis Hugonis, et duabus Willielmi de Cairdino, et decimæ de novem virgatis terræ Pagani in Littleton, et decimæ de quinque virgatis terræ senescalli in Baddeseia, et decimæ de dominico de Pikesleia in Herefordiascire. Omnes etiam oblationes et legata omnia altaris de Eovesham.

Camerarius.

Ad cameram pertinent Meilgareshrai et Snella, sicut antiquitus fuerit; et loco Burhton quæ fuit ad cameram, assignata est Theclestropa, ita videlicet quod abbas ex hac camera nec vestimenta, nec aliud percipiet, sicut consuevit ex priori camera exigere. Hæc autem maneria imperpetuum cum omni integritate sua ad vestiendum fratres permanere debent.

Coquinarius.

Ad coquinam verò pertinent de villa et foro de Eovesham qualibet die sabbati quinque solidi et tres oboli. De molendinis ejusdem villæ juxta vineam cum pertinentiis suis quinque marcæ annuatim terminis suis solvendæ. De molendinis juxta pontem, et de molendinis in Hamptona cum pertinentiis suis qualibet die sabbati triginta denarii, et sexaginta sticæ anguillarum annuatim. De villa de Stowa et foro, qualibet die dominicâ quatuor solidi. De Mortona sexaginta solidi. De Saltford sexaginta solidi. De Wihtlakeford quatuor libræ. De molendino in eadem villa viginti solidi, et duodecim sticæ anguillarum annuatim. De molendino senescalli in Saltford viginti solidi. De molendino de Chadelerberia cum suis pertinentiis, viginti quinque solidi et quadraginta sticæ anguillarum. De molendino de Twiford, et de Aldingtoa, cum pertinentiis suis, viginti octo solidi et quadraginta sticæ anguillarum. De molendino de Uffeham decem solidi cum pertinentiis suis. De Fokemulna dimidia marca. De molendino in Wikewon octo solidi. De Wdefeo pertinent sexaginta solidi ad coquinam. De piscatione in Ambresl. viginti

tres solidi. In Glouc. de terra Roberti Bould, tres solidi et obolus. De terra quadam et quodam furno in Wincelcumb, duo solidi et una libra piperis. In Evesham de terra uxoris Johannis Grene una libra piperis. De terra Reginaldi filii Willielmi in eadem villa dimidia marca annuatim. De Pennertham una summa salmonis. De qualibet carucata terræ in valle Eovesham de dominico, excepto Aldington, trecenta ova annuatim, et de quolibet manerio tres denarii ad dicos, et duodecim ollæ. De Bradewella viginti ova et tres denarii, et duodecim ollæ. Item singulis diebus habere debet coquinarius forragium ad unum equum et præbendam, vel duo præbendaria de furfure de granario, et duos porcos habere debet ad plancher. et quotiens emerit in villa de Evesham piscem ad totum conventum, debet habere de cellario panem et justam ad opus piscatorum. Ad omnes etiam cibos qui condimento cervisiæ indigent debet habere cervisiam de cellario.

Pitanciaris.

Ad pitanciarum etiam pertinent in Evesham de nova terra decem marcæ. De Wrotesleia duæ marcæ. De Uleborga viginti quinque solidi. De ecclesia de Hildendon una marca. De ecclesia de Leilond una marca. De molendino de Wihtlakeforth dimidia marca. De molendino senescalli in Saltford dimidia marca. De Ambresl. duodecim sextarii mellis.

Infirmarius.

Ad infirmariam pertinent molendinum fullonum de Burhtona cum pertinentiis suis de quo percipit infirmarius tres marcas: et duo molendina sub Stowa, de quibus percipit quatuordecim solidos. In eadem villa de terra Towa duos solidos. De terra eidem vicina duos solidos. De terra Sowi in eadem villa duodecim denarios. In villa de Evesham, de burgagio triginta duos denarios. De Sulstano quatuor solidos et quatuor denarios, et candelas quæ offeruntur in capella sancti Johannis.

Elemosinarius.

Ad elemosinariam pertinent duo furni in Eovesham et redditus de Pennertham, scilicet quatuor marcæ: In Eovesham de terra portarii duodecim denarii. De terra ei contigua sex denarii. De terra Cranforth cum Soppa ferri duodecim denarii. In Glouc. de terra data cum Rodberto monacho quatuor solidi. In eadem villa de terra Johannis Crume quatuor solidi. De Aldintona nonaginta ova. De toto etiam pane infra portam cocto vel empto, debet elemosinarius habere decimam. Abbas etiam in cœna Domini debet invenire dimidiam marcam ad mandatum per manum elemosinarii liberandam fratribus ut distribuant pauperibus, et de cellario cellarius debet dare singulis pauperibus singulos panes, et tria allecia, et de cervisia quantum opus fuerit. Debet etiam elemosinarius curam habere orti monachorum.

Magister Fabricæ.

Ad fabricam ecclesiæ et domorum claustro adjacentium pertinent decem libræ de ecclesia de Ambresl. quæ si aliquo casu solutæ non fuerint, abbas ecclesiam et domos cooperire debet: et decimæ de terra Willielmi Beorn et fabri in Uffeham et legata, et si quæ sunt aliæ gratuitæ obventiones.

Celerarius.

Hæ sunt consuetudines Eoveshamensis cœnobii, ab antiquis temporibus statutæ, et a celerario generali complendæ. Celerarius itaque qui totius abbatiæ curam geret, exceptis redditibus assignatis officiis monachorum, hospitibus juxta facultatem domus necessaria administrabit, omnibus videlicet, excepto eo quod coquinarius quæ de officio suo sunt viris religiosis invenire debet. Debet etiam idem celerarius ea quæ inferiùs annotata sunt de officio suo fratribus per manus subcelerarii administrare. A cellario igitur singulis diebus de-

bent venire in refectarium septuaginta et duo panes monachiles, quorum quilibet erit ponderis sexaginta quinque solidorum. Ex quibus singuli monachi singulos percipient. Prior et per duplum nisi cum abbate comederit. Nichilominus qui ad superiorem mensam ut custos ordinis sederit duplum: qui missam majorem celebraverit duos: lector verò et servitores unum ad mixtum: elemosinarius autem sex de decima, et tres ad mandatum et duos ad triennales currentes: percipiet etiam quilibet fratrum cotidie duas justas de cervisia, et certæ mensuræ. Inveniet etiam celerarius salem et ligna ad ignem, et singulis diebus duo pulmenta: ad unum, de fabis siccis unum prebendarium rasum, vel de novis cumulatam de granario: ad aliud verò pulmentum decem panes monachiles de celerario singulis diebus, præterquam in Quadragesima in qua percipient duodecim summas fabar. de Huniburn, ad unum pulmentum invenendum per totam Quadragesimam, et de avena duodecim summas de eadem villa ad gruellum faciendum, scilicet quarta et sexta feria per totam Quadragesimam, et farinam ad olera singulis diebus in Quadragesima. Insuper debent habere monachi ad octo festivitates principales octo summas frumenti, ad quamlibet scilicet festivitatem unam summam ad frixuras de granario, et in eisdem festivitibus singulos fiffuls de frumento ad wastellos de granario, et in translatione sancti Ecgini duos, ad prandium scilicet et ad cœnam. Præterea percipiet coquinarius ad Pascha tria prebendaria frumenti de granario ad flathones inveniendo. Similiter et in Rogationibus, ad festum sancti Odulfi unum prebendarium ad frixuras. Similiter in Septuagesima, et uno die parasceve ad pulmentum. Ad formictas verò in Adventu Domini debent habere quatuordecim summas contra Natale Domini, contra Quadragesimam tantundem, contra Pascha totidem, contra Pentecosten totidem, contra Translationem sancti Ecgini totidem, omnes scilicet percipiendas de horreis. Debent etiam habere de celerario singulis diebus sabbati caritatem ad collationem pro mandato. Et ad omnes collationes festivitatum tam in capis quàm in albis, in vigilia, et in die, exceptis collationibus septem principalium festivitatum, tam in vigilia quam in die, tunc enim pitanciarius invenire debet. Debent etiam habere caritatem de cellario ad prandium singulis diebus octabarum principalium festivitatum quæ octabas habent, exceptis diebus quibus sunt in capis, tunc enim pitanciarius inveniet. Et ad collationem singulis earundem octabarum, et à Natali Domini usque ad Epiphaniam, simili modo habebunt de cellario, et quandocunque est potus post nonam, percipiet refectorarius duas justas de cellario, et ad mixtum unam. Item singulis diebus dominicis in Quadragesima dimidium prebendarium frumenti de granario ad oblatas ad cœnam, et dimidium similiter in cœna Domini ad idem. In minutionibus verò et misericordiis regularibus duo et duo, unam justam de cellario tam ad prandium quàm ad cœnam. In . . . verò unam. Serviens verò fratres sanguinaverit panem et justam recipiet de cellario, si plures fuerint sanguinati. Quotiens etiam mappæ de refectorio abluuntur, servientes de lavendaria panem monachilem de cellario habere debent, et tribus septimanis in Adventu Domini, et tribus ante Pascha, singulis scilicet diebus quando fratres balneant. Balneatores percipere debent de cellario panem et justam. Item duo capellani, sancti videlicet Laurentii et Omnium Sanctorum debent habere quotidie de cellario panem et cervisiam sicut et monachi. Debet etiam camerarius habere cotidie de cellario ad unum servientem procuracionem, et præbendam ad unum equum de granario, et forragium de grangia: similiter et sacrista. Item in anniversariis abbatum, Reginaldi scilicet, et Adæ, habere debent monachi singulos fiffuls de granario ad wastellos, et viginti solidos de ecclesia de Buldewellei ad pitanciam et caritatem. In die Animarum recipere debet elemosinarius unam summam frumenti de granario pauperibus erogandam. Similiter fiet in obitu cujuslibet monachi Evesham. Abbas et monachi ejusdem loci per totum annum post obitum suum totum conredium sicut in vita sua perceperint habere debent; quod alicui indigenti pro anima sua erogabitur. Servienses etiam qui vigilant circa fratrem proximum morti, panem et cer-

visiam habere debent de cellario. Si verò obitus abbatis vel monachi alterius domus, si fuerint de capitulo Evesham, venerint; ad annalé pro abbate et tritennale pro monacho de cellario panis et cervisia, sicut et monacho alicui pauperi, erogabuntur. Ut autem hæc in posterum observentur, præfatus legatus ea sub hac forma confirmavit.

“Johannes Dei gratia sanctæ Mariæ in via lata diaconus cardinalis, apostolicæ sedis legatus, dilectis fratribus abbati et conventui de Evesham in vero salutari salutem. Ea quæ pro statu religiosorum locorum et observantia regulari providè statuuntur, firmiter et inviolabiliter volumus observari. Eapropter vestris postulationibus annuentes, constitutiones quasdam pro statu monasterii et religionis observantia inter vos communi factas assensu, et redactas in scripto, prout rationabiliter et regulariter factæ sunt, et ab utraque parte spontè receptæ, legationis auctoritate quâ fungimur confirmamus, et præsentis scripti patrociniò communimus. Hujus autem confirmationis auctenticum sub communi custodia cum sigillo ecclesiæ nostræ servandum posuimus: et hæc omnia sigillorum nostrorum appositione roboravimus. Et ut hæc omnia imperpetuum immutilata firmiter observentur, magister Rodbertus de Wlveia, et magister Thomas de Warewic, et Willielmus senescallus de Evesham, ad petitionem et instantiam domini R. abbatis, eo præsentem, in animam ipsius abbatis, ipsum abbatem præmissa omnia pro posse suo observaturum, et nos paterna dilectione tractaturum, et concilio conventus sui se usurum, tactis sacrosanctis evangeliis juravit, et nos conventus singuli et universi hoc idem nos observaturos sub eadem cautela promissimus, et domino abbati, ut patri et domino reverendo, obedientiam et reverentiam exhibituros, quamdiu nos paterna tractaverit affectione. Et prædicti Rodbertus, Thomas et Willielmus jurati in testimonium præmissorum simul nobiscum sigilla sua apposuerunt.”

NUM. XXIX.

Prioratus de Othenesie in Dania, Cella de Evesham.

[Ex Registro de Evesham in Bibliotheca Cottoniana, Vespas. B. xxiv. fol. 16 a.]

WALDEMARUS Dei gratia rex Danorum, universis sanctæ matris ecclesiæ filiis salutem. Quod antiqua prædecessorum majestas firmavit, nullatenus volumus infirmare, verum prout debemus, et possumus, roborare, et ampliare. Notum satis est, et verum est, quod cum avus meus, piæ memoriæ Ericus, apud Othenesei monachos habere disponderet, suggerente et constituyente Hubaldo tunc ibidem episcopo, ædificatores primos de ecclesia Eveshamensi, et monasticæ religionis institutores accepit. Dignum itaque judicamus, ut confederationem ecclesiæ de Othenesie quam habet ad matrem suam ecclesiam de Evesham, et dignitatem quam habet ecclesia Eveshamensis in filiam ecclesiam de Otheneseia, à præfato avo meo Erico confirmatam, auctoritate nostra firmemus: ut scilicet ecclesia de Othenesei matrem suam de Evesham veneretur, concilium, et auxilium in desolatione ab ea quærat. Ecclesia de Evesham filiam suam, ecclesiam de Othenesei, et filios inibi habitantes, diligat, et foveat. Prior loci de Othenesei, apud Evesham, vel Otheneseiam electus, auctoritate matricis ecclesiæ de Evesham firmetur. Si quis frater cum licentia ad utroque venerit, sicut monachus ecclesiæ suscipiatur, nec in aliquo, quod ad fratres ecclesiæ pertineat, fiat alienus. Sic usque ad tempora nostra fuisse, et sic esse debere, et hæc Otheniensis, et illa Eveshamensis testatur ecclesia, quod et nos in omnibus imperpetuum observari volumus, et auctoritate nostra præcipimus, et ne ducatur id in irritum, ut inconcussum et ratum maneat, sigilli nostri testimonio confirmamus. Hæc conservantes conservet dominus, renitentes et obloquentes impugnet altissimus. Amen. Data est carta anno Dominicæ incarnationis mclxxiiij. per manum fratris Willielmi à corpore ecclesiæ de Evesham tunc in priorem electi, et ad regimen prioratus, Otheneseiam transmissi, et per propriam manum nostram ibidem introducti, presidente tunc eidem loco venerabili episcopo S. et præsentem Fretherico He-thebiensi episcopo.

NUM. XXX.

Carta R. Episcopi de Othenesi.

[Ibid. fol. 19 a.]

R. DEI gratia episcopus Othenesi, et B. prior, totusque conventus, karissimis dominis et amicis, domino R. abbati Eveshamensi, totique conventui, cunctis quoque fidelibus salutem, et debitam dilectionem. Notum sit omnibus Dei cultoribus, tam præsentibus quam futuris, sanctam Otheniensem ecclesiam, ab Eveshamensi ecclesia, à Dei genitrice electa, monachica institutione regulariter insignitam, temporibus Willielmi junioris regis Anglorum, et Erii sapientissimi regis Danorum. Quamobrem inter matrem et filiam hujusmodi statutum est privilegium, ut quamvis eas corporaliter dividat terrarum spatium, sint tamen omnimodis spiritualiter idem et unum. Si quis fratrum Eveshamii, cum licentia abbatis sui, et litteris commendatitiis ad Othenesiam venerit, sit ibi quanto tempore cupit, et permiserit licentia, omnino subditus, et obediens priori ejusdem loci, in capitulo et omnibus aliis locis habens necessaria de illo loco, quamdiu ibi fuerit, sicut unus ex fratribus loci. Si quis verò aliter venerit, propter vitandam securitatem exeundi de claustro, atque occasionem peccandi, omnino a tali consortio repudiabitur: similiter apud Evesham fiat. Pro fratribus verò defunctis hoc utrinque servabitur: anniversarium in martirilogio scribetur, cibus triginta diebus pro fratribus dabitur. Pro pastoribus autem locorum integro anno triginta officia plenaria in conventu cantabuntur, singuli fratrum triginta missas, vel decem psalteria persolvent. Mox ut breve defuncti venerit tabula pulsabitur, vigilia cantabitur, sonabunt classicum. Defuncto priore Othenisiam, et alio in ejus loco, astipulantibus rege, et episcopo, electione totius capituli constituto, sive de Othenisia, sive de Evesham, si opus et voluntas congregationis Othenisiam fuerit, res ad conventum Evesham, et patrem loci deferetur, vel ab ipso priore electo, vel ab ejus nuntio, illorumque concilio, prece, et adjutorio, pro posse roborabitur. Hæc servans servetur; destruens à Deo destruatur. Fiat, Fiat, Amen. Ego Riculfus episcopus subscribo. Ego Riqui episcopus subscribo. Ego Illuch episcopus subscribo.

NUM. XXXI.

De Abbatibus Eveshamiæ, &c.

[Ex antiquo codice MS. in Bibl. Deuvesiana, hodie MS. Harl. Brit. Mus. num. 229, fol. 17.]

ANNO gratiæ dcccij. tempore regis Æthelredi filii Pendæ regis Merciorum, et Brithwaldi archiepiscopi, sanctus Egwinus Deo dilectus, Wigornensis ecclesiæ præsulatum suscepit, cui gloriosissima Virgo Maria decimo anno sui episcopatus, in loco qui dicitur Hethome, nunc vero Evesham nominatur, manifestâ visione apparuit. Quem quidem locum, consentiente rege Æthelredo atque donante, statim ædificare inchoavit in honore ejusdem gloriosæ Virginis Mariæ. Sexto siquidem anno post hæc episcopatum prædictum ex toto reliquit, et apud Evesham primus abbas pastor et patronus effectus est, ubi sanctissimè ac religiosissimè novem annis vivens cum fratribus, devotissimè perrexit ad Dominum, videlicet iij. kal. Januarii anno gratiæ dcccxvij. Post cujus mortem, decem et octo abbates huic loco successivè præfuerunt, quorum hæc sunt nomina: Athelwoldus, Aldbore, Aldbath, Aldfert, Tyldbrith, Cutulf, Aldmund, Credanus, Tintferth, Aldbald, Etbrith, Elferd, Wlfard, Kynelm, Kyuath, Ebba, Kynath, Edwinus. Qui omnes possessiones à beato Egwyno adquisitas integerrimè sine diminutione, veluti ipse dereliquit, annis quamplurimis tenuerunt: sed defuncto Edwino præfato abbate, facta est dispersio monachorum Eveshamensis cœnobii per Athelmum et Wlricum laicos et Osulfum episcopum, et substituti sunt canonici seculares, anno videlicet Domini dcccxlj. usque ad tempus regis Edgari et beati Dunstani, anno gratiæ dcccclx. Item post mortem pii regis Edgari, expulsi sunt monachi Eveshamenses, et instituti sunt canonici per Alferum principem Merciorum, anno gratiæ dcccclxxvij. Deinde rex Ethelredus, frater beati

Edwardi martyris, dedit hunc locum cuidam potenti, Godwino nomine, deinde episcopo Agelsio, et post episcopo Athelstano. Quo defuncto, Aldulfus episcopus Wygornia à rege hanc abbatiam obtinuit, et primus libertate sua fraudavit, et suæ jurisdictioni subjecit, et ita de una potestate in aliam potestatem contrariam res hujus monasterii miserrimè distrahebantur. A tempore tamen secundæ dispersionis monachorum, quidam abbates huic loco per vices præfuerunt, non continuè, sed interpolatim, videlicet Oswaldus, Freodegarus, Alfricus, Alfgarus, Brithmarus, Agelwinus. Qui quidem abbates antiquas possessiones integrè minimè potuerunt habere: sed tandem, videlicet anno gratiæ mxiiij. rex Ethelredus quendam monachum Ramesiensem, Ailwardum nomine, inibi abbatem constituit, et post, episcopum Londoniensem, non tamen hujus loci gubernationem deseruit. Qui vir venerabilis illuc adveniens, pervasorem Godewinum, qui semper quadraginta habuit hidas, illuc expulsi, terras et possessiones omnes viriliter adquisivit. Transiit autem iste gloriosus Ailwardus, Londoniensis ecclesiæ, ut prædiximus, antistes, et hujus ecclesiæ pastor piissimus, xxx. anno sui adventus, videlicet anno ab incarnatione Domini mxliij. et apud Ramesiensem ecclesiam, ubi prius fuerat monachus, sepultus requiescit.

Huic successit Mannius, hujus ecclesiæ monachus, à rege Edwardo electus, qui vir venerabilis et sacris liberisque plurimis artibus fuerat imbutus; videlicet, cantor, scriptor, pictor, aurique fratribus operis scientia pollens, super omnes alios ferè hujus patriæ magister optimus habebatur. Hic post aliquantum tempus gravi infirmitate detentus, quendam monachum de suis, consentiente rege Edwardo, ad officium pastorale elegit, Egelwium nomine, cui rex abbatiam istam ex toto tradidit et abbatem pro eo fecit. Vixit autem Mannius postmodum vij. annis; et eadem nocte et hora, ut fertur, qua rex gloriosus Edwardus, ex hoc sæculo transiit, videlicet viij. idus Januarii, in festo Epiphaniæ anno Domini mlxv.

NUM. XXXII.

De Abbatibus Eveshamiæ post Conquestum.

[Ibid. fol. 17 b.]

EGELWIUS, ut dictum est, successit Mannio. Hic vir venerabilis moribus erat valde probatus, et tam generis nobilitate quàm divina lege ac sæculari prudentia plurimum insignitus, quem rex Edwardus ab Aldredo archiepiscopo fecit honorabiliter consecrari. Defuncto rege Edwardo, et Haraldo rege à Willielmo conquestore devicto, iste abbas Egelwius ad eum accessit, Deoque gratiam donante, inter omnes barones hujus Anglicæ gentis maximam amicitiam apud eum optinuit. Tandem, multis laboribus et ægritudine fatigatus, plenus dierum laudabilem vitam finivit xiiij. kal. Martii anno Domini mlxxvij.

Post quem, misit rex huc quendam monachum de monasterio quod vocatur Cerasia, Walterum nomine, literis tam liberalibus quam grammaticis undecumque eruditissimum. Iste abbas per iniquam potentiam Odonis, fratris regis, Baiocensis episcopi, viginti octo villas amisit. Et cum ferè octo annis isti ecclesiæ præfuisset, diem suum clausit extremum xij. kal. Februarii anno gratiæ mlxxxvj.

Huic substitutus est Robertus, monachus de Gimeges, cujus tempore forum de Stowe fuit adquisitum. Et cum decem annis ecclesiam rexisset, migravit ad Dominum anno Domini mxcvj.

Cui successit Mauricius, hujus ecclesiæ monachus: vixit autem xxxij. annis et obiit anno Domini mcxxij.

Isti substitutus est Reginaldus, monachus Gloucestriæ, nepos comitis Milonis Herefordiæ, cujus adjutorio et aliorum consanguineorum amovit domos militum de Kynewarton et de Cocton et aliorum a loco ubi modò est ortus monachorum et crofta sancti Kenelmi, quibus quasi obsessa fuit abbatia. Obiit autem viij. kal. Septembris anno gratiæ mclxix.

Post quem successit Willielmus de Andevilla, monachus ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariæ. Iste audacter Willielmum de Bello Campo, et complices suos, qui muros

cimiterii destruxerant, et bona ecclesiæ tempore guerræ rapiebant, extricavit. Transiit autem ii. nonas Januarii anno Domini mclix.

Huic substitutus est Rogerus, monachus sancti Augustini Cantuariæ, qui parvo tempore viriliter tamen sicut abbas prior vixit, et obiit ij. nonas Januarii anno Domini mclx.

Isti successit Adam, monachus Cluniacensis de Caritate. Iste felicia habuit tempora, et multa bona hîc ejus tempore facta sunt. Et quamvis prædecessores ejus fuerint viri religiosi et valde ordinati, iste dicitur præ cæteris ordinem reformasse. Et cum fermè xxx. annis ecclesiam suam rexisset in pace, vitam finivit pridie idus Novembris anno Domini mcxcj.

Cui successit Rogerus Norreys, quondam ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariæ monachus, qui à nullo collegio requisitus vel assumptus, per regiam potestatem, ut intrusor, in Eveshamensem promovetur abbatem. Iste abbas monachos crudeliter oppressit, victum et vestitum ab eis pro magna parte subtraxit, redditus eorum et omnes obedientias ferè sibi appropriavit. Unde propter suam tyrannidem et exordinationes, à domino Nicolao, Tusculanensi episcopo, tunc domini papæ in Anglia legato, depositus est, et exabbas factus anno Domini mcccij.

Deposito Rogero, substitutus est vir venerabilis vitæ dominus Rondulphus, prior Wygornia, natione Eveshamensis, qui secundo anno suæ installationis ivit Romanam ad Concilium generale, ubi confirmationem dispositionis reddituum et consuetudinum domus, et alia multa necessaria impetravit. Et cum xv. annis suam ecclesiam gubernasset, in Domino feliciter obdormivit xvj. kal. Januarii anno Domini mcccix.

Post quem Thomas de Marleberg, prior ejusdem loci eligitur, sed minimè potuit admitti nisi per curiam Romanam, unde derogatur jurisdictioni Cantuariensis archiepiscopi; et anno sequenti benedicitur in abbatem ab episcopo Coventrensi. Iste abbas primò sculpsit super duas tumbas prædecessorum suorum ad honorem et ostensionem dignitatis ecclesiæ ymagines episcopales, et sibi ipsi cum eisdem fecit mausoleum, et incidit in lapide marmoreo superposito ymaginem episcopalem had honorem ecclesiæ. Obiit autem idus Septembris anno Domini mcccxxvj.

Isti successit Ricardus le Gras, prior de Hurleye, cujus tempore venerabilis pater Johannes episcopus dedicavit ecclesiam de Evesham, videlicet anno Domini mcccxxxix. Hic autem abbas multùm fuerat occupatus in servicio domini Henrici regis Angliæ citra mare et ultra, ac tandem in partibus Guasconia viam universæ carnis ingressus est quinto idus Decembris anno gratiæ mccccli.

Post quem Thomas de Gloveria, monachus ejusdem domus, in abbatem eligitur, qui anno sequenti à domino Innocentio iiij. confirmatur, et ab episcopo Eliensi de mandato ejusdem papæ, recepto priùs juramento, benedicitur. Transactis utique ferè quatuordecim annis ex hoc sæculo migravit ad Dominum xvij. kal. Januarii, anno videlicet Domini mccciv.

Cui successit Henricus, ejusdem ecclesiæ prior, qui à papa Alexandro iiij. postmodum confirmatur. Iste abbas peroptimus multa beneficia conventui contulit, ac obedientias tenues benignissimè ampliavit, et cum vij. annis hanc ecclesiam prudenter ac strenuè gubernasset, feliciter in Christo quievit idus Novembris, anno videlicet gratiæ mcccxiij.

Defuncto abbate Henrico, vacavit ecclesia per multum tempus; tandem circa festum sanctæ crucis in autumpno, anno videlicet Domini mcccxvj. venit legatus Ottobonus apud Evesham, et constituit monachis ibidem in abbatem dominum Willielmum de Wytechurche, quondam monachum de Persore, postea abbatem de Alyncestre. Iste abbas comparavit de domino Willielmo de Bello Campo, comite Warewyci, manerium de Bengeworth, cum terris et tenementis et omnibus ad idem manerium pertinentibus. Obiit autem iiij. nonas Augusti, anno videlicet gratiæ mcccxxxij.

Huic successit Johannes de Brokehampton, monachus ejusdem domus, qui à papa Martino iiij. Romæ confirmatur. Iste abbas multis possessionibus monasterium tempore suo ditavit, nobilia ædificia sumptibus

magnis erexit, portionem conventus benignè adauxit, vacationem abbathia à domino rege, ut prior et conventus habeat custodiam, pro certa summa pecuniæ adquisivit. Tandem senectute bona feliciter in Christo dormivit xv. kal. Septembris, anno videlicet Domini mcccxvj.

Post quem electus est in abbatem iiij. kal. Septembris, Willielmus de Chyryton, monachus ejusdem domus, qui à domino papa Johanne xxij. Dominica Sexagesima confirmatur. Ipse etiam abbas, sicut prædecessor suus, multas terras et tenementa cum aliis bonis suo tempore adquisivit, tres ecclesias appropriavit, plura ædificia de novo ædificavit, portionem conventus de suis perquisitis diversimodè remuneravit, multaque alia bona fecit. Et cum xxvij. annis suam gubernasset ecclesiam, idus Decembris in pace vitam finivit, anno Domini mcccxliij.

Post ejus decessum electus est concorditer in abbatem Willielmus de Boys, monachus ejusdem domus, kal. Januarii, et à papa Clemente vj. Dominica in Ramis Palmarum proximò sequente Avinioni confirmatur. Iste vir honorabilis erat atque affabilis, jocundus, dapsilis atque facetus: ditavit ecclesiam pontificalibus ornamentis, campanis, vestimentis, et aliis necessariis, terris et redditibus monasterium augmentavit, nobile privilegium papale pro benedictione novi abbatis adquisivit, conventum in multis gratiosè respexit. Tandem ægritudine fatigatus, diem suum clausit extremum, videlicet viij. idus Junii anno Domini mcccclxvj.

Successit frater Johannes de Ombresleye, monachus domus ejusdem iiij^{to}. nonas Julii, à conventu electus. Qui statim à venerabili patre Lincolnensi episcopo xv. kal. Augusti, virtute cujusdam privilegii à papa Urbano v^{to}. indulti, munus benedictionis apud Bannebury suscepit. Deinde kal. Augusti proximè tunc sequentis apud Evesham est honorificè installatus, rexit autem suam ecclesiam xij. annis, et obiit tertio kal. Novembris anno Domini mcccclxxix.

Post ejus exequias vir venerabilis, religiosus frater Rogerus Zatton, monachus et sacrista domus ejusdem, in festo sancti Edmundi regis et martyris, videlicet xij. kal. Decembris unanimiter ibidem in abbatem eligitur. Deinde acceptus et receptus à rege, secundum quod eorum volunt privilegia, à domino Lincolnensi episcopo apud Londonias in hospitio dicti episcopi solempniter benedicatur. Ac tunc consequenter in vigilia Natalis Domini in suo monasterio Eveshamia intronizatur.

NUM. XXXIII.

Consuetudines Abbatia Eveshamensis perscriptæ a Randulpho Abbate.

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OMNIBUS sanctæ matris ecclesiæ filiis ad quos præsens scriptum pervenerit, Randulfus Dei gratia abbas Eveshamia, et totus ejusdem loci conventus salutem in Domino. Quandoquidem a domino Innocentio papa tertio dispositionis reddituum officiorum nostrorum confirmationem optinere meruimus, redditus non tantum illos quos tempore confirmationis habuimus, sed et quos postea adquisivimus cum ipsa eorum dispositione ad posterorum notitiam profuturum scripto commendare dignum duximus. Nam tam ab Innocentio papa secundo quam ab Alexandro tertio, non solum redditus quos tempore eorum habuimus, sed et illi quos postea quibuscumque justis modis nobis acquirere possemus nobis conceduntur et confirmantur, quod et ipsum nobis facere licere in hijs nostris constitutionibus et consuetudinibus continetur. Sunt igitur consuetudines monasterij hujus, videlicet, quod abbas infra septa monasterij existens inter fratres secundum antiquam domus illius consuetudinem conversando regulariter vivet, et exteriora pro viribus suis ad utilitatem ecclesiæ provide et fideliter dispensabit. Prior vero, subprior, tertius prior et alij custodes ordinis, prior de Penwitham, præcentor, decanus, sacrista, camerarius, coquinarius, celerarius interior, infirmarius, elemosinarius, custos vineæ et gardini, magister fabricæ ecclesiæ, pitanciaris, magister hospitum, de consilio et consensu conventus, vel majoris et sanioris partis in capitulo ab abbate de proprio conventu cre-

entur. Qui si minus, quod absit, honeste vel minus prudenter in officijs suis se habuerint, vel male fratribus administraverint, prius correpti regulariter, si non emendaverint, amoveantur in capitulo, et alij sub forma prædicta in loco eorum in capitulo et incontinenti subrogentur, ne aliquo casu in manus regis deveniant ipsa officia abbate forte decedente, vel per moram fiat deterioratio obedientiarum, aut aliquis defectus propter moram emergat.

Prior vero et prædicti magistri ordinis, simul cum abbate, ut ordo monasticus cum rigore disciplinæ secundum regulam beati Benedicti observetur, summam diligentiam adhibeant; maxime autem operam præstent ne monachi aliquid sine licentia habeant, et ne alias quam in refectorio comedant sine licentia, et ut elemosina eorum per manus elemosinarij erogetur, et ne a claustro sine licentia exeant, et ut silentium locis statutis observetur, et ut fratres frequenter delicta confiteantur, non tamen alijs quam hijs qui ad hoc deputantur. Alij vero officiales omnes qui redditus percipiunt, quater in anno coram abbate, vel eo quem loco suo statuerit, priore et sex claustralibus, tribus ab abbate et tribus a conventu vocatis, de administratione sua compotum reddant. Coquinarius vero qualibet ebdomada. Isti officiales quotiens domi fuerint in congregatione jugiter permaneant, et conventum in ecclesia, in capitulo, in claustro, in refectorio sequantur, ut si, quod absit, in officijs suis aliquis defectus emergerit, illi statim suppleant. Nulli duo officia assignentur, sed cuilibet adjungatur socius, si opus fuerit solatium et testis diligentiae suæ. Si vero in aliquo officio suo, propter malitiam temporis, aliquid ultra redditus officio illi assignatos expensum fuerit, si in aliquo alio officio aliquid fuerit residuum per illud defectus alterius suppleatur. Si autem nullum officium defectum alterius officij supplere potuit, abbas per manum celerarij exterioris suppleat. Præterea si quodlibet officium sibi suffecerit et aliquid residuum fuerit, abbas de consilio capituli, vel majoris et sanioris partis, in eo officio in quo in capitulo judicaverit utilius ecclesiæ expendet. Si vero aliquid de redditibus monachorum officijs suis assignatis, vel imperpetuum, quod absit, vel ad tempus detrimentum contigerit, vel aliquo modo evacuari, vel diminui, abbas tantundem de consilio capituli ubi commode fieri poterit alibi eidem officio assignet. Liceat præterea monachis possessiones et redditus officijs suis assignatos veluti novalia faciendo et redditus augmentando et novos acquirendo ampliare, seu quibuscumque alijs justis modis meliorare, et alios pro alijs tantum valentibus et utilibus cum viderint expedire vel ad tempus vel imperpetuum commutare. Celerarius siquidem exterior talis de proprio conventu, et in capitulo ab abbate creetur, qui exceptis redditibus monachorum officijs assignatis ad præceptum abbatis totius abbatiæ curam gerens sciat, et possit libere conventui necessaria administrare, scilicet, panem, cervisiam, duo pulmenta, ignem et salem, et quædam alia in consuetudinibus expressa. Hospitibus etiam juxta facultatem domus providebit celerarius. Viris tamen religiosi coquinarius quæ de officio suo sunt personis eorum sicut et fratribus administrabit, exceptis abbatibus et capellanis eorum quibus non inveniet aliquid nisi in diebus jejunijs, sicut nec ipsi abbati nec illis qui cum illo comedunt vel capellanis ejus hoc dicimus, nisi in refectorio comedant vel in profestis diebus. Servientibus etiam obedientiarum abbatiæ celerarius procurationem debitam et stipendia juxta consuetudinem domus administrabit. Iste quidem celerarius de administratione sua non solum quater superioribus, sed quotiens ipse abbas voluerit compotum reddat, qui nisi bene administraverit sicut de alijs obedientiaris dictum est, ad justam questionem conventus et rationabilem voluntatem abbatis amoveatur, et alius statim loco ipsius subrogetur ei in capitulo.

Numerum fratrum abbas integrum conservet, nullum monachum recipiat, aut ejiciat vel ad tempus vel imperpetuum nisi de consilio conventus, vel majoris et sanioris partis, et in capitulo. Ecclesias autem vel alios redditus vel aliquas terras non nisi de consilio universitatis vel majoris et sanioris partis, et in capitulo alicui conferat, nec rusticos sine consensu eorundem manumit-

tat. De terris siquidem revocandis pro viribus suis, si quo tempore suo vel prædecessorum suorum alienatæ sunt consilio conventus sui utatur. Similiter in causis ecclesiasticis vel forensibus agendis vel terminandis capituli sui utatur consilio. Servientes autem, qui monachis ministrare tenentur, scilicet de infirmaria, sartherina, lavenderina, refectorio, sacristaria, locutorio, de consilio capituli secundum priorem formam constituentur et deponantur. Hæc omnia intelligantur salvis in omnibus regularibus institutis.

Ad prioratum pertinent obventiones de communi sigillo et omnes decimæ de Benigwithe tam majores quam minores de omnibus terris et hominibus abbatis et monachorum ad emendum parchamenum pro libris scribendis. Pertinet etiam ad priorem curia de Benigwithe cum croftis ad eandem curiam pertinentibus, et cum gardino, vinario, et prato quæ sunt infra ipsam curiam, et cum omnibus mesuagijs de croftis quæ sunt circa ipsam curiam, videlicet, a domo Thomæ Algar usque ad domum Walteri Bellard. Nam prior Thomas quandam terram de Lutlinton, quam emit a Radulfo dispensatore, de qua tempore commutationis plus redditus solvebatur quam de ista Benigwithe pro eadem a domino abbate de consensu communi commutavit. Quare constitutum est quod semper prior pro tempore in anniversario prioris Thomæ pascat xxx. pauperes in locutorio pro animabus priorum et omnium fratrum, et inveniet cereum in die S^{ti}. Wlstani et alium in die S^{ti}. Credani ardentes coram feretris eorum die ac nocte.

Ad decanatum pertinet corredium unius servientis de cellario, et collecta denariorum beati Petri ubicunque episcopus non colligit, de quibus solvit annuatim domino papæ xx^{ti}. solidos. Et visitatio ecclesiarum Vallis et obventiones causarum omnium pertinentium ad decanatum, de quibus debet invenire conventui caritatem dominica qua cantatur ‘Misericordia Domini.’

Ad officium præcentoris pertinent decimæ de Stokes et quædam terra in Hamtona de qua percipit annuatim quinque solidos, et alia in Alencestria de qua tantundem percipit. De his debet invenire præcentor parchamenum ad breviam et ad cartas signandas sigillo communi, et ad breviam mortuorum fratrum et incoustram omnibus scriptoribus monasterij et colores ad illuminandum et necessaria ad ligandum libros et necessaria ad organa.

Ad sacristariam pertinent sex capellæ in Valle, scilicet de Nortona, de Lenchewike, de Mortona, et Uffeham, et duæ in Evesham, quarum duarum capellarum sacerdotes, scilicet S^{ti}. Laurentii et Omnium Sanctorum debent habere cotidie de cellario panem et cervisiam sicut monachi. Debet etiam sacrista habere cotidie ad unum servientem procurationem, sicut servientes abbatis habent, et præbendam ad unum equum de granario, et foragium de grangia. Percipit etiam sacrista de ecclesia de Baddebi annuatim duas marcas; de capella de Withlakesford, et prato de Salford decem solidos; de ecclesia de Westona dimidiam marcam; de ecclesia de Stowa quinque solidos et duas petras ceræ; de ecclesia S^{ti}. Albani in Wigornia quinque libras ceræ; de terris in eadem villa tres marcas. Pertinent etiam ad sacristariam in Evesham solda juxta portam monasterij; de fabrica Willielmi Fabri quatuor denarij; de terra Nicholai Coci duæ libræ ceræ; de terra Matildis in Merstowe quinque denarij; de terra Nicholai sacristæ in eodem vico sex denarij; de terra senescalli quæ fuit Giraldi sex denarij; de terra Bulet sex denarij; de terra Ferre xxx^{ta}. denarij; de terra le Hosiere in Bruggestrete duo denarij; de terra Willielmi de Tiwe in magno vico duo solidi et quatuor denarij; de terra Willielmi de Tiwe proxima terræ le Hosiere in Bruggestrete sex denarij; de terra Dispensatoris proxima terræ Willielmi Tiwe xl. denarij; de terra quæ dicitur Gordani in Colestrete sexdecim denarij; de terra Reginaldi Fabri duo solidi; de terra Walteri proxima eidem octo denarij; de terra Patæ eidem proxima octo denarij; de terra Nicholai fullonis super aquam sexdecim denarij; de terra Henrici Fabri xx^{ti}. denarij; de terra proxima Willielmi Tiwe quatuor denarij; de terra Simonis Fabri quatuordecim denarij; de terra Andreæ Coci octo denarij; de terra in Hamtona quinque solidi. In Lenck pertinent ad sacristariam tres hidæ et dimidia. In Bratfortona in uno campo quin-

quaginta quinque acrae. In altero septuaginta sex in dominico. In vilinagio quinque virgatae terrae et dimidia et decimae de eadem terra, tam majores quam minores. Et de quatuor hidis in eadem villa, duabus scilicet Hugonis et duabus militis de Coctona, et decimae de novem virgatis terrae Pagani in Lutletona, tam majores quam minores, et decimae de quinque virgatis terrae senescalli in Badeseya, et decimae cujusdam liberi hominis de dominico in Pikeleia in Herefordsyre, et omnes oblationes et omnia legata altaris Eoveshamae.

Ad altare S^{tae} Mariae in criptis pertinent de sacristaria septem cerei cotidie ardentes dum missa gloriosae virginis dominæ nostræ ibidem celebratur, quorum duos ab antiquis temporibus invenerunt sacristae, et unus cereus die ac nocte jugiter ardens; ad ejus sustentationem cum quinque superioribus assignavit magister Adam Sortes sacrista dimidiam virgatae terrae quam redemit de Petro de Lewz, et minutas decimas de novem virgatis terrae in Lutletona, quas idem sacrista evicit de rectore ecclesiae de Lutletona, et etiam decimas de assartis de Lewz, quorum licentiam assartandi idem sacrista a participibus communis pasturae multa pecunia redemit. Et unus crassetus tantum de nocte ardens, quem sacristae ab antiquo invenerunt. Et una lampas jugiter ardens de decimis de dominico de Lewz, quas Prior Thomas primus sacristarum percepit, et ad hoc assignavit. Et ne sacrista praedictis gravetur, provisum est quod custos altaris ejusdem inveniet vestimenta et alia necessaria eidem altari, quæ sacristae prius consueverunt invenire. Idem etiam custos altaris ejusdem debet invenire xxx^{ta}. lampades ardentes dum missa ibidem celebratur et septem cereos, ad quod faciendum assignata tota sinapis de omnibus grangijs sacristariae; et omnes obventiones altaris ejusdem; et duo solidi in Eovesham de terra Walteri Per juxta pontem, et decem et novem denarij; de terra Willielmi Carpentarij super Runhulle xii. denarij; de terra Willielmi Ourri in nova terra quæ est inter terram Albanidæ Capis et terram Johannis Gaveston; et de terra uxoris Johannis Caperim quæ est inter terram Philippi sacristae et terram ejusdem Johannis, et domus fundatae super spatia duarum soldarum et dimidia versus portam cimiterij ecclesiae, et domus fundatae super arcas trium soldarum et dimidia in magno vico juxta murum cimiterij versus portam abbatiæ; et duæ soldae quas Adam Sortes emit; et duæ quas Prior Thorne emerat juxta eas de Ricardo de Warwic; et terra quam M. relicta Credani dedit; et omnes terrae in Eovesham quæ fuerunt Ricardi de Kent; et quædam terra de Stretford; et duo solidi de terra de Radeford; et de terra de Strengesham duo solidi; et de terra de Marcleia duo solidi.

Ad elemosinariam pertinent duo furni in Eovesham et tertius in Benigwithe, et omnes furni Vallis in quibus consuetudinarij consuescunt coquere panem, et decimae fœni Willielmi de Tiwe, et Rogeri Alardi, et Ernaldi Cumbrangi. De terra Johannis de Kent in Eovesham dimidia marca; de soldis Adæ Credani in magno vico juxta soldas S^{tae} Mariae quatuor solidi; de alijs soldis suis juxta aliam S^{tae} Mariae dimidia marca; de terra Cramfot cum solda ferri xii. denarij; de terra Godefridi Bagart sex denarij; de terra Rogel juxta alium furnum xx^{ti}. denarij; et terra quæ dicitur hospitalis versus pontem, salvis octo denarijs pitanciariorum; de terra Kondulfi Textoris de Feudo Streche xx. denarij; de terra quam Isabella filia Henrici King dedit xl^{ta}. solidi; de terra Ricardi de Piplintona duo solidi; de terra le Burunno duo solidi; de terra Ricardi Eadmundi xvi. denarij; de terra Bonpain xii. denarij; de terra Stephani presbiteri xl^{ta}. denarij; de terra Lilie sex denarij; de terra Ricardi Juvenis xii. denarii; et terra Muriellæ de Strigul; de R. Ywain et hæredibus suis annuatim sex denarij pro licentia colendi Chiteham. In Gloucestria pertinent ad elemosinariam de terra Johannis Croume quam contulit secum Adam monachus quatuor solidi; de terra Botild, quæ data fuit cum Roberto monacho octo solidi; de terra Rogeri Sewi quam Adam Botild dedit duodecim denarij; de terra quæ fuit Esegar xl^{ta}. solidi. Ad eam etiam pertinent duæ marcae de pensione sexaginta solidorum, de ecclesia de Ombresleia, scilicet xx^{ti}. solidi ad opus pauperum in cœna Domini, dimidia marca in anni-

versario Randulfi, nam idem abbas contulit has duas marcas elemosinariae ratione scripta in capitulo de bonis operibus abbatis Randulfi. Cum etiam idem abbas fecisset sex molendina in manerijs abbatiæ, contulit elemosinariae loco decimarum de eisdem molendinis molendinum de Aldington, quod ipse emerat, de quo cum croftis et domibus ad idem molendinum pertinentibus recepit elemosinarius tempore donationis annuatim sexdecim solidos. De eadem etiam villa percepit elemosinarius nonaginta ova; de toto etiam pane infra portam abbatiæ, expenso, vel liberato ibi cocto vel empto debet elemosinarius habere decimam, et curam orti monachorum, ut inde habeat pulmentum ad refectionem pauperum in collecta cervisiae ad secundum cibum vel potum. Debet etiam elemosinarius percipere in die Animarum unam summam frumenti de granario; similiter fiet in obitu cujuslibet monachi Eoveshamiae. De terra filiae Willielmi de ponte in Alincestria novem denarij.

Ad refectorium pertinent minutæ decimae de Wikewane, Baddescie, et Aldetone ad reparationem coclearium, cyphorum, justarum, fenestrarum vitrearum, et vasorum salis et aliorum utensilium, cum duodecim lampadibus et oleo earum, de quibus respondet priori qui eum de consilio fratrum praeficit. Pertinet etiam ad eum collecta cervisiae post primum cibum, et cotidie sex justae de cellario, de quibus dat caritatem conventui post collationem dominicis diebus, et omni septimana semel quando cantatur de S^{ta}. Maria, et inveniet potum ante collationem, quando non est potus post collationem, et multa alia onera et statuta circa minutos et infirmos, et alios fratres de hijs sustinet et supplet. Et quotiens potus fuerit post nonam, habebit refectorarius duas justas de cellario.

Ad infirmariam pertinet Buuntone cum bosco et dimidia marca de assarto de Sanford et cum omnibus alijs pertinentijs suis. Debet etiam infirmarius habere unam suam cum nutrimento unius anni, vel duos porcos ad plancherum et unum truncum de celerario contra Natale, qualem fert una Biga curiae; et molendinum fullonum de Burtona cum una virgata terrae et ferragio unius equi, et ferragio certae quantitatis ad calefaciendum aquam ad pannos, et cum alijs pertinentijs suis, de quo percepit infirmarius annuatim tres marcas, sed propter praedictas consuetudines tediosas et onerosas de curia assignet ei abbas alibi illas tres marcas ubi noverit. Pertinent etiam ad idem officium duo molendina de Stowa de quibus percepit sexdecim solidos, et duo solidi de terra Towi in eadem villa, et duo solidi de terra vicina eidem, et viginti denarij de terra Andreae in eadem villa. In Eovesham vero de terra Ricardi Sparwe xxii. denarij; de terra Galfridi molendinarij decem et octo denarij; de terra Johannis de Kent xl^{ta}. denarij. Apud Penwrtham de terra Stephani de More duo solidi; de terra Roberti Antigonie apud Hoton decem et octo denarij; de terra Roberti Sureis duodecim denarij; de quadam terra in Farintona sex denarij; de Roberto Bussel de piscaria xii. denarij; de Sullestona vero dimidia marca; et una marca ad minutiones quas abbas Randulfus dedit de ecclesia de Huniburne.

Ad pitanciarium pertinent de nova terra in Eovesham decem marcae. De Ambresleia duodecim sextaria mellis; de Ulleberewe viginti quinque solidi; de ecclesia de Hildendune una marca; de redditibus de Penwitham una marca; de molendino senescalli de Sanford dimidia marca; de terra inter terram Henrici King et Alexandri Fossard xlii. denarij; de terra Johannis Portarij xii. denarij.

Ad refectionem fratrum in infirmaria pertinent de Wrotesleia et de Linintone duæ marcae; de coquinario vero decem solidi quos partitur coquinae per misericordiam; de sacrista autem quinque marcae, quas sacrista dat annuatim pro hospitio quod abbates consueverunt extorquere injuste ab eo; sed abbas Randulfus secundum privilegia ecclesiae et statuta capituli generalis sacristariam, sicut et alias obedientias, decernens liberam esse debere, illi hospitio et omnibus alijs exactionibus pro se et successoribus suis imperpetuum renuntiavit, ut in fratrum utilitatibus et refectionibus quos abbates solent invenire redditus sacristariae sicut et aliarum obedientiarum liberæ expenderentur. Ne autem pitanciarus

mendicet pasturam ad oves, boves, et porcos, dedit Prior Thomas ad pitanciarium in auxilium anniversarii sui boscum in Echelewz quem emit de Petro de Lewz, per quem boscum habebit pitanciarus percursum tempore glandis ad porcos usque ad portam de Bordesleye et communem pasturam omnium vicinorum ad omnia genera animalium adeo libere sicut sacrista pro Lewz, et infirmarius pro Buuntona habuit. Assignavit etiam idem prior Thomas ad anniversarium suum terram Merstowe, quam emit de Hugone de Warwick, et terram juxta eam, quam emit de filia Randulfi Sergeant. Ad festum etiam sancti Johannis ante portam latinam faciendum assignavit abbas Randulfus xx^{ti}. solidos de pensione sexaginta solidorum de ecclesia de Ambresleia, quamque abbates dederant clericis, legatus dedit eam Humfredo clerico suo, qua revocata pro alia, assignavit etiam abbas unam marcam de eadem pensione ad anniversarium suum. Abbas vero Adam assignavit decem solidos de redditu ecclesie de Bradewelle ad anniversarium Reginaldi abbatis, et alios decem solidos de eadem pensione ad proprium anniversarium.

Ad coquinam pertinet tertium vivarium post fontem sancti Ecguini, et vetus villa et forum de Evesham, de quibus percipit coquinarius qualibet die sabbati quinque solidos et tres obolos, et annuatim in capite jejuniij quatuor millia aletium, et molendinum juxta pontem, et molendinum in Hamtona cum pertinentijs suis, de quibus molendinis percipit qualibet die sabbati tres solidos et sexaginta stikas anguillarum annuatim, et decimæ molendinorum et fœni pratorum ad eadem molendina pertinentium, scilicet de Evesham, et de Hamtone, et de Huffleham, et de Fokemulne, et de Twiford, et de Chadelburi, et de Baddeseie, et de Wikewane. Exe omnes decimæ deputantur ad allec monachorum in quadragesima. Et villa de Stowa et forum de quibus percipit qualibet die dominica quatuor solidos; de Mortona sexaginta solidi; de Sanford sexaginta solidi; de Withlakesfor quatuor libræ; de molendino de eadem villa xxiii. solidi et xii. stikæ anguillarum annuatim; de molendinis senescalli in Sanford xx. solidi; de molendinis de Chedelbury cum pertinentijs suis xxv. solidi et xl. sticæ anguillarum; de molendinis de Twiford et Aldintone cum pertinentijs suis xxviii. solidi et xl. sticæ anguillarum; de molendinis de Offeham cum pertinentijs suis decem solidi; de Fokemulne dimidia marca et molendinum de Wikeman, de quo non percipit modo nisi octo solidos; de Wodese pertinent sexaginta solidi ad coquinam; de piscatione in Ambresleia xxiii. solidi. In Gloucestria de terra Roberti Botild tres solidi et ob; de terra quadam in Winchelcumba et quodam furno duo solidi et una libra piperis. In Evesham de quadam terra in Brutstrete una libra piperis. De terra Reginaldi filij Willielmi dimidia marca annuatim; de Penwrtham quatuor marcæ et una summa salmonis et duo millia allecium; de qualibet carucata terræ in valle Eveshamiæ de dominico, excepta Aldintona, trescenta ova annuatim, et de quolibet manerio tres denarij ad discos et duodecim ollæ. De Bradewella nonginta ova et tres denarij et xii. ollæ. Item singulis diebus debet habere coquinarius foragium ad unum equum et præbendam vel duo præbendaria de furfure de granario, et duos porcos habere debet ad Plangetum, et quotiens emerit in villa de Evesham piscem ad totum conventum debet habere de cellario panem et justam ad opus vendentium. Ad omnes etiam cibos qui condimento cervisiæ indigent debet habere cervisiam de cellario et caseum semel in die, ad quod emendum si non detur de cellario, assignavit abbas Randulfus capellam de Bredfordtone; habebit etiam coquinarius ad septem festivitates principales septem summas frumenti de granario ad frixinas, et in festo sancti Johannis ante portam latinam unum præbendarium, et aliud in festo sancti Adulfi et tertium in Septuagesima, et quartum in die Parasceve ad pulmentum, et tria ad Pascha ad faciendum falcones et totidem in Rotationibus ad idem.

Ad cameram pertinent Malgaresburia et Swele sicut antiquis fuerunt, et loco Burntone quæ fuit ad cameram assignata est Tatelestroppe, et abbas habet Burntonam; ita videlicet quod abbas ex hac camera nec vestimenta nec hospitium nec aliquid aliud percipiet si-

cut. consuevit ex priore camera exigere. Hæc autem maneria inperpetuum cum omni integritate sua ad vestimenta monachorum fuerunt assignata. Debet etiam camerarius habere cotidie ad unum servientem procurationem, et præbendam ad unum equum de granario et foragium de grangia, sicut servientes et equi abbatis habent.

Ad fabricam ecclesiæ et dormorum claustro adjacentium pertinent quindecim marcæ de ecclesia de Ambresleia, quæ si aliquo casu solutæ non fuerint abbas ecclesiam et domos cooperire debet. Pertinent etiam ad idem faciendum decimæ Willielmi Beorin in Offeham et fabri ejusdem villæ, et prædicationes abbatiæ et legata fidelium, et si quæ sunt aliæ gratuitæ obventiones.

Ad cellam hospitum pertinent minutæ decimæ de tribus Lutlintonis ad emendum manutergia, cyphos, et bacinus hospitibus.

Hæ etiam sunt consuetudines Eveshamensis cœnobij ab antiquis temporibus statutæ et a celerario generali complendæ. A celerario igitur singulis diebus debent venire in refectorium septuaginta duo panes monachiles, quorum quilibet erit ponderis quinque solidorum, ex quibus singuli monachi singulos percipiant. Prior semper duos nisi cum abbate comederit, et unum ad cœnam et justam nisi cum abbate vel in refectorio cœnaverit, nichilominus qui ad superiorem mensam ut custos ordinis sederit duos habebit, scilicet unum de pasta abbatis et unum cyphum vini de abbate. Qui missam vero majorem celebraverit, duos. Lector etiam, coquinarius et servitores unum admixtum et justam in hyeme. Eleemosinarius autem septem pro decima et tres ad mandatum et duos ad tricennales currentes percipiet. Percipiet etiam quilibet fratrum cotidie duas justas cervisiæ, quarum quælibet continebit duas caritates, quarum caritatum sex faciunt sextarium regis. Nichilominus prior unam ad novum tractum, et qui sederit ad discum unum cyphum ad cibum et alium ad vesperam. Inveniet etiam celerarius salem et ligna ad ignem et summagium ad cibum et potum monachorum et duo pulmenta, ad unum scilicet de fabis siccis unum præbendarium rasum vel de novis cumlatum de granario; ad aliud vero pulmentum x. panes monachiles, vel unum præbendarium rasum de frumento singulis diebus præterquam in Quadragesima, in qua percipiunt monachi xii. summas fabæ de Huniburne ad unum pulmentum per totam quadragesimam, et de avena xii. summas de eadem villa ad gruelum faciendum, scilicet quarta et sexta feria per totam Quadragesimam et farinam ad olera singulis diebus in Quadragesima. Insuper habere debent monachi ad septem principales festivitates septem cyffolles de frumento ad wastellos de granario, et in translatione sancti Ecguini octavum ad cœnam sicut ad prandium, et in festo sancti Johannis ante portam latinam unum scifoll ad wastellos, et in festo sancti Odulfi unum, et in die Omnium Animarum unum, et in anniversario beati Wlfini unum, et in anniversario regum Ethelredi, Kenredi, et Offæ unum, et in anniversario abbatis Reginaldi unum, et in anniversario abbatis Adæ unum, et in anniversario abbatis Randulfi unum. Ad formittas vero in Adventu Domini debent habere monachi xiiii. summas, et contra Natale totidem, et contra Quadragesimam totidem, et contra Pascha totidem, et contra Pentecosten totidem, et contra Assumptionem beatæ Mariæ totidem, contra Translationem sancti Ecguini totidem, omnes scilicet percipiendas de horreis. Debent etiam habere monachi de cellario singulis diebus sabbati caritatem ad collationem pro mandato, et ad omnes collationes festivitatum tam in copis quam in albis in vigilia et in die, exceptis collationibus septem festivitatum principalium tam in vigilia quam in die; tunc enim pitanciarus invenire debet. Debent etiam habere caritatem de cellario ad prandium singulis diebus octabarum principalium festivitatum quæ octabas habent, exceptis diebus quibus sunt in copis, tunc enim pitanciarus inveniet; sed ad collationem singulis diebus earundem octabarum habebunt de cellario, et a Natali Domini usque ad Epiphaniam simili modo habebunt de cellario. Qualibet etiam die in misericordijs regularibus habebunt duo fratres unam justam de cellario; in minutionibus vero unam ad prandium et alteram ad cœnam.

Qui vero ventosatus fuerit, tantum ea die habebit unam justam de cellario. Serviens vero qui fratres sanguina-verit, habebit panem et justam de cellario, si plures fuerint sanguinati. Quotiens etiam mappæ abluuntur, de refectorio ablutores habebunt panem monachilem de cellario. Balneatores etiam, quando fratres balneant, habebunt de cellario panem et justam singulis diebus per tres ebdomadas ante Nativitatem Domini, et per tres ante Dominicam in Ramis Palmarum. Abbates etiam et monachi Eveshamiæ debent habere corredium suum, sicut habuerunt in vita sua, per totum annum post obitum suum, quod alicui indigenti pro animabus eorum erogabitur. Servientes etiam qui vigilant circa fratrem proximum morti debent habere panem et cervisiam de cellario. Quando vero obitus abbatis vel monachi evenierit alterius domus, si fuerint de capitulo Eveshamiæ, ad annale pro abbate et tricennale pro monacho panis et cervisia de cellario sicut uni monacho alicui pauperi erogentur. Debet etiam celerarius dare singulis pauperibus qui fuerint in capitulo in cœna Domini singulos panes et tria allecia, et de cervisia quantum opus fuerit. Si quis vero hæc conservaverit vel adauxerit, adaugeat Dominus dies ejus, et conservet eum in vitam eternam; si quis vero destruxerit vel diminuerit, diminueat Dominus dies ejus, et destruat vitam ejus desuper terram. Amen. Amen.

NUM. XXXIV.

Quædam spectantia ad Monasterium de Evesham.

Dispositio Reddituum Ecclesiarum de Ombresleye et de Baddeby.

[MS. Cotton. Nero D. III. fol. 242.]

MEMORANDUM quod cum dominus Willelmus de Cheriton abbas monasterij Eveshamiæ et filius Johannis Herwarde de parochia villæ de Tetteburye, cujus frater fuit abbas de Cirseter et soror abbatissa de Lackoc, dudum concesserit et assignaverit, pro se et successoribus suis in perpetuum ecclesias de Ombresleye et de Baddeby cum suis juribus et pertinentijs universis, et cum omnibus eisdem incumbentibus priori et conventui suo, prout melius videtur eisdem inter ipsas disponendas et expendendas, sicut per suas literas inde confectas plene liquet; quas quidem ecclesias — dictus abbas inter alia per se adquisita monasterio suo prædicto in usus proprios perpetue possidendas canonice adquisivit. Frater Petrus de Wyke prior Eveshamiæ volens præfatas ecclesias inter se et conventum suum, secundum voluntatem abbatis disponi et expendi, in domo capitulari Eveshamiæ in pleno capitulo die Jovis proxima post festum Natalis Domini, viz. in festo sancti Egwini episcopi, anno Domini MCCCXLIV. unanimi consensu et assensu totius sui conventus disposuit et ordinavit, quod singulis annis in perpetuum in festo Ascensionis Domini viginti quatuor libræ argenti — de ecclesijs antedictis pro speciebus et alijs necessarijs providendis inter priorem et singulos monachos de ipso conventu per dicti conventus bursarium equali portione distribuuntur; et aliæ viginti quatuor libræ, simili modo in festo sancti Petri ad vincula. Ac ultra hæc quod sex libræ, xviii^s. argenti de ecclesijs antedictis inter sanguine minutos singulis annis in perpetuum per eundem bursarium pro eorum expensis in suis sanguine minutionibus faciendis portionaliter dividantur. Et ut dicti prior et conventus præfati abbatis perpetuam memoriam in suis missis et orationibus ferventius ac libentius habeant ut tenentur, dictus prior cum totius conventus unanimi consensu et assensu sanguine minutis in singulis sanguine minutionibus suis ad eorundem recreationem et solatium augmentandum ultra modum consuetum adauxit duos dies, scilicet Mercurij et Jovis; ita videlicet quod ipsi sanguine minuti in singulis sanguine minutionibus suis die dominica post evangelium majoris missæ petant licentiam a priore, vel ab alio in choro more solito, qua optenta nulla alia licentia petenda maneant ipsi sanguine minuti extra chorum et capitulum ab illo tempore usque ad introitum missæ capitularis diei Veneris proximi tunc sequentis,

etiamsi domum fuerint vel alibi ubicunque, exceptis festis solemnibus in capis. Et quod residuum fuerit de ecclesijs antedictis LIV^{li}. xviii^s. præmissis modo supra dicto plenarie solutis in thesauro maneat ipsius conventus pro dictarum ecclesiarum oneribus supportandis, et alibi prædictos priorem et conventum in utilitatem ecclesiæ suæ Eveshamiæ prout eis melius videbitur expedire disponere.

Præterea cum idem abbas adquisierit et assignaverit certos redditus annuos ix. marcarum elemosinario suo Eveshamiæ ad inveniendum duos capellanos celebraturos in magna ecclesia de Evesham pro anima dompni Walteri de Gloucestria ratione manerij de Batlintona solvendarum eisdem per elemosinarium suum ibidem ad quatuor terminos usuales per æquales portiones; fuitque voluntatis dictorum abbatis et Walteri in vita eorum quod tales capellani providerentur qui possent et scirent juvare per cantum ad honorem beatæ Mariæ Virginis in capella ejusdem, ubi corpus ipsius Walteri jacet nunc humatum.

Prædictus prior considerans hujusmodi capellanos melius per custodem dictæ capellæ quam per elemosinarium provideri, de consensu unanimi totius sui conventus, loco, die, et anno supradictis, disposuit et ordinavit quod elemosinarius qui pro tempore erit solvet singulis annis in futurum ad terminos superius notatos custodi capellæ beatæ Mariæ prædictas ix. marcas, et ipse custos sibi providebit de hujusmodi capellanis in cantu sufficientibus et bene morigeratis. Et si prædictus custos hæc negligenter omiserit dictarum ix. marcarum solutio ad modum suum pristinum revertatur, videlicet quod utrique dictorum capellanorum annuatim mii^{or}. marcæ per manus elemosinarij pro omnibus sint solutæ.

Judicium Capituli Eveshamiæ de Heriëttis Vallis ejusdem.

[Ibid. fol. 242 b.]

ANNO Domini M.CC. septuagesimo primo, die Jovis proxima post festum sancti Nicholai, celebratum est Capitulum apud Evesham in ecclesia sancti Laurentij, præsidentibus domino Willelmo de Withechirche tunc abbate Eveshamiæ et Johanne decano ejusdem loci, coram quibus cum mota esset quæstio per B. de Jureberga sacristam Eveshamiæ de mortuariis natorum qui reddunt terras suas domino suo feodi cum heriectis, utrum tunc teneantur solvere mortuarium ecclesiæ, determinatum et statutum est per prædictos præsidentes de consuetudine diversorum episcopatum et decanatum, et de consilio virorum prudentium præsentis capituli quod quacunque hora dominus feodi recipit heriectum suum, ecclesia percipit mortuarium secundum consuetudinem Vallis, vel pretium mortuarij die sepulturæ de eo qui recipit eandem terram et bona defuncti, tempore quo tradit terram domino suo. Contra istud statutum fuit filius Aliciæ Godsoule de Bredfortona et Matildis Person de Wikwana et Matildis relicta Andreæ de eadem, qui convicti rationibus et judicio capituli statim de suis mortuarijs satisfecerunt ecclesiæ Eveshamiæ.

Judicium Capituli de Warwick de Mortuario.

[Ibid.]

ANNO Domini M.CC.LXX. primo, in crastino sancti Thomæ apostoli celebratum est capitulum apud Since-nefelde, præsidentibus magistro Hugone Tancarde officiali domini Roberti de Esthal archidiaconi Wigorniae et domino Galfrido decano Warwyke rectore ecclesiæ sancti Michaelis de eadem. Quia legitime constat nobis dictis præsidentibus per sacramentum fide dignorum villæ de Sauford, quod Ricardus Herberd de eadem habuit quandam vaccam suam propriam die quo obiit; nos de consilio et consuetudine capituli nostri de Warwyke medietatem dictæ vaccæ, nomine mortuarij dicti defuncti ecclesiæ Eveshamensi adjudicamus, reliqua medietate domino suo feodi remanente nomine heriecti. In cujus rei testimonium huic patenti literæ sigillum decanatus de Warwike apposuimus.

Nota de Herietto.

[Ibid.]

Memorandum quod judicatum fuit in pleno capitulo coram decano Waltero de Hynraton, quod quicumque fuerit et cujuscunque ætatis et habuerit bona propria ex legatione vel aliunde patris vel matris, dabit herietum sanctæ ecclesiæ in morte sua.^a

Ad Caligas Hyemales.

[Ibid. fol. 243.]

Memorandum, de hijs quæ Willelmus de Stow sacrista adquisivit conventui assignavit, videlicet, singulis eorum exceptis priore de Penwortham et camerario, annuatim solvendo per manus sacristæ, qui pro tempore fuerit, in festo sancti Lucæ evangelistæ duos solidos ad caligas yemales.

In Odestret de Alexandro Hok xx^d. de Eva Kache-pol xx^d. de Juliana Croume xl^d. de terra quæ fuit Johannis de Arundel in magno vico quam Nicholaus de Mukelton tenet v^s. et inde recipit elemosinarius xii^d. de nativo qui emit de Avicia de Bampton in Parva Hamptona vi^s. de terra juxta furnum elemosinarij v^s. de domo quam Johannes Long tenet in Colstret v^s. de domo quæ fuit Ricardi de Wykewane in Brigestrete iiii^s. de Thoma Mabel — in Lench iiii^s. viii^d. de Henrico Palmer de eadem iiii^s. de capellano de Offenham pro Burnesland x^s. de Luttultona de terra Petri Grivel xxxvi^s. viii^d. quam summam solvit Bursarius abbatis.^b

Ista sunt Nomina eorum de Bradfortona qui debent solvere annuatim in autumpno Sacristæ Eveshamiæ thravas frumenti de meliori quod habent.

[Ibid. fol. 243 b.]

Robertus Ywayn pro tenemento suo dabit duas thravas.

Item de terra quam habuit de Adam Rauf xx. garbas.

Reginaldus Long qui est de feodo Avenell' xii. garbas.

Robertus Baret qui est de eodem feodo vi. garbas.

Henricus Haralde de eodem feodo unam thravam.

Matildis Smart de feodo Abbatis unam thravam.

Alexand. de Luttelton de feodo Abbatis unam thravam.

Henricus Page de feodo Avenell' unam thravam.

Willelmus Michel de feodo Roberti Ywayn vi. garbas.

Johannes Gunnylde de feodo ejusdem Roberti xii. garbas.

Willelmus de Aldinton de tenemento Sacristæ iiii. garbas.

Christina Chapelayn de feodo Avenell' i. thravam.

Johannes Gunnyld homo Sacristæ iiii. garbas.

David de Norton homo Abbatis i. thravam.

Johannes ad Portam homo Sacristæ i. thravam.

Willelmus Smart homo Sacristæ iiii. garbas.

Willelmus Gunnyld homo Sacristæ iiii. garbas.

Johannes Clyve homo Sacristæ xii. garbas.

Henricus de Clyve homo Sacristæ xii. garbas.

Walterus Smart homo Abbatis xii. garbas.

Thomas Moryce homo Abbatis i. thravam.

Johannes de Ponte homo Abbatis i. thravam.

Willelmus Saxi homo Abbatis i. thravam.

Willelmus Wythelard pro terra quam habuit de Adam Rauf i. thravam.

Henricus Gent homo Abbatis i. thravam.

Henricus Palmar homo Abbatis i. thravam.

Agnes Russel mulier Abbatis i. thravam.

^a Sequuntur in eodem codice Citatio, et Sententia lata contra Johannem de Arundel de Evesham, quod ipse recusasset reddere ecclesiæ Eveshamiæ mortuarium pro uxore sua defuncta, quæ hic omittuntur ne tedium pariant, cum jam probatum sit mortuarium de defunctis solvi debere dictæ ecclesiæ.

Johannes Bole homo Sacristæ i. thravam.

Willelmus Saxi homo Abbatis i. thravam.

Thomas le Beste homo Abbatis i. thravam.

Robertus Aldich homo Abbatis i. thravam.

Henricus Saxy homo Abbatis i. thravam.

Johannes de Wasseburne homo — i. thravam.

Willelmus Brythriche homo Abbatis i. thravam.

Nicholaus Rolf homo Abbatis i. thravam.

Johannes Hache homo Abbatis i. thravam.

Walterus Godsoule homo Abbatis i. thravam.

Willelmus Welbiloved homo Abbatis i. thravam.

Willelmus Baron homo Abbatis i. thravam.

Johannes Crek homo Abbatis i. thravam.

Henricus Jeoneueborid homo Abbatis i. thravam.

Alicia Gardiners mulier Abbatis i. thravam.

Henricus Mareys homo Abbatis i. thravam.

Johannes Edmund homo Abbatis i. thravam.

Henricus Bolle homo Sacristæ i. thravam.

Thomas Henry homo Abbatis i. thravam.

Willelmus Alexander homo Abbatis i. thravam.

Henricus Austyn homo Sacristæ i. thravam.

Alicia uxor Johannis Henry mulier Abbatis i. thravam.

Johannes le Rede homo Abbatis i. thravam.

Willelmus Chaunteler homo Abbatis i. thravam.

Summa thravarum xliiii^{or}. excepta una garba.

Memorand. quod summa exitus, communibus annis, erat vii. quarteria.

Memorand. quod Sacrista percipit omnes decimas bladorum omnium hominum subscriptorum de superiori parte villæ de Bradfortona.

De ix. virgatis terræ et dimidia Johannis Uwayn.

De una virgata terræ quam Johannes Heyne tenet.

De duabus virgatis terræ quas —

De una virgata terræ quam Laurentius Harold tenet.

De una virgata terræ quam Johannes Smart tenet.

De una virgata terræ quam — Saundres tenet.

De una virgata terræ quam — Page tenet.

De una virgata terræ quam — Aldinton tenet.

De una virgata terræ quam — Chaplayn tenet.

De una virgata terræ quam — Bonde tenet.

De una virgata terræ quam — Atte Gate tenet.

De una virgata terræ quam Math. Reve tenet.

De illis virgatis terræ quas —

De una virgata terræ quam — Couper tenet.

De una virgata terræ quam Adam Chaunteclere tenet.

De una virgata terræ quam Johannes Leulyn tenet.

De una virgata terræ quam — Morice tenet.

De una virgata terræ quam Johannes Brugg tenet.

De una virgata terræ quam Johannes Saxi tenet.

De una virgata terræ quam — Gent tenet.

De una virgata terræ quam Willelmus Ambresley tenet.

Item Sacrista percipiet omnes decimas fœni de omnibus præfatis locis, exceptis vii. virgatis terræ cum dimidia. Prima virgata terræ vocatur Smart, secunda Saundres, tertia Chaunteclere, quarta Thomas, quinta Brugges, sexta Saxins, septima Gent; et dimidia virgata vocatur Leulynus.

Isti viii. solvent decimam fœni Hostilario in magno Prato et non alibi. Et isti viii. solvent decimam agnorum Abbati Evesham. Et omnes alij ex superiori parte de Bratforton solvent decimam agnorum Sacristæ.

Item de inferiori parte ejusdem villæ, isti solvent decimam bladorum Sacristæ.

De una virgata quam — Palmer tenet.

De una virgata quam Johannes Wuhelard tenet.

De una virgata quam Willelmus Russel tenet.

De una virgata quam Johannes Bool tenet.

De una virgata quam — Saxi tenet.

^b Sequitur Charta Willelmi Payn, per quam concedit Roberto Tannor unum burgagium et dimidium in villa de Stratford, inter alia obligat dictum Robertum ad solutionem iiii^s. sacristæ de Evesham ad luminare beatæ Mariæ, pro eodem burgagio et dimidio.

De una virgata quam Johannes Best. tenet.
 De una virgata quam Robertus Aldich tenet.
 De una virgata quam — Sabyn tenet.
 De una virgata quam Willelmus Wasseborne tenet.
 De una virgata quam Johannes Brythriche tenet.
 De una virgata quam — Bool tenet.
 De una virgata quam — Austin tenet.

Memorandum quod omnes tenentes de Bretforton solvent decimam lanæ Sacristæ Eveshamiæ.

Decimæ Bladorum de Lench.

[Ibid. fol. 244.]

MEMORANDUM quod Sacrista percipiet decimas omnium bladorum illius virgatæ terræ quam Rogerus Colines tenet; et illius virgatæ terræ quam Willelmus Rothing tenet; et illius virgatæ terræ quam Willelmus Bury tenet; et dimidiæ virgatæ terræ quam Johannes Hog tenet; et illius virgatæ terræ quam Robertus Perys tenet; et illius virgatæ terræ quam Alicia Wodehewar tenet; et illius virgatæ terræ quam Alexander Palmer tenet. Item de illis virgatis terræ quas Riche qualibet altero anno medietatem omnium decimarum, &c. bladi, &c. et tunc altero anno sequente quartam decimæ terræ prædictæ; et Priorissa de Cockhull residuum omnium decimarum bladi terrarum supradictarum.

Memorandum quod Sacrista habet decimam de vi. virgatis terræ et de medietate virgatæ terræ, et Priorissa de Cockhull de xi. virgatis terræ, cum medietate virgatæ terræ.

Item dominus Sacrista percipiet decimas gardinorum tenentium illius virgatæ terræ quam Willelmus Bury tenet. Et tenentium Willielmi Rothyng virgatæ. Item tenentium virgatæ terræ Roberti Henry, Conting, Thomæ Buodæ, Margeriæ Dunclett, Aliciæ Wodehewar, et similiter illius cotagij quod Alexander Palmer tenet; eo quod dicta gardina sunt de novo incremento de terra dominica campestri per certas compositiones inter dominum Abbatem Eveshamiæ et prædictam Priorissam inde factas.

Et persona de Lench ecclesiali omnes alias decimas minores, videlicet lanæ, pullorum, minutarum decimarum, &c.

Summa decimarum spiritualitatis et temporalitatis Eveshamiæ in episcopatu Wigornienſi xxx^l. ii^s. ix^d. Inde dominus Abbas solvit xix^l. xv^s. vii^d. ob. Et Conventus x^l. vii^s. i^d. ob. Abbas et Conventus solvent pro medietate in archidiaconatu Wygornia x^l. xv^s. i^d. Inde Abbas vii^l. xv^s. d. ob. q. Et Conventus iii^l. ii^s. vii^d. ob. q. In archidiaconatu Glouceſtriæ medietatem decimæ iii^l. v^s. ix^d. Inde Abbas xliii^s. x^d. Et Conventus xxi^s. xi^d.

Pro Speciebus.

DE Abbate ii. marcæ; de Priore xx^s. de Priore de Penwortham ii. marcæ; de Sacrista ii. marcæ; de Camerario ii. marcæ; de Celerario ii. marcæ; de Infirmario xx^s. de Gardinario xx^s. de Coquinario xx^s. de Refectorio vi^s. viii^d.

Memorandum quod omnes oblationes ad magnum altare tam de auro quam de argento pertinent ad Sacristam, nisi quando monachus celebrat primo missam suam, vel quando primo legit evangelium suum. Item omnes oblationes ad omnia altaria ecclesiæ nisi in capella sanctæ Mariæ tam pro vivis quam pro defunctis pertinent ad Sacristam.

Decretum fuit in pleno capitulo coram Rogero Zaton, quod omnes manentes in Cimiterio et in Abbacia debentolvere mortuarium in fine vitæ suæ, ac etiam omnes qui non inhabitant villam per annum et diem eodem modo.

[Ibid. fol. 245.]

JOHANNES abbas Eveshamiæ assignavit sacristariæ ecclesiæ Evesham sex acras terræ arabilis quas comparavit de magistro Johanne de Lutleton in campis de Southlutleton, una cum decimis earundem, anno Domini 1316.

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Memorandum quod Thomas de Marleborough acquisivit et deinde per consensum abbatis et conventus constituit in pleno capitulo, quod semper deinceps secundum librum custumarium domini abbatis de omnibus tenentibus vallis Eveshamiæ; quod omnes tenentes vallis Eveshamiæ qui solvent herietum secundum consuetudinem manerij, debent dare domino abbati pro herietto suo suum optimum animal vivum, viz. de equis, jumentis, bobus, et vaccis, sed non de ovibus; et si non habeant tale animal, tunc dabunt pro herietto optimum catallum mortuum; et secundum animal sacristæ qui pro tempore fuerit ejusdem monasterij pro herietto suo, id est, pro mortuario: similiter etiam det de mortuariis secundum antiquam consuetudinem vallis Eveshamiæ.

Memorandum quod hæc est circuitio antiquarum bondarum Forestæ de Feckenam.

Et dicunt quod antiquæ bundæ forestæ prædictæ quæ fuerunt 1^o. anno coronationis domini H. R. proavi domini Edwardi regis nunc, incipiunt ad pontem de Shelne ultra aquam de Humelbrok, et sic per mediam villam de Schelne usque ad pontem de la Dene; et ab inde per viam rectam usque ad villam de Brocton; et ab inde capiendoviam quæ vocatur Wolstoneswey transeundo per eandem viam dimittendo omnino Beknopenhull a dextris usque ad fontem juxta mariscum de Beknore ex parte occidentali ejusdem marisci. Et ab inde transeundo usque ad caput de la Brokestrete, et ab inde descendendo per le Brokestrete usque in le Vrenestrete; et sic per viam illam usque ad aliam viam ex opposito domus Ricardi Wyne; et ab inde capiendoviam a dextris, et permittendo ecclesiam de Hambury cum situ manerij episcopi a dextris et tenendo viam quæ vocatur Wellestrete, et sic per viam de Wellestrete usque ad occidentalem Cerveram Bruer juxta domum Ricardi at Welle sub monte ubi sita est ecclesia prædicta; et ab inde transeundo directum ultra dictam Brueram usque ad Tynleystrete ubi est quoddam quadrivium et quoddam sichetum quod vocatur Wardebok; et ab inde per prædictum sichetum usque ad viam ex opposito domus Johannis de Wardebok; et ab inde per eandem viam usque ad domum quondam Philippi de Stoke; et dimittendo eandem domum a sinistris et capiendoviam a dextris usque ad pontem de la Blakeford; et ab inde transeundo ultra dictum pontem per eandem viam usque Kyngesford per viam ducentem versus Aleford usque Kyngesford Eston; et ab inde transeundo per eandem viam usque ad crucem quæ vocatur Whitecross in hameletto de Haleford; et ab inde per viam ducentem versus Bordesley, et tenendo remotiorem viam ecclesiæ de Tardbig usque ad quadrivium versus grangiam de Hewelle, et ab inde capiendoviam a dextris usque Foxhuntley Yate; et ab inde capiendole Foxhuntwey quæ a quibusdam vocatur le Reggewey et transeundo per eandem viam dimittendo omnino boscum domini regis a dextris usque ad Smethehedley in le Ruggewey; et ab inde per viam de Ruggewey usque ad quercum qui vocatur le Tokenok in quadrima juxta prioratum monialium de Colihull; et ab inde capiendoviam a dextris quæ vocatur Daltarstrete et transeundo per eandem viam usque ad pontem qui vocatur Wyl-demebruge; et ab inde procedendo per eandem viam inter Rusche et Stoke per viam ducentem ad aquam quæ vocatur Humelbrok ex opposito villæ de Bradeley; et sic descendendo per dictam aquam usque ad pontem de Schelne ubi bundæ antiquæ forestæ primum inceperunt. Et dicunt quod quicquid est a dextris infra dictas bundas est foresta et remanere debet; et quicquid est a sinistris extra dictas bundas debet deaforestari, secundum tenorem cartæ domini H. regis Angliæ patris domini E. regis nunc. Sed dicunt quod manerium de Bromesgrove domini regis et boscum de Lekey cum membris subscriptis quæ sunt extra has antiquas bundas sunt in foresta et remanere debent secundum tenorem cartæ prædictæ videlicet, Baynardhull, Fokbury, Cateshull, Schapeley, Totenhull, Cherleford, Burneford, Letesfeld, Byrbote et Bardesley, eo quod sunt de dominico, &c. In cujus rei testimonium, &c. Dat. &c. Feckenham.

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NUM. XXXV.

Quædam spectantia ad Libertates et Consuetudines Monasterij de Evesham.

[Bibl. Cotton. Vitellius E. xvii. fol. 226.]

MEMORANDUM quod assisa facta coram domino Roberto de Lexinton et Radulpho de Suthleya justiciarijs domini regis itinerantibus in banco sedentibus apud Wigorniam tempore Ricardi abbatis Evesham. Jurati dicunt quod prædictus abbas et prædecessores sui et homines sui de omnibus villis suis, qui sunt in comitatu Wigorniae, semper fuerunt quieti in prædicto mercato de teolonio et omnibus consuetudinibus, et de omnibus rebus quas vendebant et emebant de proprijs rebus suis, et de omnibus averijs de proprio nutrimento, et omnibus rebus quas emerunt ad proprios usus tam de averijs, bobus, ovibus, et alijs rebus, nisi esset de equo masculo, pro quo solebant dare duos denarios, utrum venderent vel emerent; sed si emerent aliqua alia averia vel aliquid aliud in prædicto mercato ad vendendum ibi vel alibi tanquam mercatores et nomine merchandizæ, de hoc solebant dare teolonium, et de omnibus alijs rebus fuerunt ipsi quieti ad xii. annos proxime præteritos; et ideo consideratum est quod abbas et homines sui prædicti sint quieti sicut prædictum est: et ballivi de civitate Wygorniae in misericordia. Et notandum quod finem fecerunt pro dampnis abbatis, scilicet, decem libras. Facta autem fuit dicta assisa anno ab incarnatione Domini m^o.cc^o.xl. die Dominica qua cantatur 'Misericordia Domini,' anno regni regis Henrici filij regis Johannis xxv.^a

[Ibid. fol. 228.]

MEMORANDUM quod anno Domini m^o.cc^o. nonagesimo v^{to}. anno vero regni regis Edwardi 3ⁱ. 17^{mo}. kalend. Januarij, videlicet die Veneris post festum sanctæ Luciae, fuit monasterium nostrum reconciliatum per Bangorensem episcopum. Item in crastino, scilicet die Sabbati 16 kal. ejusdem, consecrata fuerunt quatuor altaria retro majus altare per Asaphensem episcopum, et eodem die celebravit ordines solempniter. Item die Dominica sequente dedicavit idem Asaphensis ecclesiam sancti Laurentij. Item die Mercurij sequente, scilicet die beati Thomæ apostoli, consecravit duo altaria in criptis, viz. altare sancti Jacobi et Apostolorum et sancti Blasij. Item die Jovis sequente consecravit alia duo altaria in criptis, scilicet sancti Andreæ et sancti Benedicti. Item die Jovis, viz. in festo sancti Thomæ martyris, consecravit ecclesiam de Bretforton, et in crastino, scilicet in festo sancti Egwini, dedicavit ecclesiam de Honyburne. Die vero Sabbati, videlicet in vigilia Circumcisionis, consecravit altare sancti Johannis Baptistæ. Eodem vero anno in festo sancti Petri ad vincula dedicavit ecclesiam de Norton. In festo vero sancti Johannis ecclesiam de Baddeseye. In crastino sancti Egwini capellam beatæ Mariæ.^b

[Ibid. fol. 229 b.]

Ad anniversarium Reginaldi abbatis faciendum deputantur tantum conventui decem solidi de ecclesia de Bradewelle, quos Randulphus abbas assignavit.

Item ad anniversarium abbatis Adæ faciendum deputantur totidem solidi de ecclesia supradicta tantum videlicet conventui.

Item ad anniversarium Randulphi abbatis faciendum deputantur conventui xiii. solidi et quatuor denarij, de sexaginta solidis ecclesiæ de Ambresleye et dimidia marca de prædictis, sexaginta solidis pauperibus eroganda. Et de eisdem die Cene elemosinario viginti solidi ad mandatum faciendum, et viginti solidi de prædictis lx. solidis ad festum sancti Johannis ante portam latinam celebrandum. Item ad idem assignantur conventui duo solidi de Hauford in manerio de Am-

bresleye, et viii. solidi de coterijs in Merstowe, videlicet de Bur et alijs domibus in villa.

Ad anniversarium Thomæ de Marleberge abbatis faciendum deputantur x. solidi de una dimidia virgata terræ in Lutleton, quam Adam le Botiler tenet de conventu pro secta de Bretforton facienda ad comitatum Wigorniae, quos sacrista pro eo solvet infirmario; et quia decem solidi prædicti assignantur ad missas faciendas, viz. quod conventus assignet alios decem solidos de Bursaria ad anniversarium prædicti Thomæ abbatis faciendum.

Item ad anniversarium domini Thomæ abbatis de Glovernia faciendum deputantur conventui xx. solidi, et elemosinario una marca de quatuor libris quas assignavit de ecclesia de Honiburn. Et de prædictis quatuor libris assignavit xx^{ti}. solidos ad festum sancti Georgij solempniter celebrandum, et duas marcas per annum pro albis beatæ Mariæ, videlicet, qualibet ebdomada.

Item ad anniversarium domini Henrici abbatis faciendum deputantur conventui de sacrista pro terra Hugonis Bartram de Bretforton xx^{ti}. solidi et elemosinario dimidia marca de eadem terra. Item elemosinario pro terra Walteri Duplet in Merstowe de terra ante magnam portam abbatihæ quam de Cristina de Mutton comparavit tres solidi et quatuor denarij, quos elemosinarius qui pro tempore fuerit adjiciet ad complendos decem solidos, et illos decem solidos quolibet die anniversario sui pauperibus erogabit.

Item ad anniversarium domini Willelmi abbatis faciendum deputantur conventui xx^{ti}. solidi quos emit in manerio de Ambresleye de Alano de Elmech de terra quæ fuit Philippi Haket; et elemosinario quadraginta solidi, prout particulariter continetur in quadam carta proprio sigillo suo et communi consignata; una cum incremento concessio eidem, cum advocacione ecclesiæ de Bereford, prout continetur in alia carta, quæ valet communibus annis decem solidos.

Item dominus Ricardus abbas assignavit conventui in anniversario dedicationis ecclesiæ novem solidos de incremento redditus Roberti le Bel, et dimidiam marcæ de terra Galfridi de Bradewelle.

Item dominus prior Johannes contulit elemosinario redditus octodecim solidorum et octo denariorum, prout particulariter continentur in martilogio; ita videlicet ut elemosinarius qui pro tempore fuerit participationem faciat pauperibus singulis annis ad valenciam septem solidorum die anniversario sui; et tribuat conventui xi. solidos et viii^d. ad unam pitanciam faciendam.

Item dominus Willelmus prior assignavit ad anniversarium suum faciendum, videlicet pauperibus erogandum de terra Willelmi Dreu de Ofham decem solidos quos comparavit de Ada le Botiler; et decem solidos in Ambresleye de terra Johannis Slatere quos comparavit de Willelmo domino de Bellocampo comite Warwyck. Et conventui quatuordecim solidos de terra Walteri Thurstan de Stok quos comparavit de Willelmo senescallo Evesham. Et quatuor solidos quos comparavit de Helia capellano de Wycheo in Bruggestret juxta terram Randulphi le Blistare.

Item Randulphus abbas Evesham assignavit conventui de capella de Bretforton ad festum sancti Vincentij faciendum dimidiam marcæ. Item idem assignavit de eadem capella ad festum sancti Odulphi faciendum unam marcæ. Item idem abbas assignavit de eadem capella ad festum reliquiarum faciendum viginti solidos.

Qualiter et de quibus debeat fieri anniversarium Walteri de Walecote prioris patet per cartas subsequentes.

Dictarum chartarum tenor talis est,

Philippus filius et hæres Walteri Coci Eveshamiæ dedit eidem conventui redditum decem solidorum et quatuor denariorum de tenemento in Bruggestret ad cornerium versus pontem.

Walterus Morice de Evesham filius et hæres Mauritiij de Baddeseye dedit eidem conventui annum redditum xii. denariorum de tenemento quod Alexander de Sclattre de eo tenuit ad cornerium de Rivenhulle.

^a Quædam spectantia ad cereos et alia luminaria in ecclesia de Evesham, per sacristam, &c. providenda hic omittuntur, quia de his satis superius dictum est; et sic etiam de quibusdam ad eleemosinarium spectantibus.

^b Hic notantur abbates et priores qui habent anniversarium, et quid et quantum et unde singulorum anniversarium fieri debeat.

Johannes de Bampton dedit annum redditum unius denarij de quadam terra in Evesham.

Walterus Credan filius et hæres Johannis Credan de Wygornia dedit quandam terram cum pertinentijs in vico qui vocatur Brutayne, et etiam annum redditum decem solidorum et quatuor denariorum de tenemento in Evesham, et alio tenemento in vico qui dicitur Caperonestret.^a

Simon de Hocwyk quietum clamavit eidem conventui totam partem terræ suæ quam habuit in quibusdam placijs villæ de Honwyke, quæ vocatur le Comerse, per divisas in carta sua assignatas.

Simon filius prædicti Simonis de Howyk confirmavit illam donationem patris sui. Dedit etiam et quiete clamavit totum jus et clamium quod habuit in una sagitta barbata annui redditus quam Warinus de Hocwyk solebat dicto Simoni patri suo annuatim reddere pro crofto quod prædictus Warinus dedit eisdem monachis. Concessit etiam totum jus quod habuit in terra de Hocwyk quam Adam filius Rogeri de Hocwyk eisdem dedit, una cum toto jure suo in piscatione aquæ de Kybbel.

Carta Johannis Abbatis Eveshamiæ de Anniversario Willielmi de Walecote Prioris.

[Ibid. fol. 233.]

OMNIBUS Christi fidelibus præsens scriptum visuris vel auditoris Johannes permissione divina abbas Evesham salutem in Domino sempiternam. Noverit universitas vestra nos assensu et consensu totius conventus nostri pro nobis et successoribus nostris in perpetuum concessisse et assignasse elemosinariæ nostræ de Evesham omnes redditus, terras, possessiones, cum pertinentijs suis tam in Evesham quam apud Penewortham quas W. de Walecote functus officio prioris de licentia nostra comparavit, et ecclesiæ nostræ adquisivit, sicut patet per instrumenta inde confecta in martilogio nostro particulariter reducta; quos tamen redditus memorato Waltero quoad vixerit ad usus sibi necessarios ex permissione et ordinatione nostra concessimus. Et post decessum prædicti W. elemosinarius noster qui pro tempore fuerit omnia prædicta cum pertinentijs suis et eschaetis integre recipiet, et in die anniversario dicti W. inveniatur conventui ad anniversarium ipsius annuatim faciendum optimam pitanciam salmonis vel alterius piscis melioris qui tunc poterit inveniri, una cum caritate vini optimi, et totum residuum permaneat in perpetuum secundum discretionem elemosinarij pauperibus fideliter erogandum; omnes illos excommunicantes qui supradictæ ordinationi scienter contravenire præsumpserint. In cujus rei testimonium tam nos quam dictus conventus huic scripto signa nostra apponi fecimus.

Anniversaria aliorum.

iiii. N. April. Ad anniversarium domini Petri de Lench militis assignantur conventui viginti solidi, de quibus sacrista qui pro tempore fuerit respondebit.

xii. kal. Octob. Ad anniversarium domini Nicholai de Baddeseye sacerdotis assignantur conventui ii. marcas et dimidia, pro quibus bursarius conventus respondebit.

iiii. N. Marcij. Ad anniversarium Roberti de Swelle faciendum assignantur conventui decem solidi de tementis emptis de Johanna de Tywe ad dandam bonam pitanciam conventui, de quibus x. solidis pitanciarius respondebit.

De Anniversario Willielmi Wythechirche Abbatis Eveshamiæ.

MEMORANDUM quod Willelmus de Wythechirche abbas Eveshamiæ diversos redditus comparavit ad anniversarium suum perficiendum, et ad participandum pro anima sua annuatim die obitus sui semper per manus elemosinarij Eveshamiæ qui pro tempore fuerit, videlicet,

xx. solidos annui redditus quos emit de Ada le Botiler in villa Eveshamiæ et Benigworthe, scilicet, de terra Nicholai David in Evesham annuatim decem solidos; et de terra Johannis Peterel ad cornerium duos solidos; et de terra Johannis Crosun in novo vico quinque solidos; et de terra Heliæ fabri in Benigworthe iii. solidos; et de abbate de Cokersand pro decima de Benigwortham de supplemento iiii. solidos; et quatuor solidos in manerio de Baddebi quos emit de Thoma de Capes de terra Willelmi del Hok; et duodecim solidos quos emit in villa de Benigworthe de undecim coterijs in eadem villa de domino Willelmo de Bellocampo, scilicet, de terra Johannis Mise xii. denarios; et de terra Rogeri Carectarij xii. denarios; et de terra Matildis Osmund xii. den. et de terra Rogeri Molendinarij xii. den. et de terra Adæ Grauntpe xviii. den. et de terra Petri le Barcar ii. solidos; et de terra Julianæ Pacti xii. den. et de terra Roberti Spelesbur xii. den. et de terra Henrici juxta aquam xii. den. et de terra Galfridi Fullonis xii. den. et de terra Walteri Kempe vi. den. et de quadam cultura in Bereford cum prato et quadam crofta quas Willelmus de Nafford dedit eidem abbati cum advocacione ecclesiæ de Bereford x. solidos. Et omnia prædicta contulit dictus abbas ad distributionem pauperum die anniversarij sui per manus elemosinarij faciendam; ita scilicet quod quilibet pauper recipiat eodem die unum panem de quadrante. Item idem abbas Willelmus concessit at assignavit in perpetuum singulis annis die anniversarij sui ad opus conventus Eveshamiæ annum redditum viginti solidorum quos emit in manerio de Ambresleye de Alano de Elemete de terra quæ fuit Philippi Haket, ad refectionem dicti conventus per manus dicti elemosinarij distribuendam. Excommunicando omnes illos qui supradictæ ordinationi in aliquo contravenire præsumpserint. In cujus rei testimonium tam dictus abbas quam conventus scripto originali super hoc confecto signa sua apposuerunt.

Johannes abbas Eveshamiæ dedit conventui suo singulis annis die anniversarij sui xii. marcas annui redditus de viginti virgatis terræ in manerio de Seynesburg, viz. decem marcas ad incrementum vestitus, et duas marcas ad refectionem dicti conventus, per manus elemosinarij colligendas et distribuendas. Assignavit etiam quinquaginta solidos annui redditus in Benigeworth, Evesham, Norton, Lutleton, et Hampton, ad refectionem pauperum in die anniversarij sui, ita quod unusquisque pauperum habeat de pane frumenti ad valorem unius quadrantis.

Idem abbas Johannes per aliam cartam dedit viginti marcas annuas ad emendationem cameræ monachorum, id est, pro eorum vestitu; decem videlicet marcas de manerio de Seynesburg et decem de prioratu de Penewortham.

Willelmus abbas Eveshamiæ assignavit elemosinario centum solidos annui redditus in Merstowe et Benyngworthe, viz. xxx^s. ad pitanciam dicti conventus die anniversarij sui per manus elemosinarij solvandos, et lxx^s. ad distributionem pauperum eodem die, ita quod unusquisque pauper habeat valorem unius quadrantis si ad hoc sufficere poterit. Item assignavit eidem xl. solidos annui redditus in Evesham pro duodecim pauperibus, ita quod quilibet eorum habeat die sanctæ Katerinæ unum warmamentum pretio trium solidorum, et unum par socularium. Assignavit etiam xiii^s. viii^d. annui redditus in Evesham pro reparatione domorum. Assignavit etiam vi^{li}. xv^d. de manerio de Kenewarton et redditu de Evesham pro duobus capellanis imperpetuum celebraturis pro animabus domini Walteri et dominæ Hawysie de Gloucestria. Item sexaginta decem solidos et octo denarios pro uno capellano imperpetuum celebraturo pro anima sua et animabus conventus sui. Data est carta hæc anno Domini mcccxxxii.

Item dedit camerario totam terram de Baddeseye quæ quondam fuit domini Willelmi senescalli cum tota decima garbarum, ita quod dictus camerarius reddat conventui x^{li}. pro melioratione vestium suorum singulis annis.

* Post has cartas deest folium integrum in codice Cottoniano, et sunt aliquæ cartæ mutilæ.

*Carta supradicti Willielmi Abbatis Eveshamiæ de dictis
x^l. et alijs Conventui suo concessis.*

[Ibid. fol. 236.]

OMNIBUS Christi fidelibus præsens scriptum visuris vel audituris Willelmus permissione divina abbas monasterii Eveshamiæ salutem in Domino sempiternam. Dilectorum filiorum et fratrum nostrorum prioris et conventus nostri indigentiam advertentes, ad ipsorum indigentiae relevamen; concedimus pro nobis et successoribus nostris et assignamus imperpetuum priori et conventui nostro unum mesuagium cum gardino et clauso in villa de Baddeseye, et duas carucatas terræ arabilis cum omnimodis decimis inde provenientibus, et cum pratis et pascuis in campo ejusdem villæ ad eandem terram pertinentibus, quæ de domino Johanne de Wellesleye milite adquisivimus sibi in usus suos necessarios convertenda. Et omnia supradicta obedientiæ camerarij nostri monasterij antedicti qui pro tempore fuerit in perpetuum assignamus. Et volumus ac ordinamus quod idem camerarius de prædictis et cæteris ad ipsius obedientiam deputatis singulis annis ad festum Purificationis beatæ Mariæ satisfaciatur priori et conventui nostro de decem libris sterlyngorum ultra id quod eis satisfacere consuevit. Et quod decem libræ annuæ quas dicti prior et conventus ad festum sancti Andreæ apostoli ab obedientia dicti camerarij pro cursu coopertorum percipere consueverunt de cætero percipiant annis singulis ad festum Purificationis beatæ Mariæ. Et utramque summam pecuniæ antedictæ dicti prior et conventus in ipsorum usus necessarios pro vestura sua convertant, pannis pro pastura decem fratribus, singulis annis ad festum Paschæ liberandis, a senioribus seriatim procedendo. Volumus etiam et ordinamus quod in aliquo loco competente in dicto gardino fiant edificia de communi bursa pro recreatione et solatio minorum, et quod in eodem gardino deambulationem habeant pro solatio eorundem, et quod tam ipsi quam commonachi monasterij nostri a priore monasterij nostri vel ab ejus vices gerente optenta licentia cum ibidem comedere voluerint percipiant de celario et de utraque coquina corrodium suum sicut perciperent si in nostro monasterio morarentur. Et dicti prior et conventus nobis concesserunt de eorum libera voluntate quod postquam migraverimus ex hac vita singulis annis die anniversarij nostri singuli monachi in sacerdotio constituti de monasterio antedicto singulas missas cum alijs orationum suffragijs in vera caritate pro anima nostra teneantur celebrare. Et quia arcius inprimitur recordanti memoria majori beneficio commendata, ad nostri memoriam diligentius recolendam, die anniversarij nostri occurrente, quatuor libras et decem solidos annui redditus per nos in Merstowe adquisiti, videlicet sexaginta solidos pro distributione pauperum et triginta solidos pro refectione conventus in perpetuum assignamus per præsentem; dicti redditus custodiam, et sustentationem, perceptionem, et ministrationem modo prædicto elemosinario qui pro tempore fuerit commendantes. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum cum sigillo capituli nostri præsentibus est appensum. Dat. in octavis apostolorum Petri et Pauli in capitulo nostro, anno Domini m^o. ccc^o. vicesimo octavo.

Quid debeat Prioratus de Penewortham.

[Ibid. fol. 240.]

MEMORANDUM quod conventus Eveshamiæ habebit de prioratu de Penewortham quolibet anno contra festum sancti Egwini sexaginta salmone, scilicet, solanos, vel viginti quatuor majores qui faciunt summam; et præter hijs visitabit dictus prior abbatem de duobus majoribus salmonibus et priorem de uno. Prior tamen nichilominus habebit unum de summa.

Memorandum quod dominus Radulphus de Wylecote, quondam prior de Penewortham, assignavit conventui pro minutione sexaginta solidos per annum de novo incremento suo; et dompnus Willelmus de Chiri-

ton abbas ipsam assignationem affirmavit, anno Domini m^o. ccc^o. xx^o.

Idem prior tempore suo mandavit singulis monachis salmonem integrum.

NUM. XXXVI.

Analecta ex Registro de Evesham in Comitatu Wigornia, viz. de Actis Abbatum.

[MS. Cotton. Vespasianus B. xv. fol. 17.]

QUASDAM possessiones benefactores contulerant ecclesiæ beatæ Mariæ et sancti Egwini de Evesham ante decessum ejusdem Egwini, quasdam post decessum ejusdem scilicet ccc^l^{tas}. mictas salis, et assartam de Blake-share; omnes ergo possessiones acquisitas integerrime sine diminutione et cum summa libertate veluti Egwynus dereliquit decem et octo abbates post ejus depositionem annis quamplurimis tenuerunt. Sed postea tamen per varias temporum incommoditates et bellorum incursus, tum per malignorum hominum inpugnationes et invasiones, tum per prælatorum et subditorum hujus ecclesiæ insufficientiam, malitiam, et negligentiam a pluribus malevolis Dei et ecclesiæ hujus inimicis diversis temporibus hæc bona multimodis direpta et subtracta dinoscuntur. Nam defuncto abbate Edwyno, qui octavus decimus post sanctum Egwinum extitit, quidam nefandus princeps hujus patriæ Alchelmus nomine, a rege Edmundo filio Edwardi senioris hanc abbatiam obtinuit, servos Dei monachos inde fugavit, et quosdam canonicos in loco monachorum constituit. Post ejus mortem diversi homines sub diversis regibus laicali potentia locum istum possederunt, veluti erat quidam sanctæ ecclesiæ raptor, nomine Ulfricus, et episcopus quidam nomine Osulfus, et ita de una potestate in aliam potestatem contrariam, rex hujus monasterij miserrime distrahebantur, quoad usque sanctus Ethelwoldus jussu regis Edgari et sancti Dunstani huc adveniens, *Oswardum* abbatem hic constituit, anno gratiæ dccc^l^x. commendans ei terras et possessiones quas Alchelmus Christi adversarius post mortem Edwini abbatis abstulit. Tempore istius abbatus Oswardi occulta animadversione dominica ecclesia Evesham ruit quam sanctus Egwinus construxerat, ac secum universa subruit atque comminuit præter feretrum sancti Egwini cum ejusdem reliquijs quod divina gratia conservatum est illæsum. Postmodum defuncto rege pio Edgardo, et filio ejus Edwardo dominante, dux quidam sceleratissimus Alferus nomine, hujus patriæ potentissimus dominator, monachos iterum hinc expellens, canonicos paucos constituit, eis que quicquid sibi placuit de terris ecclesiæ concessit, reliquas terras et possessiones in dominio sibi assumpsit. Tandem in ægritudine constitutus de vita sua desperatus est. Quapropter quemdam monachum ad se vocavit, *Freodegarum* nomine, qui cum eo conversabatur, et dedit ei hanc abbatiam cum alijs terris quas ipse habebat. Sed ipse abbas Freodegarus, ad istum locum perveniens, paucis tempore hic obtinuit commorari, quia clericos fortiores se inveniens nullo modo voluit hinc expellere. Postmodum quidam potens homo Godwinus ad regem Ethelredum, fratrem beati Edwardi martyris, accessit, donans sibi ccc^{tas}. mancusas auri, eo tenore ut sibi abbatiam hæreditario jure perpetuo donaret, rex ergo cupiens habere illud aurum, stulte concessit illi hunc locum. Protinus ille huc pergens presbyteros sibi subjecit cum omni abbatia, injuste res et possessiones ejus diripiens cœpit dominari sicut volebat. Denique post aliquantum tempus rex prædictus dedit hanc abbatiam cuidam episcopo Agelsio; sed is iterum post non multum tempus iram regis incurrens ab episcopatu dejectus mare transijt nunquam reversurus, et deinde rex dedit eam cuidam alio episcopo Athelstano; quo defuncto Aldulphus episcopus Wigornia a rege eam obtinuit, et primus libertate sua fraudavit et suæ jurisdictioni subjecit. Ille autem constituit hic abbatem *Alfricum*, post cujus etiam mortem *Algarus* abbas præfuit. Inter hos omnes semper Godwinus prædictus xl. habuit hidas, ita ut nec episcopi nec abbates plus possent habere quam solummodo ec-

clesiam et reliquas terras quas presbiteri tenuerunt. Defuncto autem isto Algaro,

Brithinarus quidam abbas fuit huic loco; qui vir venerabilis super Godwinum coram multis principibus hujus patriæ frequenter planctavit, eo quod injustus terras ecclesiæ possideret. Qua de re judicatum est ei ut tantum auri quantum regi dederat sibi redderet, et ipse terras ecclesiæ vice reciperet; quod etiam ipse libenter fecit, et xl. hidas restituit ecclesiæ. Huic quidem abbati quidam nomine

Agelwinus abbas successit, et suo tempore abbatiam istam ut decessor ejus reliquerat integram conservavit; quo etiam ex hac luce migrante sæpeditus Godwinus per potentiam suam abbatiam istam iterum invasit, terras et possessiones diripuit; sed tandem rex Ethelredus quemdam monachum Ramesiensem

Aylwardum in hoc loco abbatem constituit anno Domini mxiv. Qui vir venerabiliter huc adveniens fretus Dei auxilio regis persuasorem Godwinum hinc expulit, et terras abbatiae hujus sic in melius servavit antiquitus, Dei gratia annuente omnes viriliter acquisivit. Postmodum vero sub consanguineo suo rege Cnutone Londinensis ecclesiæ episcopus effectus est, non tamen hujus loci gubernationem deseruit. Iste abbas postquam Adulphus episcopus Wigorniensis hanc abbatiam sibi et successoribus suis subjecerat, primus abbatum in libertatem proclamavit, et in tantum obtinuit quod venerabilem virum Auikin hujus ecclesiæ priorem decanum Christianitatis totius vallis constituit, quam nunquam libertatem postea ecclesia ista amisit. Transijt autem Aylwardus Londinensis ecclesiæ (ut prædiximus) antistes, et hujus ecclesiæ pastor pijssimus, vi. kal. Augusti, anno ab incarnatione Domini mxliv. et apud Ramesiensem ecclesiam ubi prius fuerat monachus sepultus est. Huic successit

Mannius hujus ecclesiæ monachus a rege Edwardo electus, et post aliquantum tempus gravi infirmitate detentus, quendam monachum de suis ad officium pastorale elegit nomine

Egilwinum. Misit quoque eum cum quibusdam fratribus et honorabilibus sæcularibus personis ad regem Edwardum, gravibus morbis se eo oppressum demonstrans, orans ut huic viro abbatiam istam ex toto traderet et abbatem pro eo faceret. Petitioni rex annuens fecit eum ab Aldredo archiepiscopo honorabiliter consecrari. Reversus igitur domum constituit duos de melioribus personis a quibusdam servientibus qui abbati suo Mannio humiliter deservirent. Vixit autem Mannius postmodum septem annis, et eadem nocte et hora ut fertur qua rex gloriosus Edwardus ex hoc sæculo transijt, videlicet, viii. idus Januarij in festo Epiphaniæ, anno Domini mlxv. Defuncto itaque rege Edwardo et Haraldo regnum accipiente, quicquid volebat ab eo facile impetravit. Deinde rege Willelmo tota Anglia secundum velle suum ex toto dominante, iste abbas Agelwinus maximam amicitiam super omnes fere gentis barones apud eum obtinuit. Et quia rex sapiens cognoverat eum virum prudentem præ omnibus hujus gentis, commisit ei custodiam istarum partium terræ, videlicet, Wyrecestrescire, Gloucestrescire, Oxenefordescire, Warewykescire, Herefordescire, Stafordescire, et Scrobescire. Cum vero plures abbatiae aliæque ecclesiæ terras et possessiones illo tempore Normannis invadentibus perdiderunt, ipse non solum nullas perdidit, sed infra tempus sui regiminis tam a rege Edwardo quam postmodum ab alijs hominibus xxxvi. villas in diversis comitatibus maxima pecunia redimendo huic comparavit. Quando ipse abbas primitus effectus non erant hic nisi xii. fratres; quando obiit xxxvi. dimisit, et v. archas plenas argento ad novam ecclesiam construendam quam ipse deposuerat reliquit. Tandem vitam dimisit xiv. kal. Martij anno domini mlxxvii. Tertio quoque mense post misit rex huc monachum de monasterio Cerasia

Walterum. Hic vero abbas effectus omnem abbatiam hanc, sicut antecessor ejus habebat, suscipit; sed quia noluit homagium a pluribus bonis hominibus quos prædecessor suus habuerat suscipere in iram et odium contra eum conversi ad Odonem fratrem regis Baiocensis ecclesiæ episcopum miserunt, falsa accusatione dicentes,

abbatem Agelwinum per fortitudinem non recto jure tantas terras acquisisse. Qua de re præsul præfatus regem fratrem suum adiit, et terras monasterij hujus sibi dari obtinuit. Protinus consilia in aliquantum jubet congregari, scilicet, xiii. sciras, plus per suam iniquam potentiam quam recto jure ex xxxvi. terris quas abbas Agelwinus ecclesiæ acquisivit, xxviii. villas fecit eidem abjurari, et suo iniquo dominio usurpari. Iste abbas, licet tot terris privatus, numerum tamen fratrum auxit, et cum octo fere annis huic ecclesiæ præfuisset diem suum clausit extremum, xiii. kal. Februarij, anno mlxxxvi. Huic substitutus est

Robertus monachus de Gineges, cujus tempore multas terras dicitur distribuisse consanguineis suis, sicut et prædecessor ejus. Tempore istius abbatis fuerunt in Evesham lxvii. monachi, et ex hijs fuerunt xii. in Denemarchia, quos rex Willielmus juvenis illuc transmisit, et v. moniales, iii. pauperes ad mandatum, iii. clerici qui omnes habent tantum quantum monachi. Item lxv. servientes fuerunt in monasterio, scilicet, v. in ecclesia; ii. in domo infirmorum; ii. in cancellario; v. in coquina; vii. in pistrino; iii. qui faciunt cervisiam; iii^{or}. servitores in balneario; ii. sutores; ii. in pannerio; iii. ortulani; i. ad ostium claustrum; ii. ad magnam portam; v. ad vineam; iii. qui serviunt monachis qui pergunt foras; iii. piscatores; iii. in camera abbatis; iii. in aula; ii. vigilantes. Obijt anno Domini mxcvi. Post quem successit

Mauritius hujus ecclesiæ monachus, et migravit anno Domini mcxxii. Huic substitutus est

Reginaldus Gloucestræ, nepos comitis Milonis Herefordiæ. Iste tempore papæ Innocentij secundi pro libertate ecclesiæ tuenda contra episcopum Simonem peditentim cum eo Romam ivit, et in libertatem viriliter conclamavit, et in parte obtinuit, et super eo privilegium prædicti papæ acquisivit, postremo obiit vii. kal. Septembris, anno Domini mcxxxvi. Post quem electus est

Willielmus de Andevilla monachus Christi ecclesiæ Cantuariæ. Iste audacter Willelmum de Bello Campo et complices suos, qui muros cœmiterij destruxerant, et bona ecclesiæ tempore guerræ rapiebant in facie, internis contra armatos, excommunicavit. Transijt autem ii^{do}. nonas Januarij, anno Domini mclix. Huic substitutus

Rogerus monachus sancti Augustini Cantuariæ, et obiit ii^{do}. nonas Januarij, anno Domini mclx. Huic successit

Adam monachus Cluniacensis de Caritate, qui calicem aureum fieri fecit, quem Rogerus abbas postea destruxit pro redemptione regis Ricardi, et cum fere xxx. annis ecclesiam suam rexisset in pace, vitam finivit ii^{do}. idus Novembris, anno Domini mccxi. Huic successit

Rogerus dictus Noriers quondam ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariæ monachus, sed propter sua facinora ibi in carcerem est detrusus, a quo tandem liberatus per cloacas aufugit, postea per regiam potestatem in Eveshamensem promovetur abbatem, conventu reclamante. Iste abbas magnanimum se exhibebat et multis literis abundare videbatur. Facundus enim erat et eloquentia pollebat. Curialis etiam nimium extitit et dapsilis et gloriosus, in mensa, cibis, et potibus abundantius affluens; et quibus et quum volebat copiose et honorifice hæc largiebatur, non ut Christi militem ut sanctus Sebastianus, sed ut exordinationes suas sub absconso chlamide tegat. Erat enim vinolentus et luxuriosus, multisque alijs criminibus irretitus; et post paucos annos postquam huc venerat in tantum est elatus ex multa eruditione et dapsilitate sua ut videretur insanire, et observantiam ordinis cum cura animarum fere penitus abjecit. Monachos etiam crudeliter oppressit, victum et vestitum ab eis pro magna parte subtraxit; ita quod per multos dies in solo pane duro et aqua, multos in pane duro et cervisia parum differente ab aqua sine pitancia fuerunt. Multi etiam ob defectum froccorum, cucullarum, et femoralium, nec chorum nec capitulum intrare poterant, nec divina celebrare. Tandem inedia urgente conquesti sunt monachi super hijs domino Huberto Cantuariæ archiepiscopo tunc temporis totius Angliæ Legato. Ipse vero inter eos pacem reformans assignavit

pro bono pacis certos redditus ad pitanciariam, quia prius vina et medones de celario et carnes de lardario abbatis statutis temporibus ad hoc accipere consueverunt, unde magnum murmur et magnus defectus sæpius contingebat. Legatione autem finita post annum, abbas iterum monachos suppeditavit, et tam redditus pitanciarie quam redditus operis et omnes redditus eorum fere sibi iterum appropriavit. Quapropter miseria et inedia compulsi hæc ferre non volentes, domino Cantuariensi, ut suo speciali legato scripserunt monachi suas afflictiones et abbatis tyrannidem; qui valde commotus venit Eveshamiæ et ibi de ijs quæ audierat diligenter inquit; sed abbas ad callida argumenta confugiens, muneribus promissis et datis et quibusdam fratribus corruptis, obedientijs conventus ad tempus restituit, pacem sibi comparavit; sed parvo tempore duravit. Nam paulo post pejus quam unquam prius monachos flagellavit; nam sacristariam, thalamum et omnes obedientias illorum amplius et durius quam prius sibi appropriavit, et illos fame, frigore, et inedia durius quam prædictum est affecit. Nec hoc ei ad cumulum dominationis suæ suffecit, sed quasi sciens quæ super eum ventura erant, antequam deponeretur, ut ipse sæpe dicebat, quod talem redderet abbatiam, ut nunquam aliquis post eum ea gauderet. Cœpit possessiones ecclesiæ dilapidare, consanguineos suos ditare. ^aInterim missus est in Anglia dominus. Tandem cum per septennium multa immobilia dilapidasset et ecclesiam ære alieno ad mille marcas onerasset, et in tantum conventum depressisset, quod multi unde se cooperirent honeste, vel inundante pluvia ubi caput suum reclinarent non haberent, et multi fame et inedia afficerentur, missus est a domino papa dominus Nicholaus Tusculanensis episcopus legatus Romanæ sedis pro quibusdam negotijs ecclesiæ Anglicanæ; qui cum Eveshamiæ causa visitationis venisset, ex præcepto ejusdem legati surrexit Thomas de Marleberge monachus dictæ domus et statum domus ejus retulit, et abbatem coram eo accusavit, et super vii. vel viii. criminibus eum convicit; et ita depositus est abbas, et factus est prior de Penwortham, anno Domini mcccxi. Deposito Rogero substitutus est vir vitæ venerabilis

Dominus *Randulfus prior Wigorniae* natus Eveshamiæ, et obdormivit xvi. kalendas Januarij, anno Domini mcccxi. Post quem

Thomas de Marleberes vel *Marborowe* prior ejusdem loci eligitur in abbatem. Obijt anno Domini mcccxxvi. ii^{do}. idus Septembris. Isti successit

Ricardus le Gras prior de Hurleye. Tempore istius abbatis venerabilis pater Johannes episcopus dedicavit ecclesiam de Evesham, videlicet anno Domini mcccxxix. et in dicta dedicatione concessit omnibus pœnitentibus et hanc ecclesiam venerantibus de pœnitentia sibi injecta c. dies relaxationis, et in anniversario ejusdem dedicationis per singulos annos c. dies, et in omnibus festivitatibus sanctæ crucis et sanctæ Mariæ et sancti Egwini c. dies. Hic autem abbas multum fuerat occupatus in servitio domini Henrici iii. regis Angliæ citra mare et ultra, et fuit cancellarius totius Angliæ et tandem in partibus Vasconiae viam universæ carnis ingressus est quinto idus Decembris anno gratiæ mcccxlii. Post quem

Thomas de Gloucestria monachus ejusdem domus in abbatem eligitur, qui anno sequente a domino papa Innocentio iv^{to}. confirmatur, nec tamen potuit a rege temporalia recipere donec idem rex a papa postmodum super hoc mandatum speciale receperit. Tempore istius abbatis, anno gratiæ mcccxi. pater Jocelinus episcopus in ecclesia Eveshamensi in quadragesima ordinationes celebravit. Transactis itaque fere xiv. annis, iste Thomas ex hoc sæculo migravit ad Dominum, xviii. kalendas Januarij, anno Domini mcccxi. Cui successit

Henricus ejusdem ecclesiæ prior, qui a papa Alexandro iv^{to}. postmodum confirmatur. Iste abbas quamvis ære alieno usque ad md. marcas fuerat oneratus in brevi tamen postea omnibus debitis satisfecit. Cum autem vii. annis hanc ecclesiam gubernasset prudenter, migravit ad Dominum, idus Novembris, anno gratiæ mcccxi. Defuncto abbate Henrico vacavit ecclesia

per multum tempus. Tandem circa festum sanctæ crucis in autumnno, anno videlicet mcccxi. venit legatus Octobonus apud Evesham, et constituit monachis ibidem in abbatem

Willielmum de Whitechurch quondam monachum de Persore, postea abbatem de Alyncestre. Iste etiam abbas comparavit de domino Willielmo de Bellocampo comite Warwyck manerium de Bengeworth. Obijt iii^o. nonas Augusti, anno gratiæ mcccxxii. Huic successit

Johannes de Brokehampton, monachus istius loci, qui a Martino papa iii^{to}. Romæ confirmatur. Hic inter multos redditus et possessiones atque maneria quæ acquisivit huic monasterio, comparavit de domino rege, quod prior et conventus habeant custodiam abbatiae Eveshamiæ, in singulis vacationibus, faciendo domino regi unam certam summam pecuniæ scilicet clx^{li}. pro qua concessione dedit domino regi ccl^{li}. et in tempore suo dedit domino regi Henrico iii^o. pro guerris suis m. marcas. Item dedit domino regi ccl. marcas pro medietate bonorum suorum in uno anno. Item dedit regi c. marcas pro transgressionibus factis in foresta de Feckenham per homines suos. Tandem dormivit xv^{to}. kalendas Septembris mcccxi. Post quem electus est in abbatem iii^o. kalendas Septembris

Willielmus de Cheriton monachus ejusdem domus, qui a domino papa Johanne xxii^{do}. confirmatur; qui acquisivit de Waltero de Bellocampo milite in Kyneworth unum toftum quod valet marcam. Cum autem xxviii. annis suam rexisset ecclesiam, idus Decembris vitam finivit, anno gratiæ mcccxliv. Tertia hebdomada post ejus discessum, xiii. kalendas Januarij electus est in abbatem

Willielmus de Boys monachus ejusdem domus et a papa Clemente Avinioni confirmatur et diem clausit extremum, viii. idus Junij, anno Domini mcccxlvi. Hic acquisivit de Urbano papa v^{to}. ut abbas de novo electus posset consecrari in Anglia a quocunque liceat episcopo, quod cum acciderit valet cccc^{li}. Acquisivit terras ad valorem cl^{li}. monasterio suo. Huic successit

Frater *Johannes de Ombresley* monachus ejusdem domus a conventu electus iii^{to}. nonas Julij proximo tunc sequente, qui statim a Lincolnensi episcopo, virtute privilegij a papa Urbano v^{to}. indulti, munus benedictionis accipit, et xii. annis in abbatia residens obijt anno Domini mcccxxxix. Hic etiam multas terras ecclesiæ suæ acquisivit; post ejus obitum

Rogerus Zatts sacrista hujus monasterij xii. kalendas Decembris a conventu in abbatem eligitur, deinde a rege receptus, secundum eorum privilegia a Lincolnensi episcopo Londoniæ munus benedictionis accepit. Iste abbas expulit gloriose et viriliter et magnis expensis Willielmum Courteney archiepiscopum Cantuariensem, qui, ut dicebatur, voluit visitare nos contra privilegia. Tum constituit ut festum sanctæ Trinitatis de cætero quasi unum de principalibus festis celebretur; in quo die ordinavit cuilibet monacho unum caponem, unam quartam vini, priori duos capones cum dimidia lagena vini, abbati iii. capones cum una lagena vini distribuendum. Item fecit pacem et concordiam inter Thomam comitem de Warwyck et nos, ad magnum profectum ecclesiæ nostræ, quæ perturbata fuit antea per longum tempus inter dictum comitem et Johannem Ombresley prædecessorem suum cum magnis sumptibus et expensis. Postea multas expensas sustinuit pro placitis habitis contra Thomam Bredet, militem et Nicholaum filium suum, videlicet, mittendo ultra mare ad regem qui tunc agebat in partibus Normanniæ, et ad alios duces et dominos Angliæ pro auxilio impetrando, qui tandem Deo dante, atque alijs amicis mediantibus victoriam obtinuit de adversarijs unde inpignoravit se versus mundum, et conventum suum cccc^{li}. Hic relinquens post ad servendum Deo xxxviii. monachos, cum xxxix. annis gubernasset ecclesiam, migravit vi. kalendas Decembris mcccxxviii. et Henrici regis v^{ti}. sexto. Secunda post hæc hebdomada, scilicet viii. idus Decembris, electus est

Ricardus Bromisgrave tunc Infirmarius istius loci, et

ab episcopo Bangoriensi tunc cancellario Oxoniæ munus benedictionis accepit. Hic ordinavit ut^a unoquoque monacho in die Pentecostes quilibet fratrum tam præsens quam absens, sacerdos et non sacerdotio functus, percipiant xx^d. et insuper unam aucam vel caponem cum una quarta vini, et prior duplum solutionis, videlicet iii^s. iii^d. et duos capones vel aucas cum ii. quartis vini. Præfuit iste abbas annis xvii. obiit x. Maij, anno Domini mccccxxxv. Post ejus mortem electus erat

Joannes Wykewan prior ejusdem monasterij xii. kalendas Januarij, et in die Thomæ apostoli ab episcopo Bathoniensi tunc cancellario Angliæ benedictionem accepit; et obiit transactis prælationis xxvi. annis, anno Domini mccccxlx. Acquisivit de novis terris et tementis ix^{li}. xi^s. anniversarij redditus, et fecit festum Epiphaniæ solempniari sicut in septem festis cum octavis. Huic successit

Ricardus Penbrok doctor magister in theologia electus voce totius conventus, anno Domini mccccxlx. iii^o. die Martij, qui ab Herefordensi episcopo benedictus fuit. Præfuit monasterio annis septem, et obiit vii^o. die Martij, anno Domini mccccxlvii. et regis Edwardi iii^{ti}. vii^{mo}. Huic successit

Ricardus Hauskysbery prior, electus anno Domini mccccxlvii. benedictione ab episcopo Lincolniensi suscepta vi. Augusti, qui tunc erat dies Martis, est installatus. Hujus tempore magnates convolarunt adeo frequenter ad monasterium ut non sufficeret redditus; itaque monasterium ære alieno obligatum reliquit ad summam mille marcarum quam successores solvere cogentur. Præfuit annis decem, obiit vi. kalendas Aprilis, anno Domini mccccxlvii. anno Edwardi iv^{ti}. xvii^{mo}. Huic successit

Willielmus Upton monachus hujus domus et prior de Alcestria, xviii^o. die Aprilis, anno Domini mccccxlvii. qui recipiens monasterium gravatum ære alieno ad summam m^{li}. solvebat totum. Hic quinque tantum annis præfuit mortuus anno Domini mccccxlviii. xi^o. die Augusti, anno Edwardi iv^{ti}. xxii^{do}. Huic successit

Joannes Norton prior claustralis iiii. Septembris, anno Domini mccccxlviii. Ricardi iiiⁱ. i^{mo}. Hic providebat ut in die anniversarij sui unusquisque fratrum xx^d. et ut fratres haberent unam damam ex dammario de Offenham, et ideo ampliavit parcum de Offenham, cum vino de cellario abbatis. Præfuit annis octo, obiit anno Domini mccccxci. ii^{do}. die Julij, anno Henrici vii^{mi}. vii^{mo}. Huic successit

Thomas Neubold celerarius monasterij, anno Henrici septimi vii^{mo}. xviii. Julij, mccccxci. ab episcopo Herefordensi consecratus. Præfuit annis xxii. et ultra; et anno Domini mdxiv. mortuus est vi^{to}. die Decembris, quo mortuo elegerunt fratres

Clementem Tichefeld priorem monasterij, xxviii. die Decembris, anno Domini mdxiv. Solvebat suo tempore multas summas, primo regi Henrico vii^{vo}. pro libera electione consuetam summam, videlicet, clx^{li}. et Thomæ Wolsey tunc regis elemosynario c^{li}. pro voluntate sua, non justa causa. Præterea dedit eidem regi mutuo d. marcas una vice, quas postea dedit sicut cæteri fecerunt. Deinde solvebat eidem regi pro quinta parte possessionem d. marcas. Item postea pro redemptione (ut rex voluit) præmuniri d. marcas. Item dedit Wolsio cardinali pro visitatione sua l^{li}. Item solvebat Laurentio cardinali venienti in Angliam l^{li}. Item alio tempore ad habendum Wolsij benevolentiam erga religionem pro sua parte xx^{li}. Et oneratus est singulis annis servis regis advenientibus, quibus dedit semper aliquid, nunc xl^d. nunc vi^s. viii^d. nunc x^s. nunc xiii^s. iv^d. et quibusdam xx^s. et ultra, et similiter servis cardinalis et principis; et habuit equos regis uno anno cum servis viginti quatuor quotidie ad mensam.

Verus et annuus valor Monasterij de Evesham taxatur per commissarios domini regis Henrici vii^{vi}. xxvii^o. tam in Temporalibus quam Spiritualibus per annum ultra omnes deductiones mclxxiii^{li}. xii^s. x^d.

Summa decimarum Spiritualium et Temporalium Eveshamiæ.

[Bibl. Cotton. Vitellius E. xvii. fol. 238.]

In episcopatu Wigornensi xxx^{li}. ii^s. ix^d.

Inde solvit abbas xix^{li}. xv^s. vii^d. ob.

Abbas et conventus solvent pro medietate decimarum in archidiaconatu Wigornensi xi^{li}. xv^s. vii^d. ob.

Inde abbas solvit vii^{li}. xiii^s. xi^d. ob. q.

Et conventus iiii^{li}. xix^d. ob. q.

Item in archidiaconatu Gloucestræ pro medietate decimæ abbas et conventus solvent iii^{li}. v^s. ix^d.

Inde abbas xliiii^s. x^d. et conventus xxi^s. xi^d.

NUM. XXXVII.

De Officio Præcentoris.

[Ibid. fol. 252.]

Ad officium præcentoris pertinet committere juvenibus custodiam armariorum, et eadem reparare; et quando conventus sederit in claustro circueat audito signo claustrum, libros reponat, si forte per alicujus incuriam obliti fuerint. De universis hujus monasterij libris curam gerat et eos in custodia sua habeat; si ejus studij et scientiæ sit ut eorum cura ei debeat commendari. Nullus librum capiat nisi scribatur in rotulo ejus; nec alicui liber aliquis mutuo tradatur absque competentis et sufficientis memoriali, et hoc ponatur in rotulo ipsius. Ipsius est etiam omni hora sollicite providere ne eveniat necligentia in quocunque obsequio quod fit in monasterio. Si quis obliviosus non incipiet cum incipere debet, vel aliud hujusmodi, sive in eodem jam bene incepto aliquo modo deviaverit, ipse debet esse provisus atque paratus, ut sine mora incipiat quod incipiendum erat, vel eum qui fallendo deviaverit in viam reducat. Ac ipsius est notificare abbati omnes cantus quos ipse cantat aut incipit. Quicumque lecturus aut cantaturus est in monasterio si nichil habet ab eo priusquam incipiat debet auscultare. Cura brevium quæ foras mitti solent ad eum pertinet, et cætera quam plurima in consuetudinibus expressa. Item pertinet ad officium præcentoris illa camera in curia quæ est juxta stabulum prioris, videlicet bona camera supra et alia subtus cum stabulo et opposito, et duæ caretatæ fœni, et una caretata fabarum et pisorum annuatim, a domino abbate recipiendæ et præsentandæ. Ex officio debet equitare cum juvenibus fratribus, quotiens et quandocumque equitaverint pro ordinibus suscipiendis, eorum sumptibus in omnibus et expensis tam in conductione equorum quam in omnibus alijs. Item præcentor debet providere et ordinare . . . scriptura tabulæ in septem festis, videlicet, Natalis Domini, Depositionis beati Egwini, Paschæ, Pentecostes, Assumptionis beatæ Mariæ, Translationis sancti Egwini, et festivitatis Omnium Sanctorum. Pro hijs autem et pro ejus magno labore per illa festa percipiet ad unumquodque istorum unum pryphot, et quatuor panes monachiles minoris ponderis. Item præcentor habet ex officio in omnibus septem festis secundum consuetudines proferre legendam abbati, ut provideat lectionem erga matutinas, . . . notæ fuerit, quam lectionem præcentor debet audire secundum librum. Et notandum quod quandocumque fuerit processio in villa præcentor habet assignare canti^b latamas tres vel plures inter hos aut illos secundum discretionem et habilitatem vocum.

NUM. XXXVIII.

Incrementa Cameræ facta ad Opus Conventus per Johannem de Persora Camerarium Tempore Randulphi Abbatis.

[Ibid. fol. 238.]

Duo coopertoria addita sunt singulis annis, cum prius essent octo, et duo langella de sancto Albano et decem parva, et decem panni ad radendum cum cursu

^a Error hic irrepsit, sed sic inveni. STEVENS.

^b Sic.

coopertiorum; et decem tunicæ de blancheto tincto negro, et decem capucia cum prius essent octo. Tempore H. abbatis facta est talis æstimatio dictorum pannorum et calciamentorum. Tunicarum præcium 11^s. et vi^d. cum prius essent 11^s. Langellorum præcium 11^s. et vi^d. cum prius essent 11^s. Botarum præcium xviii^d. cum prius essent xii^d. Caputiorum præcium viii^d. cum prius essent vi^d. Parvorum langellorum præcium octo den. Pannorum ad radendum duæ ulnæ.

*Incrementa facta per Hugonem de Burlyngham, Camera-
rium Eveshamiæ, tempore Willelmi Abbatis, viz.*

[Ibid. fol. 239.]

Ad opus prioris quadraginta denarij ad festum sancti Michaëlis accipiendi. Ubi non consuevit recipere nisi dimidiam marcam pro frocco, cuculla, et tunica, modo recipiet integre decem solidos ad idem festum.

Item ad opus etiam conventus assignavit undecim solidos et octo denarios hijs qui sunt de cursu opertiorum singulis annis recipiendos. Ubi singuli non consueverunt recipere nisi quatuordecim solidos et decem denarios, recipient modo singuli integre sexdecim solidos.

Ricardus etiam de Clodeshale camerarius, in tempore suo, acquisivit eis qui sunt de cursu coopertiorum quatuor solidos.

NUM. XXXIX.

De Sacrista.

[Ibid. fol. 238.]

Ex consuetudine antiqua invenire debet sacrista unum cereum ante magnum altare continue ardentem. De nova vero constitutione invenire debet alium cereum similiter continue ardentem ante feretrum sancti Egwini, et unam lampadem continue ardentem ante tumbam beati Wlsini; et singulis annis pitanciam de salmone et caritatem de vino conventui die obitus beati Wlsini.

[Ibid. fol. 239.]

De antiqua consuetudine debet sacrista invenire duos cereos cotidie ad missam sanctæ Mariæ, et omnia vestimenta, et alios apparatus altaris, et singulis noctibus unum crassetum ardens usque mane ante altare sanctæ Mariæ, et de die unam lampadem ardentem, et recipere omnes obventiones illic factas.

De constitutione vero nova invenire debet ibidem unum cereum continue ardentem, et vii. cereos computatis duobus primis cotidie accensos ad missam sanctæ Mariæ et incensum cotidie, et unam lampadem cotidie ardentem, et unum crassetum de nocte sicut prius. Sed vestimenta, vel vasa, vel alios apparatus altaris non inveniet, nisi maxima necessitas fuerit; ut si furto vel igne, quod Deus avertat, perierint. Nec obventiones illic factas recipiet; sed custos altaris.

[Ibid. fol. 240.]

ITEM sacrista debet de nova constitutione invenire singulis annis, in festo sancti Wlstani ii. cereos arduentes ante feretrum sancti nocte et die; et in festo sancti Credani similiter duos. In utroque scilicet festo unum pro priore, alium pro seipso. Ad cereos prioris inveniendo pertinet de novo acquisita Selda quæ fuit Galfridi filij Johannis, quæ est inter Seldam quæ fuit Adæ le Veske et Seldam quæ fuit Willelmi de Tywe juxta portam cimiterij, quæ valet xii. denarios.

Lampadem vero ante altare sanctæ Mariæ continue ardentem debet sacrista invenire de decimis veteris dominici in Actheslend, quas acquisivit Thomas abbas quando fuit sacrista, et ad hoc eas assignavit. Ad idem facit tota sinapis sacristaria.

Summa v. marcæ et ii. solidi.

Terræ et redditus altaris sanctæ Mariæ in criptis per singulos annos.

Ante altare sanctæ Mariæ in criptis ex antiqua consuetudine debuit ut dictum est ardere una lampas de die et unum crassetum de nocte; et ad quamlibet missam de sancta Maria accendi duo cerei, et hæc ut dictum est inveniebat sacrista. De nova vero constitutione ardebit ibidem continue unus cereus et una lampas, et unum crassetum de nocte sicut prius, et cotidie debet imponi incensum ad missam, quæ omnia inveniet sacrista, et ad ea invenienda certos habet redditus ut dictum est. Præter hæc ad missam sanctæ Mariæ debent accendi cotidie cerei xxiii. De hijs inveniet sacrista vi. senescallus Evesham i. custos altaris omnes alios. Item ad eandem missam debent cotidie accendi lampades xxxiii. quas custos altaris inveniet. Similiter idem custos inveniet omnia vestimenta et vasa, et omnes alios apparatus altaris, et nulla vestimenta inveniet ibi sacrista, nisi magna necessitas fuerit, ut si forte furto vel igne perierint, quod absit.

NUM. XL.

Epistola Petri Blesensis Londinensis Archidiaconi.

[Bibl. Cotton. Vitellius D. III. I. fol. 131.]

Ad Priorem et Conventum de Evesham, sive Consolatio Monachorum in sui Abbatis absentia.

DILECTIS fatribus et amicis P. priori et conventui de Evesham P. Bles. Lond. archid. salutem, et si quid dulcius aut desiderabilius est salute. Afflictioni vestræ totis animi præcordijs et intensa caritate compatiens, epistolam vobis consolatoriam sub aliqua stili urbanitate decreveram scribere; sed quia turba negotiorum mihi jugiter tumultuose incumbit, totus fere absorptus ab eis, aut non sum mecum, aut diversus et distractus sum, et sic dissipatæ sunt cogitationes meæ, torquentes cor meum, ut vix non dicam epistolam possim scribere, sed breve brevissimum. Vos autem qui spirituales estis, quorum unicuique data est manifestatio spiritus ad utilitatem, in hujus tempestatis effluente malicia, novistis qualiter vobis oporteat conversari et luctari cum mundo. Mundus enim in maligno positus, plenus laqueis, plenus scandalis et peccatis, circumseptus periculis, pravis colloquijs, iniquis consilijs, exemplis pessimis, et mortibus animæ infinitis. Proinde redimamus tempus quum dies mali sunt, nec poterit vobis deesse solatium si velitis frequenter instare orationi, Sacræque Scripturæ. Porro necesse est ut veniant scandala, et probentur corda hominum, atque inter flagella Domini præbeat improvisis vexatio intellectum. Omnes equidem filij iræ sumus, et si nobis Dominus iratus appareat, nos amorem ejus non odium æstimantes, ipsi flagellum cum equanimitate portemus. Verbum prophetæ est, 'Iram Domini portabo quia peccavi ei.' Flagellat nimirum Dominus quem corripit, et in suis verberibus nobis memoriam habundantiæ suæ suavitatis abscondit, et quos facit humiles sibi conservet amabiles. Vult enim ut de patientia nostra, quia de longo, vitæ fructus spirituales, et justitiæ manipulos colligamus. Sunt autem fructus spiritus, teste apostolo, caritas, gaudium, pax, longanimitas, bonitas, benignitas, mansuetudo, fides, modestia, continentia, castitas. Omnibus hijs privatur qui sustinentia caret; propter quod Salomon dicit, 'Væ hijs qui sustinentiam perdiderunt.' Sustinentia vero sunt patienter flagella Domini quibus nos erudit ad salutem. Deicit enim ut erigat, vulnerat ut sanet, ut pressura vertatur in gloriam et afflictio in coronam, ut qui prius flagellatus fuerat cum propheta decantet, 'Confitebor tibi, Domine, quoniam iratus es mihi, conversus est furor tuus et consolatus es me.' Quod autem Dominus per Sathanam colofizari permisit apostolum, fecit eum audire quod virtus in infirmitate perficitur; qui et de seipso dicit, 'Quum infirmior tunc fortior sum et potentior.' Utinam sic vos corrigat et emendando emundet, ut non destruat, et sera poenitentia vos oporteat quærelari et dicere, 'Destruxisti nos ab emundatione;' et illud, 'Multo sudore sudatum est et non exivit de ea

rubigo;’ et rursus, ‘Percussisti eos et non doluerunt.’ Dolete igitur et plangite saltem dispendia spiritualis exercitij. Ex hac enim turbatione perditis quietissimos Rachel amplexus, divinæ suavitatis experientias, et beatæ contemplationis excessus. Quomodo namque mens hominis perplexa et anxiosa et humanis sollicitudinibus intricata spiritualibus inhærebit, aut cogitabit eterna. Sunt autem hujus mali occasio quidam inter conversos perversi, inter columbas corvi, angues inter anguillas, susurrones, detractores, Deo odibiles. Hij ut habeant equitandi materiam, seminant zizania inter fratres, contumant dolos, fastidiunt manna, sanguineas dapes appetunt, mensuramque Gomor in ollas carniū atque in allia et pepones Ægypti convertunt. Sic abhominaciones claustrales paradisi delicias exuunt, et post se trahentes sæculum quem reliquerant, forensibus se ingerunt consistorijs, atque in viarum discursibus, et in tumultibus curiarum, quicquid meruerant dampnabili commercio pro eterna perditione committunt. Denique facti transfugæ et emansores a claustro, effrenes, vagi et Sarabaitæ, dantur in reprobū sensum, ut jam nec animæ discrimen attendant, neque vereantur infamiam nec tremenda Dei judicia timeant, donec fodiat peccatori fovea, et poenitendi facultate prorsus ablata a Domino perpetua excommunicatione percussī corruant in gehennam. In tantæ igitur necessitatis articulo, psallite sapienter, orate ferventer, instate vigilijs, ignitis compunctionibus, humiliationibus arcanis, lachrimis, gemitibus, disciplinis. Sic enim Dominus hanc procellam convertet in auram, et absque dubio divinum sentietis auxilium quibus denegetur humanum. Juravit Dominus et non poenitebit eum, nec mentietur veritas quod sub jurejurando firmavit, dicens, ‘Amen, Amen dico vobis, si quid petieritis Patrem in nomine meo, dabit vobis.’ Quis ergo negligat

pacem petere, nisi qui eam renuit impetrare? Corrigite quæso, et in Dominum dirigite vias vestras, quia testimonio Salomonis cum placuerint viæ hominis Domino tunc inimicos ejus convertet ad pacem. Obsecro autem vos, per misericordiam Dei, ut erga pastorem vestrum, qui pro communi libertate tam periculosæ viæ discrimini se exponit, fidelem et sincerum atque indivisibilem habeatis affectum. Sitis etiam inter vos unanimes et unius moris in domo, nec sint in vobis schismata, sed unitas spiritus in vinculo pacis; ubi est enim pax ibi est Deus, nam in pace factus est locus ejus. Omnis equidem congregatio vel conventus debet esse cithara dd. ubi multæ et diversæ cordæ quodam regulari moderamine quasi quodam plectro de compositione diversa mentium dulcissimæ faciant harmoniæ concentum. Si sit ibi corda quæ rauce sonet aut strepat, ne inducat discordiam omni studio ad consonantiam reducatur. Miror autem et conqueror quod apud dominum Canth. virum magnæ prudentiæ et consilij præcellentis nullum supra hac turbatione remedium invenistis. Solent enim quaslibet desperatas lites compescere, et inexorabiles magnatum discordias in gratiam reformare. Utinam vero nullam haberetis fiduciam in Romanis; nam ut aliqua quæ in libro experientiæ legi sub silentio claudam, illud possum vobis ad memoriam revocare, quod Machabæorum principes, quamdiu in Domino confisi sunt, de hostibus suis reportavere titulos triumphales, et ex quo inierunt fœdera cum Romanis miserabiliter in prælio corruerunt. Vos autem confidite in Domino; qui enim confidit in eo non confundetur: Turris fortissima nomen ejus Christus; heri et hodie et in eternum, nec abbreviata est manus ejus ut salvare non possit. Petite tantummodo in nomine Salvatoris. Promitto enim quod nullam apud eum patiemini repulsam si salutaria postuletis.

NUM. XLI.

Parcella Possessionum nuper Monasterij de Evesham in Com. Wigorn. sursum reddit.

[Penes Gul. Stanford de Abbat Salford in Com. Warwicensi, armig.]

Manerium de
Salford Abbat-
tis in Com.
Warw. valet.

REDDITUS assis. sive liber redditus hæredum Thomæ Littleton, arm. defuncti, exeunt. de uno molendino ibidem modo prostrato et de uno prato sive clauso vocato Millecrofte per annum	xxvj ^s . viij ^d .
Redditus sive firma medietatis terræ xx ^s . dominical. ibidem ac unius messuagij et unius virgatæ terræ et dimid. vocatæ Hindges xvij ^s . dimiss. Thomæ Sorrell per copiam curiæ secundum consuetudinem manerij ibidem, et inde per annum	xxxvij ^s .
Redditus sive firma domus Grangiæ manerij ibidem ac alterius medietatis terræ dominicalis ibidem et prati vocati the Ferme medowe dimiss. Johanni Amarye per copiam curiæ secundum consuetudinem manerij ibidem per annum	xx ^s .
Redditus sive firma unius messuagij et unius virgatæ terræ, vocatæ Meringe viij ^s . et unius messuagij et dimidiæ virgatæ terræ vocatæ Wilden vij ^s . dimiss. præfato Johanni Amerye per copiam curiæ secundum consuetudinem manerij ibidem per annum	xv ^s .
Redditus sive firma alterius messuagij et dimidiæ virgatæ terræ, vocatæ Collects dimissæ Johanni Rawlins per copiam curiæ secundum consuetudinem manerij prædicti et inde per annum	vij ^s .
Redditus sive firma unius messuagij et unius virgatæ terræ ibidem cum pertinentijs, voc. Hewes dimiss. Johanni Heywarde per copiam curiæ secundum consuetudinem manerij ibidem reddend. inde per annum	xv ^s j.
Redditus sive firma duorum messuagiorum unius virgatæ terræ et dimidiæ, voc. Hudges dimiss. Ricardo Emmes per copiam curiæ secundum consuetudinem manerij ibidem reddend. inde per annum	xxiiij ^s .
Redditus sive firma unius messuagij et unius virgatæ terræ, voc. Damaryes et unius cotagij voc. Nortone dimiss. Ricardo Crowler per copiam curiæ secundum consuetudinem manerij ibidem per annum	xvij ^s . iiij ^d .

vij^{li}. iiij^s.

Manerium de
Salford Abbatis in Com.
Warw. valet

Redditus sive firma unius messuagij et unius virgatae terrae, voc. Hagemes ibidem dimiss. Johanni Ballarde per copiam curiae secundum consuetudinem manerij ibidem reddendo inde per annum	viiij ^{li} . iiij ^s .	} viiiij ^{li} . iiij ^s . iiij ^d .
Redditus sive firma unius cotagij cum dimidia acra prati dimiss. Agneti Webbe per copiam curiae secundum consuetudinem manerij ibidem reddendo inde per annum	xiiij ^s . iiij ^d .	
Redditus sive firma unius cotagij cum dimidia acra prati dimiss. Agneti Webbe per copiam curiae secundum consuetudinem manerij ibidem reddendo inde per annum	ij ^s . viij ^d .	
Redditus sive firma unius messuagij et dimidia virgatae terrae cum prato, voc. Baxsters dimissa Margaretæ Merynge viduæ, per copiam curiae secundum consuetudinem manerij ibidem reddendo inde per annum	ix ^s .	} viiiij ^{li} . iiij ^s . iiij ^d .
Redditus sive firma unius furni ibidem dimiss. Thomæ Meringe ad voluntatem domini per annum	xij ^d .	
Firma portionis x ^m . fœni in Salford quod nuper pertinebat hospitallario in dicto nuper monasterio dimiss. Edwardo Mounteffed et Sibillæ uxori suæ per indenturam ut detur inde per annum	vj ^s . viij ^d .	
Firma omnium et singularum decimarum ac portionum earum tam majorum quam minorum in villa et campis de Salford Abbatis in com. Warw. provenientium sive crescentium cujuscunque generis vel speciei fuerint ad lx ^s . per annum (fœno decimali nuper abbati et conventui dicti nuper monasterij Evesham totaliter excepto et reservato) concess. inter alia Willielmo Cockesey et Georgio Willoughbie generosis subseneschallo et auditori dicti nuper monasterij per literas patentes sub sigillo conventuali dicti nuper monasterij dat. xviii ^o . die mensis Octob. anno regni regis Henrici viii ^{vi} . xxx ^{mo} . habend. percipiend. et gaudend. omnes et singulas decimas prædictas ac portiones earum prædictas, (exceptis præexceptis) præfato Willielmo et Georgio et eorum assignatis et alterius eorum assignat. durante vita eorum Willielmi et Georgij et alterius eorum diutius viventis absque redditu sive compoto sive aliquo alio dictis nuper abbati et conventui ac successoribus suis inde reddend. solvend. vel faciend. ex parte feodi sc. pro executione officij subseneschalli et auditoris dicti nuper monasterij, &c. prout in eisdem literis plenius continetur	lx ^s .	} lxvj ^s . viij ^d .
Perquisita curiae ibidem et alia casualia communibus annis	ij ^s . a	

xij^{li}. xix^s. viij^d.

NUM. XLII.

Litteræ Patentes Regis Henrici Octavi de Scitu Monasterij de Evesham Ordinis Sancti Benedicti, et de prato Honyam Mead nuncupato, in Comitatu Wigorniensi, Philippo Hobby concessis.

[Penes Gul. Stanford de Salford Abbatis in com. Warw. armig.]

REX omnibus ad quos, &c. salutem. Sciatis quod nos pro summa viii. c. lxxxvi^{li}. et x^s. ad usum nostrum per dilectum servientem nostrum Philippum Hobby ar-

migerum soluta, de gratia nostra speciali ac ex certa scientia et mero motu nostris dedimus et concessimus, ac per præsentem damus et concedimus præfato Philippo Hobby (inter alia) domum et scitum nuper monasterij de Evesham in comitatu nostro Wigorniensi modo dissoluti, ac totum illud pratum nostrum vocatum Honyam Medowe continen. per estimationem viginti et septem acras jacent. et existent. in parochia de Salford in comitatu nostro Warrewici dicto nuper monasterio dudum spectan. et pertinen. ac parcella possessionum ejusdem nuper monasterij existen. adeo plene et integre ac in

* Stevens says, at the end of this Latin Particular are the following observations:

"MEMORANDUM, the said manor of Abbots Salford is of the cleere yerely value above-mentioned.

Item, the manor aforesaid lieth not nigh any of the king's majesty's houses, forests, chaces, and parks, which bin kepte and reserved for the use and repair of his highness to th'auditors knowledge.

Item, there ben no spiritual promotions belonging to the premisses to th'auditors knowledge.

Item, there thathe bene no other particulars delivered of the premisses heretofore.

Ex. per Robertum Burgoyn. audit.

Undecimo die Maii anno xxxvii^{mo}. regis Henrici viii^{vi}. pro Philippo Hobbie milite.

The manor of Salford Abbats in the county of Warwick, parcell of the late monastery of Evesham in the county of Worcester, over and above lx^s. for the tithes in Salford Abbats, is by the yere ix^{li}. xix^s. viij^d. Thence for the tithe xx^s. and there remains clear viij^{li}. xix^s. viij^d. which rated at xx. yeres purchase is clxxix^{li}. xiiij^s. iiij^d. Add thereto for the woods viij^{li}. xij^d. and so the same is ciiij^{xx}. vij^{li}. xiiij^s. iiij^d.

The reversion of the tithes in Salford Abbats aforesaid, parcell of the said possessions graunted unto William Cockesey and George Wil-

loughbie for terme of their lives, without any thing paying for the same, is by the yere lx^s. Thence for the tithe to be paid after the death of the said William and George, vj^s. and there remains clear liiiij^s. which rated at x. yeres purchase is xxvij^{li}.

The ferme of certeine pastures called Eifoed in the county of Glocester, parcell of the demeanes of the late monastery of Evesham, by the yeare cleare xxvij^{li}. x^s. ij^d.

Item, certeine meadows within the manor of Burton super Aquam in the countie of Glocester, parcell of the said possessions, lxxiiij^s. Item, certeine lands and meadows within the lordship of Slaughter in the countie of Glocester, parcell of the said possessions, xlj^s. viij^d.

Item, one medowe containing x. acres within the lordship and parish of Bradwell, parcell of the said possessions xx^s. Item, one close within the parish of Hampton in the countie of Worcester, viij^s. iiij^d. Item, one house called a Seyne House within the parish of Badsey, xviiij^s. and two parcels of land, parcell of Shrawuell parke, x^s. viij^d. In all yearly xxxvij^{li}. xxij^d. Thence for the tithe lxxiiij^s. ij^d. ob. which rated at twenty yeares purchase is delvij^{li}. xij^s. vj^d. Add thereto for the woods l^s. and for the reversion of the house called the Almerly, parcell of Evesham, granted to the late abbote for the terme of his life, without any thinge payeing for the same, valued at xiiij^s. viij^d. by the yere, which rated at vj. yeres purchase is iiij^{li}. And so he hole some

tam amplis modo et forma prout ultimus abbas et nuper conventus dicti nuper monasterij, aut aliquis vel aliqui prædecessorum suorum in jure nuper monasterij illius, aliquo tempore ante dissolutionem ejusdem nuper monasterij, vel antequam nuper monasterium illud ad manus nostras devenit, prædicta domum et scitum dicti nuper monasterij ac prædicta terras, prata, et cætera omnia et singula præmissa superius expressa et specificata, cum pertinentijs, aut aliquam inde parcellam, habuerunt, tenuerunt vel gavisii fuerunt, habuit, tenuit vel gavisus fuit, seu habere, tenere vel gaudere debuerunt vel debuit. Et adeo plene et integre ac in tam amplis modo et forma prout ea omnia et singula ad manus nostras ratione vel prætextu dissolutionis dicti nuper monasterij, aut ratione vel prætextu alicujus cartæ doni, concessionis, vel confirmationis per ultimum abbatem et nuper conventum dicti nuper monasterij sub sigillo suo conventuali nobis confectorum vel aliter quocumque modo nobis devenerunt seu devenire debuerunt, ac in manibus nostris jam existunt seu existere debent vel deberent. Et insuper de ampliori gratia nostra damus et per præsentis concedimus præfato Philippo Hobby infra omnia et singula præmissa superius specificata, et infra quamlibet inde parcellam, tot, tanta, talia eadem hujusmodi et consimilia, curias letas, visus franci plegij, ac omnia ad visum franci plegij pertinentia, ac assisam et assaiam panis, vini, et cervisiæ, necnon catalla wauiat. extrahur. catalla felonum et fugitivorum, liberam warentam, ac omnia alia jura, proficua, commoditates et emolumenta quæcumque, quot, quanta, qualia et quæ et adeo plene et integre ac in consimilibus et in tam amplis modo et forma prout dictus ultimus abbas et nuper conventus dicti nuper monasterij de Evesham, aut aliquis vel aliqui prædecessorum suorum in jure nuper monasterij illius aliquo tempore ante dissolutionem ejusdem nuper monasterij, vel antequam nuper monasterium illud ad manus nostras devenit, habuerunt, tenuerunt vel gavisii fuerunt, habuit, tenuit, vel gavisus fuit, seu habere, tenere, vel gaudere debuerunt aut debuit in præmissis, vel aliqua inde parcella, ratione vel prætextu alicujus cartæ doni, concessionis vel confirmationis, aut aliquarum literarum patentium per nos seu per aliquem progenitorum nostrorum regum Angliæ præfato ultimo abbati et nuper conventui dicti nuper monasterij de Evesham seu alicui prædecessorum suorum quoquo modo factarum vel concessarum seu confirmatarum, aut ratione vel prætextu alicujus præscriptionis, usus seu consuetudinis, vel aliter quocumque modo; habenda, tenenda et gaudenda prædictam domum et scitum dicti nuper monasterij, ac prædicta messuagia, terras, tenementa, prata, et cætera omnia et singula præmissa superius expressa et specificata, cum suis pertinentijs universis, præfato Philippo Hobby, hæredibus et assignatis suis imperpetuum, tenenda de nobis, hæredibus, et successoribus nostris in capite per servitium decimæ partis unius feodi militis. In cujus rei, &c. T. R. apud Walden xxx°. die Julij anno R. R. Henrici Octavi tricesimo quarto.

Concordat cum recordo (quoad præmissa) et examinat. per
THO. RAVENSCROFT.

NUM. XLIII.

The Syte and Demesnes of the Abby of Evesham.

HONYAM MEAD.

A Copy of Phillip Hobbyes Particular of the same.

[Penes Gul. Stanford de Abbot Saltford, in com. Warwicensi, armigerum.]

THE scite of the late monastery there, with all orchards, gardens, poles, duffcotes,

barnes, stables, and houses necessary for a fermor, excepte and reserved certeine edifiengs, houses, and groundes within the same precinct, here beneath recited yerely to be letton xiijs. iiij^d.

Pasture conteynge in all by estimat lxvij. acres lieng in divers closes under-written, that is, to wit, in a lesue called the Hither Marche xvj. acres, xxvj^s. viij^d. A leasowe called the Further Marche xxiiij. acres, xl^s. A pasture called the Stuards Close xiiij. acres, xxiijs. iiij^d. A close called the Horse Close, viij. acres, xiijs. iiij^d. And in a close called Lames Close v. acres, viijs. iiij^d. being severall from Candelmas till Trinitie Sunday. And all the residue of the yere letton for xiijs. iiij^d. which xiijs. iiij^d. is yerely answered in the rente of the towne of Evesham cxjs. viij^d.

Medowe conteynge in all by estimacion lxxi. acres, and lyeng in divers meadowes and places within specified, that is, to witte, in a medowe called the Staplinge xiiij. acres, xlvij^s. A little medowe called Offensum Medowe, iiij. acres, viijs. A medowe called Langman Medowe, cont. xxij. acres, xlvjs. viij^d. A medowe called the Prock xij. acres, xxxij^s. A medowe called Eibbesford xvij. acres dim. lijs. vj^d. In all, as appereth by the particulars aforesaid ix^{li}. vijs. ij^d.

Arable land conteyning by estimat. cccxxvij. acres lyeng in feildes, places, and grounds under-written, that is, to witte. In a greate feilde being arable lieng in tillage cccxliij. acres, viij^{li}. xij^s. A lesowe called the Brire Close xxij. acres, xjs. vj^d. A lesowe called the Rymell Well xlj. acres, xx^s. vj^d. A lesowe called the Newe Lesowe xx. acres, over and beside xxv. acres of herbage hereafter charged amongst other herbage, in all to be arented, as appeareth by the parcels foresaid x^{li}. xiiij^s.

Herbage of divers woode followinge conteyning by estimacion lv. acres, that is, to witte, of the parke adjoinyng the monastery, conteynge xxx. acres, xxv^s. In the Lesowe called the Newe Lesowe xxv. acres, xx^s. over and beside xx. acres, there before charged amongst the arable land in all, &c. xlv^s.

The sum is xxvij^{li}. xjs. ij^d.

Memorandum, that theis edifiengs, buildings, houses and groundes under-written are excepte and reserved for divers causes and consideracions here declared, and are as no parte or parcell of the rente before expressed, that is, to wytt, The lodginge or buildings called Almyere, adjoinyng to the gate at the comynge unto the said late monastery one the northe, upon the Lord's Stable on the southe, upon the Basse Courte towards the este, and upon Barton Gate towards the weste, with one garden called the Almyer Garden, one greate courte or yarde called the Almyer Courte, one kechyn, ii. stables, Barton gate with a dove-house in the towre of the same gate, the garden called the Hynde Garden adjoinyng to the same gate, and all the raunge of buildings called the Storehouse butting upon the towre of the Abbey gate northe, and the Garner southc, and upon the Almyer weste, with all other buildings, romes and chambers, wayes, course and recourse, belonging to the said almyer, and other the premisses appoynted amongst other things by the king's commissioners there to Sir Philippe Hayford, late abbote there for terme of his life, without any thinge payenge for the same, or any parcell thereof, &c.

of the purchase of all the premisses is lccc.iiij^{xx}. viij^{li}. xvjs. x^d. whereof in hand cccc.xliij^{li}. xvjs. x^d. At Michaelmas nexte ccxxij^{li}. and at Christmas then nexte followeing the reste, being ccxxij^{li}.

Memorandum, the king must discharge the premisses of all incombrance, excepte leases, and the xth. before reserved: and excepte such

charges as the fermors are bound to discharge by force of their indentures; and also excepte such reprisals as ben conteyned within their particulars, &c.

JOHN BAKERE, EDUARDE NORTHE, RICHARD SOUTHWELL.
Irrotulata per Johannem Hanby.

Also the lodginge comenly called the Chamberers Chamber, adjoyning upon the Abbotts Poles este, and upon the Basse Courte weste, and upon the Abbotts Garden southe, and upon the Prince Chappel Chamber northe, with a kechyn, a garden, a little courte. A house called the Tailours House or Apple House, and one orchard within the parke, called the Calves Crofte, with one pole to the same, and all other easements and comodities in the letters of Clemente Lichfilde, some time abbotte of Evesham foresaid, to the same Clement ressed for terme of his lief, &c.

The lodgings also called the Receipte, and all other houses which the receivers of the said late monastery do use, and have used, to remaine.

And also the Steuards Lodgyng, with the dovecotte, a garden, and other comodities belonging to the same.

And further the lodgyng called the Dortor, Prinse Lodgyng within the said late monastery to be reserved for the king's officers of the Court of Augmentations, when they shall repaire hither, with all orchards, gardens, yards, dove houses, ponds, pooles, stues, stables, haylofts, wayes, course and recourse, perteyning or belonging to the same and other houses, necessary for the same officers.

Parcell of the demeynes of the abovesaid late monastery of Evesham, lieng within the parish of Salford in the countie of Warwick, that is, to witt, a medowe called Honyam Medowe, conteyning by estimation xxvij. acres, are worth yerely to be letton . . . liij^s.

A parke called Thrawnehill Parke within the parish of Benyeworthe, in the countie of Worcester, parcel of the demeanes of the late monastery of Evesham foresaid, are yerely arented in the Ferme a parke within the parish of Benyeworthe foresaid, called Thrawnehil Parke, and of all lands, meadows, and pastures, with the appurtenance called Thrawnehil, occupied and manured in the hands of the late abbotte and covente of Evesham foresaid towards the expence of their housholde, before the late lettinge thereof, and now of late letten amongst other things to ferme to John Tyrlle and Roberte Tyrlle of Beaugeworthe, yeomen, by indenture under the covente seale of the said late monasterye, dated the 2d daye of June, in the xxx^{tie}. yeare of the raigne of our soueraigne lorde Kinge Henry the viiith. for the terme of lxj. yeres, paying therefore yerely xxvj^s. viij^d.

The sum total xxxvij^{li}. xj^s. x^d.

Per me ROBERTUM BURGOYNE.

NUM. XLIV.

Licentia Regis Henrici Octavi Philippo Hobbye concessa de alienando Terras et Possessiones, &c. ad Abbatiam de Evesham ante Suppressionem ejusdem spectantia.

[Ex Autogr. penes Willielmum Stanford de Abbot Salford in Com. War. Armigerum.]

HENRICUS Octavus Dei gratia Angliæ, Franciæ, et Hiberniæ rex, fidei defensor, et in terra ecclesiæ Anglicanæ et Hiberniæ supremum caput, omnibus ad quos præsentis literæ pervenerint salutem. Sciatis quod nos de gratia nostra speciali, ac pro sexaginta solidis nobis solutis in hanaperio nostro, concessimus et licentiam dedimus, ac per præsentis concedimus et licentiam damus pro nobis et successoribus nostris, quantum in nobis est, dilecto et fideli servienti nostro Philippo Hobby, quod ipse totum illud manerium suum de Salford Abbatis in comitatu nostro Warrewici, cum suis omnibus membris et pertinentiis universis nuper monasterio de Evesham dudum spectantibus et pertinentibus, necnon omnia et singula mesuagia, cotagia, terras, tenementa, prata, pascua, pasturas, redditus, pensiones, servitia, ac cætera hæreditamenta sua quæcumque, cum eorum pertinentiis universis, scituatis, jacentibus, et existentibus in

parochia de Salford Prioris, ac modo vel nuper in separalibus tenuris sive occupationibus Thomæ Sorrell, Johannis Amerye, Johannis Rawlyns, Johannis Hayward, Ricardi Ennues, Ricardi Crowler, Johannis Gallard, Agnetis Webb, et Margaretæ Meringe, vel assignatorum suorum, seu assignati eorum alicujus existentibus, ac parcella dicti manerij de Salford Abbatis existentibus aut acceptis seu reputatis ut pars vel membra ejusdem manerij, ac dicto nuper monasterio dudum spectantibus et pertinentibus, ac etiam totum illum furnum suum cum pertinentiis scituat. et existen. in Salford Abbatis modo vel nuper in tenura sive occupatione Thomæ Meringe vel assignatorum suorum existen. ac dicto nuper monasterio dudum spectan. et pertinen. ac etiam totam illam portionem decimæ fœni provenien. crescen. seu renovan. in Salford Abbatis prædict. modo vel nuper in tenura sive occupatione Edwardi Mounteford et Sibillæ uxoris ejus vel assignatorum suorum existen. et dicto nuper monasterio dudum spectan. et pertinen. ac etiam totum illum boscum suum cum pertinentiis vocatum Salteford Grove, continentem per estimationem octo acras, jacentem, crescentem et existentem in parochia de Salford Prioris in comitatu Warrewici, ac dicto nuper monasterio dudum spectan. et pertinen. ac omnia et singula mesuagia, molendina, domos, edificia, tofta, cotagia, terras, seu prata, pascua, pasturas, redditus, pensiones, servitia, redditus oneris, redditus siccos, redditus super quibuscumque dimissionibus et concessionibus, reservationibus, &c. annuitates, annuales redditus, firmas feodas, aquas, piscarias et piscationes, boscos, subboscos, jumpna, brueras, moras, mariscos, comunias, vias, vacua, funda. cur. let. cur. perquis. et proficua, visum franci plegij et omnia quæ ad visum franci plegij pertinent seu in posterum spectare possunt aut debent, nati-vos, nativas, et villanos cum eorum sequelis, feoda militum, warda, maritagia, escaeta, relevia, herieta, bona et catalla wauia extrahur. proficua, commoditates, emolumenta et hæreditamenta sua quæcumque, cum eorum pertinentiis universis, scituat. jacen. et existen. in villis, campis, parochijs seu hamelettis de Salford Abbatis et Salforde Prioris seu in eorum alterutra in dicto comitatu nostro Warrewici, et alibi ubicumque in eodem comitatu dicto manerio de Salford Abbatis quoquomodo spectan. sive pertinen. aut ut membra, pars, vel parcella ejusdem manerij antehac cognit. accept. usitat. reputat. dimiss. seu locat. existen. et dicto nuper monasterio dudum spectan. et pertinen. ac parcella possessionum inde existen. ac etiam reversionem et reversiones prædictorum manerij, mesuagiorum, terrarum, tenementorum, decimarum fœni, ac cæterorum omnium et singulorum præmissorum cum eorum pertinentiis universis, ac omnes et singulos redditus, reversiones, et annualia proficua quæcumque sub quibuscumque dimissionibus et concessionibus præmissorum, aut alicujus inde parcellæ fact. resignat. ac omnes et singulos boscos, subboscos, et arbores suos quoscumque de, in, vel super eisdem præmissis aut aliqua inde parcella crescen. sive existen. quæ de nobis tenentur in capite, dare possit et concedere, alienare, aut cognoscere per finem in curia nostra coram justiciarijs nostris de communi banco levand. seu aliquo alio modo quocumque dilecto nobis Antonio Lyttelton generoso, habend. et tenend. eidem Antonio et hæredibus suis de nobis et hæredibus nostris per servitia inde debita et de jure consueta imperpetuum, et eidem Antonio recipere manerium, messuagia, cotagia, terras, tenementa, prata, pascua, pasturas, redditus, pensiones, servitia, ac cætera omnia et singula præmissa cum suis pertinentiis a præfato Philippo recipere possit et tenere sibi, hæredibus, et assignatis suis, de nobis et hæredibus nostris prædictis per servitia prædicta imperpetuum, sicut prædictum est, tenore præsentium similiter licentiam dedimus ac damus specialem. Nolentes quod præfatus Philippus vel hæredes sui, aut prædictus Antonius vel hæredes sui, ratione præmissorum per nos vel hæredes nostros, justiciarios, escaetores, vicecomites, aut alios ballivos seu ministros nostros, hæredum vel successorum nostrorum quoscumque inde occasionentur, molestentur, impetantur in aliquo seu graventur, nec eorum aliquis occasionetur, molestetur, impetatur in ali-

quo seu gravetur. In cujus rei testimonium has literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste meipso apud Westmonasterium undecimo die Junij anno regni nostri tricesimo octavo.

W.A. SOUTHWELL.

In plica Sol. lx^s. pro fine.
Sol. xx^s. iii^d. pro sigill. } T. COTTON.
Sol. viii^d. pro ex.
Sigillum magnum Henrici octavi in cera alba pene integrum appendet.

COMPUT' MINISTRORUM DOMINI REGIS TEMP. HEN. VIII.

(Abstract of Roll, 33 Hen. VIII. Augmentation Office.)

MONASTERIUM DE EVESHAM.

Com' Wigorn'							ℓ.	s.	d.
Evesham Pochia Sancti Laurentij	Reddit' Assis'						1	1	5
- - - - -	Reddit' Tenenc' Custumar'						33	1	9
- - - - -	Firme						41	16	1
- - - - -	Medietas Feodi Firme Ville de Evesham						6	13	4
- - - - -	Firma Scitus nup Monasterij cum Terris								
	Dominicalibus						non r'	hic	
- - - - -	Le Chamberers Chamber						0	13	4
- - - - -	Penc' Perpetua Ecclie S̄ci Laurentij						3	13	4
Evesham Parochia Omnium Sanctorum	Reddit' Assis'						1	5	0½
- - - - -	Redd' Custumar' Tenenc'						16	13	2
- - - - -	Redd' Tenenc' ad Volunt' Dñi						51	11	3½
- - - - -	Diverse Firme						36	12	0
- - - - -	Firma Molend' cum Pisc' ibm						15	6	8
- - - - -	Mediet' Feod' Firme Ville de Evesham						6	13	4
- - - - -	Penc' Annual' et Ppetua Vic' Omnium								
	Sanctorum						4	0	11
- - - - -	Redd' Repert'						0	4	0
- - - - -	Vendic' Bosci						0	9	4
Dominium de Bengeworth	Redd' Tenenc' Custumar'						21	1	0
- - - - -	Redd' Tenenc' ad Voluntat' Dñi						21	4	10
- - - - -	Diverse Firme						12	15	4
- - - - -	Firma Molend' Fullonici ibm						6	0	0
- - - - -	Firma Scitus Manerij cum Terris Do-								
	minicalibus						5	6	8
- - - - -	Firma Decime Garbarum						23	10	8
- - - - -	Perquis' Curiarum						0	13	10
Manerium de Hampton Magna et Parva	Redd' Tenenc' Custumar'						27	18	2
- - - - -	Reddit' Tenenc' ad Volunt' Dñi						1	7	10 di' q'
- - - - -	Redd' Mobilis ibm						0	4	4
- - - - -	Reddit' Molend' Aquatic' in Hampton						2	6	8
- - - - -	Diverse Firme						4	8	1
- - - - -	Firma Rectorie cum omnibus x ^{mis} . ibm						26	16	0
- - - - -	Hampton Close						0	8	4
- - - - -	Redd' vocat' Whitson Farthings						0	2	2
Manerium de Norton cum Lenchewicke	Redd' Assis'						0	0	8
- - - - -	Redd' Tenenc' Custum'						27	6	6
- - - - -	Redd' Tenenc' ad Vol' Dñi						0	10	0
- - - - -	Redd' Mobil'						0	3	2
- - - - -	Firma Molend'						5	4	0
- - - - -	Firma Terrarum Dominicalium						1	4	0
- - - - -	Diverse Firme ibm						0	19	4
- - - - -	Firma omnium x ^{marum} ibm						25	11	8
- - - - -	Redd' de Herbag' in Lenchwike						0	18	0
- - - - -	Redd' vocat' Whitson Farthings						0	1	10
- - - - -	Redd' Repert'						1	0	0
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'						2	14	0
Manerium de Offenham							42	16	7
Badesey et Aldyngton	Redd' Tenenc' Custumar'						22	4	6

Com' Wigorn'					ℓ.	s.	d.	
Badesey et Aldyngton	Redd' Tenenc' ad Volunt' Dñi	0	18	8
-	-	-	-	-	Redd' Mobil' iðm	0	4	0
-	-	-	-	-	Firma Molend'	1	10	4
-	-	-	-	-	Firma et Redd' Terr' Dñical'	4	14	6
-	-	-	-	-	Firma Decime Gran' &c.	0	16	1½
Manerium de Wikewanford	Redd' Tenenc' Custum'	15	18	6
-	-	-	-	-	Redd' Mobil'	0	2	4
-	-	-	-	-	Firma Terr' Dñic'	1	4	8
Church Honyborne	Redd' Tenenc' Custum'	5	14	10
-	-	-	-	-	Redd' Mobil'	0	1	2
-	-	-	-	-	Firma Terr' Dñic'	5	3	4
-	-	-	-	-	Firma Decim' Granorum	0	9	8
Dominium de Litleton Media cum South Litleton et North Litleton	Redd' Assis'	0	2	8
-	-	-	-	-	Redd' Tenenc' Custum'	25	18	10
-	-	-	-	-	Redd' Tenenc' ad Vol' Dñi	1	15	8
-	-	-	-	-	Redd' Mobil'	0	3	10
-	-	-	-	-	Diverse Firme	0	17	0
-	-	-	-	-	Firm' Terr' Dñical' iðm	6	0	0
-	-	-	-	-	Firma x ^{me} . Garbarum	29	8	8
-	-	-	-	-	Firma x ^{me} . Feni in South Litleton	0	11	0
-	-	-	-	-	Firma x ^{me} . Feni de lez Hads in Litleton	0	5	8
Manerium de Bretforton	Redd' Tenenc' Custumar'	32	18	4
-	-	-	-	-	Redd' Mobil'	0	4	4
-	-	-	-	-	Firma Terr' Dñical'	6	13	4
-	-	-	-	-	Firma x ^{me} . Garb' &c.	13	17	1
Manerium de Wolbarowe	Redd' Assis'	0	11	6¾
-	-	-	-	-	Redd' Tenenc' Custum'	11	0	8
-	-	-	-	-	Firma Terr' Dñical'	4	1	0
Manerium de Achelench	Redd' Tenenc' Custum'	8	6	2
-	-	-	-	-	Redd' Mobil' iðm	0	3	0
-	-	-	-	-	Redd' Porc' x ^{me} .	1	0	0
Morton Abbatis	Redd' Assis'	0	9	9
-	-	-	-	-	Reddit' Tenenc' Custumar'	10	12	11
-	-	-	-	-	Redd' Terr' Dñical'	4	13	4
-	-	-	-	-	Firma Cotagiorum in Civitate Wigorn'	0	8	0
-	-	-	-	-	Annua Penc' exeun' de Eccfia Pochiaf			
-	-	-	-	-	Sci Albani infra Civit' Wigorn'	0	1	0
Manerium de Tadyngton aîs Tatton	Redd' Assis'	0	14	7
-	-	-	-	-	Redd' Tenenc' Custum'	22	0	6
-	-	-	-	-	Diverse Firme	18	13	8
Manerium de Ombersley	Redd' Assis'	0	5	7½
-	-	-	-	-	Redd' Tenenc' Custumar'	87	4	11
-	-	-	-	-	Novus Redd' cum Incremento Redd'	1	0	2
-	-	-	-	-	Redd' voc' Honey Silver	3	3	7
-	-	-	-	-	Redd' voc' Hundred Silver	5	8	5
-	-	-	-	-	Firma Terr' Dñic'	12	13	2
-	-	-	-	-	Diverse Alie Firme	9	19	7
-	-	-	-	-	Redd' Moli Aquatic' cum Gurgit'	2	12	0
-	-	-	-	-	Firm' et Redd'	31	5	0
-	-	-	-	-	Firma Bosci	3	6	8
-	-	-	-	-	Perquis' Cur'	7	11	1
Manerium de Bradwell cum Donington in Stowe	Reddit' Assis'	0	10	6
-	-	-	-	-	Redd' Tenenc' Custumar'	23	7	5
-	-	-	-	-	Redd' Tenen' ad Volun' Dñi	2	1	2
-	-	-	-	-	Firm' Terr' Dñic' in Bradwell	10	0	0
-	-	-	-	-	Firm' de Donington	2	15	0
-	-	-	-	-	Exit' Marcat' et Nundin' in Stowe	4	0	0
-	-	-	-	-	Firma x ^{me} . Granorum in Donnyngton	2	6	8
-	-	-	-	-	Annua Penc' de Rectoria de Bradwell	6	0	0
-	-	-	-	-	Annua Penc' de Rectoria de Stowe	1	0	0
-	-	-	-	-	Perquis' Cur'	1	11	4
Com' Glouc'								
Manerium de Wyllersey Bartram	Redd' Tenen' Custumar'	18	0	0
-	-	-	-	-	Redd' Tenen' ad Vol' Dñi	0	2	2

Com' Glouc'						£.	s.	d.
Manerium de Wyllersey Bartram	Redd' Mobil'					0	3	0
- - - - -	Firm' Scitus Manerij					5	0	0
- - - - -	Redd' pro Relaxatione Sect' ad Hun-							
- - - - -	dred' de Kyffyskate					1	3	0
- - - - -	Firma x ^{me} . Garb' et Feni de Wyllersey					8	2	0
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'					0	1	4
Manerium de Seyntburie	Redd' Assis'					0	10	10
- - - - -	Redd' Tenen' Custumar'					18	16	8
- - - - -	Redd' Tenen' ad Volun' Dñi					2	8	0
- - - - -	Redd' Mobil'					0	0	4
- - - - -	Firm' Terr' Dñic' ibm					3	14	8
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'					0	13	8
Manerium de Malgarsburie	Redd' Assis'					0	14	1 $\frac{3}{4}$
- - - - -	Redd' Tenen' Custumar'					17	1	2
- - - - -	Redd' Tenen' ad Volun' Dñi					8	0	2
- - - - -	Firm' Terr' in Malgarsburie					3	13	4
- - - - -	Firm' x ^{me} . Garb' et Feni ibm					5	6	8
- - - - -	Firma Bosci					0	18	0
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'					2	17	6
Manerium de Swell Superiori	Redd' Tenen' Custumar'					5	11	8
- - - - -	Firma Scitus Manerij ibm					7	0	0
- - - - -	Firma x ^{me} . Garb' &c. ibm					1	6	8
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'					0	10	0
Manerium de Tatilstropp	Redd' Tenen' Custumar'					17	14	1
- - - - -	Firma Terr' Dñical' ibm					3	0	0
- - - - -	Firma x ^{me} . Gran' et Feni ibm					0	6	8
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'					1	12	8
Manerium de Burghton et Clopton &c.	Redd' Assis'					0	6	6
- - - - -	Redd' Tenen' Custumar'					22	1	2
- - - - -	Redd' Tenen' ad Vol' Dñi					0	7	2
- - - - -	Firma Scitus cum Terr' Dñic' in							
- - - - -	Burghton					4	0	0
- - - - -	Firma Maner' de Nethercote					4	8	6
- - - - -	Un' Gardin' in Villa Gloucestr.					0	1	6
- - - - -	Heyford Pastur' 1100 Acr'					34	3	0
- - - - -	Redd' reservat'					1	4	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
- - - - -	Firma Molend' in Burghton					2	8	0
- - - - -	Firma x ^{me} . Gran' ibm &c.					8	0	0
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'					1	15	0
Com' Warw'								
Manerium de Wetheley	Redd' Assis'					0	5	2
- - - - -	Redd' Tenen' Custumar'					2	15	6
- - - - -	Firma Scitus Manerij					2	10	0
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'					1	6	4
Manerium de Salford Abbis &c.	Redd' Assis'					1	6	8
- - - - -	Redd' Tenen' Custumar'					8	6	8
- - - - -	Redd' Tenen' ad Vol' Dñi					0	1	0
- - - - -	Diverse Firme					1	10	0
- - - - -	Porc' x ^{me} . in Salford					0	6	8
- - - - -	Porc' x ^{me} . Gran' in Salford					3	0	0
- - - - -	Annual' Penc' exeun' de Mon' de Ke-							
- - - - -	nilworth					0	11	8
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'					1	12	4
Manerium de Somborne et Whitlaxford cum								
Ilmyngton						49	10	2
Com' Northampt'								
Manerium de Badbye	Redd' Assis'					0	18	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
- - - - -	Redd' Tenen' Custum'					7	5	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
- - - - -	Redd' Tenen' ad Vol' Dñi					10	0	0
- - - - -	Vendic' Operum Tenenc' Arrent'					11	13	6
- - - - -	Redd' ibm voc' Frithe Silver					0	12	0
- - - - -	Firma Terr' Dñic'					3	16	0
- - - - -	Firma Moñ Ventritici ibm					1	13	4
- - - - -	Firma x ^{me} . Gran' ibm					9	6	8
- - - - -	Firma Bosci ibm					6	3	4
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'					5	10	0

						ℓ.	s.	d.	
Com' Northampt'									
	Dominium de Newnham	.	.	.	.	Redd' Assis'	1	13	5½
	-	-	-	-	-	Redd' Tenen' Custumar'	10	8	5
	-	-	-	-	-	Redd' Tenen' ad Vol' Dñi	10	0	0
	-	-	-	-	-	Vendic' Operum Tenenc' Arrentat'	11	18	3½
	-	-	-	-	-	Redd' Tenen' ibm voc' le Frith Silver	0	16	0
	-	-	-	-	-	Firma Moli Aquatici ibm	1	10	0
	-	-	-	-	-	Firma x ^{me} . Gran'	12	0	0
Civitas London	.	.	.	.	.	Redd' et Firm'	18	0	0
	-	-	-	-	-	Pençõ Eccle Sçi Michis de Cornehill	1	6	8
Com' Dorset'									
	Wymborne Minstre	.	.	.	.	Redd' de Collegio	3	0	0
	-	-	-	-	-	Redd' Certitud' de Hund' de Alyncestr'	4	0	0
Com' Lanc'									
	Cella de Penwortham nuper Mon ^{rio} predco annexat'	.	.	.	.	Firma Manerij	99	5	3
Com' Ebor'									
	Terr' nuper perquis' per Abbates de Evesham in Brodmerston	.	.	.	.	Firm' Terr' in Campis de Brodmerston	0	16	4
	-	-	-	-	-	Redd' unius Mess' et cert' Terr' ibm	1	6	8
	Terr' et Possess' Priorat' sive Cella de Alcestr' annex' nup Mon ^{rio} de Evesham	.	.	.	.	Reddit' et Firm'	28	2	11
	-	-	-	-	-	Firm' Rector' de Butlers Merston in Com' Warr'	17	0	0
	-	-	-	-	-	Firm' Rçorie de Elyn	10	13	4
	-	-	-	-	-	Firm' Rçorie de Pebworth in Com' Glouc'	10	2	6
	-	-	-	-	-	Firm' x ^{me} . Herbagij Mañij de Beauchampes	1	15	6
	-	-	-	-	-	Oblac' in Capell' Bte Marie de Ollesley	3	19	1
	-	-	-	-	-	Redd' Repert'	2	0	0
	-	-	-	-	-	Pençõ p Vicar' de Byley in Com' Wigorn'	0	13	4
	Ballivat Forensicor'	.	.	.	.	Reddit' Assis' in Wrottesley, Sulston, et Radford	1	10	8
	-	-	-	-	-	Redd' Tenen' ad Vol' Dñi	0	14	4
	-	-	-	-	-	Firma Manerij	6	0	0
	-	-	-	-	-	Redd' reservat'	3	18	6½
	-	-	-	-	-	Firma Terr' in Brodmerston	2	4	0
	-	-	-	-	-	Redd' in Whitlaxford et Hilbarowe	1	6	3
	-	-	-	-	-	Pençõ de Vicar' de Weston	0	5	0
	Scitus Monasterij de Evesham &c.	.	.	.	.	Firma Scitus cum Terr' Dñic'	44	8	10
	-	-	-	-	-	Firma x ^{me} . omn' Gran' infra Dñium de Bengeworth	23	10	8
	-	-	-	-	-	Firma x ^{me} . Garb' &c. in Hampton	27	4	4
	-	-	-	-	-	Terr' in Lenchwike	8	0	0
	-	-	-	-	-	Firma x ^{me} . de Norton et Lenchwike	25	11	8
	-	-	-	-	-	Firma x ^{me} . Gran' &c. in Offenham	15	0	8
	-	-	-	-	-	Firma x ^{me} . Gran' &c. in Badsey, Aldyngton, et Wykewanford &c.	16	6	0
	-	-	-	-	-	Firma x ^{me} . Gran' in Lytleton &c.	29	8	8
	-	-	-	-	-	Redd' Frumenti in Talton	1	1	4
	-	-	-	-	-	Firma x ^{me} . in Willersey	10	2	2
	-	-	-	-	-	Firma x ^{me} . Lane in Church Honybourne	0	12	0
	-	-	-	-	-	Reddit' reservat' in Offenham	7	3	0
	-	-	-	-	-	Reddit' Repert'	6	12	8
	-	-	-	-	-	Redd' Mobil'	2	9	5
	-	-	-	-	-	Reddit' Cign'	0	1	8
						Sm ^a . Rete	246	2	3
Redd' Gran' in Badsey, Aldyngton, Wykenford, Church Honyborne, et Lytleton							42	16	8

Shepey Monastery,

OR

Le Minstre in Shepey,

KENT.



SEXBURG, or Sexburga, widow to Ercombert king of Kent and mother of King Egbert, obtained land of her son in the Isle of Shepey, whereon to found a monastery, which she finished, and got well endowed for seventy-seven nuns, about the year 675.^a

SEXBURGA herself was the first abbess. She is said to have resigned her government within a short time of the foundation; and to have retired to Ely, where she afterwards succeeded her sister Etheldreda as abbess.^b

ERMENILDA, queen dowager of Mercia, and daughter of Sexburga, succeeded her mother as abbess of Shepey.^c

The religious suffered much here during the invasions of the Danes, by whom the monastery was at last in a great measure destroyed, and the nuns dispersed.

In this situation, according to Hasted, the edifice remained till the latter part of the reign of William the Conqueror, who, on the prioress of the nunnery of Newington, near Sittingbourne, having been strangled in her bed, confiscated the possessions of that convent, and removed the few remaining nuns from thence to this ruined monastery of Shepey; which continued but in a mean condition till the year 1130, when it was re-edified and replenished with Benedictine nuns by William Corboil archbishop of Canterbury, and dedicated to St. Mary and St. Sexburgh.^d

King Henry the Third, in his eighteenth year, confirmed to the prioress and nuns of this monastery the site of it and its appurtenances, together with the manor of Minster and all other lands and possessions, and divers liberties and privileges, as therein mentioned. Which charter was again confirmed by King Edward the Third, in his third year; who likewise afterwards, in the same year, granted to them an ample charter of confirmation of all their lands and privileges;^e and the grant of King Henry III. above-mentioned was likewise

again confirmed by King Richard II. in the fourth year of his reign, and afterwards a third time by letters of *inspeximus* from King Henry IV. in his first year.^f

A.D. 1186. Roger abbat of St. Augustine demised to AGNES prioress of St. Sexburg certain tithes which his monastery possessed, in right of the church of Middleton, in the parish of Bobbing, at the yearly rent of ten shillings, on condition that all housekeepers which should be on the estates from which those tithes arose, whether they were married or not, should yearly repair to the mother church of Middleton, with their oblations, according to their several abilities, viz. on Christmas-day, the day of the Purification, and on Easter-day; and when there should not be any men, then the widows or damsels, if any such should be, should repair to the said church, in like manner, in lieu of them. And, in 1188, the same abbat demised to the prioress above-mentioned the tithes of Westlonde, within the parish of the said prioress, for the rent of fourteen shillings sterling, payable yearly to the sacrist of St. Augustine.^g

A complete list of the names of the abbesses of Shepey is probably now irrecoverable. The obits of the following are preserved in an ancient Calendar in the Cotton manuscript Faustina B. vi.

"2 Id. Martii, obiit JOHANNA DE BADELISMERE priorissa de Scapeya."

"12 Kal. Maii, ob. EUSTACHIA priorissa de Scapiea."

"4 Non. Oct. ob. AGNES^h priorissa de Scapiea."

"13 Kal. Oct. ob. CHRISTINA priorissa de Scapa."

"11 Kal. Dec. ob. GUNNORA priorissa de Scapeya."

AGNES REVERS is noticed as prioress, Oct. 2d, 1511, from the Archiepiscopal Registers at Lambeth, in one of Mr. Cole's manuscripts.ⁱ

In the eighth year of King Richard the Second, anno 1384, the temporalities of this monastery were valued at 66*l.* 8*s.* and the spiritualities at 73*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* Total, 139*l.* 14*s.* 8*d.*^k

This monastery was suppressed in the 27th of Henry the Eighth; its annual revenues, according to Dugdale, amounting to 129*l.* 7*s.* 10½*d.*; but according to Speed, corroborated by the Valor Ecclesiasticus of King Henry VIII., to 122*l.* 14*s.* 6½*d.*^l

The revenues had decreased, from time to time, so

^a Tann. Not. Mon. Kent, LIV., Leland, Collect. vol. i. p. 89, Speed, &c. make Sexburgh to have founded this place A. D. 710, which is too late; it being plain from the Monasticon, &c. that it was begun before the death of King Egbert, in A. D. 673, and finished before her going to Ely, where she was sometime before the death of St. Etheldred, in A. D. 679. A monastery here is also mentioned in the Acts of the Council of Beccanceld, A. D. 694. Tann. ut supr. Dugdale, in the former editions of the first volume of this work, p. 152, following the same authorities with Leland and Speed, says: "De hujus cœnobii fundatione, et fundationis tempore, vide Lambardi Itiner. Cantii, et Cambdeni Britanniam, qui fundatum asserunt per reginam quandam Sexburgam nomine, circa annum Domini 710. Vide etiam supra pag. 88, col. 1 et 2." Lives of St. Sexburgh occur, MSS. Cotton. Calig. A. vii. foll. 89 b, 104; Claud. A. viii. fol. 126 b.

^b Compare vol. i. pp. 457, 458. See also Thomæ Eliensis Hist. Eliensis; Wharton, Angl. Sacr. tom. i. pp. 595, 596.

^c Tho. Elien. ut supr. Angl. Sacr. tom. i. p. 596.

^d Hasted, Hist. of Kent, vol. ii. pp. 550, 648. No traces of this monastery occur in the Domesday Survey of Kent.

^e Rot. Cart. anno 3 Edw. III. num. 38, 48. ^f See Num. II.

^g Chron. W. Thorn, ut supr. col. 1839. Hasted, vol. ii. p. 633.

^h Probably the same with the Agnes mentioned above in the year 1186.

ⁱ MS. Cole, Brit. Mus. vol. xxvi. fol. 201 b.

^k Stevens, Contin. of Dugd. vol. i. p. 41. From Chron. W. Thorn, de rebus gestis Abbatum Sancti Augustini Cantuariæ, Twysd. Script. x. col. 2168.

^l See Tann. Notit. Mon. and Valor Eccl. vol. i. p. 98.

much, that at the Dissolution there were but ten nuns beside the prioress in it.

To the last prioress, ALICIA CRANE, King Henry the Eighth, on Nov. 20th in his 28th year, granted a pension of 14*l.* for her life, towards her proper support and maintenance.^a

The manor of Minstre, alias Sexburg, with the site of the priory, was granted, Nov. 12th, 29 Hen. VIII., to Sir Thomas Cheney, Knight.^b

The present church of Minster, being dedicated to St. Mary and St. Sexburg, as was the monastery, is supposed by some to have been the very church of it; but,

by others, that it only adjoined to it. Hasted states, that it formed part of the endowment of the monastery at its first foundation.^c Weever, speaking of this monastery, says, "Some part of it is now converted into a parish-church."^d

Beside the possessions already noticed, the nunnery of Shepey was possessed, in the 22d of King Edward the Third, of lands in Milton.^e

William Robesart, by his last will, proved August 19th, 1499, gave the manor of Pistock, alias Woodstock, in Tunstall to this monastery, for the use of a solemn obit.^f

Cartae ad Scapeiense Coenobium in agro Cantiano spectantes.

NUM. I.

Shepey-moynstre, Monialium Abbatia.

[Lelandi Collectan. vol. i. p. 84.]

GULIELMUS archiepiscopus Cantuar. restituit, post conquestum, monasterium longo ante tempore à Danis combustum. Ecclesia de Greine appropri.

NUM. II.

Charta Henrici Regis IIII. Chartas et Donationes Monialibus olim concessas, vel imposterum concedendas, confirmans.

[Pat. 1 Hen. IV. p. 8, m. 8.]

REX omnibus ad quos &c. Salutem &c. Inspeximus Cartam quam celebris memoriae dominus H. quondam rex Angliæ, proavus noster fecit in hæc verba. Henricus Dei gratia rex Angliæ, dominus Hiberniæ, dux Normanniæ et Aquitaniæ et comes Andegaviæ, archiepiscopis, episcopis, abbatibus, prioribus, comitibus, baronibus, justiciariis, vicecomitibus, præpositis, ministris, et omnibus ballivis et fidelibus suis salutem. Sciatis nos concessisse, et hac carta nostra confirmasse, intuitu Dei, et pro salute animæ nostræ et animarum antecessorum et hæredum nostrorum, ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ, et sanctæ Sexburgæ de Scapeya, et sanctimonialibus ibidem Deo servientibus, in liberam et perpetuam elemosinam, locum suum in Scapeya et ecclesiam sanctæ Mariæ et sanctæ Sexburgæ, cum omnibus pertinentiis, et ecclesiam de Gillingeham cum capellis et decimis et omnibus pertinentiis, et terras in insula de Gryen quas Willielmus Cantuar. archiepiscopus eis dedit de emptione sua, cum mariscis et omnibus pertinentiis, et dimidium sulingum terræ de feodo Ricardi de Lucy ex acquisitione ejusdem Willielmi archiepiscopi per Ævelinam matrem præfati Ricardi de Lucy, de Newenthon, et terram de Rypen, in insula de Scapeya, et in insula de Gryen redditus sex librarum quas prædictus archiepiscopus mercatus est de ipsis hæredibus; salvis consuetudinibus curiæ de Gillingeham: et terram de Bradefeld, quam idem archiepiscopus mercatus est ab Aldina et Ordina et hæredibus suis. Concedimus etiam eis ecclesiam de Bobbing cum pertinentiis, et terram de Wode, scilicet quadraginta septem acras et tres acras et dimidiam de Grave in Pinnegrave, ex dono Willielmi de Ros, et terram de Holte quam Goher tenuit, scilicet triginta et unam

acram, et in Godmefeld septem acras, et triginta et duas acras nemoris in Kyngesdun, quas habent ex dono H. regis avi nostri: et terram quam receperunt cum filiabus Goscel in marisco de Leffledhop, pasturam etiam sexaginta ovium quam Osbertus de Borden dedit eis cum uxore sua et filia; et terram de Estlanda quam Avelina femina Hardingi dedit quando sanctimonialis facta est, et in insula de Gryen redditus quindecim solidorum et quatuor denariorum, quos Galfridus de Ros dedit cum filia sua: mariscum qui adjacet novo portui quem Radulfus de Swynesheth dedit cum aliis terris quas parochiani in dotem dederunt quando ecclesia dedicata fuit; dimidiam terram et dimidium mariscum de Sedun. cum sorore Henrici de Hores, terram quam ipsæ sanctimoniales emerunt de Osberto Rasum et Alditha amita ejus, terram etiam de Milstede quam emerunt de Elrico Gosesune et Edwardo Maynard et aliis hæredibus; terram de Bordefeld quam Osbertus de Wardun dedit cum filia sua: terram Wynæ, terram Godardi de Cumbes, et septem solidos de Dunton, quos Hugo de Ginges dedit cum Agnete filia sua, et totum essartum quod habuit in Northwod cum pertinentiis, et omnes alias terras et tenementa et homines et possessiones suas, secundum cartas rationabiles vel cirographa donatorum vel venditorum vel excambitorum suorum. Quare volumus et firmiter præcipimus, quod prænominatæ sanctimoniales præfatas ecclesias cum capellis et cæteris pertinentiis et omnes terras et homines et possessiones suas habeant et teneant liberè et quietè integrè et plenariè in liberam elemosinam, et quæcunque alia in futuro pia devotione fidelium vel conventionem venditorum illis de cujuscunque feodo fuerint rationabiliter collata, cum omnibus pertinentiis et libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus, in terris, et in escambiis, et emptionibus terrarum, in mariscis, in grangiis, et virgultis, in civitatibus, et villis, stagnis, piscariis, in bosco et plano, in pratis et pascuis, in aquis et molendinis, in viis et semitis, et in omnibus aliis locis et rebus cum soca et saca et thol et theam et infangene-thef, soluta et libera ab omni sæculari servitio, salvis conventionibus erga universos secundum rationabiles cartas vel cirographa sua. Et quieti sint de sectis comitatum, Leth. Hundred. et auxiliis vicecomitum et omnium ministrorum eorum, et de omnibus ad eos pertinentibus. Prohibemus etiam, quod nullus eas aut possessiones aut homines aut res suas vexet vel disturbet contra libertates cartarum suarum super decem librarum forisfactura, sicut carta Ricardi regis avunculi nostri,

^a Hasted, vol. ii. p. 648.

^b Tann. Not. Mon.

^c Hasted, vol. ii. p. 653.

^d Fun. Mon. edit. 1631, p. 283.

^e Hasted, vol. ii. p. 629. Tann. Not. Mon.

^f Hasted, vol. ii. p. 580. This manor was also granted in the 29th Hen. VIII. to Sir Thomas Cheney. See More's Hist. of Tunstall, Bibl. Top. Brit. p. 42.

^g Ita MS.

quam inde habent, rationabiliter testatur. Hiis testibus
L. de Segrave justic. Angl. J. comite Linc. et constab.
Cestriæ W. comite Albermarl. Phillippo de Albuniaco,
Briano de Insula, Petro de Malolaco, Radulfo fil. Nichol.

Godefr. de Crancumb. Galfr. Dispenser, et aliis. Dat.
per manum venerab. patris R. Cicestr. episcopi Canc.
nostri apud Roffam, vii. die Aprilis anno regni nostri
xviii. Nos autem, &c.

VALOR ECCLESIASTICUS TEMP. HEN. VIII.

(Abstract of Return, 26 Hen. VIII. First Fruits Office.)

MONASTERYE OF SAYNT SEXBURGE WITHIN THE YLE OF SHEPEY.

	ℓ.	s.	d.		ℓ.	s.	d.
The Manor of Upberge	18	14	11½	The Farme of Rede	5	13	4
The Parsonage of Gyllyngham	10	12	0	Sundry Tenements in Eastbregge and within the walls of the City of Canter- bury	2	19	8
The Parsonage of Greyn	10	8	9	Rents of Kylborne	0	5	0
The Parsonage of Bobbyng	10	9	10	Rents of certain Lands in Grane	4	0	0
The Manor of Pyscocke in Rodmersham	7	13	9	Rents of certain Lands in Bobbyng	0	1	4
The Manor of Mynster	62	10	8	Rents of certain Lands in Newyngton	0	1	4
The Parsonage of Mynster	18	15	9	Rents of certain Lands in Sydyngborne	0	1	8
The Chappell of Quinburghe	1	6	8				
The Rent and Farme of Swal and Talnasse	7	0	0				
Sum clear, beyond deductions,							

COMPUT' MINISTRORUM DOMINI REGIS TEMP. HEN. VIII.

(Abstract of Roll, 29 Hen. VIII. Augmentation Office.)

MONASTERIUM SANCTÆ SEXBURG' IN INSULA DE SHEPEY.

Com' Canc'		ℓ.	s.	d.
Upbury	Firma Manerij	16	16	0
- - - - -	Firma Rectoriæ	13	6	8
- - - - -	Reddit' Assis'	2	5	7½
- - - - -	Pecia Terræ	0	3	0
Pistock	Firma Manerij	10	9	5½
Le Mynster	Dominium	25	0	10¼
Swall et Talnash	Redd' et Firm' ibm	7	0	0
Reade	Firma ibm	5	13	4
Mynster	Molend' Ventritic'	1	6	8
Civit' Cantuar'	Diversa Tenementa	1	3	4
Grene	Rectoria	13	13	4
Bobbing	Rectoria	12	0	0
Mynster	Firma Terrarum Dominicalium	39	14	0
Grymborowe et Walathorp	Marisc' sic vocat' in Insula de Shepey	3	6	8
Mynster	Rectoria	13	6	8

Selaese, or Selsey, Monastery,

IN

SUSSEX.



Wilfrid having, about the year 681, preached the Chris-

IR William Dugdale, in the original edition of his work, in a single sentence, copied from Leland's Collectanea, notices the foundation of the monastery of Selsey in 711 by Wilfrid bishop of Hexham. But Bishop Tanner gives it an earlier date, though without relying on the authority of the Charters printed by Dugdale in the Account of Chichester Cathedral.^a He says, "St.

tian religion in the kingdom of the South Saxons, and converted many of those heathens to the faith, obtained, by the favour of Ædilwalch king of the country, this village, then consisting of eighty-seven families, with all the lands of the peninsula on which it is situated, for the building and endowing of a monastery for those religious persons^b who had been his companions in his exile.^c It was dedicated to the blessed Virgin,^d and EADBERCHT, abbat of this place, being, A.D. 711, consecrated the first bishop of the South Saxons,^e the episcopal seat was fixed and remained here till Bishop Stigandus translated it (by virtue of the constitution made at the Synod of London A.D. 1075) from this village to the larger town of Chichester."^f

Selesiense Coenobium in Comitatu Sussexiae.

[Lelandi Collectan. vol. iii. p. 72.]^g

ANNO Domini DCCXI. Wilfridus Hagustaldensis episcopus persecutionem declinans, in Insula de Seleseye per quinquennium latuit, et ibi monasterium fundavit in honorem beatæ Mariæ, donante ei terram rege Australium Saxonum Ethelwoldo, quod, multo post tempore, successores ejus tenuerunt.

[Bedæ Hist. Eccl. Gentis Anglorum, lib. iv. cap. xiii.]

"Quo tempore rex Aedilualch donavit reverentissimo antisti Vilfrido terram octoginta septem familiarum, ubi suos homines qui exules vagabantur, recipere posset, vocabulo Selaeseu, quod dicitur Latine *Insula vituli marini*. Est enim locus ille undique mari circumdatus

præter ab Occidente, unde habet ingressum amplitudinis quasi jactus fundæ: qualis locus a Latinis Peninsula, a Græcis solet Cherronesos vocari. Hunc ergo locum cum accepisset episcopus Vilfrid, fundavit ibi monasterium, ac regulari vita instituit, maxime ex his quos secum adduxerat fratribus: quod usque hodie successores ejus tenere noscuntur. Nam ipse illis in partibus annos quinque, id est, usque ad mortem Ecgfridi regis, merito omnibus honorabilis, officium episcopatus et verbo exercebat et opere. Et quoniam illi rex cum præfata loci possessione, omnes qui ibidem erant, facultates cum agris et hominibus donavit, omnes fide Christi institutos, unda baptismatis abluit; inter quos, servos et ancillas ducentos quinquaginta: quos omnes ut baptizando a servitute dæmonica salvavit, etiam libertate donando humanæ jugo servitutis absolvit."

^a Dugd. Mon. Angl. former edit. tom. iii. P. i. p. 115, where a Charter of Ceadwalla, king of the South Saxons, will be found for the building of this monastery in 673. This, with several other Charters which follow, are considered by Bishop Tanner as the forgeries of the monks.

^b Rudborne, to advance the antiquity of his own order, says, for Benedictine monks, "Eratque sedes episcopalis ejusdem pagi [Suthsexiæ] antiquitus in Seleseyâ, quæ est insula circumflua ponto, ut narrat Beda de Gestis Anglorum, ubi etiam beatus Wilfridus monasterium monachorum Ordinis sancti Benedicti construxit." Angl. Sacr. tom. i. p. 228.

^c Bedæ Hist. Eccl. lib. v. c. xiii.

^d "In honorem beatæ Mariæ." Lel. Collect. edit. 1770, tom. iv. p. 70. But, in a Charter of Aldwlf duke of the South Saxons, printed in the former edit. of the Monasticon, tom. iii. P. i. p. 117, to St. Peter.

^e Bedæ Hist. Eccl. lib. v. c. xvii.

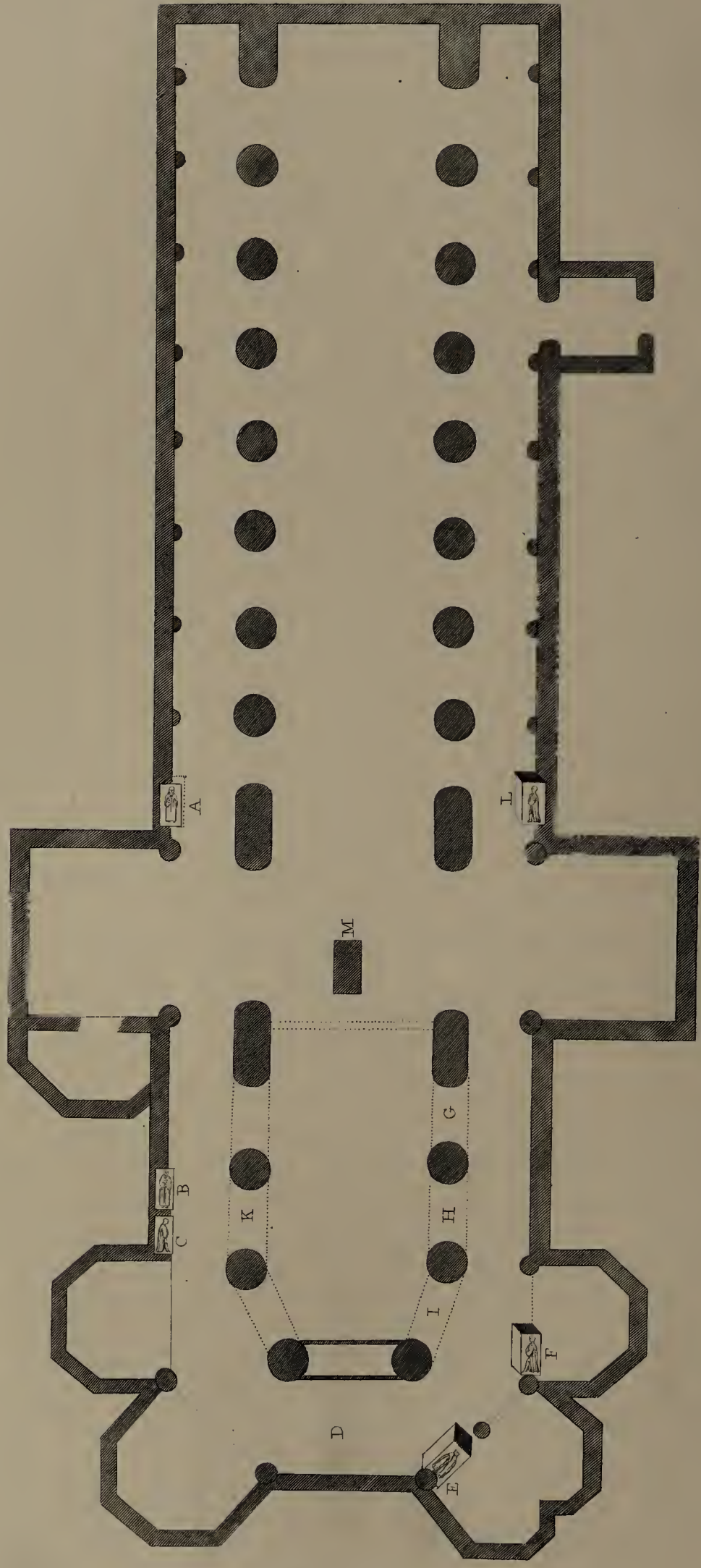
^f Compare Jo. Brompt. Script. x. Twysd. col. 475. Gervas. Cant. ibid. col. 1654.

^g Edit. 1770, tom. iv. p. 70.

A } Abbots univ. m.

- B } The Vault of George Duke of Clarence.
 C } The last Abbot, found dead in a tree.
 D } The tomb of Sir Robert Fitz-brian.

- G The chapel of Isabel Countess of Warwick.
 H The tomb of Sir Robert Fitzhamon.
 I The tomb of Sir Hugh Spenser, the son.
 K The tomb of Sir Hugh Spenser, the father.
 L The tomb of the Lord Weinslock.
 M The gravestone of Prince Edward, eldest son to Henry VI.



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The chronology of the Abbey Church of Tewkesbury



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THE history of Tewkesbury monastery is given in Latin, at considerable length, by Dugdale, from a manuscript once belonging to the abbey.^a

Oddo, and Doddo, or Dodo, two dukes of Mercia, are said to have been its first founders, in the year 715. They built it upon their own estate nigh the Severn, seven miles from Gloucester, upon a

spot where one Theokus, a hermit, had his residence: whence, according to the Chronicle cited by Dugdale, the name of Theokesbury, or Tewkesbury, was supposed to have been derived. These Mercian noblemen granted the manor called Stanwey, with its members, and certain other smaller possessions, for the support of the monks; dedicating their new structure to the Virgin Mary. The monks who at this early period inhabited the monastery were not more than four or five in number.

Beside Tewkesbury, Oddo and Doddo were great benefactors to Pershore abbey, where their bodies are said to have been interred.

The next patron of the monastery of Tewkesbury whom we read of was one Hugh, also a Mercian nobleman, who, in 799, caused the body of Brictric king of the West Saxons to be brought hither for interment: being himself buried here A.D. 812.

Having undergone many calamities during the civil and Danish wars, and having been twice consumed by fire, Tewkesbury, about the year 980, was subjected as a Cell by its then patron, Haylward Mere (who is also called Snow or Snew), to his newly founded priory of Cranburne in Dorsetshire. In which subordinate condition it remained rather more than a hundred and twenty years.

From the evidence of Domesday we learn that the honour or seigniorship of Gloucester, which in the time of King Edward the Confessor had belonged to Brictric the grandson of this Haylward, was at the Conquest confiscated, and, with the patronage of the two monasteries of Cranburne and Tewkesbury, vested in the crown.

^a See the App. of Instruments, Num. I. It is translated at length in Atkyns's Hist. of Gloucestershire, edit. 1768, p. 381.

^b See Num. II.

^c See Tann. Notit. Mon.

^d Giraldus's Charter, in which the new order of things was ordained, was not dated till the 5th kal. October, 1105. It will be found in the Appendix of Instruments, Num. LXXXVII.

^e Annal. Winton. Angl. Sacr. tom. i. p. 297.

^f "Non tamen sine sanguine tantam victoriam consummans, multos ex charissimis amisit. Inter quos Rogerium de Glocestre probatum militem in obsessione Falesii arcubalistæ jactu in capite percussum, præterea Robertum filium Hamonis, qui conto ictus tempora, hebetatusque ingenio non paucis tempore quasi captus mente supervixit. Merito mulctatum ferunt, quod ejus liberandicausa rex Henricus Baio-tascivitatem, cum principali ecclesia ignibus absumpserit. Sed utrique, ut speramus, purgabile fuit. Nam et detrimenta ecclesiæ rex mirifice resarcivit, et Robertus monasterium Theochesberiæ suo favore, non

The church of Tewkesbury, however, as appears from the Domesday Survey, had its separate endowment, consisting of seven hides in Stanwege, four in Tatintone, three in Limentone, three in Waseborne, two in Fitentone, one in Ætone, and four and a half in Stanlege: making a total of twenty-four hides and a half, valued in the time of Edward the Confessor at the annual sum of twenty-four pounds ten shillings, which, from causes unexplained, had, in the time of the Conqueror, fallen to a revenue of twenty pounds. The above lands are said to have paid geld in the time of King Edward the Confessor as for twenty hides only.^b

Early in the reign of Henry the First, Robert Fitz Haimon, a noble Norman, who came in with William the Conqueror (and to whom King William Rufus had granted Brictric's estates as well as the patronage of these monasteries), enlarged the buildings and increased the possessions of Tewkesbury so much, that the monks of Cranburne chose in 1102 to remove hither, and make this the head house; leaving a prior and two monks only at Cranburne.^c

GIRALDUS, who had been originally a monk of Winchester, was transferred by the founder from Cranburne as the first abbat: not, as Stevens has it, in 1104, but in 1102.^d In 1109, however, refusing to gratify the covetous temper of King Henry the First, he was forced to leave his abbey, and return again to Winchester: "Regis animum nolens nec valens satiare muneribus, abbatiâ relictâ, ad ecclesiam Wintoniensem, cujus professus fuerat, reversus est."^e

In 1107, Robert Fitz Haimon, the founder of the monastery, died. William of Malmesbury notices his death as the consequence of a blow upon the temple received from a lance two years before, at the retaking of Falaise in Normandy.^f

Upon his death, King Henry, being unwilling that so fine an inheritance should be divided between co-heiresses, married his natural son, Robert, to Mabile, or Maud, Robert Fitz Haimon's eldest daughter; making Cecil and Hawise, the second and third daughters, abbesses of Shaftsbury and Winton, and marrying Amice, the fourth, to the Earl of Bretagne. Robert of Gloucester has preserved an amusing detail of the king's courtship for his son Robert, whom he afterwards created Earl of Gloucester.^g

ROBERT, who succeeded Giraldus, became abbat

facile memoratu, quantum exaltavit, ubi et ædificiorum decor, et monachorum charitas adventantium rapit oculos, et allicit animos." Will. Malmesb. de Reg. lib. v. Script. post Bedam, fol. 89. The body of Fitz Haimon was originally buried in the chapter-house at Evesham, from whence his bones were removed, in 1241, by Robert the third abbat, and deposited within a tomb on the north side of the choir between two of the pillars; over which an elegant and light chapel of stone was erected by abbat Parker in 1397. Mr. Lysons saw this tomb opened with several others in the month of September, 1795, whilst some repairs were carrying on in the church. "At the west end was a large stone with a hole scooped out of it, in which were deposited two or three bones carefully wrapped up in lead, being, no doubt, all the remains of the founder which could be collected at the time of their removal." Archaeol. vol. xiv. p. 150.

^g "Ther was tho in Engelond a gret loverdyng,

On of the gretest that ther was, wythout Henry kyng,

in 1110.^a Stevens says he died in 1124: but the manuscript Continuation of Florence of Worcester says on the 6th of the ides of December, 1123:^b in which year, it appears, the church of Tewkesbury was dedicated, on the 10th of the kalends of November, by Theulfus bishop of Worcester, assisted by four other prelates.^c

BENEDICT became abbat in 1124: and died in 1137.

ROGER, called in some places ROBERT, was the next abbat. He died, after having governed the monastery twenty-four years and eleven weeks, in 1161.^d In the time of this abbat, certainly before 1147, Robert earl of Gloucester, already mentioned, built a Priory, dedicated to St. James, on his own demesne, at Bristol; endowing it with lands, ornaments, and possessions, and making it subject as a Cell to the abbey of Tewkesbury.^e He also erected a spire on the tower steeple at Tewkesbury.^f William, his son, who succeeded him in the earldom of Gloucester, confirmed not only all the charters, confirmations, liberties, and donations which his father had granted to the abbey, but also those of all his ancestors.^g

FROMUND was made abbat of Tewkesbury in 1162. During his administration, William earl of Gloucester died upon St. Clement's night, A. D. 1173, leaving John the younger son of King Henry the Second his heir, that his inheritance might not be divided among females.^h King Henry the Second, however, retained the earldom in his own hands for six years, bestowing it on his son John, together with Isabel the youngest daughter of Earl William in marriage, in the last year of his reign. John appears to have been a benefactor to the town of Tewkesbury, and granted two Charters to the abbey.ⁱ In the reign of Richard the First, his brother, he built the long bridge in the town, giving the whole toll of his market there for its reparation. In 1177, according to the Cotton manuscript Cleop. A. vii. or 1178, according to the Annals of Winton, the church and monastic buildings of Tewkesbury were destroyed by fire. In which year, also, abbat Fromund died.^k

ROBERT, the next abbat, did not receive the benediction till Sept. 29th, 1182.

ALAN, prior of Canterbury, was elected abbat in 1186; receiving the benediction at Canterbury on the 16th of the kalends of June, 1187.^l He was a native of England, though afterwards a canon of the church of Benevento; and became prior of Canterbury in 1179. He was the friend, and one of the biographers of Thomas à Becket. He died in 1202. His tomb is in the south wall of the south aisle of Tewkesbury church: it consists of a coffin of Purbeck marble, laid under a very plain semi-quatrefoil arch; a figure of which, with a description of the tomb, may be seen in Mr. Gough's Sepulchral Monuments, vol. i. pl. ix. p. 36. Mr. Lysons, who saw this tomb opened in 1795, says, that besides the inscription given by Mr. Gough, on removing some mortar at the head of the coffin, another became visible: it was obliterated in some parts, but, when perfect, appeared to have been HIC IACET DOMINVS ALANVS ABBAS.^m

WALTER, sacrist of the monastery, was consecrated abbat in 1203.ⁿ In his time the inheritance of the earldom of Gloucester passed to the Clares, Amice the surviving daughter of Earl William having married Richard de Clare, whose successors were considerable benefactors to the abbey.^o Abbat Walter died in 1213:^p or, according to the Cotton manuscript Cleop. A. vii. in 1214.

HUGH, prior of Tewkesbury, became the next abbat. He received the benediction, by the bishop of Worcester's permission, from Giles bishop of Hereford:^q and died in 1215.^r He was succeeded by

BERNARD, one of the monks of this place, whose election being disapproved of,^s

PETER, a monk of Worcester, was chosen in his room. Peter received benediction from the bishop of Worcester April 3d, 1216:^t but, from an entry in the Cotton manuscript, it should seem as if afterward there was no great cordiality between them.^u

In 1230, Gilbert earl of Hertford and Clare, who died that year, gave the Mythe wood to the monastery, now entirely assarted.^x He died at Penros in Britany, bequeathing his body to be interred in the monastery.^y

Syre Roberd le Fyz Haym, that let vorst arere
The ahbey of Teukesbyry, and monekes hrogte there.
He deyde about thulke tyme, and yhured was ywys
In the abbey of Teukeshury, as hys hody gut ys.
Mahyle hys dogter was eyr of al hys londes,
The kyng vor yre erytage hym gan understone,
To brynge Roberd his sone a bast in hys waryson there
Thoru spousyng of thys mayde, that avanced were.
He seyde, 'that heo ssolde hys sone to hyre spouse avonge.'
Thys mayde was there agen, and wyth seyde yt longe.
The kyng of sogte hyre suythe ynou, so that atten ende
Mabyle hym ansuerede, as gode mayde and hende,
'Syre,' heo seyde, 'wel ychot, that goure herte up me ys,
'More von myn erytage, than my sulue ywys.
'So vare erytage, as ych abhe, yt were me gret ssame,
'Vor to ahbe an loverd, bote he adde an tuo name.
'Syre Roberd le Fyz Haim my fader name was,
'And that ne mygte nogt be hys, that of hys kunne nogt nas.
'Thervore, syre, vor Godes love, ne let me non man owe,
'Bote he abbe an tuo name, war thoru he be yknowe.'
'Damaysele,' quath the kyng, 'thou seyst well in thys cas,
'Syre Roberd le Fyz Haym thy fadere's name was.
'And as vayr name he ssal abhe, gyf me hym may byse,
'Syre Roberd Fiz le Roy hys name ssal he.'
'Syre,' quath this mayde tho, 'that ys vayr name,
'As wo seyth, al hys lyf, and of grete fame.
'Ac wat ssolde hys sone hotethanne, and other that of hym come?
'Sone mygte hii hote nogt, therof nymeth gome.'
The kyng understod that the mayde ne seyde non out of rage,
And that Gloucestre was chef of hyre eritage.
'Damasele,' he seyde tho, 'thy loverd ssal ahbe an name
'Vor hym, and vor hys eyrs, vayr wyth out blame.
'Vor Roberd erl of Gloucestre hys name ssal he, and ys:
'Vor he ssal be erl of Gloucestre, and hys eyrs ywys.'
'Syre,' quath the mayde tho, 'Wel lyketh me thys,
'In thys fourme ycholle, that all my thyng be hys.'
Thus was erl of Gloucestre vorst ymade there
As thys Roberd of all thulke, that longe hyvore were.
Thys was enlene hondred ger, and in the ger ryght,
After that our Lorde was in his moder alygt;
And of the kynges crounement in the [ix] gere,
That the vorst erl of Gloucestre thus was ymad there,
Roberd, that spoused the rygt eyr, King Henry sone,
That vor hys gode dede worth, yeh wene evere in mone."

Rob. Gloucest. Chron. ed. Hearne, vol. ii. p. 431.

^a Annal. Winton. Angl. Sacr. tom. i. p. 297.

^b Kennett, MS. Diptycha.

^c MS. Cotton. Cleop. A. vii. fol. 8.

^d To the early part of this abbat's time, the Deeds in the Appendix of Instruments, Numm. V. VI. VII. VIII. relating to certain churches belonging to this monastery in the diocese of Landaff, must be referred.

^e See Num. I.

^f *Lel. Itin.* edit. Oxf. 1769, vol. vi. p. 92.

^g Compare Numm. XXII. XXIII.

^h *Dugd. Bar.* vol. i. p. 536.

ⁱ See Numm. XX. XXI.

^k Angl. Sacr. tom. i. p. 301.

^l *Script. x. Twysd.* col. 620. Stevens, from Willis's *Mit. Ab.* says, on the 17th of the kalends of July.

^m See *Archaeol.* vol. xiv. p. 152. Mr. Lysons adds, "When the lid of the stone coffin was first taken off, the body appeared surprisingly perfect, considering it had lain there near six hundred years: the folds of the drapery were then very distinct; hut, from being exposed to the air, the whole soon crumbled away, and left little more than a skeleton: the boots, however, still retained their form, and a certain degree of elasticity; they hung in large folds about the legs. On his right side lay a plain crozier of wood, neatly turned, the top of which was gilded, having a cross cut in it. It was five feet eleven inches in length, and remarkably light." (See it engraved, *Archaeol.* ut supr. pl. xxxvii.) "On his left side was the fragment of a chalice."

ⁿ MS. Cotton. Cleop. A. vii. fol. 12.

^o See *Dugd. Bar.* vol. i. pp. 211, 536.

^p Willis, *Mit. Ab.* vol. i. p. 184.

^q Angl. Sacr. tom. i. p. 482.

^r MS. Cotton. Cleop. A. vii. fol. 14 h.

^s "Bernardus electus est in abbatem Theok. sed postea cassatus." *Ibid.*

^t Willis, *Mit. Ab.* vol. i. p. 184.

^u "A. D. 1225. P. abbas Theok. Rom. proficiens in crastino sancti Gregorii papae absolutus est a papa Honorio III. ab hiis qui hunc falso accusahatur per episcopum Wigorn." MS. Cotton. ut supr. fol. 17.

^x The abbey obtained a licence to enclose this wood in the 47th of Edw. III. *Atkyns's Hist. Glouc.* edit. 1768, p. 381.

^y *Dugd. Bar.* vol. i. p. 211. The following is the notice of his death and funeral in the Cotton manuscript: "A. D. M. C. XXX. G. de Clare comes Gloucestræ et Hertfordiæ obiit in nocte sanctorum Crispini et Crispiniani apud Penros in Britania, et legavit corpus suum ecclesiæ beatæ Mariæ Theok. ubi nunc requiescit. Legavit etiam eidem ecclesiæ hoscum de Mutha, et crucem argenteam hene deauratam. Applicuit autem sequenti die Sabhato cum familia sua apud Plu'mue et delatus est per mediam Devoniam, Sumers', et Dorset', usque Crane-hurn, deinde usque Theokesburiam multis obiter largitis pro anima ejus

Abbat Peter died on the 3d of the kalends of April, 1231.^a Willis says in 1232.^b He was succeeded by

ROBERT, prior of the monastery, whose surname, as Willis thinks, was FORTINGDON; and who, according to the Cotton Register, was frequently called ROBERT III.^c In his time, in 1234, the principal gate of the monastery, with two of the stables, were burnt.^d In 1237, the chapel of St. Nicholas in the church of Tewkesbury was rebuilt by Hervey de Sipton, then prior;^e and in 1239, according to the Cotton manuscript, the church itself, together with the high altar, were dedicated to the Virgin Mary.^f Abbat Robert died, according to Willis,^g in 1253; according to the Cotton Register, on the 12th of the kalends of December, 1254. His successor was

THOMAS DE STOKE, or STOKES, prior of St. James's Bristol, who was installed on the 2d of the ides of March following.

During the time of this abbat, in 1262, Richard de Clare, earl of Gloucester and Hertford, died at Eschmerfield in Kent, and was brought to Tewkesbury for burial; being interred in the quire, on the right hand of his father, with this epitaph, his tomb being adorned by his wife with gold, silver, and precious stones:

"Hic pudor Hippoliti, Paradis gena, sensus Ulixis,
Æneæ pietas, Hectoris ira jacet."^h

The funeral was attended by the bishops of Worcester and Landaff, and the abbats of no fewer than eight monasteries: numerous indulgences being granted by the archbishop of Canterbury, the bishops of Chester, Worcester, and Landaff, to those who should pray for the earl's soul.ⁱ

Thomas de Stoke died in 1275, according to Willis, but according to Bishop Kennett's Diptycha, in 1277. The election of his successor,

RICHARD DE NORTON, however, was confirmed on the 13th kal. September, 1276.^k He died on the 18th kal. March, 1282: and was succeeded, on the 12th kal. June, in the same year, by

THOMAS DE KEMSEY.^l During his administration, in 1295, Gilbert de Clare, the second of the name, earl

of Gloucester, was interred in the abbey church, on the left hand of Gilbert the first. Gilbert earl of Gloucester, the third of the name, and son of the preceding, was also buried in the chapel of the Virgin Mary at Tewkesbury, in 1314: and his wife in 1315. In this abbat's time also, Hugh le Despenser, who was executed at London, in 1326, was, at least in part, interred at Tewkesbury. "It is said that one of his quarters was buried near the high altar by the lavatory at Tewkesbury, and that, long after, the rest of his limbs were brought thither, and buried in that abbey."^m Abbat Kemsey died in 1328.ⁿ

JOHN COLES, or COTES, was the next abbat. He died in 1347.^o On August the 20th, in which year,

THOMAS LEGH, or DE LEGH, was elected abbat. In this abbat's time, Hugh le Despenser earl of Gloucester, the second of the name, who died Feb. 8th, 1349, and was buried at Tewkesbury, gave the monks the church of Lantrissan; out of which, upon the day of his anniversary, they had twenty marks, and thirty more for a pittance.^p The wife of this nobleman, Elizabeth, daughter to William de Montacute earl of Salisbury, who survived him, afterwards married Guido, or Guy de Brien; who was also a benefactor to the monastery: appropriating certain rents in Bristol, and annexing the profits to the office of sacrist, and to certain mass priests for their prayers.^q Abbat Legh died on October 16th, 1361.^r

THOMAS CHESTERTON, cellarer of the monastery, was elected abbat on November the 24th following: being confirmed on December the 9th. In his time, Edward earl of Gloucester, the nephew of the last-mentioned Hugh, died at Caerdiff Nov. 6th, 1375, bequeathing his body to be buried in the abbey of Tewkesbury, where it was interred before the door of the vestry, near the quire; his wife building, as a tomb for him, the chapel of the Holy Trinity. This Edward bequeathed, moreover, to the abbat and convent, a whole suit of his best vestments, as also two gilt chalices, and a hanap gilt; likewise, the ewer wherein to put the body of Christ on Corpus Christi Day, which was given to him by the king of France.^s Abbat Chesterton died in

pauperibus, elemosinis, et pannis sericis, domibus religiosis. Venit tamen corpus ad nos Sabbato ante festum sancti Martini, quievit autem in sepulchro dominica sequenti. Sepultus vero est ante majus altare, astantibus abbatibus Theok. de Tynterne, de Flexleg, de Keynesham, de Tureford, et aliis viris religiosis, innumeris diversorum ordinum populis quam innumeris utriusque sexus. Primum testamentum comitis G. fuit apud Suwik super mare, pridie kal. Maii. Secundum vero in Britania minori, decimo kal. Novembris." fol. 20.

^a Ibid. fol. 24. The following passages occur in the Register under this same year, respecting the church of Landblethian in the diocese of Landaff. "Tertia oct. Nat. beatæ Virginis Mariæ convenerunt apud Strugoil, dominus episcopus Land. Thomas decanus Hereford. P. abbas Theok. Mauricius archid. Land. Magister R. rector ecclesiæ de Tornebyr, et plures alii ut disponenter de ecclesia de Landbleth quam R. Mailok tenuit de nobis, quæ nobis concessa est in usus proprios retinere per curiam Romanam et confirm. episcoporum Land." "Circa festum sancti Michaelis misimus Eustachium Walensem monachum nostrum ad accipiendam saysinam ecclesiæ de Landblethian, quam R. Mailok de nobis tenuit, qui ad eandem veniens clave asportata ad montes vicinos, saysinam quam potuit accepit. s. ostium ecclesiæ, et pro statu suo et nostro appellavit ne quis veniret contra privilegia nostra, et confirmationes episcoporum Land. de illa et aliis ecclesiis impetratas. Ipsi tandem dictum monachum inventum in strata regia cœperunt et in montes vi adduxerunt, et ibidem eum per triduum sicut captivum tenuerunt. Quo audito dominus Helyas episcopus Land. tam omnes qui eum manus violentas injecerunt, quam deteriores dictæ ecclesiæ et complices excommunicavit et excommunicatos in capitulo fecit denuntiari, et tales eos conquerendo domino justiciario H. de Burgo per literas suas ostendit." Ibid. foll. 22 b, 23.

^b Mit. Ab. vol. i. p. 185.

^c Concerning the form of his election, see Num. LXXXVI.

^d MS. Cotton. Cleop. A. vii. fol. 30.

^e Ibid. fol. 34.

^f "A. D. M. CC. XXXIX. Dedicata est ecclesia Theok. cum majori altare in honore gloriosæ Virginis Mariæ xiiij. kal. Julii." Ibid. fol. 36. The Cotton Register, under this year, has the following particulars respecting the funerals and will of Isabella countess of Gloucester. "Obiit Ysabella comitissa Gloucestræ et Hertfordiæ, Cornub. et Pic-tav. apud Berkamstud. Corpus vero ejusdem humatum digno honore apud Bellum Locum Cysterciensi ordinis coram majori altari, in cuppa argentea decenter deaurata per fratrem H. de Siptun tunc priorem Theoksb. qui ejus obitui interfuit: unde Versus,

Postremo voce legavit cor comitissa.
Pars melior toto fuit huc pro corpore missa.

Hæc se divisit Dominum recolendo priorem.
Huc cor quod misit, verum testatur amorem.
Hiis simul ecclesiæ sanctæ suffragia prosint.
Ut simul in requie cœlesti cum domino sint.

Intestina vero ejusdem humata sunt apud Messenden coram majori altare. Legavit domui Theok. x. libratas terræ de maritagio suo in villa de Sunedun. Item xl. marc. argenti. Unum calicem argenti deaurat. ij. phialas argenteas. j. turribulum argenteum. j. textum cooper-tum argento. j. phialam quam dominus papa misit ei cum reliquiis, videlicet de sancto Cornelio papa, de capillis sanctæ Elizabethæ virginis, de tribus pueris, de sanctis Marco et Marcelliano, de syndone beatæ Agnetis, de sanctis martyribus Olimpîi, Theodorii, Simpronii, Superbiæ, atque Lucillæ, de sancto Pantaleone martyre, de sancto Damaso papa, de sancto Basilio confessore, de sanctis xl. martyribus. Item legavit duas cappas de baudekin bene ornatas, et j. casulam bonam stragulatam, tunicam et dalmaticam de uno panno; hæc omnia fuerunt de capella sua. Ipsa siquidem semper habuit in proposito sepeliri in ecclesia beatæ Mariæ Theokesb. juxta tumulum G. comitis, viri sui prioris, sed non est passa pro voluntate domini R. com. Cornub. viri sui posterioris qui cum corpore suo dedit x. marc. redditus prædicto loco quo sepulta est, et quo ipse disposuit sepiliri. Insuper pro anima comitis contulit templariis dominus R. comes x. libratas redditus. Hospitali Jerusalem x. libr. redditus apud Walingeford. Instituit quandam capellanum in perpetuum pro anima ipsius; et ad sustentationem ipsius dedit et confirmavit per cartam suam v. marc. redditus. Ipsa siquidem cum esset in libera viduitate instituit virum capellanum in perpetuum pro anima G. com. Glouc. et pro anima ipsius apud moniales de Marcyate, et ad sustentationem ipsius dedit et per cartam suam confirmavit prædicto loco c. sol. redditus." fol. 36 b, 37.

^g Mit. Ab. ut supr.

^h Dugd. Bar. vol. i. p. 213.

ⁱ MS. Cotton. ut supr. fol. 60 b. In Num. I. of the Append. it is said the funeral was attended by twelve abbats, numerous barons, knights, &c.

^k Reg. Giffard. Episc. Wigorn.

^l Willis, Mit. Ab. vol. i. p. 185.

^m Dugd. Bar. vol. i. p. 394.

ⁿ From the Pat. Roll, 10 Edw. II. p. 1, it appears, that in that year abbat Thomas Kemsey was at Rome. See Harl. MS. 6958.

^o See his tomb, on the south side of the choir of Tewkesbury, described in Mr. Gough's Sepulchr. Mon. vol. i. p. 92. The words IOHANNIS. ABBAT. HVIVS. LOCI. are all that remain of the inscription.

^p Dugd. Bar. vol. i. p. 395. See also Num. I.

^q Compare Num. 1.

^r Willis, Mit. Ab. ut supr.

^s Dugd. Bar. vol. i. p. 396.

1389:^a Willis, by the transposition of a figure, says in 1398.^b

THOMAS PARKER, or PAKARE, was the next abbat; who has been already noticed as the builder of a chapel over the grave of Robert Fitzhamon the founder. He also appointed a daily mass to be said for the souls of the founder and his wife. In his time, Thomas earl of Gloucester, who was murdered at Bristol, by the common people in 1399, was buried in the midst of the quire in the abbey church, under a lamp which burned before the host.^c Elizabeth, the mother of this Thomas, and wife to Edward earl of Gloucester last mentioned, was also buried at Tewkesbury in abbat Parker's time; dying on the feast of St. Anne, 1409. By her will dated July 4th, in which she styles herself Elizabeth de Burghersh, dame le Despenser, she bequeathed her body to be interred between Edward lord Despenser her husband and Thomas le Despenser her son: appointing her interment to be within three days after her decease; and that a black cloth, with a white cross, should be laid over her corpse, with five tapers about it, and no more, during the office of burial. Likewise that a stone of marble should be placed over her grave, with her portraiture thereon. She also appointed that seven of the most honest priests that could be found should sing for her by the space of one whole year after her death; and each of them, for so doing, to receive five pounds. Moreover, she willed that a thousand masses should be sung for her.^d Richard le Despenser earl of Gloucester, the son of Thomas, was buried at Tewkesbury in the fourteenth year of his age, in 1414.^e Abbat Parker died in 1420 or 1421, and was succeeded by

WILLIAM DE BRISTOLL, or BRISTOW, of whom scarcely any particulars are preserved. During his abacy Richard de Beauchamp Earl of Worcester, whose death was occasioned by a stone thrown from a sling, at Mewlenbury in France, was buried at the end of the choir in the church of Tewkesbury in 1421. Isabel, his countess, who was afterwards countess of Warwick, is spoken of as an especial benefactor to the church. During her life-time she procured the appropriation of the churches of Tarrande in the diocese of Salisbury, and of Penmarshe in the diocese of Landaff:^f and in her will she directed that her body should be interred in the abbey,^g and her great templys,^h with the baleys,ⁱ sold to the utmost, and delivered to the monks of Tewkesbury, so that they grudged not with her burial there. She also willed that of her great sharpe a chalice should be made and offered to our Lady in the Lady-chapel there. She also gave her wedding gown, and all her clothes of gold and silk, one only excepted; farther directing that all her precious stones and pearls should be sold, as also her silver vessels and goods, to perform this her will.^k Abbat Bristow was certainly alive in 1439.^l Willis thinks he died about 1442.

JOHN ABINGTON, or DE ABINGDON, is the next abbat on record: who in 1443 stood godfather to Anne daughter to Richard Nevil earl of Salisbury.^m In the time of this abbat, on June 11th, 1445, died Henry duke of Warwick, who gave to the monastery the church of Scherston, as well as all the ornaments which he wore, to make vestments for the monks. Richard Nevil earl of Salisbury and Warwick afterwards confirmed the appropriation of the church of Scherston, with all former Charters which the duke of Warwick had granted, par-

ticularly one of fishing in the Severn, in the Avon, and in the Taff at Caerdiff.ⁿ The time of this abbat's death is not known. Willis mentions

JOHN DE SALIS as the next abbat, but without any date of election. He notices him as occurring in 1468.^o He was probably the same person with JOHN GALEYS, mentioned as abbat in the 31st of Hen. VI. A. D. 1453, in one of Cole's manuscripts.^p It has been conjectured that JOHN ABINGTON, and JOHN DE SALIS, or SALYS, were the same person.^q

JOHN DE STREYNHAM received the benediction as abbat Oct. 13th, 1468.^r During his time, on April 30th, 1471, the fatal battle of Tewkesbury was lost by King Henry VI. Leland informs us that of those who fled from the field some were slain within the abbey church. "Fugientes occisi in ecclesia de Theokesbyri."^s He adds the following List of the great men who fell, many of whom were buried in Tewkesbury church.

"*Nomina Occisorum in Bello Gastiensi prope Theokesbyri.*

Edwardus princeps, sepultus in monasterio de Theokesbiri.^t

Dominus Edmundus dux Somerset, captus et decollatus, ac ibidem sepultus.

Dominus Johannes de Somerset, frater Edmundi ducis, ibidem sepultus.

Thomas Courteney comes Devonie ibidem sepultus.

Dominus de Wenlok, cujus corpus alio ad sepulchrum translatum est.

Humfredus Handeley decapitatus cum Thoma Courteney, et una cum eo sepultus.

Edmundus Hauarde miles.

Gulielmus Wichingham miles.

Joannes Delves senior occisus campo, et Joannes Delves ejus filius decapitatus ibidem, una sepulti, alio postea translati.

Joannes Leukenor miles occisus campo, et prope Delvios sepultus.

Gul. Vaulz miles campo occisus et ibidem sepultus.

Gervasius Clifton captus et decollatus ac ibidem sepultus.

Gul. Car et Henricus Ros milites capti et decapitati. Sepulti in cæmeterio de Theokesbyri.

Thomas Tressam miles captus et decapitatus, ac ibidem sepultus.

Gul. Lirmouthe, Joannes Urman, Thomas Semar, Gul. Rowys, milites, campo occisi et ibidem sepulti in cæmeterio.

Gul. Newborow miles captus et decollatus, ac ibidem sepultus.

Henricus Wateley armiger occisus et ibidem sepultus.

Henricus Barow armiger occisus et ibidem sepultus.

Felding armiger occisus et ibidem sepultus.

Joannes Gower ensiger principis Eduardi, Joannes Flore signifer ducis Somerset, Henricus Tresham, Gualterus Courteney, Robertus Acton, capti et decollati.

Prior S. Joannis Londini captus et decollatus, cujus corpus Londinum ad suos delatum est."^u

Abbat John de Streynsham, in 1475, performed the baptismal ceremony for Edward the eldest son of George duke of Clarence; and on Oct. 6th, 1476, Richard the second son of the duke of Clarence was born in the then new chamber of the infirmary within the monastery.

^a Kennett, MS. Diptycha.

^b Mit. Ab. ut supra.

^c Compare Num. I. See also Dugd. Bar. vol. i. p. 397.

^d Dugd. Bar. vol. i. p. 396.

^e Ibid. p. 397.

^f Rudder. Hist. Glouc. p. 744.

^g Her tomb, so highly spoken of in the Chronica de Tewkesbury, Num. I. is engraved in Mr. Gough's Sepulchr. Monuments, vol. ii. pl. xxxix. p. 122.

^h Jewels hanging on the forehead by bodkins thrust into the hair.

ⁱ Pale, or peach-coloured rubies.

^k Dugd. Bar. vol. i. p. 247.

^l Kennett, MS. Diptycha.

^m Willis, Mit. Ab. vol. i. p. 186.

ⁿ Rudder, ut supr.

^o Mit. Ab. vol. i. p. 185.

^p MS. Cole, Brit. Mus. vol. xxvii. p. 206.

^q Kennett, MS. Diptycha.

^r Ibid.

^s Lel. Itin. edit. 1769, vol. vi. p. 88. In the account of Gloucestershire in the work intitled 'Magna Britannia Nova et Antiqua,' p. 161,

the church of Tewkesbury is said to have been reconsecrated in 1470, because defiled with blood. It probably should be in 1471. See Gough's edit. of Camden. Lond. 1789, vol. i. p. 269.

^t "Under a large grey marble slab, stript of its brasses, at the entrance of the choir at Tewkesbury, under the rood loft, is said to lie the unfortunate Prince Edward, only son of Henry VI. stabbed in cold blood after the battle. Some bones of a small skeleton, as of a youth, and a coffin, were discovered by the breaking of the stone, and might till lately be handled. The figures of a religious under a canopy, with pillars and four shields, were inlaid on the slab. The Plan [in Stevens] puts here the monument of Richard Beauchamp earl of Worcester (it should be Henry Beauchamp last earl of Warwick) who was buried at the head of Prince Edward. It is not likely that the last remnant of a royal house, which was so completely crushed in this battle, should have had any memorial laid over him." Gough, Sep. Mon. vol. ii. fol. Lond. 1796, p. 225.

^u Lel. Itin. ut supr. ex Libello de Antiquitate Theokebiriensis Monasterii.

Isabel duchess of Clarence, the great patroness of the monastery, died at Warwick castle 12th Dec. following. The detail of the ceremonies attendant on her funeral at Tewkesbury will be found in the first Number of the Appendix. Abbat Streynsham died June 30th, 1481.^a Willis says, in his time, or his successor's, Tewkesbury was made a parliamentary abbey: ^b but the abbat of Tewkesbury was summoned to parliament as early as the 49th of Hen. III.^c

RICHARD CHELTENHAM was elected abbat August 3d, and confirmed Sept. 2d, 1481.^d He will be hereafter mentioned as the re-edifier of the manor place of Stanwey. He died in the first year of King Henry VIII. His tomb, on the south side of the south aisle of Tewkesbury church, nearly opposite the chapel of the Trinity, (with his initials, R. C. which appear, with a crozier, on the tracery under the arch, and again in a cypher on shields in the spandrels of the arch.) is engraved in Mr. Lysons's Collection of Gloucestershire Antiquities, Pl. LVII.^e

HENRY BEOLY was confirmed abbat Nov. 22, 1509. He occurs in 1519, and again, in Lord Herbert's History of K. Henry the Eighth, and Collier's Ecclesiastical History, in 1529. He had for his successor

JOHN WALKER, who, deceasing anno 1531, 23 Hen. VIII. was buried in the abbey church.^f On his death

JOHN WICH, *alias* WAKEMAN, whom Antony Wood calls Robert, the last abbat, succeeded; who continuing till the Dissolution on January the 9th, 1539, and surrendering up his monastery with thirty-five of his monks, obtained a pension of 266*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* per ann. which pen-

sion was afterwards vacated, on his being consecrated, in Sept. 1541, to the see of Gloucester, newly founded by King Henry the Eighth; of which he became the first bishop, and sate to the time of his death, which happened in December, 1549. Godwin ^g in his account of him tells us he was buried at Worthington, meaning Wormington, Co. Gloucester; but Antony a Wood rather concludes it at Forthampton, in the said county, where he had a house and chapel. Mr. Lysons, in the work already quoted, Pl. XLV. has engraved the cenotaph of abbat Wich in Tewkesbury abbey-church, which Willis says he had himself prepared (according to tradition) for his interment. It is of stone, and stands at the entrance into the chapel of St. Edmund the Martyr. On the lower part is a figure representing the corpse of a priest in an emaciated state lying on a shroud. The canopy is in the latest style of Gothic architecture, being overcharged with a great profusion of arches, quatrefoils, &c.

At the time of its suppression this monastery was possessed of an annual revenue, according to Dugdale and Speed, amounting to 1598*l.* 1*s.* 3*d.*: or, according to the valuation given by Bishop Burnet, 1595*l.* 15*s.* 6*d.*^h The site was granted in the 36th of Hen. VIII. to Thomas Strowde, Walter Earle, and James Paget.

In Bishop Burnet's History of the Reformation, vol. i. p. 151, in the Appendix, we have the following Inventory of the goods and lands of Tewkesbury monastery, together with an estimate of the lands and buildings thereto belonging, copied from a book in the Augmentation Office, which begins thus.

“ The Certificate of Robert Southwell, Esq. &c. William Petre, Edward Kairne, and John London, Doctors of Law; John Aprice, John Kingsman, Richard Paulet, and William Bernars, Esqs. commissoners, assigned by the king's majesty to take the surrenders of divers monasteries, by force of his grace's Commission to them in that behalf directed, bearing date at his highness's palace at Westminster, on the 7th day of November, in the 31st year of the reign of our most dread sovereign lord Henry VIII. by the grace of God, king of England and France, defender of the faith, lord of Ireland, and in earth immediately under Christ, supreme head of the church of England; of all and singular their proceedings, as well in and of these monasteries by his Majesty appointed to be altered, as of others to be dissolv'd, according to the tenours, purport, and effect of his grace's said commission, with instructions to them likewise deliver'd, as hereafter ensueth.

Co. GLOCESTER.	
Tewksbury late Monastery . .	{ Surrender to the use of the king's Majesty, and of his heirs and successors for ever, made bearing date under the convent seal of the same late monastery, the 9th day of January, in the 31st year of the reign of our most dread victorious sovereign lord, King Henry VIII. and the said day and year clearly dissolv'd and suppress'd.
The clear yearly value of all the possessions belonging to the said late monastery . .	{ As well spiritual as temporal, over and besides 136 <i>l.</i> 8 <i>s.</i> 1 <i>d.</i> in fees, annuities, and corrodies granted to divers persons by letters patents under the convent seal of the said late monastery, for term of their lives 1595 <i>l.</i> 15 <i>s.</i> 6 <i>d.</i>
Pensions assign'd to the late religious dispatch'd: That is to say, to	{ John Wich, late abbat there, 266 <i>l.</i> 13 <i>s.</i> 4 <i>d.</i> John Beley, late prior there, 16 <i>l.</i> J. Bromesgrove, late prior of Delehurst, (i. e. Derehurst, Co. Gloucester,) 13 <i>l.</i> 6 <i>s.</i> 8 <i>d.</i> Robert Cirecester, prior of St. James Bristol, 13 <i>l.</i> 6 <i>s.</i> 8 <i>d.</i> 551 <i>l.</i> 6 <i>s.</i> 8 <i>d.</i> William Didcote, prior of Cranborn, Co. Dorset, 10 <i>l.</i> Robert Chelsenham, B.D. 10 <i>l.</i> Two monks 8 <i>l.</i> a piece, 16 <i>l.</i> One monk 7 <i>l.</i> Twenty seven monks, 6 <i>l.</i> 13 <i>s.</i> 4 <i>d.</i> each, 180 <i>l.</i> ⁱ
Records and Evidences belonging to the late monastery . .	{ And so remains clear 1044 <i>l.</i> 8 <i>s.</i> 10 <i>d.</i> remain in the treasury there, under the custody of John Whittington, Knight, the keys thereof be deliver'd to Richard Paulet, receiver
Houses and buildings assign'd to remain undefaced . . .	{ The lodgings call'd the Newark, leading from the gate to the late abbat's lodging, with buttery, pantry, cellar, kitchen, larder, and pastry thereto adjoining; the late abbat's lodging; the hostery; the great gate entering into the court, with the lodgings over the same; the abbat's stable, bakehouse, brewhouse, and slaughterhouse; the almry, barn, daryhouse; the great barn next Aven; the maltinghouse, with the garners to the same; the ox-house in the Barton gate, and the lodgings over the same. Committed to the custody of John Whittington, Kt.

^a Kennett, MS. Diptycha.
^b Mit. Ab. vol. i. p. 186.
^c See Dugd. Summ. to Parl. p. 3.
^d Kennett, ut supr.
^e With the shields containing the cyphers are others, charged with the abbat's arms; a chevron between three escallop shells: over all, in pale, a palmer's staff.

^f Willis, Mit. Ab. vol. i. p. 186. He says, "he was buried under a marble stone, whereon was his coat of arms affixed, as I am informed from my worthy friend John Hare, Esq. out of a manuscript at the Herald's Office."
^g De Præsulibus, p. 590.
^h Tann. Notit. Mon.
ⁱ See the Append. Num. XCI.

Deemed to be superfluous . . .	The church, with chapels, cloisters, chapter-house, misericord; the two dormitories, infirmary, with chapels and lodgings within the same; the work-house, with another house adjoining to the same; the convent kitchen; the library; the old hostery; the chambers, lodgings; the new hall; the old parlor adjoining to the abbat's lodging; the cellarer's lodging; the poulter-house; the gardner; the almshouse, and all other houses and lodgings not above reserved	Committed as above-said.
Leads remaining upon . . .	The choir, isles, and chapels annext; the cloister, chapter-house, frater, St. Michael's chapel, Hall's fermory, and gatehouse esteemed to	180 foders.
Bells remaining	In the steeple there are 8 poize, by estimation	14600 weight.
Jewels reserv'd to the use of the king's majesty.	Mitres garnished with gilt rugged pearls, and counterfeited stones	2
Plate of silver reserv'd to the said use	Silver gilt 329 ounces Silver parcel gilt 605 Silver white 497	1431 ounces.
Ornaments reserved to the said use	One cope of silver tissue, with one chesible, and one tunicle of the same, one cope of gold tissue, with one cles, and two tunicles of the same	
Sum of ornaments, goods, and chattels belonging to the said monastery	Sold by the said commissioners, as in a particular book of sales thereof, made ready to be shewed, as more at large may appear	194 <i>l.</i> 8 <i>s.</i>
Payments by the late religious servants dispatched	To thirty-eight late religious persons of the said late monastery of the king's majesty's reward To one hundred and forty-four late servants of the said late monastery, for their wages and liveries	80 <i>l.</i> 13 <i>s.</i> 4 <i>d.</i> 75 <i>l.</i> 10 <i>s.</i>
Payments for debts owing to the said monastery	To divers persons for victuals and necessaries of them had to the use of the said monastery, with 10 <i>l.</i> paid to the late abbat there, for and in full payment of 124 <i>l.</i> 5 <i>s.</i> 4 <i>d.</i> by him to be paid to certain creditors of the said late monastery, by covenants made by the aforesaid commissioners	18 <i>l.</i> 12 <i>s.</i>
And so remains clear		19 <i>l.</i> 12 <i>s.</i> 8 <i>d.</i>

Then follows a List of some small Debts, owing to and by the said monastery.
Then follows a List of the Livings in their gift:

Co. Glouc.	Four parsonages and ten vicarages.
Co. Wigorn.	Two parsonages and two vicarages
Co. Warwick.	Two parsonages.
Co. Villæ Bristol.	Five parsonages and one vicarage.
Co. Wilts.	Two vicarages.
Co. Oxon.	One parsonage and two vicarages.
Co. Dors.	Four parsonages and two vicarages.
Co. Somers.	Three parsonages.
Co. Devon.	One vicarage.
Co. Cornub.	Two vicarages.
Co. Glamorg. and Morgan.	Five vicarages.
In all, twenty-one parsonages and twenty-seven vicarages." ^a	

Willis says, the cloisters, chapter-house, &c. of this monastery are reported to have been burnt down at the Dissolution by the king's visitors, on account, as it is said, of the monks pretending to resist them at their first coming.^b
Rudder says, it appears by an ancient Deed transcribed into an old Council Book, that before and at the time of the Dissolution, the body of the abbey church was used as the parish church, and that the parish purchased of the king, the chancel, steeple, and bells, with the clock and chimes, for 483*l.*^c

The following are the dimensions of the church, as given by Willis. Length, from east to west, three hundred feet. Length of the great cross-aisle, from north to south, about a hundred and twenty feet. Breadth of the body and side aisles, seventy feet. Breadth of the west front, about a hundred feet. Height of the tower, two hundred and ten feet.^d
Tewkesbury church is built in the cathedral style. It consists of a nave, choir, transept, and square central tower: with several side-chapels, or oratories, branching from the north and south aisles of the choir. The greater

^a The following extracts from Mr. Sharpe's Roll, 2 & 3 Phil. and Mar. afford a fuller list of the pensions payable to the persons dependent on the monastery in 1553, than that given by Willis.
"TEWKESBURY nuper monasterium. Feod. Willielmi Barners supervisoris omnium possessionum nuper monasterii prædicti per annum x*li*. Thomæ Wetherston clerici coquina ejusdem mon. per annum lii*s.* iiij*d.* Annuit. Johannis Russell et Thomæ Russell per annum lx*s.* Willielmi Barners per annum c*s.* Johannis Tailor, alias Barker, per annum lii*s.* iiij*d.* Nicholai Wakeman per annum lxx*s.* viij*d.* Willielmi Dewye per annum xxvj*s.* viij*d.* Edmundi Harman per annum xl*s.* Roberti Comyn per annum xl*s.* Johannis Hareford per annum xl*s.* Henrici Crane per annum iiij*li*. Christoferi Smythe per annum xx*s.* Laurenc. Poyner per annum vij*li*. xii*s.* iiij*d.* Hugonis Whittingdon per annum ix*li*. Thomæ Gwente per annum lxx*s.* viij*d.* Hugonis Pagett per annum xxvj*s.* viij*d.* Johannis Bridges per annum lii*s.* iiij*d.* Laurenc. Case per annum xl*s.* Thomæ Sherle per annum xl*s.* Ed'ri Walweyn per annum lxx*s.* viij*d.* Ed'i Robery per annum xx*s.* Willielmi Cole per annum xl*s.* Thomæ Higons per annum xxvj*s.* viij*d.* Johannis Waters per annum lxx*s.* viij*d.* Anthonij Kingeston per annum vij*li*. xii*s.* iiij*d.* Penc. Roberti Circetor per annum xii*li*. v*s.* viij*d.* Thomæ Twynyng per annum vij*li*. xii*s.* iiij*d.* Ricardi Compton per annum viij*li*.

Thomæ Lekehampton per annum vij*li*. xii*s.* iiij*d.* Willielmi Streineshamme per annum vij*li*. xii*s.* iiij*d.* Johannis Gates per annum vij*li*. xii*s.* iiij*d.* Thomæ Bristowe per annum vij*li*. xii*s.* iiij*d.* Johannis Hartelonde per annum vij*li*. xii*s.* iiij*d.* Thomæ Newporte per annum vij*li*. Philipp Gardiff per annum viij*li*. Thomæ Thorneburye per annum vij*li*. viij*s.* iiij*d.* Henr. Worcester per annum vij*li*. xii*s.* iiij*d.* Ed'ri Stanwaye per annum vij*li*. xii*s.* iiij*d.* Ricardi Cheltenhamme per annum vij*li*. xii*s.* iiij*d.* Johannis Welneford per annum vij*li*. Ricardi Wymbole per annum vij*li*. Roberti Astonne per annum vij*li*. xii*s.* iiij*d.* Johannis Astonne per annum vij*li*. xii*s.* iiij*d.*"
^b Mit. Ab. vol. i. p. 179. The cloisters joined the south wall of the nave. From the remains they appear to have been very richly ornamented, (See Lysons's Glouc. Antiquities, pl. LXXXVII.) and to have been nearly in the same style of architecture as those of Gloucester cathedral, which were erected in the latter end of the fourteenth or beginning of the fifteenth century.
^c Rudder, Hist. Glouc. p. 745.
^d Rudder, and Dyde in the Hist. of Tewkesbury, say a hundred and thirty-two feet: the Beauties of Engl. and Wales, a hundred and fifty-two.

part of the building is of Norman construction. It was begun by Robert Fitz Haymon, the refounder of the monastery, in 1102; and was finished soon after his death. The nave and choir are separated from the aisles by massive columns with circular arches: and four piers support the tower. The arches above the columns in the nave are plain and semi-circular, but those of the choir are pointed. The windows on the sides of the nave seem to have been altered when the choir was raised, about the beginning of the fourteenth century. At the west end is a large window with a pointed arch, which appears to have been introduced within a semi-circular arch in 1656. The east end of the church is hexagonal; being separated from the aisles by six short columns supporting pointed arches. Over these arches are windows filled with painted glass.^a The Lady chapel, which extended, according to Willis, a hundred feet more to the east, is entirely destroyed: though the large arch through which it was entered to the church is still visible on the outside. The wooden spire with which the central tower formerly terminated, fell, during divine service, on Easter day, 1559.^b

There are few of our churches which contain a greater number of ancient tombs, or such as are more likely to be interesting to an antiquary. Those of the patrons of the monastery, in right of the honor of Gloucester, have been already noticed in the account of the different abbats under whose administrations they were erected.

A brief for the repairs of this church, dated Feb. 25th, 1720, stated the value of the reparation then required at 3929*l*. The choir was fitted up in 1796, at an expence of 2000*l*.

Near the west end of the church stands the gate house embattled. Mr. Lysons says, "it seems to have been built about the beginning of the fifteenth century, and from the similarity of some of its ornaments to those of the founders' chapel, erected by abbat Parker, was probably built in his time.^c Willis and Gough state it to have been used as a prison.

Leland notices the

"*Maner Places longging to the Abbate of Theokesbyri.*

Stanwey was almost reedified and augmentid by abbate Cheltenham, tempore Henrici VII.

Fordehampton, a faire place apon Severne, in dextra ripa, a mile beneth Theokesbyri, and agayn the parke of Theokesbyri standing on læva ripa.

The maner place in Theokesbyri park, with the parke, was lette by Henry the VII. to thabbot of Theokesbyri yn fee ferme, with the holme wher the castle was."^d

He has also recorded the following works, as seen by him in the library of the monastery:

"Herebertus de Bosham, de Vita S. Thomæ Cant. cujus erat familiaris.

Odonis de Siritono Sermones.

Sermones Ysaac abbatis de Stella.

Alfraganus de Scientia Astrorum.

Gislebertus Abbas super Cantica Cantic."^e

The CELLS to Tewkesbury were *Cranburne* in Dorsetshire, *St. James Bristol*, and *Goldcliff* in Monmouthshire.

Cartae ad Theokesburiense Coenobium in agro Gloucestrensi spectantes.

NUM. I.

Incipiunt Chronica de Fundatoribus et de Fundatione Ecclesiae Theokusburiae, quæ fundata fuit primò, anno gratiæ Domini DCCXV. per Duces Merciorum.

[Chronica de Tewkesburye in Bibliotheca Cottoniana, sub effigie Cleopatæ C. III. fol. 220 a.]

TEMPORIBUS illustrissimorum principum ac regum Merciorum Ethelredi, Kenredi, et Ethelbaldi, floruerunt duo duces in Mercia sub prædictis regibus valdè nobiles, scilicet Oddo et Doddo, viri quoque præclari genere, morum probitate insignes; sed (quod magis ad divinæ laudis augmentum) devoti, et divino honori dediti, Deum præ omnibus, et super omnia diligentes, syncera devotione coluerunt. Quorum profectò virtus ad Dei cultum, et probata dilectio ex eorum factis efficaciter clauit, dum (Sacro Spiritu inspirante) monasteriis pluribus, ad divinæ laudis augmentum, et religionis favorem,

per se et suos progenitores magnificè constructis terras plurimas contulerunt. Hii præfati duces, inter cætera suæ charitatis opera ac beneficia pietatis, in eorum dominio, propè Sabrinam, septem milliaria verò distans à Claudiacestria, (modò verò Glowcestria) ubi quidam heremita manebat nomine Theokus, unde Theokusburia dicitur, sub anno gratiæ DCCXV. quoddam monasterium, ad Dei honorem ac gloriosæ Virginis Mariæ ædificari jusserunt, et contulerunt ad illud Stanwey cum suis membris sic dicta, et alias paucas possessiones ad sustentationem monachorum, quorum erat numerus modicus, scilicet quatuor vel quinque, sub prioris obedientia secundum sancti patris nostri Benedicti regulam militantibus.

Istis verò ob eorum merita (ut firmiter credimus) ad cœlestia translatis, eorum corpora in ecclesia de Persora (quam plurimis possessionibus ampliaverunt) sunt sepulta, quia Dodo dux ibidem monachi habitum induit. Isti præfati duces habuerunt quendam fratrem nomine

^a Compare Willis, Mit. Ab. vol. i. p. 178. Rudder, Hist. Glouc. p. 746. Archaeol. vol. xiv. p. 147.

^b The following plates of the church are engraved in Mr. S. Lysons's Collection of Gloucestershire Antiquities, fol. Lond. 1804. Pl. LVI. Stone stalls on the south side of the altar, in the choir. Pl. LXVI. One of the windows on the south side of the choir, richly decorated with stained glass. Pl. LXX. West end of the nave. Pl. LXXV. East view of the church. Pl. LXXVI. Part of the nave. Interior. Pl. LXXVIII. The choir, taken from under the tower. Pl. LXXIX. An inside view of the chapel dedicated to the Trinity, on the south side

of the choir. Together with tombs of two or three abbats already noticed; that of Hugh le Despenser the younger and his wife Elizabeth; the tomb of an unknown abbat, and that against the south wall, at the upper end of the nave, usually assigned to Edmund Beaufort duke of Somerset, who was beheaded after the battle of Tewkesbury: but supposed by Mr. Lysons to be of a much earlier age, and to have been erected for one of the family of the Clares earls of Gloucester.

^c Collect. of Glouc. Antiq. pl. LXIX.

^d Lel. Itin. edit. 1769, vol. vi. p. 89.

^e Lel. Collectan. edit. 1770, tom. iv. p. 160.

Almaricum, cujus corpus fuit sepultum apud Derhurst in parva capella contra portam prioratus ibidem, quia capella illa aliquando fuit aula regia; ibi monstratur sepulchrum ejus usque in hodiernum diem, ubi scribitur in pariete supra hostium: 'hanc regiam aulam Doddo dux consecrari fecit in ecclesiam ad honorem sanctæ Mariæ Virginis ob amorem fratris sui Almarici.' Post mortem istorum, varia bellorum strage, Merciorum principes ac totius regni nobiliores per plurimos annos sunt attriti, ut in cæteris insulæ regionibus, quæ tunc temporis septem regibus subjacebat, quia nullus eorum solus monarcha in tota Brytannia extitit usque ad tempora Adelstani regis, qui primus monarcha fuit, manifestè claret contigisse. Unde fortuna variante, et regnorum fastigia sub rota volubili lamentabiliter subvertente, quis, qui per illa tempora periculosa in hujus ecclesiæ patronatu jure hæreditario succedere debuerat penè nostris majoribus reddebatur incertum; dum occisis pluribus, subactis aliis, nonnullis proscriptis, potentum potentior semper expelleret ipsum, sed et ipsum monasterium, expulsis fratribus, sæpe depredatum est, et bis combustum ignibus hostium regni. Transactis igitur in tam gravi depopulatione hominum ac mutua cæde nobilium ducentis annis, postquam regnorum insulæ hujus divisio multifaria cessit monarchæ, sævitia bellorum sedari cœpit, et in pacis concordia armorum tempestas paulatim serenari et pacari cœpit.

Anno Domini dccc. floruit in Mercia Hugo magnus dux, patronus prioratus Thewkesburie qui anno prædicto sepelivit regem Brictricum West-Saxonum in prioratu suo Thewkesbury in capella sanctæ Fidæ virginis, qui postea obiit et ipse anno Domini dcccxi. et sepultus in eodem prioratu suo fuit.

Circa annum gratiæ dccccxxx. sub inclyto et primo monarcha Adelstano, miles quidam nobilis Haywardus Snew dictus, propter albedinem, ex illustri prosapia regis Edwardi senioris ortus, claruit; vir quidem armis strenuus, honoribus pollens, animique præstans fide stabili: qui sui finis non immemor, pro se ac sua conjuge (nomine Algiva) temporibus regis Ethelredi et sancti Dunstani archiepiscopi, parvum monasterium in honorem Dei et Domini nostri Jesu Christi, matrisque ejus, ac sancti apostoli Bartholomei in suo dominio apud Craneburne fundari fecit, terrisque et possessionibus ditari. Congregatis fratribus ibidem sub abbatis obedientia secundum regulam sancti patris nostri Benedicti regulariter servitutis, prioratum Thewkesburie cujus patronus erat, eidem ecclesiæ de Cranburne in omnibus subjecit. Hæc acta sunt prope annum Domini dccccxxx. Primo domino Haywardo migrante ad cœlestia, et in ecclesia quam ipse fundaverat, honorificè sepulto, ejus filius cum sua uxore Algiva jure hæreditario succedit, dominus Algarus, Algaro Brictricus, fidei et nobilitatis suorum progenitorum testes ydonei, similique spiritu ducti et animo, juxta parentum vota, ecclesiam ab illis inceptam satis magnificè ampliaverunt. Postea, versa vice, scilicet anno Domini mxxvj. Willielmus dux Normanniæ Angliam adquisivit, qui duxit secum nobilem virum atque juvenem Robertum filium Haymonis, dominum de Astremervilla in Normannia. Et cum Matildis regina (uxor conquestoris) haberet nobilem virum, scilicet dictum dominum Brictricum Meaw, et dominum honoris Glocestriæ, exosum, eo quod nollet ei in matrimonium copulari, cum ipse esset in transmarinis partibus circa negotia regia imbassatoria, et illa erat sola, sed postea maritata domino Willielmo conquestori, quæ tempore opportuno reperto, licentiata à rege, regeque jubente, ipsum in manerio suo de Hanleya capi fecit et Wyntoniam adduci; qui ibidem mortuus et sepultus sinè liberis discessit.

Rex verò Willielmus dedit honorem Brictrici Matildis reginæ, quæ totum honorem Brictrici scilicet Glowcestriæ, quoad vixit, occupavit; mortua verò ipsa regina anno Domini mxxxii. mense Aprili, rex Willielmus ipsum honorem in manu sua cœpit. Defuncto igitur Willielmo conquestore anno Domini mxxxvi. successit sibi Willielmus Rufus filius ejus. Iste Willielmus processu temporis dedit honorem Brictrici Roberto filio Haymonis, cum omni libertate et integritate quibus pater suus vel etiam ipse Brictricus unquam tenuerunt,

et hoc egit propter magnos labores quos prædictus Robertus sustinuit cum patre suo.

Iste dominus Robertus copulavit sibi in uxorem Sibillam sororem Roberti de Belismo, comitis Salopiæ, et gennit ex ea quatuor filias Mabiliam, Hawysiam, Ceciliam, Amisiam. Anno Domini mc. mense Augusti obiit Willielmus rex junior, et successit sibi Henricus frater ejusdem. Anno Domini mcij. Robertus filius Haymonis ad exhortationem bonæ uxoris suæ Sibillæ et abbatis de Craneburne Giraldi, divino spiritu tactus, ecclesiam Theokesb. ad Dei honorem et gloriosæ virginis Mariæ, cum cæteris sibi officinis de novo fieri statuit, terris, redditibus, et amplis possessionibus ditavit. Et quia locus iste fecunditate soli, amœno situ, terræque fertilitate, quàm monasterium de Craneburne pro tunc videbatur præstantior esse, priore cum duobus fratribus ibi relictis ob fundatorum illius loci memoriam peragenda imposterum semper assignandis, cæteros omnes cum eorum abbate Giraldo supradicto, et quibusdam possessionibus sub anno gratiæ supradicto Theokesburie transtulit: ipsamque abbathiam de Craneburne mutans in prioratum, et in perpetuum abbathiæ Theokesburie in omnibus subjecit: sicque ipsum prioratum de Theokesb. in abbathiæ honorem magnificè sublimavit.

Iste venerabilis Robertus filius Haymonis, post fundationem hujus famosi monasterii, et alia strenuè gesta, diebus Marcii anno gratiæ mcvij. regis Henrici primi scilicet anno septimo, mortis solvens debitum, ad cœlestia migravit. Corpusque ejus in domo capitulari Theokes. (ut mos tunc erat plurimorum dominorum venerabilium ac nobilium,) traditum erat sepulturæ. Quod postmodum, tempore sanctæ memoriæ beati Roberti tertii abbatis in ecclesiam translatum est, et in dextra parte presbiterii, inter duas columnas honorificè collocatum. Hæc acta sunt circa annum Domini mccxlj. Super quo successu temporum dominus Thomas Parkarus abbas octodecimus capellam erigi fecit ex lapide satis mirificè tabulatam, sub anno gratiæ mcccxcvi. Et ob illius fundatoris et uxoris ejus memoriam, missam quæ celebratur quotidie pro defunctis statuit in eadem celebrari cum collecta pro fundatoribus, scilicet 'Misereere quæsumus Domine.'

Anno Domini mcxii. dominus Robertus de Candos fundavit ecclesiam de Goldeliva in honorem Dei et Domini Jesu Christi et beatæ dilectricis suæ Mariæ Magdalenæ et sanctæ Mariæ matris ejus, terrisque ac possessionibus ditavit, atque libertatibus a rege Henrico primo confirmatis, et per consilium ejusdem regis eam ad abbates Beccenses.....sive monachorum ibidem. Sic quoque ordinavit priorem nomine Hugonem cum xij. fratribus qui secundum regulam sancti patris nostri Benedicti militarent et in eadem ecclesia Deo servirent.

Iste dominus Robertus de Candos venit cum conquestore de Normannia, qui genuit de uxore sua nomine Isabella tres filios, quorum nomina hæc sunt, Robertus, Rogerus, et Godardus, sicque patronatus traditus in manum regis quarto nonarum Novembris, obdormivit in Domino, anno Domini mcxx. et in eadem ecclesia de Goldeliva in dextera parte presbiterii sepultus. A discessu ejus omnes reges Angliæ tenuerunt patronatum ecclesiæ de Goldeliva in ditione eorum ab Henrico primo usque ad Henricum sextum, hoc est pro cccxviij. annorum spatio, sicque nullus prior fuit admissus ad dictum prioratum nisi prius præsentasset se regi, sicque licentiatus à rege et admissus inductus et institutus fieret per episcopum Landavensem, et ejus archidiaconum. Et ultimus horum omnium sic institutorum, erat prior Laurentius de Bona-villa, quia tempore istius prioris dominus Henricus rex sextus gratis contulit patronatum hujus ecclesiæ, vel prioratus, domino Henrico duci de Warwick et prioratum ejusdem ad abbates et monachos Theokesburye.

Quomodo et quo ordine actum sit insequentibus declarabimus. Rex autem Henricus primus, post discessum Roberti filii Haymonis, nolens tantum ac tale dominium, scilicet honorem Glowcestriæ inter sorores dividi, Ceciliam et Hawysiam in abbatissas, Ceciliam Shaftisbury, Hawysiam Wyntoniam, promoveri fecit, tertiam Amiciam comiti Brytanniæ in uxorem dedit; solam

Mabiliam primogenitam reservando, quam filio suo notho, unâ cum integro honore patris dictæ Mabilæ, scilicet Roberti filii Haymonis, in uxorem dedit, creans eum consulem, et Glowcestriæ comitem post conquestum primum. Qui Robertus comes in dominio suo apud Bristoliam quendam prioratum in honorem Dei et matris ejus ac sancti Jacobi apostoli à fundamento construxit; terrisque et ornamentis, possessionibus et libertatibus ditavit; statuitque illum membrum fieri monasterii Theokesb. (sicut prioratus Craneburne,) subjectum in omnibus et unitum propter amorem quem habebat ad illud monasterium, et quia solebat omni die solis per annum habere secum abbatem Theokesb. cum duodecim monachis dum viveret. Item construxit castrum Bristolæ, et dedit decimum quemque lapidem castrum ad fabricam capellæ beatæ Mariæ virginis in dicto prioratu sancti Jacobi. Decessit autem hic comes prælustis sub anno Domini mclxlvj. pridie calendas Novembris, et regis Stephani anno duodecimo, cujus corpus in choro prioratus sancti Jacobi Bristolæ (quem ipse fundaverat) in tumba lapidea ex viride jaspide honorificè, ut decuit, collatum est ac sepultum. Cui successit comes Willielmus, filius et hæres ejusdem, qui accepta conjuge Hawisia, filia comitis Leicestriæ, genuit ex ea Robertum ante patrem morte præventum, cujus corpus sepultum est apud Keynesham, quod ipse Willielmus ob ipsius Roberti filii sui memoriam fundavit, terrisque et ornamentis ditavit. Genuit etiam tres filias; primogenitam videlicet Mabiliam comiti de Evercis in Normannia nuptam, de qua nascitur Almaricus, qui comitatum Glowcestriæ post mortem Isabellæ, tempore regis Johannis paululum possidens sine liberis citò decessit. Alteram genuit filiam nomine Amiciam, quam domino Richardo de Clare, comiti de Hertford, nuptui tradidit. Tertiam quoque filiam, Isabellam nomine, habuit. Sed post mortem patris sui, Henricus rex secundus honorem Glowcestriæ detinuit in manus suas per vj. annos. Qui regni sui anno ultimo, Isabellam, filiam dicti comitis Willielmi, Johanni filio suo dedit in uxorem (dicto sine terræ) cum integro honore totius comitatus Glowcestriæ; quem quidem honorem Johannes idem tenuit omni tempore fratris sui regis Ricardi.

Iste fecit pontem apud Theoces. qui vocatur Pons Longus, tempore comitatus sui; et dedit ad sustentationem dicti pontis totum teloneum de mercatu Thewkes. quod usque hodiè servatur, qui post mortem patris sui et fratris in regem electus est. Sed tunc quia non habebat liberos per Isabellam, post annum unum factum est divortium inter ipsos, sed tenuit sibi honorem Gloucestriæ, castrum Brystoliæ cum burgo, et totam bertonam, hundredum, cum suis annexis quod non devenit ad hæredes usque ad præsentem diem. Et maritavit Isabellam Galfrido de Mandevile comiti Essexiæ cum comitatu Glowcestriæ. Quo Galfrido de medio sublato, Isabella prænominata, tempore ejusdem regis (cum Lodovicus rex Franciæ Angliam occupasset) regis assensu, Huberto de Burgo justiciario Angliæ maritata est, sed infra breve de medio sublata est. Obiit nobilis comes Willielmus Gloucestriæ anno Domini mclxxiij. corpusque ejus apud abbatiam canonicorum de Kenisham, quam ipse ob sui filii Roberti memoriam fundaverat, terrisque ornamentis et libertatibus ditaverat, venerabiliter ut decuit, cum suo filio traditur sepulturæ. Iste Robertus natus fuit apud Cardif, et ibidem obiit anno Domini mclxvj.

Iste dominus Willielmus comes confirmavit omnes cartas confirmationes, et libertates et donationes quas pater suus et antecessores sui dederunt vel confirmaverunt eidem Tewkesbury. Etiam iste comes Willielmus dedit et concessit ad ecclesiam et prioratum de Goldclif, quod prior et omnes tenentes sui sint liberi imperpetuum sine tolne, id est, non debent solvere, et tam in Anglia quàm in Wallia apud Bristoliam, Kerdif, Newport, Karleon, et Chepstow, teloneum. Duabus igitur filiabus Willielmi comitis sine liberis decedentibus, devoluta est hæreditas ad Amiciam (Ricardo de Clare nuptam) et filiam Willielmi comitis, quæ omnem hæreditatem suam dedit Gilberto filio suo et dicti Ricardi, qui Ricardus obiit anno Domini mccvj. et apud Clare sepultus est.

Cui successit filius ejus Gilbertus primus Glow-

cestriæ et Hertfordiæ comes conjunctim et divisim, qui accepta conjuge domina Isabella, filia Willielmi Marescalli senioris, comitis de Pembroke, genuit ex ea filiam Amiciam de nomine matris sortitam, anno mccxx. et anno mccxxij. postea genuit filium nomine Ricardum secundum, et hæredem suum. Denique elapso parvo tempore genuit duos filios, scilicet Willielmum et Gilbertum. Postremo genuit duas filias, Agnetam et Isabellam. Prædictus Gilbertus primus legavit nobis boscum de Mutha unâ cum corpore suo ad sepeliendum in ecclesia nostra de Thewkes. in medio presbiterii, anno Domini mccxxx. Iste obiit apud Penros in minori Britannia. Iste confirmavit ad ecclesias de Theokusbury et Goldclif omnes donationes et confirmationes antecessorum suorum. Cui successit Ricardus de Clare secundus filius et hæres ejusdem Gilberti et Isabellæ in hæreditatem patris sui, comitatus Glowcestriæ, et Hertfordiæ, qui duxit in uxorem Matildem nomine, filiam comitis Lincolnæ, genuitque ex ea filium, nomine Gilbertum secundum in crastino sancti Egidii anno Domini mccxliij. apud ecclesiam Christi in Hampscire. (Iste Gilbertus secundus dictus est Rubeus Comes, quia rufus erat et pulcher aspectu:) genuit quoque alios duos filios, Thomam et Benedictum, cum tribus filiabus, quarum una Isabella primogenita, Margareta, et Roysea. Iste Ricardus secundus confirmavit nobis boscum de Mutha et cætera dona et privilegia patris sui et antecessorum suorum. Et etiam ratificavit omnia dona comitis Willielmi ecclesiæ de Goldclif anno Domini mcclij. Iste Ricardus de Clare comes Glowcestriæ et Hertfordiæ tenuit festum Natalis Domini apud Theokes. Habuit in eodem loco secum lx. milites sibi servientes. Qui Ricardus obiit xiv. die Julii anno Domini mccxij. tempore Henrici regis iij. ante statutum apud Esmerfelde, qui comes perlustris quinto kalend. Augusti honorificè humatur in presbiterio apud Theokes. in dextera patris sui, ubi interfuerunt Landavensis et Wigorniensis episcopi, et xij. abbates, et copiosa multitudo baronum, militum ac magnatum. Et postea uxor ejus ornavit tumbam ejusdem auro et argento et lapidibus pretiosis, cum gladio et calcaribus quibus utebatur vivus. Defuncto Ricardo ij. de Clare, Gilbertus secundus filius ejus successit in comitatum Glowcestriæ et Hertfordiæ, qui ex sua conjuge Johanna de Acres, filia regis Edwardi primi, habuit filium unicum, scilicet Gilbertum tertium, et tres filias, viz. Elianoram, Elizabetham, et Margaretam. Iste Gilbertus secundus confirmavit omnia dona patrum suorum ecclesiæ Theokes. et etiam cartam comitis Willielmi ecclesiæ beatæ Mariæ Magdalene de Goldclif de tolneo et aliis donis suis. Qui Gilbertus secundus obiit in castello de Monmouth vij. idus Decembris anno Domini mclxxxv. et sepultus est apud Theokes. in sinistra Gilberti primi; cui successit Gilbertus tertius filius et hæres ejusdem, qui de uxore sua Matilda, filia Johannis de Borow comitis Ultoniæ, genuit filium, nomine Johannem, ante patrem immatura morte præventum, sepultus est apud Theokes. in capella gloriosæ virginis Mariæ. Iste Gilbertus tertius non declinans retrorsum, à Scotis in Albania apud Streveling die Natalis S. Johannis Baptistæ anno regis Edwardi secundi lamentabiliter occubuit, anno ætatis suæ xxij. viij. kal. Julii, anno Domini mcccxiij. Sed delatum est venerabile corpus ejus ad locum patrum suorum, scilicet Theokes. et sepultus est in læva patris sui; et domina Matilda uxor ejusdem obiit vj. nonas Julii, anno mcccxv. et sepulta est in sinistra viri sui. Tunc citò post decessum istius Gilberti tertii, comitatus et honor Gloucestriæ et Hertfordiæ sic penitus sunt dispersi, ut nullus in eodem dominio integro postmodum successerit usque ad præsentem diem: eo quod in trium filiarum Gilberti secundi, et sororum Gilberti tertii devenerit partitionem, quæ variis conjunctæ viris numerosa prole fuerant fecundatæ. Post Gilbertum tertium de Clare, successit in tertia parte honoris, et prima comitatus Gloucestriæ domina Elianora prima soror præfati Gilberti, in cujus partem devenit dotatio et prioratus ecclesiæ Theokes. quæ nupta fuit illustri Hugoni le Despenser, filio domini Hugonis le Despenser, comitis Wintoniæ, qui genuit ex ea Hugonem tertium, et Edwardum.

Iste Hugo primus peremptus fuit apud Brystolliam

vj. kal. Novembris in castello, anno mcccxxvj. et eodem anno in vigilia sanctæ Andreae apostoli apud Herefordiam, Hugo secundus, camerarius regis Edwardi de Karnarvan, et maritus dominæ Elianoræ de Clare, et filius Hugonis primi, enormiter, perditiosè, et crudeliter, sine iudicio vel responsione, suspensus, distractus, et in quatuor partes divisus fuit, et in nostra ecclesia diu postea sepultus. Obiit domina Eleanora uxor ejusdem ij. kal. Julii anno Domini mcccxxxvij. Ista erat mater Hugonis tertii, et Edwardi primi, et Gilberti le Despencer per conjugem suam Hugonem secundum. Post mortem ejus maritata fuit domino Willielmo le Sowch, de quo genuit Hugonem Souch. Anno Domini mcccxxxv. primo die Martii obiit Willielmus le Sowch, et sepultus est in capella beatæ Mariæ Theokes. in medio. Et domina Elizabetha de Clare, secunda filia Gilberti secundi, et soror ejusdem Elianoræ, habuit tres viros, videlicet Johannem de Borow comitem de Holvestere, à quibus Willielmus comes Holvestre: à quo Willielmo, Elizabetha de Borow hæres ejus, quam Leonellus filius secundus regis Edwardi tertii duxit in uxorem; à quibus (Leonello videlicet et Elizabetha uxore ejus) filia una, unica hæres eorundem, nomine Philippa descendit.

Ista Philippa postea copulavit se in uxorem domino Edmundo comiti Marchiæ, de qua genuit Rogerum et Edmundum. Et iste Rogerus genuit Edmundum ultimum comitem Marchiæ, et Rogerum, et Annam, quæ domina Anna desponsata fuit domino Ricardo comiti de Cambridge, cujus pater erat dominus Edmundus de Langley, dux Eboraci, et regis Edwardi tertii filius tertius: de qua Anna genuit dominum Ricardum ducem Eboraci, qui copulavit sibi in uxorem dominam Ceciliam et filiam comitis de Westmerland, de qua genuit Et domina Isabella, tertia filia Gilberti secundi, copulata erat domino Hugoni de Audley. De cujus genealogia in sequentibus dicemus. Modò vertamus stylum ad Hugonem cum fratribus ejus Edwardum primum atque Gilbertum, pro quo Gilberto pro multis beneficiis quæ contulit ecclesiæ nostræ habemus quotidie orationem, 'Inclina,' in missa de Sancto Spiritu, Domino Hugone secundo sepulto, successit filius ejus Hugo tertius, qui de uxore sua Elizabetha, filia comitis Sarum, nullo penitus genito hærede, decessit sexto Idus Februarii sub anno Domini mcccxlviij. sepultus est apud Theokes. juxta summum altare in dextera parte. Iste, inter alia bona quæ contulit, ecclesiam Lantrissam appropriavit, de cujus ecclesia, in die anniversarii ejus conventus percipiet xx. marcas, et xxx. pro una pitancia. Iste fregit Scheltram apud bellum de Sluyse in mari, quia potens erat in bello.

Anno Domini mccclix. obiit domina Elizabetha le Despencer apud Asteley in comitatu Hamptoniæ, filia quondam Willielmi de Monte-acuto comitis Sarum, ac uxor Guidonis de Bryene militis, et relicto Hugone tertio le Despencer, ultimo die mensis Maii, hoc est, in die sanctæ Petronellæ virginis, sepulta jacet cum nobili viro suo primo marito in tumba satis præclara cum ymaginibus de marmore albo. Iste Gwido de Bryen appropriavit quosdam redditus in villa Bristolæ pro anima sua, et dictæ dominæ Elizabethæ uxoris suæ, et delegavit illud ad officium sacristæ Theokes. et qui primam missam celebrat pro dicto Gwidone quotidie in ecclesia nostra ad altare sanctæ Margaretæ cum hiis orationibus: 'Deus qui charitatis,' &c. pro consanguineis suis viventibus; et 'Inclina' pro mortuis. Missa in dominica de Trinitate; feria secunda de Sancto Spiritu; feria tertia de sancto Thoma; feria quarta de Sancta Requite; feria quinta de Ascentione; feria sexta de Sancta Cruce, sabbato de sancta Maria. Et qui celebrat per hebdomadam percipiet pro suo labore xxjd. et in anniversario ejus et dictæ Elizabethæ, si abbas celebraverit missam, percipiet vs. si prior, iij^s. iij^d. et qui legit evangelium viij^d. qui epistolam, viij^d. qui patenam viij^d. et præcentor cum duobus sociis cuilibet eorum viij^d. et priori xij^d. et unicuique monachorum iij^d.

Edwardus igitur primus, frater Hugonis tertii, ex Anna filia domini de Ferrers, genuit Edwardum secundum, Thomam, Henricum, et Gilbertum secundum, et fortunio belli ante fratrem suum decessit. Iste erat comes insulæ de Wight et postea factus comes Devonæ.

Edwardus verò secundus, filius istius Edwardi, successit Hugoni tertio, et copulavit sibi in matrimonium dominam Elizabetham, filiam domini Bartholomei de Borowashe, de qua genuit Edwardum tertium, qui obiit duodenus apud Kardif, sed apud Theokes. sepelitur in capella sanctæ Mariæ, et Hugonem quartum, qui obiit citò postquam natus erat et sepelitur cum fratre suo. Deinde genuit quatuor filias, quarum nomina sunt ista, scilicet Ceciliam, quæ obiit iuvenis, et sepulta est cum fratribus suis: deinde Elizabetham dominam de la Sowch, et relictam domini Johannis de Arundell, et dominam Annam quæ fuit desponsata Hugoni Hastings, et post Thomæ Morley et Margaretam quæ fuit nupta domino Roberto de Ferrers; et prædictus Edwardus in ultima ætate sua genuit Thomam le Despencer et comitem Gloucestriæ. Iste successit patri suo in hæreditatem et copulavit sibi in matrimonium dominam Constantiam filiam domini Edmundi de Langley, filii regis Edwardi tertii et ducis Eboracensis, de qua Constantia præfatus Thomas genuit Ricardum, Elizabetham, et Isabellam. Et prædicta domina Margareta, uxor domini Roberti de Ferrers, obiit tertio nonas Novembris, anno Domini mcccxcv. et sepulta est apud Merivale. Ista fuit mater domini Thomæ, Edmundi, et Edwardi de Ferrers. Et prædictus Edwardus secundus obiit in Cambria, apud Lanblethian in die sancti Martini, anno mcccclxxv. et sepultus est apud Theokes. ante ostium vestiarii juxta presbiterium, ubi uxor ejus ædificavit capellam ex lapidibus arte mirifica constructam, quæ dedicata est in honore Sanctæ Trinitatis. Iste, inter cætera bona quæ nobis contulit, calicem de purissimo auro nobis ditissimum dedit, et aliud jocale preciosissimum arte mirifica fabricatum, in quo corpus dominicum in diebus solennibus est impositum. Et domina Elizabetha uxor ejusdem permansit in viduitate sua post mortem viri sui ferè xxxij. annis. Et obiit die sanctæ Annæ anno Domini mcccxcix. et sepulta est infra chorum Theokes. in sinistra viri sui sub lapide marmoreo. Ista, inter alia bona quæ contulit monasterio, obtulit unam sectam vestimentorum rubeam cum leonibus de auro, scilicet, unam casulam cum iij. dalmaticis, et albis paratis, cum xv. cappis. Post obitum Edwardi secundi, Thomas filius ejus et hæres successit, comes Gloucestriæ, qui nequiter fuit occisus apud Bristoliam à populari vulgo, feria tertia post festum sancti Hilarii, anno Domini mcccxcix. et apud Theokes. sepultus in medio chori sub lampade quæ jugiter ardet ante corpus dominicum: obiit autem anno x. ante matrem suam.

Anno Domini mcccclxiiij. obiit dominus Ricardus tertius le Despenser, filius et hæres ejus, anno ætatis suæ xvij. apud Merton, cum esset in custodia regia quinque milliaribus distans à Londino, septimo die Octobris, sed sepultus est apud Theokes. in sinistra patris sui. Iste duxit in uxorem primam filiam domini Radulphi comitis de Westmerland, nomine Elizabetham, sed post obitum ejus, hærede nullo ex eis existente, maritata fuit domino Henrico Percy comiti de Northumbria, dotatione sua exeunte de dominio de Despensere. Et domina Elizabetha, prima filia domini Thomæ et Constantiæ uxoris suæ, et soror dicti Ricardi, obiit in iuvenili ætate apud Kardif, et sepulta est in ecclesia beatæ Mariæ ibidem, et in septimo mense postquam dominus Thomas le Despenser mortuus est, domina Constantia uxor ejus peperit ei egregiam filiam, nomine Isabellam apud Kardif, in die sanctæ Annæ, anno Domini mcccc. Et postea domina Constantia nupta erat domino Thomæ comiti de Arundell, de qua genuit filiam nomine Elianoram, quæ postea maritata fuit per dominam Isabellam sororem suam (comitissam de Warwick), Hugoni domino de Audley, de qua genuit filium nomine Jacobum; quem suscepit de sacro fonte dominus Willielmus de Brystow, abbas Theokes. Post obitum domini Ricardi tertii le Despenser, domina Isabella soror ejus suscepit dominum le Despensere, quam desponsavit dominus Ricardus quartus de Bellocampo, filius et hæres domini Willielmi Bewchamp, et dominus de Abergeveni, in die vij. dormientium, anno mccccxj.

Istas nuptias celebravit apud Theokes. dominus Thomas Parker, abbas ejusdem loci xvij. Obiit domina Constancia, mater dictæ dominæ Isabellæ, anno

Domini mccccxvij. et sepulta est apud monasterium de Reding anno Domini mccccxx. Dum dominus Henricus rex quintus Francos infestaret, dominus Ricardus quartus de Bellocampo factus est comes Wigorniae apud Londoniam, et domina Isabella uxor ejus concepit de eo, et peperit ei filiam nomine Elizabetham, quæ nascebatur apud Hanleyam xvj. die Septembris, anno gratiæ mccccxv. litera dominicali c. Quam suscepit de sacro fonte dominus Thomas Parker abbas, quæ postea nupta fuit domino Edwardo Neuill juniore filio comitis de Westmerland, de qua natus est dominus Georgius, hæres eorundem.

Et iste Ricardus iiij. de Bello Campo comes Wigorniae postea, tempore regis Henrici vj. xv. kal. Aprilis anno Domini mccccxxj. in Gallia apud Mews in Brye, lapide balistæ in latere percussus, citò post ibidem occubuit, et xxv. die Aprilis apud Theokes. est sepultus, ad finem chori, inter chorum et capellam fundatoris, inter ij. columnas, ubi postea domina Isabella uxor ejus ordinavit pulchram capellam arte mirificè fabricatam, quam consecrari fecit in honorem beatæ dilectricis Domini nostri Jesu Christi, Mariæ Magdalene, sanctæ Barbaræ virginis, et sancti Leonardi abbatis. Quæ capella dedicata est ij. die mensis Augusti anno Domini mccccxxvij. Post annum et decem menses postquam dominus Ricardus quartus comes Wigorniae mortuus est, dominus Ricardus Bewchampe v. comes Warwichiæ, et filius patris Ricardi quarti comitis Wigorniae, habita dispensatione papali desponsavit supradictam dominam Isabellam comitissam Wigorniae et relictam domini Ricardi supradicti, et seisivit eam in comitatu de Warwic, an. Domini mccccxxij. xxvj. die Novembris. Post annum et tres menses et paucos dies, xxij. die Marci, anno Domini mccccxxij. peperit prædicta domina Isabella Ricardo quinto marito suo egregium puerum nomine Henricum, et hæredem eorundem apud castrum de Hanley. Sed et nuptias supradictas celebravit magister Johannes Fordam, prior Wigorniae, ubi interfuit dominus Willielmus Bristow abbas Theokes. in eodem castello. Et quinto die postquam venerabilis Henricus natus fuit, dominus Henricus Bewford cardinalis presbyter, titulo S. Eusebii, atque episcopi Wintoniæ frater, et avunculus regis, et dominus Humfridus dux Buckinghamiæ et comes Staffordiæ, et Johanna domina de Abergeveni, pro nobilitate parentum, charissimo amore puerum susceperunt de sacro fonte; quem baptizavit dominus Johannes Fordam, prior Wigorniae, et tenuit eum ad confirmationem dominus Johannes Bewchamp baro de Powik.

Iste nobilis Henricus dominus le Despenser, decimo anno ætatis suæ, copulavit sibi in uxorem dominam Ceciliam, filiam domini Ricardi Nevill comitis Sarum, anno Domini mccccxxiiij. Post annum et vj. menses quàm iste generosus Henricus natus erat, nata est domino Ricardus quinto comiti de Warwick, de uxore sua Isabella, filia nomine Anna, quam eodem anno et mense (quo frater ejus Henricus duxit filiam comitis Sarum) Ricardus, filius dicti Ricardi comitis Sarum, conduxit in uxorem. Tempore elapso, iste venerabilis Henricus cognovit uxorem suam, genuitque ex ea filiam, nomine Annam, quæ nata est apud Kardif mense Februarii anno Domini mccccxliij.; quam susceperunt de sacro fonte dominus Johannes Abyndon abbas vicesimus Theokes. et domina Anna soror domine Isabellæ comitissæ, et amita domini Henrici, et uxor domini Hugonis de Audley, et domina Elizabetha seror dicti Hugonis. Et venerabilis dominus Ricardus quintus, comes Warwichiæ, cum haberet regimen Franciæ et Normanniæ sub domino Henrico rege vj. apud civitatem Rotomagensis diem clausit extremum, anno Domini mccccxxix. et sepultus est apud Warwick eodem anno. Et domina Isabella comitissa uxor ejusdem domini, et patrona nostra nobilissima, recessit de transmarinis partibus cum corpore viri sui, et venerabilis Henricus et strenuissimus juvenis, filius et hæres eorundem, cum maximo dolore et infirmitate, usque ad prioratum canonicorum de Southwick juxta mare, ibique aliquamdiu morigerati, domina Ysabella ægritudine fessa post paululum venit Londinum ad domum Fratrum minorum, ubi dominus Henricus rex vj. venit visitare ac consolare eam; qui com-

mendavit filium suum dilectissimum Henricum domino regi, petiitque ab eo humillimis precibus, quatinus executores illius appropriarent ad ecclesiam et abbathiam Theokes. ad valorem ccc. marcharum; quatinus ibidem ordinarentur vj. monachi plures quàm fuerant à prima fundatione, quatinus altissimo turificarent missarum orationumque suffragia pro salute animæ suæ et antecessorum et successorum suorum. Benignissimus rex, Deoque devotus, petitioni ejus annuit, atque in hæc verba consolationis recessit ab ea, dicens: 'Deus quem puro corde colis det tuam petitionem adimpleri secundum desiderium animæ tuæ.' At illa gratias egit Deo, regi-que benigno, sicque graviter vexata infirmitate in eodem loco obdormivit in Domino, in die sancti Johannis Evangelistæ, hoc est vj. kalend. Januarii, et in testamento suo legavit etiam ecclesiæ Theokes. omnia ornamenta capitis et corporis sui quibus utebatur viva, videlicet aurum et argentum, lapidesque pretiosos, et vestimenta preciosissima ad valorem, ut æstimabatur, ccc. marcharum. Ordinavit etiam quatuor missas quotidie celebrari in nova capella quam fundaverat pro se, et antecessorum et successorum suorum animarum salute, et quatuor monachos prima missa quotidiana de die, secunda de Trinitate vel de Sancto Spiritu, tertia de sancta Maria, iiij. de beata Requite: constituitque unicuique ad finem septimanæ ij. sol. sterlingorum pro labore suo. Confirmavit etiam omnia privilegia et donationes atque cartas antecessorum suorum. Et præcepit sub benedictione sua filio suo Henrico, quatinus ipse hæc omnia ratificaret et confirmaret atque adimpleret. Atque ita idus Januarii sepulta est apud Theokes. in dextra patris sui, à venerabilibus viris, scilicet Thoma Plufford episcopo Herefordiæ et ejus confessore, et domino Willielmo Bristow abbate Theokes. et domino Johanne abbate Winchcombæ, ubi et alii magnates plurimæ multitudinis interfuerunt. Hæc autem omnia facta sunt eodem anno quo dominus Ricardus Bewchamp quintus, et maritus ejus, mortuus est, cum magna solemnitate, honore, atque reverentia, sicut decuit, sic est humata: modò ædificatur super ejus membra tumba marmorea arte mirificè fabricata. Post decessum parentum venerabilium, venerabilis dominus Henricus hæres eorundem successit in hæreditatem paternam et maternam, qui per biennium existens in custodia regia postea restitutus est ad sua omnia in magna gloria. Nam coronatur à rege in regem de Wight manu regia, et nominatur primus comes totius Angliæ. Factum est autem post duos annos ut dominus Henricus rex vj. propter amorem parentum valde eum diligens, speciali amore contulit ei ducatum Warwicensem, dans ei castrum Bristollæ cum omnibus suis annexis, quod olim rex Johannes detinuit sibi, sicut supra memoravimus; dedit quoque ei insulas Gardsey et Jardsey. Addiditque ei patronatum ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ Magdalene de Goldclif cum omnibus suis annexis. Deditque ei licentiam appropriare illam ecclesiam et prioratum cum omnibus suis pertinentiis, et facere illa omnia et singula membra fieri ecclesiæ Theokes. quatinus monachi ibidem Deo servientes turificarent missarum solemnias, orationum suffragia, cæterorum quoque contemplativa, bonorum operum suspiria, pro salute animæ et corporis ipsius regis atque domini Henrici ducis, et in speciali pro salute animæ dictæ Isabellæ, domine et comitissæ Wigorniae et Warwichiæ, et pro animabus antecessorum et successorum suorum, atque pro animabus omnium fundatorum et benefactorum ecclesiæ Godcliviæ. Atque altissimo quotidie sic adorato, animæ eorum epularentur in Paradisi amoenitate ut loco à Deo eis limitato.

Confirmavit etiam ipse nobilis rex, et sua carta magna atque secreto sigillo omnia privilegia possessionesque terrarum et ornamenta donationesque regum ac nobilium antecessorum suorum, tam in spiritualibus quàm temporalibus, sive in Anglia, sive in Wallia. Concessit etiam omnia confirmari ab archiepiscopis, episcopis, archidiaconibus, capitulis generalibus et specialibus, et in speciali à domino Nicholao Landavensi episcopo, et à magistro Roberto Cole ejus archidiacono, atque à capitulo Landavensis ecclesiæ, et parlamento à ducibus, marchis, comitibus, baronibus, militibus, justiciariis, ballivis, et aliis. Hæc omnia acta et con-

firmata sunt anno Domini mcccclxij. et v. kal. Junii. Eodem anno monachi Theokes. ingressi sunt primum in prioratum prædictum Goldclif, domino Willielmo Bristow tunc abbate Theokes. Et frater Johannes Abindon tunc fuit cellerarius et procurator, et frater Thomas Winchcombe ordinatus prior ibidem per abbatem et conventum. Postea eodem anno per laborem magistri Adam Molenis, à domino papa Eugenio, ejusque consilio ratificata et confirmata sunt ista omnia et singula. Sicque temporis intervallo dominus Ricardus Langley dux Eboracensis confirmavit omnia dona et franchisesia et privilegia antecessorum suorum ad dictam ecclesiam pertinentia, scilicet Goldcliviam. Dedit etiam protectionem suam domino Johanni Abindon, et priori Goldclif, et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus, pro omnibus hominibus suis, tenentibus, officiariis, ac ministris in Wallia, sive in marchia Walliæ.

Similiter dominus Henricus Beuchamp dux Warwichiæ ratificavit, et confirmavit omnia dona antecessorum suorum in Wallia sive in marchia Walliæ ecclesiæ prædictæ. Sic quoque dominus Humfridus dux Bokinghamia confirmavit omnes donationes et confirmationes antecessorum suorum in Wallia sive in marchia Walliæ. Ita et dominus Richardus dux Norfolchiæ, et dominus de Chepstow, hoc est Striguliæ, ratificavit et confirmavit omnia dona antecessorum suorum. Memorandum quod frater Robertus Newent prior prioratus Goldcliviæ, et frater Ricardus Hardwick, et frater Thomas Percior expulsi sunt ex prioratu Goldcliviæ anno Domini mcccclv. litera dominicali C. nonas Junii, ex invidia Wallencianorum. Etiam tempore istius dominæ Isabellæ, dum adhuc viveret, appropriatæ sunt suo labore et adjutorio duæ ecclesiæ; scilicet ecclesia de Tarande Monachorum in diocesi Sarum, et ecclesia de Penmarche in diocesi Landavensi tempore domini Willielmi Bristow abbatis, et fratrum Willielmi Faukenere elemosinarii, et Johannis Abindon celerarii atque procuratoris.

Obiit autem dominus Henricus nobilis dux Warwichiæ, et primus comes Angliæ, dominus le Despencer et de Albergeveny, rex de insulis Wight, et Gardsey, et Jardsey, dominus quoque castri Bristolæ cum suis annexis, tertio idus Junii, anno Domini mcccclvj. anno ætatis suæ xxij. apud castrum de Hanleya, et sepultus est in medio chori Theokusburie, inter stallos, ubi ipse elegit sepeliri, quatinus commonachi, et allecti sui eum semper haberent in memoria. Media nocte fuit humatus cum magno luctu singulorum suorum, propter tumultus populi qui eum sic amabant, ne damnum viderentur inferre monasterio concursus populorum venientium. Iste dum viveret confirmavit omnia dona, privilegia, et cartas patrum et antecessorum suorum ecclesiæ Theokes. Legavitque nobis in suo testamento ecclesiam de Scherston, et omnia ornamenta corporis sui, ad faciendum inde vestimenta.

Memorandum, quod quinto idus Martii dominus Johannes abbas Theokes. ingressus est secundò in prioratum de Goldclif, anno Domini mcccvj. litera dominicali A. Et viij. idus Aprilis post, prior ingressus est cum suis sociis, scilicet monachis de Theokes. iij. nonas Junii. Et domina Elizabetha, filia domini Ricardi quarti comitis Wigornie, et dictæ Isabellæ, et soror dicti Henrici ducis, obiit xiiij. kal. Julii, anno Domini mcccxvii. anno ætatis suæ xxxij. et apud ecclesiam fratrum Carmelitarum de Coventry est sepulta. Et post obitum domini Henrici ducis, domina Anna, filia ejus unica et parvula atque hæres, tradita est in custodiam regis qui dedit eam, cum nonagia, dominæ Margaretæ reginæ. At illa dedit eam iterum domino Willielmo Pole, duci Suffolchiæ, in cujus custodia obiit, anno Domini mcccix. anno ætatis suæ sexto. Et obiit apud manerium de Herpendene, et sepulta est apud monasterium de Reding. Post mortem istius puellæ, successit in patronatum Theokes. ecclesiæ dominus Ricardus Nevill, sextus filius domini Ricardi Nevill comitis Sarum, qui duxit dominam Annam filiam supradicti Ricardi Bewchampe, quinti comitis Warwichiæ, et dominæ Isabellæ uxoris suæ et comitissæ, et sororis domini Henrici ducis. Et dominus Henricus rex sextus dedit illi comitatum Warwichiæ et dominium de le Despenser atque

de Abergeveni sub sigillo magnæ cartæ suæ atque secretæ.

Iste appropriavit ecclesiam de Scherston, et fecit eam annecti ecclesiæ Theokes. Confirmavit etiam omnia dona, privilegia, et cartas antecessorum suorum, et in speciali confirmavit cartam de piscatione apud Theokes. in Sabrina, et in Abbana, et etiam in Tofe apud Kardif, quod dominus dux similiter concessit et confirmavit. Anno Domini mccccl. obiit domina Cecilia, ducissa de Warwicke, et relictæ domini Henrici ducis de Warwick, quinto kal. Augusti, quæ post mortem domini Henrici maritata fuit comiti Wigornie, et domino Tip-toft, et sepulta fuit secundo kal. Augusti in capella beatæ Mariæ virginis apud Theokes. in loco ubi Willielmus Sowche antea erat sepultus. Et dominus Ricardus Nevill, sextus filius comitis Sarum. genuit de uxore sua Anna (filia comitis de Warwick et dominæ Isabellæ uxoris suæ) duas filias, Isabellam et Annam, quæ Isabella nupta fuit domino Georgio duci Clarenciæ, et filio Ricardi ducis Eborum, et fratris Edwardi regis quarti, de qua genuit filiam, nomine Margaretam, apud castrum de Farley quartodecimo die Augusti, anno Domini mcccclxxij. Et anno Domini mcccclxxv. natus est dominus Edwardus filius et primogenitus prædicti ducis Clarenciæ de prædicta domina Isabella et patrona nostra, apud castrum de Warwick xxv. die Februarii, quem susceperunt de sacro fonte dominus Edwardus quartus, et avunculus ejusdem pueri, et episcopus de Carlile, et ducissa de Suffolke, soror ejusdem Georgii; et ad confirmationem dominus Johannes Strensham abbas Theokes. Et dictus Edwardus tunc ordinatur comes Warwick per dominum Edwardum regem. Et anno Domini mcccclxxvj. natus est prædicto Georgio filius, nomine Ricardus, de sæpedita Isabella apud monasterium Theokes. in nova camera infirmariæ ibidem, sabbatho, viz. sexto die Octobris, circa horam secundam post nonam, litera dominicali F. et septimo die sequenti baptizatur in ecclesia parochiali, quem susceperunt de sacro fonte dominus Ricardus, abbas Evesham. et dominus Ricardus, prior Batoniæ, et domina uxor Jacobi Lutterell: ad confirmationem, dominus Willielmus Ferley, abbas Glowcestriæ, diversis abbatibus et prioribus præsentibus vestitis pontificalibus. Et octavo die ejusdem mensis confirmatur à domino Johanne Alkok episcopo Wigornie ad majus altare ecclesiæ nostræ, et vestitus ipse in pontificalibus. Quo tempore graviter infirmatur dicta Isabella ferè ad mortem. Et dominus prædictus Georgius recessit à monasterio nostro cum Isabella uxore sua infirmata usque ad Warwicke xij. die mensis Novembris et anno Domini mcccclxxvj. obiit domina Isabella, ducissa Clarenciæ, patrona nostra, apud castrum de Warwicke duodecimo die mensis Decembris circa horam undecimam ante mediam noctem, et defertur ejus corpus ad monasterium nostrum Theokes. Quarto die mensis Januarii dominus Johannes Strensham abbas Theokes. cum diversis abbatibus (vestitis in pontificalibus) et toto conventu, recepit ejus corpus in medio chori nostri et immediatè post fiebant exequiæ ejus à domino abbate et cæteris abbatibus et toto conventu in ix. lectionibus, postea à suffraganeis episcopi Wygornie, et episcopi Lincolnie, et decano et clericis domini ducis exequiæ agebantur; et vigiliæ per totam noctem à familia dicti ducis custodiebantur in crastinum, viz. in vigilia Epiphaniæ. Primam missam de sancta Maria celebravit suffraganeus Lincolnie episcopi in capella sanctæ Mariæ; secundam missam de Trinitate celebravit dominus abbas ad magnum altare; tertiam verò missam celebravit suffraganeus episcopi Wigornie, de Requie æterna, in qua sermonem fecit ad prælatos in choro, et cæteros ibidem quidam doctor sacræ theologiæ ordinum Minorum de Wigornia, Petrus Weld nomine. Et missâ finitâ, relictum est corpus ejusdem ducissæ in medio chori subtus le herse ibidem usque ad xxxv. diem. Et per omne id tempus solennes exequiæ fiebant quotidie in conventu pro anima dictæ Isabellæ. Postea, videlicet in octava Purificationis beatæ Mariæ, in quo die, missâ finitâ, corpus illius sepulturæ traditum fuit subtus le volte artificialiter facto retro altare majus, ante capellam beatæ Mariæ ecclesiæ conventualis, et hostium sepulturæ positum est ex opposito ostii capellæ sancti

Edmundi martiris. Et dominus Ricardus, filius eorundem, obiit in juvenilitate apud castrum de Warwick, in festo Circumcisionis Domini, eodem anno quo mater ejus obiit. Et domina Anna, secunda filia Ricardi Nevill et Annæ uxoris suæ, nupta fuit domino Edwardo principi, filio Henrici regis sexti. Et post obitum ejus nupta fuit Ricardo duci Gloucestris, et filio Ricardi ducis Eboraci, et fratri Edwardi regis quarti, de qua genuit filium nomine apud castrum de Middlam, anno Domini mccccxxvj.

Ego dux Odo apud Theok. prioratum fundo.
Atque ego Doddo Stanwey cum membris addo.
Abbathiam fundo Ailwardus, Meaw dictus ego.
Algarus dico hæc omnia ibi confirmo.
Et Bictanus, ultimus ante conquestum dominus,
Hoc templum fundo mihimet verè corde jucundo
Bristow construxi honor ut fiat crucifixi.
Cartas confirmo facto verè corde paterno
Rex comes et eram quia duxi Isabellam.
Glowc. et Hertfordiæ comes eram, quia dilexi Amiciam
Sylvam donavi, templum hoc semper amavi.
Argento jaceo, vos quia semper amo.
Bella construxi ne me perdent inimici.
Propter jus regni, gladii quoque mortem subivi.
Lantrissam Hugo mihimet tamen appropriabo
Construxi, quia locum hunc semper amavi.
Et tuli dolorem propter mei regni amorem.
Et obii fato juvenili sic in ætate.
Propter regis regulam periit cum fundo Bewcham.
Warwick custos Normanniæ dux sicque placuit.
Dominus quoque primus ego fui sicque Goldelyf appro-
priavi.
Scherston approprio Theokes. cartaque confirmo.

[W. Malmesb. fol. 162 a.]

— Est et monasterium Theocesberie, quod noviter Robertus filius Hamonis favore suo provexit, nec facile memoratu quantum exaltavit, ubi et ædificiorum decor, et monachorum charitas adventantium rapit oculos, et allicit animos. Fuerat illud primitus apud Craneburnam, sed abbatis Giraldi provisione, pro vicini fluminis opportunitate, et dominicarum terrarum, contiguè Theokesberiam aptius locari visum. Simul et videbatur voluntati religiosæ nomen applaudere, quod Theokesberia dicatur, quasi Theotocosbiria, id est, Dei genitricis curia, vocabulo ex Græco et Anglico composito.

[Orderic. Vitalis Hist. Eccl. p. 600, C. D.]

—GIROLDUS autem (clericus capellæ Hugonis Cestrensis comitis, p. 598, B.) &c. ubi Guentam pervenit &c. in veteri monasterio sancti Petri monachile schema devotè suscepit &c. Inde post aliquod tempus ad regimen ecclesiasticum canonicè proventus est, et Theokesburie, (dum Baiocensis Samson Guigorniensi episcopo præerat) primus abbas effectus est. Ibi nempe cœnobium sanctæ Mariæ, Robertus Haimonis filius, super Sabrinam fluvium construxerat, et multis opibus tempore Gulielmi junioris Anglorum regis affatim locupletavit &c.

Cranburne Cella de Theokesbyrie.

[Lelandi Collectan. vol. i. p. 78.]

ALREDUS Meaw, comes Gloucestræ, primus fundator. Famulabatur huic antiquitus monasterium de Theokesbyri; sed Robertus filius Hamonis, comes Gloucestræ dedit prædia hujus domus monasterio de Theokesbirie.

Prior et duo monachi.

NUM. II.

*Prædia ad Ecclesiam Sanctæ Mariæ Tewkesbur. spectantia
tempore Regis Willielmi Conquestoris.*

[Ex Libro Censuali vocato **Domesday Book**, penes Camerar. Scacc.]

Glowcestrescire, fol. 163 b.

HÆC subscripta terra pertinet Æcclesiæ de TEODE-
KESBERIE.

In STANWEGE sunt vii. hidæ pertin. æcclesiæ
Ibi ii. car. dominio sunt viii. villani et ii. bord. cum
viii. car. Ibi Monasterium, et inter servos et ancillas
v. et apud Wicham una salina. et viii. acr. prati. Silva
ii. quarent. long. et una lat. Tempore Regis Edwardi
valebat viii. lib. Modo vii. lib.

In TATINTONE IIII. hidæ. Ibi sunt II. car. et XI. villani et unus radchen. cum II. car. et III. bord. et IX. servi. Valebat VI. lib. Modo c. sol.

In LIMENTONE III. hidæ. Ibi sunt II. car. et VIII. villani cum III. car. et VI. servi et unus bordarius. Valuit LX. sol. Modo XL. solid.

In WASEBORNE III. hidæ. Ibi sunt II. car. et VI. villani cum III. car. et I. bord. et IX. servi cum ancillis. Valuit et valet LX. solid.

In FITENTONE II. hidæ. Ibi unus villanus. et II. coliberti cum II. car. Valet et valuit x. sol. Una ex. his hid. quieta terra fuit.

In ÆTONE I. hida quietæ terræ, et ibi I. car. Valet
x. sol.

In STANLEGE III. hidæ et dimid. Ibi est i. car. et III. villani cum II. car. et III. bord. et v. servi. Hæc terra quieta fuit. Valuit III. lib. Modo XL. solid.

Tota terra pertinet. Ecclesiæ. geldab. pro xx. hid.
tempore Regis Edwardi.

NUM. III.

Chartæ Regum.

[Cart. 28 Ed. I. nu. 16, memb. 3.]

REX archiepiscopus &c. salutem. Inspecimus car-
 tam quam celebris memoriæ dominus Willielmus quon-
 dam rex Angliæ, progenitor noster, fecit monasterio
 sanctæ Mariæ de Teochesberia in hæc verba. Ego
 Willielmus rex Anglorum concedo monasterio sanctæ
 Mariæ de Teochesberia imporpertuum has res subscrip-
 tas, quas Robertus filius Hamonis dedit et homines sui,
 piscinam ejusdem cum aqua libera, et molendina, et
 pratum pro decima, et pratum de pastura quod est juxta
 piscariam, et pratum de Edmondesalla, et pratum de
 Seldena, et terram Rogeri vinitoris, et ecclesias de Wa-
 lis, cum terris et cum decimis de denariis et de omnibus
 rebus, et unum beid cum una piscaria, sicut insula di-
 vidit beid, et unum pratum juxta illud beid, et decimam
 equarum et decimam coriorum venationis, et socam et
 sacam, et toll et teim per totam terram sanctæ Mariæ,
 et pasturam de Teochesberia, et ubique cum dominicis
 pecoribus. Guilielmo cancellario teste, et Roberto filio
 Hamonis, et Rogero filio Geroldi, et Gualtero Giffard.
 Inspecimus etiam cartam, quam bonæ memoriæ domi-
 nus Henricus quondam rex Angliæ similiter progenitor
 noster fecit ecclesiæ beatæ Mariæ Teokesberia in hæc
 verba. 'In nomine sanctæ Trinitatis. Notum sit fide-
 libus cunctis tam præsentibus quam futuris, quod ego
 Hainricus Dei gratia rex Anglorum apud Marlebergam,
 in anno ab incarnatione Domini millesimo et centesimo,
 concedo et perpctualiter confirmo has subscriptas res et
 terras ecclesiæ beatæ Mariæ Teokesberia, quas Robertus
 filius Hamonis cæterique barones mei dederunt præ-
 dictæ ecclesiæ, videlicet, Gingestonam, et Estanleie, et
 unam hydram de Midellande, et duas hydas de Bermer-
 тона, et unam de Berchelai, et piscariam de Teokesberia,
 et pratum juxta eam, et molendina, et ecclesiam de
 Walis, et decimas et ecclesiam de Faireffort, et eccle-
 siam de Cetesleia, et decimam de Denelis, et decimam
 de Chenuceia, dimidiam hydram de Ahuretona, et deci-
 mam de Ceotol, quam dedit prædictæ ecclesiæ Robertus
 de la Haia, et ecclesias de dominio suo, et piscariam de
 Walis et Amenel, quod dedit prædictæ ecclesiæ Wine-
 baldus de Balaon, favente rege, et terram Rodberti filii
 Hugonis de Wertona, quam dedit prædictæ ecclesiæ.
 Signum ✠ Heanrici regis ✠ ✠ ✠ ✠ ✠ ✠ ✠ ✠ ✠ ✠
 ✠ ✠ ✠ ✠ ✠ ✠ ✠ ✠ ✠ ✠ Hugo comes. Robertus de
 Beleme. Willielmus de Mortama. Rogerus le Peitevin.
 Heanricus de Werwik. Willielmus cancellarius. Evo-
 rardus. Willielmus de Wreouuast. Eodorunus dapifer.
 Robertus filius Hamonis et Haimon frater ejus. Wil-
 lielmus de Albegni. Mile Crispin. Hugo de Belcamp.
 Rogerus de Nuvant. Nigellus de Monevile. Rogerus

le Bigod. Robertus Malet. Hugo Maminot.' Inspeximus etiam cartam quam idem Henricus fecit eidem ecclesiae in hæc verba,

[Pat. 10 H. 1v. parte ii. m. 5.]

✠ 'In nomine sanctæ et individue Trinitatis, cunctis ecclesiæ catholicæ filiis et dilectioribus rex H. salutem. Notum sic vobis omnibus me Henricum Dei gratia Anglorum regem perhenniter concessisse et liberè confirmasse ecclesiæ sanctæ Dei genitricis et perpetuæ Virginis Mariæ de Teokesberia, anno Domini incarnationis millesimo centesimo sexto, apud Wintoniam, has res subscriptas, quas Robertus filius Hamonis, et plures alii homines dederunt, vel quas abbas emit, pro anima mea et pro animabus patris et matris meæ omniumque parentum et antecessorum meorum, scilicet terram de Byrnete, unam hydram, et terram de Bullingahope, et de Rerevals, et unam hidam apud Ameneam de Hunfrido camerario, et duas hidas de Purbika, et unam hidam cum duabus decimis de Alfredo de Nicola, et unam hidam de Pamintuna, et unam virgatam de Estuna, et ecclesiam sancti Petri de Brigston, et decimam reddituum de Brigston, et ecclesias quæ fuerunt Roberti capellani, cum terris et decimis. Ecclesiæ istæ sic distinguuntur. Quædam ecclesia in Londonia, quæ vocatur Semannesceyree. Ecclesia de Merlana. Ecclesia de Hameldena. Ecclesia de Ascentona. Ecclesia de Mereffelda. Ecclesia de Sopeberia. Ecclesia de Torneberia. Ecclesia de Pentric. Ecclesia de Essemera. Ecclesia de Froma. Ecclesia de Lapaford. Ecclesia de Winchelea. Ecclesia de Eduslea. Ecclesia de Sut-Moltona. Ecclesia de Citelmentuna. Ecclesia de Bideford. Ecclesia de Litehama. Ecclesia de Chilhentona. Ego autem ipse rex Henricus dedi isti eidem ecclesiæ unam villam quæ fuit de honore Roberti filii Hamonis, post mortem ejusdem Roberti dedi eam, et pro anima ipsius: villa ipsa vocatur Ferthelmentona, unam piscinam in Teokesberia, et aquam liberam supra piscariam subtus quantum terra ejusdem vilæ durat, et unum molendinum, pratum et decimam pratorum, pratum de pastura, pratum de Eadmundessella, pratum de Sealdena, et pasturam ubique in Teokesberia, cum dominicis pecoribus, terram Rogeri vinitoris, et essartum de North-haia, socam et sacam, et toll et teim, in tota terra ecclesiæ. Curiam cum domibus juxta ecclesiam quam Robertus filius Hamonis dedit ecclesiæ in burgo Teokesberie, unam lagam de dono Goduini, duas de dono Eglaf, et parum terræ de dono Godwini pistoris juxta Suthuudam. In bosco Malverne quicquid opus est ad utilitates ecclesiæ, et pasnagium quietum; Chingestonam, Stanlegiam, Mildelandam, Bermertonam, Berthele, Wodeschesuuda, dimidiam hidam in Hamma. Unam virgatam terræ Alangeford, ecclesiam de Faireford, ecclesiam de Ceteslege, decimam de Hehtredeberi, decimam de Chenuka, decimam de Tarrenta, ecclesiam de Uंबरlega, ecclesiam de Bikentona, Amednel, Wertona, Chetel, cum hida Aiulfi, et cum terra Walteri, duas domos in Bureford, de dono Radulfi sacerdotis. In Bisselea unam virgatam terræ de dono Sibillæ. In Oxenduna unam hidam terræ emptam à Godrico Dydicote de escambio Alexandri. In Sumersete, in villa quæ vocatur Aisse, triginta duas solidatas terræ per annum, quam dedit Gilbertus de Umfranvilla pro anima uxoris suæ. In Ascentona duas hidas et unam virgatam terræ, de dono Roberti filii Nigelli. In Walis, ecclesiam parochialem sanctæ Mariæ de Burgo de Cardi, cum una carucata terræ, capellam de castello de Cardi cum una carucata terræ. Decimas omnium dominicorum reddituum de Burgo de Cardi. Decimas totius domini quod R. filius Hamonis habuit in Walis. Omnes decimas omnium baronum R. filii Hamonis per totam terram de Walis. Totum brachium aquæ de Taf, quod est juxta ecclesiam, ex quo exit de Taf quousque reintrat in Taf, ad faciendas piscarias ei quaslibet utilitates ecclesiæ, pratum ultra aquam juxta ecclesiam, vilulam quæ vocatur Landoho. Terram quam dedit Walterus de Landblethien. Decimam terræ quam abbas de Gloec. habet in Landcarven. Ecclesiam de Landhiltun. Terram quam Walkelinus dedit, molendinum de Raz, et piscarias quas Robertus de Haia dedit. Terram quam Robertus filius Nigelli dedit. Ecclesiam de Novo-

Castello. Hæc autem omnia confirmaverunt mecum isti barones mei. Signum regis ✠ Heanrici. Signum ✠ Walteri cancellarii. Signum ✠ Girardi archiepiscopi. Signum ✠ Roberti episcopi de Nichole. Signum ✠ Sampsonis episcopi Wigorniae. Signum ✠ Hugonis abbatis. Signum ✠ Humfridi de Bohun. Signum ✠ Haymonis dapiferi. Signum ✠ Roberti comitis de Mell. Abbatis ✠ Glaston. Signum ✠ Roberti filii Nigelli. Signum ✠ abbatis Germundi. Pha ✠ ris abbatis. Signum Rogeri ✠ Saresburiensis episcopi. Signum ✠ Thomæ Capell. Signum Willielmi ✠ Exoniensis episcopi. Signum ✠ abbatis Nigelli.'

Inspeximus etiam cartam quam idem Henric. fecit sanctæ Mariæ et abbati et monachis de Teokesbiria in hæc verba.

'Henr. Dei gratia rex Angl. et dux Norm. archiepiscopis, episcopis, comitibus, baronibus, justiciariis, vicecomitibus, et omnibus ministris suis salutem. Sciatis me in honore Dei et sanctæ Mariæ genitricis Dei, pro salute animæ meæ, et pro animabus regis Willielmi patris mei, et regis Willielmi fratris mei, et Mathildæ reginæ matris meæ, et Mathildæ reginæ uxoris meæ, omniumque antecessorum meorum, et pro anima Roberti filii Hamonis, concessisse et confirmasse sanctæ Mariæ et abbati et monachis de Teokesberia, omnes possessiones suas, in ecclesiis et decimis, in terris et aquis, in molendinis et piscariis, in pasturis et nemoribus, et in omnibus rebus, tenendas in perpetua elemosina ita liberè et quietè sicut fuit quietum dominium Roberti filii Hamonis, qui eandem ecclesiam fundavit, quando illud fuit in dominico regis Willielmi patris mei et Mathildæ reginæ matris meæ, de siris et hundredis, de geldis et denegeldis, de omnibus consuetudinibus, et de omnibus causis. Testibus Rogero episcopo Saresb. Roberto episcopo Linc. Roberto comite de Mellent. Roberto comite de Gloecestr. Briencio fil. com. Hamo. dapifero, Waltero de Gloecestr. apud Winton.'

Inspeximus etiam cartam quam idem Henricus fecit sanctæ Mariæ de Teokesbir. in hæc verba,

'H. rex Angl. archiepiscopis, episcopis, justic. com. baron. vic. et omnibus ministris in quorum ministeriis abbas Teokesbir. terras habet, salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse sanctæ Mariæ de Teokesbir. has res subscriptas in perpetua elemosina, liberas et quietas, pro anima mea, et pro animabus patris et matris meæ, omniumque antecessorum meorum, ecclesiam de Chedestlega, ecclesiam de Lethe, decimam de Chaldewella, et de Fifhida, decimam de Sutton, decimam de Bacheberga, decimam de Westona, Roberti de Baschervilla, decimam de Haresfelde, decimam de Muchelesberga, terram quæ dicitur Lancadel, quam dedit Walchelinus eidem ecclesiæ. Terram de Didicot, quam habet ipsa ecclesia per excambium de Alexandro de Cormelis, terram de Poltona, quam dedit eidem ecclesiæ Adeliza de Insula, pro anima Reginaldi de Dunstanvilla viri sui, duas hidas in Porbica de feodo Roberti de Clavilla. Volo autem et præcipio quod tota possessio sanctæ Mariæ de Teokesbir. ita sit quietata de placitis et geldis, et de omnibus causis sicut fuit quietum dominium Roberti filii Hamonis, quod nunc est dominium Roberti filii mei. Testibus Ranulfo cancellar. et Hamone dapifero, apud Burnam.'

Inspeximus etiam cartam quæ bonæ memoriæ dominus Henr. quondam rex Angliæ, proavus noster, fecit monachis prædictis in hæc verba,

'Henricus rex Angliæ, et dux Norman. et Aquit. et comes Andeg. justic. et vicecom. et baronibus, et omnibus ministris et fidelibus suis Angliæ et Walliæ salutem. Sciatis me concessisse monachis de Teokesbir. quod liberè et quietè vendant et emant res quæ sibi necessariae fuerint sine toloneo per totam Angliam et Walliam. Et prohibeo ne quis eos disturbet super xⁱⁱ. forisfacturæ. Teste Unfrido de Bohun apud Gloec.'

Nos autem donationes, concessiones et confirmationes prædictas ratas habentes et gratas, eas pro nobis et hæredibus nostris, quantum in nobis est, dilectis nobis in Christo nunc abbati et conventui loci prædicti et eorum successoribus, concedimus et confirmamus, sicut cartæ prædictæ rationabiliter testantur. Hiis testibus venerabilibus patribus A. Dunelmen. J. Carliolen. et W. Coventr. et Lych. episcopis Joh. de Warennia comite

Surr. Thoma comite Lanc. Henr. de Lacy comite Lincoln. Joh. de Hastings. Joh. de Segrave. Hugone le Despencer, et aliis. Dat. per manum nostram apud Karliolum primo die Julii. Dupp. per finem factum in scaccario.

REGISTRUM MONASTERII DE THEOKESBERY, CONTINENS
CHARTAS DONATIONUM ET CONFIRMATIONUM TER-
RARUM.

[MS. Cotton. Brit. Mus. Cleopatra A. vii.]

NUM. IV.

De prima Fundatione Ecclesiæ S. Jacobi de Keneseg in Wallia.

[fol. 68 a.]

CARTA W. com. testificantis, quod ipse requisivit abbatem et conventum Theokesberie ut permitterent Henrico Thufard clerico ejusdem com. erigere ecclesiam in Keneseg tenendam dum vixerit ab ipsis, solvendo pensionem ij. solidorum ad festum Omnium Sanctorum, sine minoratione aliqua decimarum suarum quas antiquitus habebant; ita ut post decessum ipsius Henrici, ædificia et virgulta et cæteræ emendationes in terra ecclesiæ factæ, et ornamenta ecclesiæ in ipsa ecclesia, sicut sua propria perpetuo remanerent. Ita etiam quod si ministri dicti com. de aliqua parochia ipsius abbatis in parochiam de Keneseg causa guerræ, vel majores pasturæ oves suas vel vaccas removerent et ibi non sint remanentes residuæ, decimam habebit illarum.

NUM. V.

Carta Nich. Landavensis Episcopi confirmantis Ecclesiæ Sanctæ Mariæ Theokesberie omnes Ecclesias et Beneficia quæ habent in Episcopatu suo.

[Ibid.]

CHARTA Nich. Landavensis episcopi confirmantis ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ Theok. et monachis omnes ecclesias et beneficia cum pertinentiis suis, quæ in illo episcopatu habent ex fidelium Christi largitione, viz. Ecclesiam parochialem sanctæ Mariæ de Kayrdif cum capella de Castello, capellam sancti Johannis, capellam sancti Thomæ, capellam de Raht, capellam sancti Dionisii de Kibur, capellam de Liffeni, capellam sancti Edern, capellam de Lanbordan cum omnibus pertinentiis suis infra burgum et extra, et decimam dominicorum reddituum com. de Kairdif et de toto dominico suo in Wallia; ecclesiam de Landocham pertinentem ad ecclesiam de Kairdif cum capella de Leotwtha et capella de Cogan cum terris et reliquis pertinentiis suis; ecclesiam de Landiltuit cum capella de Liswini; capellam sancti Bartholomæi, capellam sancti Cujani de Cherleton cum pertinentiis suis de Lanbari et de Lanparan et de sancti Nicholai et cum reliquis pertinentiis suis: ecclesiam sancti Leonardi de Novo Castello cum capella sancti Theducti; capellam de Latholestuna, capellam in nemore ex orientali parte Leveni, capellam sancti Thomæ in terra quam W. com. Glouc. dedit Willielmo filio Henrici inter aquas de Avena, et Neth: ecclesiam sancti Jacobi de Keneseg, cum capella sancti Thomæ in eadem villa, capellam de Corneli quæ est villa Thom. capellam sancti Wenduni de villa Walteri Lupelli, capellam sancti Thomæ de Creitic, capellam sancti Cuniioth de Leveni cum omnibus reliquis pertinentiis suis, tam ecclesiæ sancti Leonardi quam ecclesiæ de Keneseg, de Landbleth cum capella sancti Donati, capellam sancti Jacobi de Landcoman, capellam sanctæ Lenwaræ de Lathawa cum reliquis pertinentiis suis. Hæc autem capella eo tenore dedicata est et sepeliendorum corporum permissio facta, ne cederet in dampnum ecclesiæ de Landbleth ad quam jure paroch. pertinet. Concedit etiam ut rectoribus earum discedentibus, vicarios idoneos, scil. sacerdotes in eis instituant monachi, qui episcopo respondeant de spiritualibus, assignata eis honesta sustentatione. Reliquas vero possessiones illarum, tam in decimis quam in terris, in usus suos committant. Confirmat autem eis omnes decimas quas in illo episco-

patu legitime obtinuerunt, viz. duas partes decimæ domini de Crenemarestune, duas partes decimæ domini Rogeri de Sumeri, medietatem decimæ domini de sancto Fagano, duas partes decimæ domini de sancto Nicholao, duas partes decimæ domini de Bolemleston, duas partes decimæ domini de Wufa, duas partes decimæ domini de Manwrekestun, duas partes decimæ domini quod fuit Hug. de Gloucestria, duas partes decimæ domini de Treigof, medietatem decimæ domini Willielmi de Lond. et c. acras terræ apud Wuggemore, duas partes decimæ domini de Penmarc, duas partes decimæ domini quod nunc est monachorum de Neth apud Essam, duas partes decimæ domini de Marois, duas partes decimæ domini de sancto Donato, duas partes decimæ domini de Coitif et Novo Castello. Et confirmat eis terras, quæ in elemosinam eis datæ sunt, villulam, quæ dicitur Landochan, terram quam dedit Walterus de Landbleche, terram quam dedit Robertus filius Nigelli, terram quam dedit Walkelinus, dictam Landcadhele, totum brachium aquæ de Taf ex quo exit, et etiam pratum ultra aquam juxta ecclesiam.

NUM. VI.

Qualiter Controversia quievit inter Huctredum Landavensem Episcopum et Rogerum Abbatem Theokesberie.

[Ibid. fol. 68 b.]

CARTA Huctredi Landavensis episcopi facta Rogero abbati Theokesberie et conventui, interventu et concessu Roberti consulis Gloucestrie, anno ab incarnatione Domini m.c.xlvi. de controversia quæ fuit inter prædictos episcopum et abbatem et monachos, de decimis et aliis rebus, viz. de calumpnia quam idem episcopus moverat versus eos de eisdem, cujus continentia talis est. Idem episcopus concedit Deo et ecclesiæ beatæ Mariæ Theokesburie et monachis habere et tenere pacifice et quiete, omnes decimas, elemosinas et beneficia quæ in illo episcopatu sunt eis datæ, vel de cætero canonice dabuntur. Et pro hac concessione remiserunt abbas et monachi prædicto episcopo quietam totam decimam illam, quam habebant de dominicis culturis com. Glouc. in mora inter Taf et Ely. Et præterea duas partes decimæ de Malthelemaur, quas tenebant, et decimam terræ pertinentem ad capellam sancti Johannis quam habebant et quam dixit abbas pertinere ad sanctum Leonardum. Concedit etiam eisdem episcopus, ut quicunque ejusdem episcopatus corpus suum voluerit ad Theokesburiam deferri, deferatur, ita ut prius Landavensum ecclesiam respiciat.

NUM. VII.

Nicholaus Landavensis Episcopus eandem Compositionem confirmat.

[Ibid. fol. 69.]

CARTA Nicolai Landavensis episcopi confirmantis ecclesiæ de Theokesburia et Rogero abbati decimas omnes et beneficia et ecclesias, quæ in episcopatu Landavensi ecclesiæ de Theokesburia data sunt, vel in futurum canonice dabuntur; corpora etiam eorum quicunque fuerint, qui se dederint in futurum ecclesiæ de Theokesburie; ita tamen ut respiciant matricem ecclesiam de Land. Confirmat etiam conventionem et concordiam quæ facta sunt inter Huctredum prædecessorem suum episcopum Landavensem et Rogerum abbatem Theokesburie et Landavensem ecclesiam et Theok. sicut carta ipsius Huctredi testatur.

NUM. VIII.

Willielmus Landavensis Episcopus confirmat omnia quæ Uctradus et Nicholaus dederant.

[Ibid.]

CARTA W. Landavensis episcopi confirmantis ecclesiæ S. Mariæ de Theokesburia et ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ de Kairdif ecclesias et decimas et elemosinas

omnes quas habent in eodem episcopatu cum libertatibus per omni sicut Huctredus et Nicholaus succ.^a sui eis confirmaverunt.

NUM. IX.

De duabus partibus Decimarum de Dinaspowis.

[Ibid.]

CARTA Radulphi de Sumeri facta tempore Alani abbatis ecclesiæ et monachis de Theok. donationes antecessorum suorum confirmans, viz. duas partes omnium decimarum suarum de dominico suo in Dinaspowis, garbarum scil. et agnorum, porcorum, vitulorum, pullo- rum, gardinorum et hortorum, lini, et lanæ, et casei, et omnium rerum quæ renovari solent per annum, et unde decima dari solet et debet, et omnium incrementorum, et essartorum, et emendationum, vel quæ facta sunt ibi post prædictas donationes antecessorum suorum, vel fient in posterum. Teste Willielmo Landavensi episcopo, Urbano archidiacono, in quorum præsentia hæc acta sunt.

NUM. X.

Literæ Domini E. Landavensis Episcopi.

[Ibid. fol. 69 b.]

E. DEI gratia Landavensis episcopus dilectis sibi in Christo fratribus, priori de Kairdif et ejusdem loci capellanis salutem et benedictionem. Mandamus vobis firmiter injungentes quatenus omnes detentores decimarum occasione servientium vel messorum, et omnes detentores decimarum quæ renovantur per annum, si semel, secundo et tertio commoniti, excessum suum non emendaverint, auctoritate nostra excommunicationis sententia innodetis. Præterea vobis mandamus quatenus in tribus solemnibus festivalibus, scil. Nativitate Domini, Pentecoste, Assumptione B. Mariæ, excommunicetis in genere, et solemniter, sortiarios, perjuros supra sacra loca, incendiarios, usurarios, raptores publicos, malitiose impediētes executionem legalium testamentorum, et eos qui pignus, ubi nihil de sorte minuitur, retinent, postquam de fructibus sortem receperint, deductis expensis. Ita tamen quod sine auctoritate nostra vel officialis nostri non absolvantur. Valet.

NUM. XI.

Decisio de Capella de Cogan et de ij. partibus Decimæ R. de Sumeri.

[Ibid.]

DECISIO Will. episcopi de Land. et Walteri abbatis de Neth et W. prioris de Gholcliva de capella de Cogan et de duabus partibus omnium decimarum R. de Sumeri, quæ omnia R. de Sumeri clericus filius suus auctoritate literarum domini papæ exigebat ab abbate Alano et conventu Theokesburie, et omnia adjudicata fuerunt prædictis abbati et conventui. Adjudicatum fuit illam capellam pertinere ecclesiæ de Landochan sicut ad matricem ecclesiam, et decimæ ecclesiæ de Cairdif.

NUM. XII.

De Institutione R. de Sumeri Clerici in Capella de Cogan ad præsentationem Alani Abbatis et Conventus Theokesburie.

[Ibid.]

LITERÆ institutionis W. Landavensis episcopi ad præsentationem Alani abbatis et monachorum Theoks. de R. de Sumeri clerico ad capellam de Cogan; ita quod idem R. solvat matrici ecclesiæ de Landochan annuatim unam libram ceræ; ita ut eo discedente, vel habitum sæcularem mutante, prædicta capella ad prædictam matricem ecclesiam et ad dispositionem monachorum Theokesburie cum sua integritate revertatur.^b

^a forsā prædecessores.

^b Sequuntur Cartæ regum Angliæ de libertate ecclesiæ de

NUM. XIII.

Rex Stephanus præcipit ut Monachi de Theoksburie teneant bene et in pace omnia sua sicut tempore Roberti Filii Haimonis tenuerant.

[Ibid. fol. 73.]

LITERÆ ejusdem regis præcipientis justiciariis vicecomitibus et omnibus ministris suis in quorum ministeriis ecclesia Theokesburie terras habet, ut teneant eas quietas, et homines, et omnes res suas, ita bene et in pace, quiete et honorifice cum omnibus consuetudinibus et rectitudinibus, et libertatibus suis sicut unquam melius tenuerunt tempore regis Henrici, et sicut ipse præcepit per cartas suas et brevia.

NUM. XIV.

Rex Stephanus confirmat prædictas Libertates.

[Ibid.]

LITERÆ Stephani regis præcipientis ministris suis, ut monachi Theok. teneant terras suas bene et in pace, et juste, et libere, et ita quiete sicut unquam melius tenuerunt, prohibens ne inde ponantur in placitum, nisi ipse præcipiat et aliquis eis injuriam faciat.

NUM. XV.

Protectio ejusdem Regis Stephani.

[Ibid.]

LITERÆ ejusdem præcipientis justiciariis, vicecomitibus et omnibus ministris suis, ut monachi Theok. teneant omnes res suas de quocunque teneant, in decimis, et in ecclesiis, et in omnibus aliis rebus et possessionibus, ita bene et in pace, et juste, et libere, sicut unquam melius et quietius et liberius tempore regis Henrici tenuerunt, et die qua fuit vivus et mortuus, et tempore com. Glouc. et ne trahantur in placitum nisi ipse præcipiat ore suo, quia ipse omnia illius ecclesiæ tenementa in custodia sua et propria manu cepit.

NUM. XVI.

Idem Rex præcipit ut Monachi Theok. sint resaisiati de Terra de Werfton et de Pultun.

[Ibid.]

LITERÆ ejusdem regis præcipientis vicecomiti de Wiltesyr. resaisiare monachos de Theok. de terra sua de Werfton et de Pultun, unde Walter. de Pincen eos de-seisiavit injuste. Præcipit etiam ut bene et in pace, et juste, et libere illas teneant.

NUM. XVII.

Rex Henricus secundus præcipit Justiciariis, Vicecomitibus, et Ministris ut protegant omnes Rex Monachorum de Theokesburia.

[Ibid.]

BREVE Henrici regis secundi præcipientis, justiciariis, vicecomitibus, et omnibus ministris suis ut custodiant, et manuteneant, et protegant terras et tenementa, et homines, et res, et possessiones monachorum Theok. sicut proprias domini regis, quia ipse coeperat omnia illa in custodia et protectione sua. Prohibuit etiam ne ponerentur in placitum de ullo tenemento suo nisi coram eo. Et si quis eis forisfaceret, statim eis justiciam exhiberent.

NUM. XVIII.

Rex Henricus secundus præcipit ut Monachi de Theokesbury habeant Decimas suas in Kibur.

[Ibid.]

BREVE Henrici regis secundi directum Rogero de

Theoks. tam in ecclesiis quam in terris et redditibus a multis Christi fidelibus emptis et datis.

Sumeri, et cæteris omnibus qui terras excolunt in foresta de Kibur, præcipiens ut plenarie et sine dilatione red-
dant monachis de Theok. omnes decimas et elemo-
sinas suas de terris suis de bosco et de plano de Kibur,
sicut melius et plenius et integrius eas habuerunt tem-
pore Henrici regis avi sui vel postea.

NUM. XIX.

*Idem Rex præcipit ne Monachi Theokesburienses ponantur
in Placitum de Rebus suis.*

[Ibid. fol. 73 b.]

BREVE ejusdem præcipientis justiciariis, baronibus,
vicecomitibus, et omnibus ministris suis, ut facerent
monachos Theok. tenere bene et in pace ecclesias, terras,
et decimas, et omnes res suas et terras sicut H. rex avus
suus eis concessit, et carta sua corroboravit, prohibens
ne ponerentur in placitum contra cartam avi sui, nisi ipse
præciperet ore suo.

NUM. XX.

Confirmatio J. Comitis Moritonæ.

[Ibid.]

CONFIRMATIO J. com. Moritonæ, qua dicitur quod
inspectis cartis antecessorum suorum R. filii Haimonis
et Roberti filii regis H. primi, et Willielmi filii ejus com.
Glouc. vidit et intellexit quod R. filius H. dederat et
concesserat ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ de Theok. et mona-
chis decimas omnium reddituum suorum de Cairdif, et
de toto dominico suo in Wallia. Robertus filius Rogeri
totam decimam redditus et thelonei feriæ de Cardif et
de Landuncuit, totam decimam emolumentorum et red-
dituum suorum et molendinorum in Wallia, quæ facta
fuerunt inibi vel fient postquam terram habuit omnium
suarum emendationum, et incrementorum, et essartorum,
et terrarum præter decimam terræ Morini, et ovium, et
porcorum, et pullorum in Wallia. Willielmus comes
concessit et confirmavit donationes avi sui et patris sui
sicut suprascriptum est. Has omnes donationes et con-
cessionem J. comes confirmavit in hac carta.

NUM. XXI.

Protectio Johannis Comitum quando fuit Rex.

[Ibid.]

PROTECTIO J. regis literatoria, qua dicit se rece-
pisse in manu et custodia sua abbatem et monachos, et
ecclesiam, et terras, et omnes possessiones ecclesiæ de
Theok. et homines illorum, unde mandat omnibus co-
mitibus, baronibus, vicecomitibus et ministris ut de-
fendant et custodiant et protegant et manuteneant res
illorum, nec inferant nec inferi permittant eis injuriam
vel molestiam contra cartas quas habent de autenticis.
Prohibet etiam ne ponantur in placitum de aliquo tene-
mento suo nisi coram eo vel capitali justiciario suo.

NUM. XXII.

*Testimonium W. Com. quod Robertus Comes Gloucestricæ
Pater suus dederat Ricardo Clerico suo Ecclesias Cor-
nubiæ.*

[Ibid. fol. 74.]

CARTA W. com. Glouc, testificantis quod R. com.
pater suus dederat Ricardo clerico suo omnes ecclesias
terræ suæ de Cornubia cum capellis et pertinentiis suis,
viz. ecclesiam de Egglosbrec, ecclesiam Commart, ec-
clesiam de Egglosheil, ecclesiam de Egglowant, eccle-
siam de Eggloscraven et capellam de Bennart, ecclesiam
de Menelidan, et capellam sancti Gennot; quas omnes
idem comes statim post mortem patris sui ad preces
prædicti Ricardi dedit ecclesiæ B. Jacobi Bristol ad vic-
tum ibidem monachorum Deo servientium, ubi corpus
ejusdem comitis patris sui requiescit, dicens se fecisse
hanc donationem prædictis monachis antequam dedisset

terram memoratam Cornubiæ Roberto de Iulsestre fra-
tri suo.

NUM. XXIII.

W. Com. innotescit se hæc confirmasse.

[Ibid.]

CARTA W. com. missa omnibus baronibus suis et
hominibus testificantis quod R. com. pater suus dederat
in elemosinam Ricardo clerico suo atque nutrito omnes
ecclesias terræ suæ in Cornubia cum capellis et omnibus
pertinentiis suis; et eo defuncto idem Ricardus pro ani-
ma domini sui et sui ipsius dedit easdem ecclesias Deo
et ecclesiæ S. Mariæ de Theok. et ecclesiæ S. Mariæ de
Bristol et monachis Deo ibidem servientibus, salvo suo
tenemento dum viveret, et ipse comes hanc concessio-
nem Ricardi confirmaverat.

NUM. XXIV.

Literæ Institutionis W. Exon. Episcopi.

[Ibid.]

UNIVERSIS Christi fidelibus præsentem literas in-
specturis, W. miseratione divina Exon. ecclesiæ mi-
nister humilis, salutem in Domino. Noverit universitas
vestra nos ad præsentationem religiosorum virorum ab-
batis et conventus Theok. verorum patronorum sanctæ
Wennæ et sanctæ Crowennæ, dilectos in Christo filios
magistrum W. de Staneweie et dominum Benedictum de
Sancta Wenna ad easdem admisisse, et ipsos in eisdem
canonice instituisse personas. In cujus rei testimonium
sigillum nostrum præsentibus duximus apponendum.
Datum Exon. anno gratiæ m.cc.xxxviii. die sancto-
rum quatuor coronatorum.

NUM. XXV.

*Confirmatio generalis Bartholomei Exon. Episcopi de Ec-
clesiis de novo tantum.*

[Ibid. fol. 74 b.]

CONFIRMATIO generalis Bartholomei Exon. epis-
copi, qui confirmat ecclesiæ et monachis Theok. hæc
subscripta: ecclesiam de Winkeleiga quam Rogerus
de Winkelega confessus fuit se nomine monachorum
Theok. tenere sub annua pensione xx. sol. et de Kinto-
num et de Winbleg quas ambas confessus est se nomine
monachorum possidere sub annua pensione dimidiæ
marcæ. Ecclesiam de Chitelhamton quam Galfridus et
Rogerus clerici confessi sunt se nomine eorum possidere
sub annua pensione dimidiæ marcæ. Ecclesiam de Ed-
wieslecha quam Rogerus de Cumba se confessus est no-
mine eorum possidere sub annua pensione xij^d. Ecce-
siam de Chilcunton, quam Ricardus clericus se confessus
est nomine eorum possidere sub annua pensione x^s. Hæc
confirmatio facta est m.c.lxxvj^{to}. anno gratiæ ij^o. idus
Julii apud Exoniam.

Certa Rogeri de Rupa facta ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ
Theok. et monachis de ecclesia de Drichestuna.

Roger Wigorn. episcopus illam confirmat monachis
Theok.

Testimonium Rogeri Wigorn. episcopi quod Ricar-
dus tenuit ecclesias Cornubiæ de monachis Theok. sub
annua pensione unius aurei.

Literæ Bartholomei episcopi Exon. idem per omnia
testificantis.

Carta J. episcopi Exon. testificantis quod receperat
Robertum Bardolfi ad personatum omnium ecclesiarum
quas Ricardus tenuit in Cornubia a præsentatione mo-
nachorum Theok.

NUM. XXVI.

*Rogerus Salesburiensis Episcopus confirmat Ecclesiæ de
Theok. elemosinas Roberti filii Haimonis et aliorum
fidelium Christi.*

[Ibid. fol. 75 b.]

CARTA Rogeri Selesburiensis episcopi confirmantis

ecclesiæ de Theok. dona R. filii H. et militum suorum anno incarnationis Domini m.c.ix. In primis ecclesiam sanctæ Mariæ de Craneburna, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, ecclesias quæ fuerunt R. capellani, viz. ecclesiam de Pencrich, ecclesiam de Essemer, ecclesiam de Froma cum omnibus quæ ad eam pertinent, decimam de Tarente Roberti de Haia, decimas de Chaldewelle et de Fifhida, decimam de Develisc, decimam de Torne-cumba, decimam de Muleberna, Odonis de Hemedes-wicha, decimam de Blachesberga, decimam de Eschetile-stuna, decimam de Wichometon, quandam decimam apud Suttonam, decimam dominii de Chenuca, decimam Willielmi de Hectredesbiria, in Purbica duas decimas de elemosina Aelfredi de Nichola, viz. decimam de Tachetona et de la Harpine, decimam dominii de Occheberna, Gaufridi de Meili, decimam dominii de Werftona.

NUM. XXVII.

Generalis Confirmatio Simonis Wigorniensis Episcopi.

[Ibid. fol. 75.]

CONFIRMATIO generalis Simonis Wigorniensis episcopi confirmantis ecclesiæ de Theok. omnes ecclesias, elemosinas, et decimas quas prædicta ecclesia in episcopatu suo possidet, tam regum quam principum et proborum virorum donatione; ecclesiam viz. de Cornebir cum appenditiis suis, ecclesiam de Mersfeld cum omnibus ad eam pertinentibus, ecclesiam de Sopesbiria cum suis pertinentiis, ecclesiam de Fairford cum pertinentiis, ecclesiam de Lecche cum pertinentiis suis, ecclesiam de Cheddesleg cum pertinentiis suis, ecclesiam de Sedun cum pertinentiis suis, ecclesiam sancti Petri de Bristol cum pertinentiis suis infra castrum et extra dominicum Burgum, decimam Frederici de Botinton, dimidiam decimam Drogonis præpositi de Witfeld, decimam Nicholai de Cheddesleg, decimam Hugonillæ de Pulla, dominicam decimam de Simella, decimam de Bikemareis, duas partes de dominica decima de Grenhamstede et de Seinesbiria. Insuper illa die qua cimiterium sancti Jacobi apud Bristol edificandæ dedicavit, eo quod Burgenses, quo vellent extra episcopatum suum deferri sepeliendum solebant, episcopali auctoritate præcepit ut nullus ejusdem civitatis nisi sua licentia alibi sepeliendus deferretur, præter Theokesburiam. Ibi etiam statuit et sancivit, ut prædicta ecclesia sancti Jacobi jure perpetuo subjecta esset cœnobio sanctæ Mariæ Theok. ecclesiæ ad petitionem domini Benedicti abbatis, et assensu Roberti filii reg. com. Glouc. et uxoris suæ Mabilæ comitissæ.

NUM. XXVIII.

De decima Dominii de Suella.

[Ibid.]

CARTA Simonis filii Poinz concedentis ecclesiæ de Theok. tempore Simonis Wigorniensis episcopi, in perpetuam elemosinam decimam totius dominii sui de Suel-la, tam de Aldebiz quam de alio dominico. Et ne aliqua in posterum oriretur controversia inter prædictam ecclesiam de Theok. et capellam de Suelle, dedit eidem capellæ in perpetuum unam virgatam terræ, præter illas duas virgatas quas prius habebat.

NUM. XXIX.

Controversia inter Ecclesiam de Theok. et Capellam de Suelle sic quievit super decimas Dominii.

[Ibid.]

COMPOSITIO facta inter ecclesiam de Theok. et Mattheum capellanum de Suelle super decimis de dominico auctoritate literarum domini papæ demandata abbati de Buttlesden et R. de Northampton et A. de Bukinham archidiacono, scil. quod monachi de Theok. percipient omnes decimas de dominico de Suelles, ita tamen quod si parochiani de capella posuerint oves suas in ovili domini de Suvella et in pastura de dominico hiemaverint, rector capellæ percipiet medietatem deci-

marum illarum et monachi reliquam medietatem. Monachi etiam percipient omnes decimas omnium servientium domini quæ erunt in ovili capellæ de Suvelle, vj. den. pro loco Berthonæ quam diu stabit in vilenagio. Erunt tamen quieti a præstatione eorum eo anno quo parochiani habuerint oves suas in Berthona domini et in dominico; et si remota fuerit Berthona; pœna etiam c. solidorum sub fidei præstatione interposita est, si aliter utraque partium a compositione resilient, parti eam observanti præstanda. Hanc compositionem prædicti iudices confirmaverunt.

NUM. XXX.

Literæ Domini W. Exoniensis Episcopi.

[Ibid. fol. 75 b.]

OMNIBUS sanctæ matris ecclesiæ filiis W. miseratione divinâ Exoniensis ecclesiæ minister humilis æternam in Domino salutem. Ne dilecto nostro domino R. decano Exoniensi absentia vertatur in dampnum et detrimentum, ex speciali indulgentia eidem concedimus et istarum literarum auctoritate indulgemus, quod licet sit alias beneficiatus, dum ab episcopatu nostro absentes fuimus, possit dictus decanus ecclesiam de Winkeleya cum omnibus pertinentiis suis pacifice possidere; ita quidem quod patrono ejusdem ecclesiæ nullum generetur præjudicium ex lapsu temporis. Et in hujus rei testimonium has literas patentes sigillo nostro signavimus. Dat. apud Cerde manerium episcopi Bathoniensis anno consecrationis nostræ ix^o.

NUM. XXXI.

Confirmatio W. Comitis facta T. Sacerdoti de Ecclesia Sancti Audoeni.

[Ibid.]

CARTA W. com. Glouc. per quam innotescit Simoni Wigorniensi episcopo quod confirmat Thurstano sacerdote de Bristoll ecclesiam sancti Audoeni, quam Robertus consul pater suus illi primum in elemosinam dedit et carta sua confirmavit. Rogat autem ut idem episcopus summanuteneat sicut admiserat eum tempore patris sui.

NUM. XXXII.

Sanctus Thomas Archiepiscopus idem confirmat.

[Ibid.]

CARTA sancti Thomæ Cantuariensis archiepiscopi confirmantis Thurstino sacerdote de Bristoll ecclesiam sancti Audoeni de Bristoll, cum omnibus appenditiis suis, quam R. com. Glouc. ei dederat in ecclesiam tenendam unam libere, sicut Simon Wigornia episcopus ei illam confirmaverat.

NUM. XXXIII.

Willielmus Comes confirmat Ecclesiæ de Theokesbury donationem Turstini.

[Ibid. fol. 76.]

CARTA W. comitis confirmantis donationem quam Turstanus presbyter sancti Audoeni fecit Deo et ecclesiæ sancti Jacobi de Bristoll de præfata ecclesia sancti Audoeni.

NUM. XXXIV.

Testimonium W. Comitis quod Philippus sacerdos dedit Ecclesiæ de Theokesbury medietatem Ecclesiæ suæ Sanctæ Trinitatis in Bristoll.

[Ibid.]

CARTA W. com. missa Johanni Wigorniensi episcopo, in qua testatur quod Philippus sacerdos ecclesiæ sanctæ Trinitatis de Bristou, tempore Roberti comitis patris sui dedit et concessit ecclesiæ de Theok. illam

partem in præfata ecclesia quam possidebat. Et postea idem Philippus in præsentia ejusdem comitis et baronum suorum apud Theok. ipsam donationem per unum textum in manu abbatis cum seipso dedit et concessit. Et W. comes illam concessionem confirmavit, rogans ut episcopus inde faceret quod suam spectabat dignitatem.

NUM. XXXV.

Comes rogat ut Episcopus confirmet.

[Ibid.]

CARTA comitis rogantis Johannem episcopum Wigorniensem ut confirmet ecclesiæ de Theok. illam partem ecclesiæ sanctæ Trinitatis Bristoll quam Philippus sacerdos secum dederat et ipse comes confirmavit.

NUM. XXXVI.

Johannes Wigorniensis Episcopus ad preces W. Comitis confirmat Monachis medietatem Ecclesiæ Sanctæ Trinitatis.

[Ibid.]

JOHANNES Wigorniensis episcopus confirmat ecclesiæ de Theok. ad petitionem W. comitis ejusdem ecclesiæ patroni illam partem ecclesiæ sanctæ Trinitatis Bristoll quam Philippus sacerdos dederat secum. Rogerus autem abbas tunc temporis ad preces ejusdem episcopi dedit illam Henrico clerico ejusdem episcopi tenendam, solvendo inde annuatim pro libito, vel duos aureos vel v. sol. ad festum sancti Michaelis.

NUM. XXXVII.

Gilbertus Londonensis Episcopus confirmat Monachis Theokesburie Ecclesiam Omnium Sanctorum in London.

[Ibid.]

CARTA Gilberti Londinensis episcopi confirmantis monachis Theok. ecclesiam Omnium Sanctorum in London quæ dicitur Semmanesire.

LITERÆ Theobaldi Cantuariensis archiepiscopi, testificantis quod ecclesiæ de Auelinges et B'nette a possessione monasterii de Theok. absque assensu et voluntate capituli mancipatæ fuerunt.

LITERÆ Bartholomei Exoniensis episcopi testificantis quod recepit Galfridum clericum ad medietatem ecclesiæ de Chitelhamton ad præsentationem abbatis et conventus Theok. sub annua pensione xl^d. in natali sancti Johannis solvend.

Fromundus abbas Theok. ad preces ejusdem episcopi dedit vicariam de Kilcton Galfrido clerico suo.

NUM. XXXVIII.

De Ecclesia de Senedone qualiter data sit quondam Theokesburie.

[Ibid. fol. 76 b.]

CARTA Odonis Sori quam mandat Simoni Wigornienensi episcopo quod ecclesia de Senedone ex longo tempore obnoxia sit ecclesiæ de Theok. utpote illic aqua, oleum, et crisma accipit, sicut ecclesia. Et idcirco pater suus Robertus Sori qui terram illam jure hæreditario tenuit prædictam ecclesiam monasterio Theok. pro anima sua et suorum dedit. Et Odo filius suus post mortem patris, in præsentia ejusdem episcopi donum ejus confirmavit et cartam posuit super altare sanctæ Mariæ, episcopo vidente. Et ut idem episcopus illud donum confirmaret. Quam donationem ubicunque se cure ire posset paratus fuit probare, si forte aliquis eam calumniari præsumeret.

NUM. XXXIX.

Item de eadem Ecclesia, quam Hugo de Fucheroles sicut jus suum petebat.

[Ibid.]

LITERÆ Odonis Sori directæ Johanni Wigornien-

episcopo, quibus mandat sibi innotuisse quod Hugo de Fucheroles vexavit abbatem et monachos de Theok. de ecclesia de Senedone, quam pater suus Robertus adhuc vivens dedit in elemosinam præfato monasterio; dicens etiam se post mortem patris sui prædictam ecclesiam in manu Simonis Wigorniensis episcopi prædecessoris sui tradidisse, requirendo eum quatenus illam in manu abbatis traderet, et donationem patris sui et suam, si ei placeret, confirmaret. Quod si prædictus Hugo vel aliquis alius hanc donationem legitime factam præsumeret forte calumniari, ipse quod legitime facta esset probaret, quia hoc factum fuit multo tempore ante quam Philippus comes habuit castellum de Crichelade et de Cirencestre.

NUM. XL.

Literæ Simonis Episcopi Wigorniensis.

[Ibid.]

LITERÆ Simonis Wigorniensis episcopi directæ Esgaro presbytero de Senedon, quibus ei mandat quod in præsentia sua Odo Sorus concessit et dedit ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ Theok. et abbati et monachis ejusdem loci ecclesiam de Senedon cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, et eos canonice inde vestivit. Præcepit autem in virtute obedientiæ, ut ad dominum abbatem veniat, et ei quod justum est sicut domino inde faciat.

NUM. XLI.

Carta Will. Com. Glouc.

[Ibid. fol. 77.]

CARTA Willielmi comitis Gloucestriæ confirmantis ecclesiæ de Theok. donationem Ricardi filii Nichelli de una virgata terræ quam testamento ultimo reliquit ecclesiæ de Theok. Rogerus etiam prædicti Ricardi filius et hæres, et Robertus hæres ipsius Rogeri in præsentia ejusdem comitis pro anima præfati Ricardi incrementum xxij. acrarum adjecerunt, sicut carta ipsius Rogeri testatur, quam ecclesia habet. Hanc totam terram versus eundem comitem et omnes alios idem Rogerus et post eum hæredes sui adquietabunt de omni servitio, sicut in illa carta dicitur.

NUM. XLII.

Qualiter Monachi Theokesburienses habuerunt Terram in Strengesham hic docetur.

[Ibid.]

CARTA Willielmi de Mara concedentis ecclesiæ beatæ Mariæ Theok. unam virgatam terræ in Strengtham ex testamento Mabilie uxoris suæ pro anima ejus in perpetuam elemosinam, quietam ab omni servitio et consuetudine. Ad hæc dedit et concessit eidem ecclesiæ Ailuardum quendam hominem suum cum sua virgata terræ quam tenebat in Strengesham libera et quietam ab omni servitio et consuetudine, et concessu Roberti filii sui et aliorum hæredum suorum. Ipsi autem et hæredes eorum defendent illas prædictas terræ virgatas, sicut totam terram prædictæ ejusdem villæ erga dominos suos de omni servitio. Et dedit abbas Rogerus prædicto Roberto prædicti Willielmi filio duas marcas argenti pro hoc concessu; quum dicti Willielmus de Mara et R. filius suus super altare donationem in præsentia ejusdem abbatis posuerunt.

NUM. XLIII.

Robertus de Mara confirmat Donum Patris sui.

[Ibid. fol. 77 b.]

CARTA Roberti de Mara confirmantis donum patris sui Willielmi et matris suæ Mabilie ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ Theok. de dimidia hida terræ in Strengesham, videlicet, Ailuardum cum toto tenemento suo, et aliam quandam virgatam terræ quam Robertus de Wdeman-

cote tenet, quietas ab omni servitio et consuetudine, sicut pater suus illis dederat ipso præsente et annuente. Concedit etiam ut prædicti homines et eorum successores omnes libertates et communionem cum liberis hominibus suis habeant in bosco et in plano, in pratis et in pascuis, et in cæteris aisiamentis ejusdem villæ. Ipse autem et hæredes sui defendant prædictam elemosinam in scutagio et in exercitu versus regem.

NUM. XLIV.

De Adquietatione regalis Servitii eidem Terræ pro redditu annuo xij^d.

[Ibid.]

CARTA Roberti de la Mara concedentis ecclesiæ de Theok. annuatim redditum xij^d. in festo sancti Michaelis solvendorum de quadam parte cujusdam virgatæ terræ in Strengesham quam Urlo in vita sua tenebat, pro adquietatione regalis servitii illius dimidiæ hidæ in illa villa, quam pater suus et ipse dederant; quam terram ipse et hæredes sui debebant adquietare de omni servitio regali. Et si forte ad statutum terminum xij^d. non reddiderint, ecclesia illam justificet per catella sua qui illam partem terræ tenuerit. Ista conventio facta fuit inter eum et monachos de Theokesburia.

NUM. XLV.

Galfridus de Mara Conventionem confirmat.

[Ibid.]

CARTA Galfridi de la Mara fratris prædicti Roberti confirmantis per omnia prædictam conventionem de xij^d. ita quod ecclesia justificet se, si defecerit in solutione ad terminum definitum. Hanc conventionem Gaufridus prædictus de la Mara et W. hæres suus juraverunt fideliter tenendam in hundredo de Persora, et ecclesia de Theok. adquietabit regale servitium: ecclesia autem dedit ei dimidiam marcam et filio suo xij^d.

NUM. XLVI.

Carta Reginaldi de Sancto Ligerio.

[Ibid.]

CARTA Reginaldi de Sancto Ligerio concedentis et confirmantis ecclesiæ de Theok. et monachis dimidiam hidam terræ in Strengesham quam monachi tenent de feodo suo et versus leilones quietos remisit quos calumniaverat de prædictis monachis, quietam et liberam ab omni servitio, et ab omnibus querelis et exactionibus, et omnibus placitis ad curiam suam pertinentibus, excepto regali servitio et servitio domini feodi. Adjicit etiam concedendo hominibus illis in illa terra mansuris de cætero pasturam communem et quietam, et pannagium porcorum eorum super terram illam nutritorum quietum, et husbote et heibote cum hominibus suis. Et ipse terram illam sicut elemosinam suam et homines eorum warrantizabit, et manutenebit sicut suos.

NUM. XLVII.

Carta Roberti de Dicledona donantis et confirmantis Ecclesiæ de Theok. vj. Acras prati.

[Ibid. fol. 78.]

CARTA Roberti de Dicledona dantis et confirmantis ecclesiæ de Theok. assensu Maensciæ uxoris suæ et hæredum suorum vj. acras prati sui quæ jacent super Avenam juxta pratum Rogeri clerici ad aquilonem, liberas et quietas ab omni servitio et exactione sæculari. Ipse etiam et hæredes sui debent warrantizare prædictas vj. acras prati dictæ ecclesiæ contra omnes homines et fœminas. Et si warrantizare non poterunt, facient rationabile escambium loco competenti. Item de eodem alia carta eo adjuncto, quod percipiet annuatim de ecclesia pro omni servitio de præfatis vj. acris prati unum par calcarium aut duos denarios.

NUM. XLVIII.

De uno Messuagio dimidiæ Virgatæ Terræ in eadem Villa de dono Roberti de Dicledon, et uxoris suæ.

[Ibid.]

CARTA Roberti de Dicledona cum uxore sua et hæredibus dans ecclesiæ de Theok. unum messuagium dimidiæ virgatæ terræ in Strengesham libere et quiete tenendum; ita quod si aliquod servitium inde vel a rege, vel a quocunque alio exactum fuerit, ipse et hæredes sui adquietabunt. Hoc messuagium situm est in Boiestred juxta messuagium Heremanni. Ipse autem Robertus dedit escambium hominum qui tenent virgatam ad quam prædictum messuagium pertinebat.

NUM. XLIX.

Carta Willielmi de Bokingham de dimidia Virgata Terræ.

[Ibid. fol. 78 b.]

CARTA Willielmi de Bokingham facta monachis Theok. de illa dimidia virgata terræ in villa de Strengesham quam Egelina de sancto Ligerio ei hæreditabiliter concessit, ita ut monachi adquietent eum et hæredes suos dimidiam libram cumini versus præfatam Egelinam et hæredes suos, et versus dominum regem de regali servitio.

NUM. L.

De Contentione quæ fuit aliquando de Decima unius Hidæ Terræ.

[Ibid.]

CONTROVERSIA fuit tempore Simonis Wigorniensis episcopi inter ecclesiam de Theok. et ecclesiam de Winchelcumb super decima unius hidæ terræ quam Rogerus de Dicledon in Grettona de feudo com. Glouc. tenuit, quæ sic quievit confirmata a præfato episcopo; capella prædictæ villæ de Grettun et toto parochia et medietas decimæ prædictæ hidæ ecclesiæ de Winhecumba remansit, et alia medietas prædictæ decimæ ecclesiæ de Theok.

NUM. LI.

Controversia inter Litinensem Ecclesiam, et Ecclesiam de Theok. quievit.

[Ibid.]

TESTIMONIUM Johannis Wigorniensis episcopi de compositione facta inter Litinensem ecclesiam et ecclesiam de Theok. super calumniis quas ecclesia Litinensis habebat versus Theok. Ecclesiam de decimis dominorum de Forthelmet et de Prato et de Bisselega et de Pulla, et de vinea in præsentia ejusdem episcopi, anno gratiæ M.C.LI. episcopatus ejus anno primo apud Glouc. ecclesiæ Litinensis decimam dominii de Pulla, et de vinea decimam, quas calumniabantur ecclesiæ Theok. liberam et quietam in perpetuum remisit. Ecclesia vero Theok. ecclesiæ Litinensi liberas et quietas concesserunt in perpetuum decimas frugum totius dominii, quod tunc erat quando compositio ista facta est, de Bisselega et de Forthelmetona, et de prato, et in bosco, et in plano, ita viz. quod si terra rusticorum creverit in essartis, illa decima concedatur sacerdoti de Forthelmetuna. Si vero terra dominii monachorum in essartis creverit, ecclesiæ Litinensi reddatur illa decima. Præterea Theok. ecclesia adquietare debet Litinensem ecclesiam erga sacerdotem de Forthelement, et de Bisseleg, qui pro cantaria primum habuit tertiam decimam partem frugum dominorum de villis prænominatis quam ex compositione ista, cum duabus reliquis partibus integram Lit. ecclesiæ concedit.

NUM. LII.

Compositio inter Lir. et Ecclesiam de Theok.

[Ibid.]

COMPOSITIO facta inter Rogerum abbatem Theok.

et ecclesiam et Beldeierum abbatem de Lir. et ecclesiam suam in cirographo sigillo partium signato, fuit hoc modo. Prædictus abbas de Lir. renunciens omni calumniæ, decimas suas cum terris et hominibus quos habebant in Forth et in Bisseleg et in Quinhulle abbati Rogero et successoribus suis et ejusdem ecclesiæ pro duabus marcis et dimidia reddendis ad Pentecosten perpetuo tenendas concessit, nisi, quod absit, abbas Theok. noluerit. Abbas autem Rogerus dedit prædicto abbati unam marcam argenti de caritate in confirmationem hujus conventionis.

NUM. LIII.

Compositio facta inter Ecclesiam Theok. et Derhurst.

[Ibid. fol. 79.]

CONTROVERSIA quæ fuit inter ecclesias de Theok. et de Derhursta ita quievit. Decima Roberti filii Warini de Witefeld quam ecclesia de Derhursta aliquando contra ecclesiam Theok. calumniabatur, eo quod nullam partem inde habebat, per medium divisa est ita quod medietas de dominico blado ecclesiæ de Derhursta remaneat, et aliam partem ejusdem ecclesiæ Theokesbir. perpetualiter possideat. Eo pacto quod Rotericus monachus et prior ejusdem loci et monachi sui clamaverunt quietas et liberas et ab omni sequentium calumnia exemptas ecclesiæ de Theok. cæteras decimas quas ecclesia de Theok. in parochia de Derhurst habet, viz. dominicam decimam Frederici de Botintona tantummodo in annona, et dominicam decimam in Kenemertona.

NUM. LIV.

Henricus de Novoforo confirmat Monachis Villam de Amenel.

[Ibid.]

CARTA Henrici de Novoforo qua confirmat manerium de Amenel ecclesiæ Theok. quod Winebaldus de Balam avus suus ex parte dedit et ex parte vendidit eidem ecclesiæ, primo anno Henrici regis primi ita liberum et quietum tenendum sicut illa ecclesia tenuit a tempore prædicti Winebaldi, et sicut cirographum testatur quod inter ecclesiam Theok. et ipsam Winebaldum confectum fuit.

NUM. LV.

Idem Rex (Hen. II.) prohibet ne Monachi vexentur de Amenel contra Cirographum Winebaldi.

[Ibid.]

CARTA Henrici secundi regis prohibentis H. de Novoforo, ne vexaret abbatem et monachos Theok. de terra de Amenel, nec de aliqua alia re, nec eis inde injuriam faceret, nec consuetudines vel servitia exigeret contra cirographum Winebaldi de Balun avi sui, nec contra cartam suam propriam, nec contra cartam regis H. avi sui.

NUM. LVI.

De xviii. acris terræ in Craumera de dono Roberti de Boneville et Uxoris suæ.

[Ibid.]

CARTA Roberti de Bonavilla et Julianæ uxoris suæ concedentium et dantium ecclesiæ de Theok. xviii. acras terræ in loco qui dicitur Craumere, pro anima Ricardi filii sui in die sepulturæ ejus apud Theok. in perpetuam elemosinam liberas et quietas ab omni servitio et consuetudine; duas etiam mansuras in Theok. liberas et quietas ab omnibus servitiis pro orationibus et societate ecclesiæ. Hanc donationem fecerunt assensu filii sui et hæredis Willielmi et aliorum hæredum suorum prædictæ ecclesiæ, et cum eisdem filiis per cultellum. Unde super altare beatæ Mariæ posuerunt tempore Rogeri abbatis.

NUM. LVII.

Nicholaus de Stutevilla confirmat quæ nuper et quæ antiquitus data sunt.

[Ibid. fol. 79 b.]

NICHOLAUS de Stutevilla confirmat ecclesiæ de Theok. totam terram quam ipsa ecclesia apud Craumere ante suum tempus tam ex antiquo quam ex novo dono tenebat, et duas mansuras in burgo de Theok. tenendas libere et quiete ab omni servitio et consuetudinibus domino ejusdem feudi pertinentibus tempore Fromundi abbatis.

NUM. LVIII.

W. de Aufei confirmat unam Virgatam Terræ de Dono W. de Fescham et aliam quam Ecclesia habet de Dono Roberti de Bolevilla.

[Ibid.]

CARTA Walteri de Aufei confirmantis ecclesiæ de Theok. unam virgatam terræ in Craumera quam Willielmus de Fescham eidem dederat, et aliam virgatam terræ ibidem in Craumera tanquam proprio dono, et duas mansuras in Theok. quas ecclesia de dono Roberti de Boleville tenuerat, habendas et tenendas in perpetuam elemosinam, libere et quiete ab omni servitio et consuetudine domino ejusdem feudi pertinentibus, tempore Fromundi abbatis.

NUM. LIX.

Eufemia Talebot clamavit quietas illas duas Virgatas Terræ.

[Ibid.]

CARTA Eufemiæ Talebot quondam uxoris Girardi Talebot confirmantis ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ Theok. pro animabus antecessorum suorum totam terram quam clamavit ad suam hæreditatem pertinere in duabus virgis terræ in Craumere quam jam dicta ecclesia diu tenuerat habendam in perpetuum absque ulla reclamatione sui vel hæredum suorum, libere et quiete ab omni exactione seculari et servitio; tempore Alani abbatis.

NUM. LX.

W. Comes Gloucestriæ testatur Ricardum de Sancto Quintino cognovisse in Curia sua se nil habere in Ecclesia de Froma, nec in Decimis de Caldewalle et Fifhida.

[Ibid.]

CARTA Willielmi com. missa justiciariis domini regis Angliæ testificantis quod Ricardus de sancto Quintino fuit in curia sua, et auditis ibi cartis monachorum Theok. quas habent de ecclesia de Froma et decimis de Caldewalle et de Fifhida, scilicet, carta regis Henrici et carta Roberti filii Haimonis, recognovit et certus fuit quod ipsa ecclesia et prædictæ decimæ sunt monachorum prædictorum libere et quiete, et quod ipse Ricardus nullam habet calumniam in eis nec de advocatione nec de præsentatione, et penitus eos quiete clamavit. Et ideo rogavit justiciarios ut non paterentur monachos super hoc vexari.

NUM. LXI.

Idem Ricardus de Sancto Quintino hoc profitetur quod et Comes Dominus suus.

[Ibid. fol. 80.]

CARTA Ricardi de sancto Quintino directa justiciariis domini regis, qua dicit se fuisse in curia domini sui W. com. Glouc. et audivisse cartas monachorum Theok. quas habent de ecclesia de Froma, et de decimis de Caldewalle et de Fifhida, scilicet, cartam Henrici regis primi et cartam Roberti filii Haimonis, unde intellexit et certus fuit, quod prædicta ecclesia et decimæ monachorum prædictorum sunt, et quod ipse nihilominus habuit nec calumniam in illis, nec de advocatione nec de præsentatione clerici.

NUM. LXII.

Jocelinus Salesburiensis Episcopus dicit se recepisse Magistrum Herveum ad Ecclesiam illam.

[Ibid.]

LITERÆ Jocelini Salesbiriensis episcopi missæ Haimoni de Mappandona et Ernaldo decanis, quibus mandat eis se recepisse magistrum Herveum ad personatum ecclesiæ de Froma et capellæ de Caldewella ad præsentationem monachorum Theok. mandans ut ipsi magistrum Herveum pro capella sua denuncient personam.

NUM. LXIII.

W. Comes testatur Haimonem filium Gaufridi fuisse in Curia sua pro Ecclesia de Pentrith quæ adjudicata est Monachis de Theok.

[Ibid.]

CARTA W. comitis Gloucestriæ directa Jocelino Sarisburiensi episcopo cognato suo testificantis, quod abbas Theok. fuit in curia sua placitans pro advocacione ecclesiæ de Pentrith quam Haimo filius Gaufridi ex dono Roberti comitis patris W. comitis, suam dicebat esse, et recognitum est ibi in curia bar. dicti comitis ecclesiam Theok. et monachos a diebus Roberti Haimonis et ex ipsius dono ecclesiam de Pentriet possedissee, et patrem suum R. nullum jus advocacionis in præfata ecclesia dedisse, quando manerium illud prædicto Haimoni donavit. Requisivit autem ut quoniam curia sua veraciter H. cognovit pro calumpnia prædicti Haimonis ecclesiam Theok. non permitteret amplius vexari, et quicquid abbatum esset per rigorem justitiæ faceret integre restitui.

NUM. LXIV.

Testimonium W. Comitis quod Radulphus Chamel remisit calumniam de i. hida terræ in Cheotel.

[Ibid.]

CARTA Willielmi comitis testificantis quod Radulphus Chamel, homo abbatibus Theok. et monachorum coram eo et hominibus suis apud Theok. penitus quietam clamavit calumpniam qua ipsum abbatem et monachos vexaverat de quadam hida terræ, quam pater suus antiquitus vendiderat prædictis monachis, asserens se injuste de hoc adversus eos insurrexisse, quia ipse cum adolescens esset eidem venditioni interfuit et facta patris sui concessit et confirmavit ut hæres suus. Ipse etiam Radulphus coram eo affidavit in manu Willielmi de Bosco militis prædicti comitis quod ipse et hæres sui sine fraude et dolo prædictam terram warrantizarent, et quod illos nunquam de prædicta hida vexarent. Sed et ipse Radulphus et Willielmus filius suus et hæres in capitulo Theok. juraverunt super sacrosancta evangelia quod non ipsi nec hæres sui illos de prædicta terra in aliquo tempore vexarent.

NUM. LXV.

W. Comes confirmat Domum et Mansuram Monachis Theok.

[Ibid. fol. 80 b.]

CARTA W. comitis confirmantis ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ Theok. ad præsentationem Thomæ filii Gaufridi aurifabri Theok. in perpetuam elemosinam illam placeam in qua habebatur donus patris sui et matris et Baldobean avi sui in Theok. in burgo juxta molendinum monachorum, tenendam ita libere et quiete sicut pater suus et avus illam tenuerunt tempore Roberti filii H. et Roberti comitis patris sui.

NUM. LXVI.

De una virgata Terræ in Aileswrðhe ex Dono Philippi de Caillewei.

[Ibid.]

CARTA Aviciæ de Caillewei et Hugonis filii ejus et

hæredis concedentium ecclesiæ de Theok. de testamento Philippi de Caillewei domini sui unam virgatam terræ in Aileswrðhe, libere et quiete, in perpetuam elemosinam tenendam de omnibus qui ad eos pertinebant, et de omnibus exactionibus. Ecclesia autem Theok. dedit Hugoni xiii^d. ad emenda calcaria tempore Roberti abbatis.

NUM. LXVII.

De tota Terra illa quam Willielmus Pistor habuit in Dunnecheulle data Monachis Theok.

[Ibid. fol. 81.]

CARTA Willielmi Pistoris facta Alano abbati et conventui Theok. de tota terra quam habuit in Dunnecheulle libera et quiete ab omni servitio de qua seisivit prædictos monachos, ponendo unum cultellum propria manu in altare beatæ Mariæ in puram elemosinam, sine aliqua reclamacione sui vel hæredum suorum.

NUM. LXVIII.

Carta ejusdem W. de iiii^{or}. Acris Terræ datis Ecclesiæ de Theok. et Monachis.

[Ibid.]

CARTA ejusdem W. Pistoris dantis pro anima sua et suorum ecclesiæ de Theok. in perpetuam elemosinam iiii^{or}. acras terræ, unam scilicet juxta viam Homedune, et unam juxta Chirwei, et duas super Cadeling.

NUM. LXIX.

Walterus de Dunstanvilla confirmat Terras de Pultona et Werftona.

[Ibid.]

CARTA Walteri de Dunstanvilla confirmantis ecclesiæ de Theok. tempore Alani abbatibus terram de Pultona pro servitio unius militis, vel sicut eas diu tenuerat et terram de Werftona pro servitio unius militis sicut eas diu tenuerat, ita quod ipse et hæredes sui post mortem Willielmi Bastard ponerent unum monachum idoneum in præfata ecclesia successive in perpetuum ad faciendum ibi servitium pro salute sua et prædecessorum suorum. Ipse autem et hæredes sui prædictæ ecclesiæ monachis contra omnes homines warrantizarent prædictas terras, si forte aliquis movisset contentionem adversus monachos de illis vel de monacho faciendo.

Carta Reginaldi comitis Cornubiæ confirmantis terram de Werston.

NUM. LXX.

[Contentio quæ fuit inter Ecclesiam de Theok. et de Bekkeford sic quievit.]

[Ibid.]

COMPOSITIO facta inter ecclesiam de Theok. et de Bekkeford in præsentia Rogeri Wigorniensis episcopi anno gratiæ m.c.lxxvii. xvii. kal. Junii, in ecclesia sancti Petri apud Winhecumbam, de capella de Wasseburna et decimis rusticorum de Dudicote; magister Silvester rector ecclesiæ de Bekeford in perpetuam elemosinam ecclesiæ de Theok. remisit omne jus quod vendicabat in capella de Wasseburna, ita quod si aliquod instrumentum haberet super hiis quæ petebat in præscripto capitulo nullas de cætero vires haberet. Ecclesia vero Theok. remisit ecclesiæ de Bekeford decimas messium et nutrimentorum et omnium quæ per annum renovantur de xii. virgatis terræ in Dudicote cum istam excolunt qui sunt parochiani ecclesiæ de Bekeford. Præterea ecclesia de Theok. concessit ecclesiæ sancti Andreae de Estona omnes decimas tam majores quam minores cujusdam virgatæ terræ quam Willielmus Francus tenuit de ecclesia de Theok. in eadem villa de Estona. Si autem forte processu temporis aliqua pars de xii. prædictis virgatis terræ in dominicam versa fuerit, nihilominus inde decimas persolvent. De xxx. vero acris terræ quas tempore

hujus tractationis monachi Theok. de dominico exco-
luerunt in eadem villa de Dudicote non solvent ecclesiæ
de Bedeford decimas; si autem villanis traditæ fuerint,
decimas inde solvent sicut et de aliis ecclesiæ de Beke-
ford.

NUM. LXXI.

*Confirmatio Henrici Wigorniensis Episcopi de Ecclesiis
Bristoll et quibusdam aliis Rebus.*

[Ibid. fol. 82.]

CARTA generalis Henrici Wigorniensis episcopi
confirmantis ecclesiæ de Theok. omnia quæ et Simon
Wigorniensis episcopus et etiam ampliora, hæc scilicet,
ecclesiam sancti Jacobi de Bristoll, ubi prioratus est,
cum ipso prioratu, et cum omnibus pertinentiis suis; ec-
clesiam sancti Johannis de Bristoll; ecclesiam sanctæ
Trinitatis Bristoll; ecclesiam sancti Jacobi de Fraia de
Bristoll; ecclesiam sancti Audoeni de Bristoll; eccle-
siam sancti Michaelis de Bristoll; ecclesiam sancti
Brendani extra villam de Bristoll; ecclesiam de Edrich-
stona cum pertinentiis suis de dono Fredtherici de Bo-
tinton, vi. sol. quos idem Frethericus dedit ecclesiæ de
Theok. quum ibidem monachus est; et de dono Ro-
berti Muchegros filii sui vi sol. quos dedit eidem eccle-
siæ, et quando ibidem habitum religionis suscepit. Idem
H. episcopus confirmat pensionem duorum bisantiorum
in ecclesia de Hedrichestona. Maugerus etiam Wigor-
niensis episcopus eandem pensionem et jus præsentation-
is de illa ecclesia monachis confirmat.

NUM. LXXII.

*De Ecclesiis de Merlave, de Hameled, de Sened, de Torne-
berya, et aliis quas Hugo Lincolniensis Episcopus con-
firmat Monachis Theokesburiensibus.*

[Ibid.]

CARTA Hugonis Lincolniensis episcopi qui inspec-
tis cartis Roberti filii Haimonis confirmat monachis
Theok. ecclesias de Merlave et de Hameled quas præ-
fati patroni eis dederunt cum omnibus pertinentiis suis.

Idem episcopus per cartam suam instituit Robertum
Bardulf in ecclesia de Hameled ad præsentationem mo-
nachorum de Theok. sub annua pensione lx. solidorum.

Idem Robertus Bardulf obligat se domino suo ab-
bati Theok. ad dimidiam marcam annuatim pro hospitio
suo, quia non habet honestum domicilium in quo possit
eum recipere apud Feirford.

Litera Willielmi Wigorniensis episcopi testificantis
quod ad præsentationem monachorum Theok. et Alani
abbatis admisit Robertum clericum ad ecclesiam de Se-
ned tenendam sub annua pensione unius marcæ solven-
dæ duobus terminis, medietatem ad Pasca et aliam me-
dietatem ad festum sancti Michaelis.

Testimonium ejusdem episcopi quod admisit ma-
gistrum Simonem ad ecclesiam de Tornebyria ad præ-
sentationem monachorum Theok. tenendam sub annua
pensione lxij. solidorum ad quatuor terminos anni.

Carta W. com. Glouc. confirmantis ecclesiæ Theok.
vii. acras agriculturæ et unam de prato quas Ricardus
filius Hugonis Grossi de eo tenuerat et suo assensu dedit
in elemosinam ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ Theok.

Carta Roberti de Cairdif concedentis ecclesiæ de
Theok. in perpetuam elemosinam decimam totius fœni in
dominico suo de Waltuna, quam decimam pater suus
sui permissione perfecit tempore Alani abbatis.

Controversia inter ecclesiam Theok. et ecclesiam de
Langeduna super decimis de Hursta et de terra Nichol.
Blake tempore magistri R. Folet rectoris illius ecclesiæ
sic quievit, scilicet, quod ecclesia de Langeduna et ejus
rectores in perpetuum tenebunt illas decimas de ecclesia
de Theok. solvendo iij. sol. annuatim ecclesiæ de Theok.
ad festum sancti Michaelis pro eisdem.

Carta W. Folet clamantis quietam in perpetuum
ecclesiæ de Theok. terram illam de Tetteleia de qua
controversia fuit inter eum et abbatem Alanum, etiam
quod nec ipse nec hæredes sui ullo tempore illam repe-
terent nec aliquod clamium inde facerent.

Carta Roberti de Muchegros de Botintuna confir-

mantis ecclesiæ de Theok. elemosinam vi. solid. annuorum
quos pater suus Fredericus dedit eidem ecclesiæ cum ibi
habitum religionis sumeret, et obligavit hæredes suos ad
eorum solutionem.

Carta Ricardi de Muchegros ratam habentis con-
cessionem et donationem avi sui Frederici de vi. solid.
reddendis annuatim ecclesiæ de Theok. per manum hæ-
redum suorum ad festum Annunciationis beatæ Mariæ,
quando ibi monachus factus est, et nihilominus donatio-
nem patris sui Roberti de Muchegros factam prædictæ
ecclesiæ de Theok. et de aliis vi. solid. ad prædictum
terminum ab hæredibus suis solvendis, quando et ipse
ibi monachus est, ad quorum xij. solidorum solutio-
nem idem Richardus Muchegros fideliter faciendam,
sicut ab avo et patre suo facta est concessio, se et hæ-
redes suos in perpetuum constituit debitores termino de-
finito.

Carta Roberti de Muchegros dantis ecclesiæ de
Theok. secum quando ibi monachus est redditum vj.
solidorum ab hæredibus suis annuatim solvendum, ad
Annunciationem sanctæ Mariæ, exceptis illis vj. sol.
quos pater suus Fredericus eidem ecclesiæ dedit, quando
et ipse ibi habitum monachi suscepit tempore Alani ab-
batis.

Carta Thomæ Janitoris per quam reddit ecclesiæ de
Theok. et sancti Jacobi de Bristoll terram illam quam
uxor sua Matildis divisit Deo et ecclesiæ sancti Jacobi.
Et præterea idem Thomas concessit eidem ecclesiæ
sancti Jacobi xij. sol. terræ in rubea terra, et iij^{or}. acras
terræ super Aexeliam et duas acras infra ita libere et
quiete tenendas sicut R. comes Gloucestriæ dominus
suus illi dedit et post eum W. comes filius suus confir-
mavit.

Carta Willielmi Trian qui dedit et concessit capellæ
sancti Michaelis domus infirmorum monasterii Theok.
quolibet anno xij^d. de redditu prati sui de Theok. ad
lumen ejusdem capellæ.

Carta Alexandri de Stoke testificantis quod ipse
assensu Roberti filii sui et hæredis quietam clamavit
querelam et omnino sopitam remisit Alano abbati et
conventui de Theok. de terra de Suilgete, ita quod nec
ipse nec hæredes sui inde quicquam unquam clamarent.
Posteaque voluit sub habitu religionis vivere et mori,
reddidit seipsum ecclesiæ beatæ Mariæ Theok. et dedit
secum et assignavit de consensu prædicti hæredis sui in
perpetuam elemosinam totam terram illam et pratum
quam filius Sinardi hactenus de eo tenuerat in Lange-
ford, ita quod abbas et conventus inde redderent annu-
atim Roberto filio suo ij. sol. ad festum sancti Michaelis
et hæredibus suis pro omni servitio. Et si forte idem
Robertus hæres suus vel ipsius Roberti hæredes non
possent warantizare monachis de Theok. illam terram et
pratum, tunc ipsi darent prædictæ ecclesiæ v. solid. an-
nuatim pro escambio.

Carta Roberti de Stoke testificantis se præsentem
esse cum pater suus remitteret quærelam suam versus
ecclesiam de Theok. et cum se redderet eidem ecclesiæ,
et totum confirmavit secundum quod carta patris sui
proportat.

Carta Simonis de Columba et Roisiæ uxoris suæ
concedentium ecclesiæ de Theok. in perpetuam elemosi-
nam duas partes decimæ dominii sui de Buterlega in
omnibus rebus de quibus decimæ dari debent, tertia
parte retenta ad servitium oratorii sui, tempore Alani
abbatis.

Carta Simonis de Columba qui concedit pro anima
sua et nominatim pro animabus uxoris suæ Roisiæ et
filiae suæ Roisiæ, ecclesiæ beatæ Mariæ de Theok. ubi
corpus ejusdem uxoris suæ requiescit, totam decimam
fœni de dominico suo de terra sua de Pulla quam domi-
nus suus Henricus rex dedit ei pro servitio suo, tempore
Alani, abbatis.

NUM. LXXIII.

*Contentio inter A. Abbatem et Herebertum Capellanum
super Vicariam Craneburniæ sic quievit.*

[Ibid. fol. 74.]

DECISIO Causæ quæ vertebatur inter A. abbatem

et conventum Theok. et Herebertum capellanum super vicaria de Craneburna commissione facta auctoritate Celestini papæ Willielmo Herefordensi episcopo et A. abbati de Flexlega. Idem Herebertus dicens se in ecclesia de Craneburna perpetuam vicariam habere, et capellam in curia comitis de ipso comite tenere in capite et non de ecclesia de Theok. et multa alia proponens in dispendium ecclesiæ de Theok. super quibus aliquando tractus in com. auctoritate archiepiscopi coram R. abbate de Cirencestria et P. archidiacono Wigornia ad dominum papam appellavit sacramento præstito de appellatione proseguenda, quam biennium et eo amplius prosequi contempnente; tandem præfatis iudicibus causa demandata, et partibus in iudicio constitutis, idem Herebertus tandem cognovit, sine jure se injuste abbatem vexasse et nullum jus habere, nec in vicaria nec in capella vel aliis rebus quæ proposuerat versus abbatem, et prostratus veniam postulavit; unde abbas, ad præces iudicum remisso ei rancore, permisit, ut in vita sua vicariam teneret; dum tamen fidelitatem servaret. Quæ autem ad vicariam pertinent hæc sunt, Herebertus deserviet tamen ecclesiæ de Craneburna quam suis capellis, hoc est, capellæ de cimiterio, capellæ de curia comitis, capellæ de Winburna abbatis ad voluntatem et præceptum abbatis, vel illius qui in loco ipsius fuerit; nec in ecclesia ipsa de Craneburna vel capellis aliquid præsumet contra voluntatem. In mensa prioris procuratorem habebit singulis diebus et extra nil nisi forte graviter infirmatus, ita quod venire non possit. Die Natalis Domini, die Passionis Domini, die Paschæ, tertiam partem oblationum habebit in ecclesia de Craneburna, oblationem etiam in secunda missa pro defunctis presentibus secundum divisum, usque ad xij^d. quod autem supra fuerit, dividetur inter priorem et ipsum dimidiabiliter. Ad divisum faciendum non ibit nisi sub testimonio missi prioris clerici vel laici. Proventus de confitentibus inter priorem et ipsum dimidiabiliter. Idem Herebertus habebit unam virgatam terræ quam hactenus in Craneburna cum domibus ad ipsam pertinentibus tenuit, etiam totam Wilenagii decimam de Winburna abbatis, cum tertia parte dominici, excepta decima lanæ. Unusquisque denarius, si in missa sua oblatum fuerit suus erit. De sponsalitiis etiam tertiam sibi partem vendicabit. Nullum retinebit capellanum sub se, nisi de voluntate prioris.

NUM. LXXIV.

Concordia facta inter Ceciliam Comitissam Herefordiæ, et Abbatem, de uno Messuagio in Langeford.

[Ibid. fol. 84 b.]

FINALIS Concordia inter Ceciliam comitissam Herefordiæ petentem, et Alanum abbatem Theok. anno regni regis Johannis tertio, apud Westmon. a die sancti Michaelis in unum mensem, de uno messuagio cum pertinentiis in Langeford, scilicet quod prædicta Cecilia remisit et quietum clamavit, pro anima sua et antecessorum suorum, de se et hæredibus suis, prædicto abbati et successoribus suis totum jus et clamium quod habuit in prædicto messuagio cum pertinentiis in perpetuum.

NUM. LXXV.

Concordia inter Alanum Abbatem et Rogerum Corbet de Ecclesia de Hedelega.

[Ibid.]

FINALIS Concordia facta in curia domini regis apud Merleberg, in octavis clavis Paschæ, anno regni regis Johannis ij. inter Rogerum Corbet et Hawisam uxorem suam petentes, et Alanum abbatem Theok. adforçantem de advocatione ecclesiæ de Chedeslega; unde placitum fuit inter eos in eadem curia, viz. quod ipse abbas remisit eis advocationem ecclesiæ prædictæ, et prædicti R. et Hawisa uxor sua dedit prædicto abbati et ecclesiæ de Theok. iij^{or}. virgatas terræ cum pertinentiis suis in Wadehamet, scilicet, unam virgatam terræ quam Hugo filius H tenuit, et dimidiam virgatam terræ quam Hugo Kinemar tenuit, et unam virgatam quam Ricardus Fid. tenuit, et unam virgatam et dimidiam

quam Edmerus Hosp. tenuit. Et præterea quatuor virgatas terræ cum pertinentiis et dimidiam in Dreitona, scilicet, unam virgatam terræ quam Robertus Textor tenuit, et dimidiam virgatam quam Ricardus Langeman tenuit, et dimidiam virgatam terræ quam Thomas filius Sulsweni tenuit, et unam virgatam quam Rogerus filius Viduæ tenuit, et dimidiam virgatam quam Robertus de Winterfold tenuit, et dimidiam virgatam quam Esolvus filius molendinarii tenuit, et dimidiam virgatam quam Matildas vidua tenuit, habendas et tenendas eidem abbati et successoribus suis in puram et perpetuam elemosinam quietas ab omni servitio sæculari et exactione. Et ipse Rogerus et Hawisa uxor ejus et hæredes eorum warrantizabunt abbati et successoribus suis totam prædictam terram contra omnes homines.

NUM. LXXVI.

Varia Cartæ.

[Ibid. fol. 85.]

CARTA Johannis de Suwik confirmantis ecclesiæ de Theok. quandam terram in Glouc. quæ jacet extra murum in Glouc. sancti Oswaldi quam Ricardus de Ee tenuit, et in burgo Theok. unum burgagium, et unam acram prati et alteram acram terræ colundæ super Aldebir. quas terras Willielmus pater suus dederat ecclesiæ de Theok. quas etiam Willielmus comes ei dederat pro servitio suo.

Carta Ricardi Swifh concedentis ecclesiæ de Theok. ad luminaria ij. sol. redditus annuatim de terra quam Alanus filius Walteri tenuit de eo, dedit in perpetuum de eadem terra xij^d. ecclesiæ sancti Petri de Bisseleya, et croftam unam in qua horreum sacerdotis situm est, tempore Alani abbatis.

Nicholaus de Sancta Brigida dedit ecclesiæ de Theok. medietatem decimæ suæ de Heresfeld quas canonici Lanton. tenent modo pro decem solidis.

Carta H. Wigorniensis episcopi testificantis quod ad præsentationem monachorum Theok. recepit Ricardum Camberlanum ad illam medietatem ecclesiæ sancti Petri de Bristoll quam Stephanus de Ripun tenuit ante illum, tenendam et habendam sub annua pensione trium solidorum solvendorum ecclesiæ sancti Jacobi Bristoll.

Carta H. Wigorniensis episcopi de ecclesia sancti Michaelis de Bristoll facta Ricardo Camberlano ad præsentationem monachorum Theok.

Carta Osberti Algari concedentis ecclesiæ de Theok. ad lumen ecclesiæ vj^d. annuatim reddendos ad festum sancti Clementis, quatuor scilicet de domo sua in qua mansit, et ij^d. de domo quam habuit de Bissel. quos duos den. hæres domus in qua mansit recipere debuit, et illos cum cæteris reddere ad prædictum terminum, tempore abbatis Alani.

Carta Randulphi Finegal concedentis ecclesiæ de Theok. sine aliqua reclauatione sui vel hæredum suorum illam terram totam quæ jacet a parte meridiei juxta vineam monachorum, quæ dicitur Novalanda, in perpetuam elemosinam, tempore Alani abbatis.

Carta magistri Nicholai de Semesbir. de duabus partibus decimarum ejusdem villæ, quas abbas Alanus ei reddidit ad firmam tenendas pro viij. solidis, dum fuerit in sæculari habitu, quos juravit fideliter solvere in octavis Paschæ et etiam sancti Michaelis pro æqua partitione.

Carta Nicholai de Muttona concedentis ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ Theok. de consensu Philippi hæredis sui, pratum suum juxta torrentem de Carent, quod Osbernus filius Ailgari aliquando tenuit de eo, tenendum libere et quiete in perpetuum, solvendo inde annuatim ei et hæredibus suis xij^d. in Purificatione sanctæ Mariæ vj^d. et in Nativitate ejusdem vj^d. pro omni servitio.

Carta Willielmi de Colecumba filii Simonis de Hedelega concedentis et confirmantis ecclesiæ de Theok. illam virgatam terræ in Baldehala quam dederat Ricardo fratri suo pro servitio suo, et pro duobus calcaribus de duobus denariis reddendis in Pascha ei et hæredibus suis; et pro xvj. sol. reddendis priori de Malvern per annum pro omni servitio. Quam virgatam terræ idem Ricardus dedit ecclesiæ Theok. cum corpore suo quando in ex-

tremis habitum illius ecclesiæ recepit, salvo prædicto servitio Willielmo de Colecumba et hæredibus suis, et prioris majoris Malvernæ prædictis.

Carta Jordani Wace facta ecclesiæ Theok. anno primo W. abbatis de omnibus terris suis de Bristoll; viz. illa quæ est intra burgum Bristoll juxta macellum ex parte occidentali, et illa terra de feudo Roberti filii Marci quæ est proxima prædictæ terræ ex parte aquilonari, quæ reddidit ei annuatim iij. sol. et illa terra quæ est super montem versus ecclesiam sancti Augustini quæ reddit sancto Jacobo de Bristoll annuatim xij^d.; et omnes terras suas de Blidebluna in Hibernia, illam scilicet quæ est juxta ecclesiam sanctæ Trinitatis ex parte occidentali, et illam terram quæ est juxta ecclesiam sancti Audoeni. Præfatus vero abbas et monachi de qua eos seisivit de prædictis terris in pleno hundredo de Bristoll adquietaverunt prædictum Jordanum de xxvj. marcis argenti tam in Judaismo quam alibi, pro quibus terræ ipsæ erant obligatæ creditoribus; et receperunt eum et uxorem suam Editham in societatem sociorum, benefactorum, et orationum ecclesiæ, et invenient eis necessaria omnia in victu et vestitu in tota vita sua.

Carta Milonis Barba April. dantis ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ Theok. in perpetuam elemosinam redditum xij^d. de terra quam Robertus Pipere tenuit in villa de Covintre quæ est in fossata baillii castelli comitis.

Carta Ailwardi juvenis facta ecclesiæ Theok. anno primo Walteri abbatis de terra sua in Hibernia quæ dicitur Crosalgium cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, ita quod Mathias et Thomas filii sui et eorum hæredes illam teneant de ecclesia de Theok. solvendo annuatim duos aureos ad festum sancti Michaelis et ipsi eandem terram ab omni servitio adquietabunt.

Carta H. Landavensis episcopi concedentis Domui de Morgan ecclesiam de Kenefet cum capellis, terris et omnibus pertinentiis suis assensu et petitione W. abbatis et conventus Theok. solvendo domui Theok. annuatim x. marcas; quinque infra octavam Paschæ, et quinque infra octavam sancti Michaelis.

Compositio inter W. abbatem et conventum Theok. et magistrum R. Foliot personam capellæ de Bikemer super duabus partibus minutarum decimarum curiæ de Bikemareys quas prædicti abbas et conventus sibi deberi proponebant assensu et voluntate Lambekini qui tunc temporis curam gerebat Roberti Foliot prædictæ capellæ advocati, viz. quod abbas et conventus duas partes decimarum frugum curiæ prædictæ sicut consueverunt, et medietatem omnium minutarum decimarum percipient. Dictus vero R. et successores sui personæ prædictæ capellæ habebunt ad servitium capellæ tertiam partem decimarum frugum, et medietatem minutarum decimarum, et totam decimam fœni de dominico curiæ una cum decima terræ et aliis bonis quæ Willielmus Foliot qui ipsam capellam fundavit eidem capellæ caritative concessit. Hæc compositio confirmata est a partibus et a domino Malgerio Wigorniensis episcopo.

Carta Roberti de la Mare facta ecclesiæ de Theok. et monachis, annuente Mabilia uxore sua et hærede, de una virgata terræ in Wodemanescot cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, liberam et quietam ab omni sæculari servitio et exactione, illam viz. quam Reginaldus Wigig. tenuit de eo, quam virgatam terræ dedit cum corpore suo quando agebat in extremis. Concessit etiam eidem ecclesiæ prædictum Reginaldum, tanquam nativum suum, cum omni sequela sua, in perpetuum.

Carta Mabilie sororis ejusdem Roberti et hæredis, de dono fratris sui post mortem ejusdem fratris per omnia confirmantis, sicut carta Roberti proportat.

Testimonium literatorium Hereberti Salesbiriensis episcopi quod admisit magistrum Willielmum de Teisse ad ecclesiam de Chetel ad præsentationem W. abbatis et monachorum Theokesbir.

Controversia inter Malgerum episcopum Wigornensem et Walterum abbatem et monachos Theok. mota anno incarnationis Dominici m.cc.vij. sic quievit; Abbas et monachi parabant per aquam quæ dicitur Avena, Wigorniensis episcopo duas vias competentes, unam versus Gloucestriam, et aliam versus Wigorniam et Malveriam, et paratas conservabunt competentes. Abbas etiam et monachi providebunt, quod episcopus et successores sui

nullum damnum incurrent in pratis suis vel molendino de Bredona occasione molendini monachorum, neque aquæ detentæ pro molendino suo.

Controversia inter ecclesiam de Theok. et ecclesiam sanctæ Mariæ de Tweninga, tempore Malgerii Wigorniensis episcopi et W. abbatis Theok. amicabiliter sic quievit; ecclesia de Theok. habebit plenarie omnes decimas garbarum et omnium aliarum rerum de omnibus illis terris quas Walter de Mutta tenuit in Tweninga de feodo comitis Gloucestriæ et Duddingheshale, et de omnibus illis terris quas Willielmus Wigorniensis tenuit in eadem villa de eodem feodo. De illa autem virgata quam prædictus Walterus tenuit de feodo abbatis de Winchelcumba in prædicta villa nihil recipiet ecclesia de Theok. nec de Buttecroft. De omnibus autem illis terris quæ sunt in eadem villa de feodo comitis Gloucestriæ quas Ricardus de Lecche et Robertus Levieth, et Henricus filius Rogeri, et Willielmus Hoc, et Willielmus Wlmar, et Sebinus Hoc tenuerunt percipiet ecclesia de Theok. duas partes decimarum de garbis, et mortuorum corpora cum principali legato de eisdem terris præter illam virgatam terræ quam Willielmus Pac et Nicholaus frater ejus tenuerunt, in qua ecclesia de Tweninga omnes decimas et omnia jura parochialia percipiet. Ecclesia etiam de Tweninga, et quicumque in ea persona fuerit recipiat partem decimarum de garbis cum omnibus minutis decimis, oblationibus, et obventionibus quæ de præfatis terris provenire poterint. De quibus terris ecclesia de Theok. duas partes garbarum percipiet. Hæc compositio in cirographum reducta sigillo abbatis et conventus Theok. et magistri Simonis de Hailes rectoris ecclesiæ de Tweninga confirmata est.

Compositio inter abbatem W. de Theok. et Henricum de Campo Ernaldi militem, de terra quæ dicitur Ealdeduna, quam prædictus abbas et monachi de Theok. dicebant ad villam suam pertinere, hoc modo facta est; Henricus prædictus de consensu Oliveri hæredis sui et aliorum hæredum ejus quietam clamavit ecclesiæ de Theok. medietatem illius terræ in perpetuum. Et monachi clamaverunt ei et hæredibus suis quietam aliam medietatem, et hoc a procuratore monachorum magistro Petro apud Oxon et a prædictis Henrico et hærede suo Olivero firmiter in perpetuum tenendum affidavit.

Carta Jordani Parcarii et Margaretæ uxoris suæ concedentium ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ Theok. et monachis totam aquam quæ est super terram suam quæ dicitur Superior Caldevall, ut monachi eam ducant libere et quiete per terram eorum quantum durat versus sine ulla molestia eorum vel hæredum suorum in futurum; et emendent in futurum quicquid emendandum fuerit sive in aquæ ductu sive in aqua pro commodo domus Theok. anno quo Anglia interdicta est.

Carta Radulfi Finegal idem concedentis et confirmantis de prædicta aqua.

Carta Osborni filii Ailgari concedentis et confirmantis ecclesia de Theok. die qua Willielmus filius suus ibidem monachus est totam terram et curtilagium cum cameris inibi ædificatis in burgo Theok. scilicet, quæ sunt inter domum Willielmi de Camera, ita quod ipse et hæredes sui prædicta curtilagia, terram et cameras ibidem ædificatas ab omni sæculari servitio adquietarent. Præterea concessit eidem ecclesiæ eadem die i. solidam in prædicto burgo Theok. de feudo Aluredi fabri quæ est prima domus ejus quam ipse emit a Rogero Talun, ita quod monachi prædictæ ecclesiæ adquietent illam terram annuatim versus prædictum Aluredum, et hæredes ejus de gabulo iij^{ord}. ad quatuor terminos anni.

Carta Roberti de Berga resignantis in manu W. abbatis et monachorum Theok. totam terram quam tenuerat in villa de Forhelmetun tam ex dono Alani abbatis, quam ex dono W. abbatis successoris sui, sine aliquo retinemento. Juravit etiam in præsentia prædictorum et aliorum multorum super altare sanctæ Mariæ de Theok. quod nunquam præsumet per se vel per hæredes suos repetere prædictam terram, et cartam posuit super altare, in hujus rei testimonium, anno ab incarnatione Domini m^occ^o.x. die sancti Jacobi apostoli.

Sciant præsentis et futuri quod ego Robertus filius Hugonis de Diclesduna, assensu Maeciae uxoris meæ et hæredum meorum, dedi et concessi Deo et ecclesiæ

sanctæ Mariæ Theok. et abbati et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus pro salute animæ meæ et hæredum meorum et antecessorum meorum in puram et perpetuam elemosinam tres acras prati in Strengesham de meo prato super Abenam, quæ jacent juxta pratum Rogeri clerici ad aquilonem habendas et tenendas de me et hæredibus meis liberas et quietas in perpetuum ab omni servitio et exactione sæculari. Et ego Robertus et hæredes mei debemus warantizare prædictas acras prati prædictis monachis et abbati contra omnes homines et fœminas. Ut hæc autem mea donatio firma et stabilis in posterum permaneat eam præsentī carta mea sigilli mei impressione munita corroboravi, hiis testibus, &c.

NUM. LXXVII.

Carta Roberti de Bigod de Godrinton.

[Ibid. fol. 88 b.]

SCIANT præsentēs et futuri quod ego Robertus Bigod et hæres Hugonis Bigod dedi et concessi et hac præsentī carta mea confirmavi ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ de Theok. et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus totam terram meam de Godrinton quæ jure hæreditario me continebat ad perpetuam firmam, tam illam quam mater mea ibi habuit in dote ex dono patris mei, quam illam quam ego habui in manu mea, tenendam et habendam ad feudifirmam de me, cum pertinentiis, tam in dominicis quam in servitiis liberorum hominum et redditibus, in villenagiis, et molendinis, et boscis, et pratis, et pascuis, stagnis, et vivariis et in omnibus aisiamentis in villa de Godrinton et extra villam; reddendo inde annuatim in perpetuum mihi et hæredibus meis ij. sol. sterlingorum ad duos terminos anni, viz. ad festum sancti Michaelis xij^d. et ad Pascha xij^d. pro omnibus servitiis aliis et exactionibus et demandis, salvo servitio forinseco. Ego vero Robertus le Bigod et hæredes mei warrantizabimus prædictis monachis totam prædictam terram cum omnibus pertinentiis prænominatis contra omnes gentes. Et si forte eis warrantizare non poterimus faciemus eis rationabile escambium loco competenti. Pro hac autem mea donatione et perpetuæ firmæ concessionē prædicti monachi dederunt mihi de pecunia domus suæ quatuor viginti marcas argenti et quatuor et ij. palefridos ad corpus meum redimendum de prisoña domini regis Johannis in qua urgentissime diu detentus fui. Ut igitur hæc mea donatio et perpetuæ firmæ concessio incussa permaneat similiter eam præsentī scripto sigilli mei appositione munitam roboravi. Hiis testibus.

Item duæ Cartæ de eodem.

NUM. LXXVIII.

Carta Silvestri Wigorniensis Episcopi de Ecclesia de Amenel.

[Ibid. fol. 89.]

UNIVERSIS sanctæ matris ecclesiæ filiis ad quos præsens carta pervenerit S. Dei gratia Wigorniensis episcopus, æternam in Domino salutem. Cum ex susceptione officii pastoralis regimine plantare debemus religionem et fovere plantatam; quam si forte non habemus in nobis in aliis tamen augere tenemur et conservare. Attendentes in locis religiosis illud coram Deo et hominibus specialius præfulgere quod in ipso fonte caritatis frequentius exercetur ipsa opera caritatis in eis augere decrevimus et nutrire. Verum quod hospitum susceptio magister est et magistra inter cætera caritatis opera, dicente Domino, 'Hospes fui et collegistis me,' considerantes eam compositione et copiositate studiosa in abbatiā de Theok. continne vigere, divinæ pietatis intuitu dedimus et concessimus abbati et monachis Theok. in proprios et perpetuos usus suos ecclesiam de Amenel, et eos in ejusdem ecclesiæ corporalem possessionem solemniter fecimus induci. Ita videlicet quod dicti abbas et monachi habeant et possideant prænominatam ecclesiam cum omnibus pertinentiis suis erogandam in perpetuos usus hospitum per magistrum hospitum, quicun-

que pro tempore fuerit ibidem constitutus; salva perpetua vicaria quinque marcarum honesto et idoneo capellano qui in ecclesia illa in propria persona deservierit ab ipsis præsentato et a nobis et successoribus nostris canonice admissio. Salvis etiam nobis et successoribus nostris et archidiaconis loci jure pontificali et parochiali, et aliis hominibus ordinariis et consuetis a dictis abbate et monachis sustinendum et præstandum. Ut autem hæc nostra concessio et donatio perpetuæ firmitatis robur obtineat, eam præsentis scripti testimonio, et tam sigilli nostri proprii quam sigilli universitatis conventus nostri Wigorniensis auctoritate pontificali corroboravimus. Hiis testibus &c.

Honorius papa eam confirmat ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ Theok. anno incarnationis Dominicæ m^o.cc.xx^o. tempore Petri ejusdem loci abbatis. Et eodem anno celebrata est secunda coronatio regis Henrici filii regis Johannis apud London in die Pentecostes xvi. kal. Junii. Et eodem anno facta est translatio sancti Thomæ martyris quondam Cantuariensis archiepiscopi per dominum S. Cantuariensem archiepiscopum in octava apostolorum Petri et Pauli, iij. idus Julii.

NUM. LXXIX.

Cartæ de Ecclesia de Escremovilla.

[Ibid.]

WILLIELMUS comes Gloucestræ suo dapifero Normannio, omnibusque baronibus et hominibus, et universis sanctæ ecclesiæ filiis, salutem. Sciatis me pro salute animæ Roberti comitis Gloucestræ patris mei, et salute animarum mei ipsius et uxoris meæ et liberorum nostrorum dedisse et concessisse ecclesiam de Escremovilla cum sibi pertinentibus in elemosinam Deo et ecclesiæ sancti Jacobi apud Bristoll, in qua corpus patris mei requiescit, ad victum monachorum ibi degentium, salvo tenemento Picardi clerici mei ejusdem ecclesiæ personæ dum vixerit. Hiis testibus &c.

Carta Henrici Dei gratia regis Angliæ, ducis Normanniæ et Aquitaniæ, et comitis Andegaviæ, archiepiscopo Rotomagensi, episcopis, abbatibus, comitibus, justiciariis, baillivis et omnibus ministris et fidelibus suis Normannis, salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et præsentī carta confirmasse ecclesiæ sancti Jacobi apostoli apud Bristou et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus ecclesiam de Escremovilla cum omnibus pertinentiis suis quam Willielmus comes Gloucestræ eis dedit in perpetuam elemosinam pro salute animæ patris sui Roberti comitis Gloucestræ, sicut carta prædicti comitis Willielmi quam inde habent testatur. Quare volo et firmiter præcipio quod prædicti monachi habeant et teneant prædictam ecclesiam de Escromovilla cum ad eam pertinentibus bene et in pace, et libere et quiete, et integre et honorifice sicut comes Willielmus eis dedit, et carta sua confirmavit. Hiis testibus.

Henricus Dei gratia Baiocensis episcopus omnibus fidelibus ad quos præsens carta pervenerit salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Noverit universitas vestra, quod concessimus et Dei auctoritate et nostra confirmamus ecclesiam de Escremovilla cum omnibus pertinentiis suis tam internis quam externis et cæteris beneficiis ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ Theok. et ecclesiæ sancti Jacobi Bristoll, quam Willielmus comes Gloucestræ eisdem dedit ecclesiis pro anima patris sui in perpetuam elemosinam, et carta sua confirmavit. Concessimus itaque præfatis ecclesiis presentationem vicarii cum integritate omnium rerum quæ pertinent ad catietatiam^a præfatæ ecclesiæ de Escremovilla, salvo jure Bajocensis episcopi et consuetudine. Et ut hoc ratum et inconcussum permaneat, id cartæ nostræ et sigilli nostri munimine corroboravimus. Hiis testibus.

Rotrodus Dei gratia Rotomagensis archiepiscopus omnibus fidelibus tam præsentibus quam futuris ad quos præsens carta pervenerit, salutem. Volumus in publicam notitiam devenire, quod concessimus et Dei auctoritate et nostra confirmavimus donationem Willielmi comitis Gloucestræ, et confirmationem H. venerabilis

^a Sic in orig.

Baiocensis episcopi super ecclesiam de Escromovilla, quam præfatus comes dedit et concessit Deo et ecclesie sancti Jacobi apostoli Bristoll pro salute sua et parentum suorum in perpetuam elemosinam, cum pertinentiis suis ad victum monachorum in prædicto monasterio Deo militantium. Ut autem illa donatio plenius in posterum robur obtineat eam nostri sigilli auctoritate duximus roborandam. Hiis testibus &c.

J. Dei gratia &c. venerabili in Christo patri H. eadem gratia Baiocensi episcopo salutem. Sciat iudicatum esse in curia nostra quod stare non debet recognitio illa quæ facta fuit inter abbatem Theok. et Willielmum infantem de ultima præsentatione ecclesie de Escromovilla, quia recognitio illa capta fuit sine præcepto nostro et warranto senescalli nostri coram aliis quam iusticiariis nostris, et coram talibus coram quibus capi non debuit, et contra cartam prædicti abbatis quam habet de Willielmo quondam comite Gloucestræ, qui ecclesiam illam dedit ecclesie sancti Jacobi Bristoll, quæ est cella de Theok. et contra confirmationem H. regis patris mei, et confirmationem Rotrodi quondam Rotomagensis archiepiscopi, et etiam contra confirmationem vestram. Et ideo vobis mandamus, quatenus eidem abbati faciatis habere sine dilatione talem seisinam de prædicta ecclesia qualem inde habuit antequam prædicta recognitio inter ipsum et Willielmum infantem processisset, amoventes omnino personam illam quam in ea posuistis post illam recognitionem ad præsentationem ipsius Willielmi infantis. Teste meipso apud Munford, xij. die Martij.

NUM. LXXX.

Concessio facta W. de Putot de libera Cantaria habenda in Capella Curie de Manegodesfeld.

[Ibid. fol. 90.]

Notum sit omnibus Christi fidelibus præsens scriptum visuris vel auditoris quod P. abbas Theok. et ejusdem loci conventus, magister Stephanus de Torneburia et David tunc decanus Bristoll, rectores ecclesie beati Petri juxta castrum Bristoll et capellæ villæ de Manegodesfeld ad ipsam pertinentis concesserunt pure et liberaliter, quantum in ipsis est, domino Willielmo de Putot tunc vicecomes Gloucestræ et hæredibus suis liberam cantariam suam ad opus suum, et totius familie suæ et hospitum suorum in capella quam de consensu omnium prædictorum construxit in curia sua in Manegodesfeld, et quod capellanus dictæ capellæ in curia, sive continue residens sive absens, habeat omnes obventiones et oblationes ipsius capellæ præterquam in die Natalis Domini, et Paschæ et festi sancti Athelberti, quod est festum capellæ de villa. Quibus diebus dictus W. de Putot, et familia sua, et hospites qui præsentis fuerint et potentes audiant divina in præfata capella villæ. Et si forte aliquæ obventiones dictis diebus in dicta capella curiæ evenerint, matrici ecclesie reddantur; salvis ipsi matrici ecclesie omnibus decimis majoribus et minoribus de curia, et sibi legatis. Nullus autem parochianorum admittatur in dicta capella in curia in præjudicium matricis ecclesie, nisi sit de familia vel hospitibus curiæ ad aliqua ecclesiastica sacramenta, nec aliquid tangens jus parochiale circa ipsos exerceatur a capellano capellæ de curia sine consensu capellani matricis ecclesie, vel capellani capellæ de villa. Et hoc si noluerit capellanus curiæ, qui si continua residentia fuerit ibidem facinus,^a matrici ecclesie præstabit juramentum fidelitatis. In cujus rei robur et testimonium prædictus abbas et conventus, et prædicti rectores ecclesie sancti Petri et prædictus W. de Putot tunc vicecomes Gloucestræ huic scripto sigilla sua apposuerunt. Hiis testibus, Radulpho de Wilet, Roberto de Turvile et M.A.

NUM. LXXXI.

Carta ejusdem W. de Putot de Redditu m^{ns}. m^d.

[Ibid. fol. 91.]

OMNIBUS Christi fidelibus præsens scriptum visuris

vel auditoris W. de Putot, vicecomes Gloucestræ æternam in Domino salutem. Noverit universitas vestra quod ego communi assensu uxoris meæ et hæredum meorum dedi et concessi, et hac præsentī carta mea confirmavi Deo et beatæ Mariæ Theok. et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus in puram et perpetuam elemosinam annum redditum iij. sol. et iij. den. quæ Amisia filia Roselini de Manegodesfeld et hæredes sui tenuerunt in Manegodesfeld, habendum et tenendum de me et hæredibus meis libere, et quiete, et pacifice, absque omni exactione sæculari. Ego vero W. de Putot et hæredes mei warrantizabimus prædictum redditum prædictæ ecclesie, et dictis monachis Theok. contra omnes homines et fœminas. Ut autem hæc m. &c.

Istam terram quam prædicta mulier tenuit dedit Radulphus de Wilet monachis de Gingeswode, quam emit dictus W. ab eis, vel per denarios vel per escambium. Præterea debemus habere cartam prædicti Radulphi quam contulit dictis monachis et monachorum de quietā clamantia de dicta terra.

NUM. LXXXII.

Epistola Monachorum Theok. ad Papam pro Abbate suo.

[Ibid. fol. 91 b.]

SANCTISSIMO patri ac domino reverentissimo Dei gratia summo universalis ecclesie pontifici, devoti in Christo salutem. Humilis prior Theok. et ejusdem loci conventus cum omni devotione plenam in domino reverentiam et debitum ac devotum subjectionis et obedientie famulatum. Cum reverendus et dilectus pater, pastor ac abbas noster dominus P. multis molestiis, contumeliis, et injuriis sibi indebite et immerito illatis tam per dominum episcopum Wigorniensem diocesanum nostrum, qui eum ex pridem persecutus est, faciens in monasterio nostro frequenter convocationem et scrutiny, insolita contra eum alia mala quamplurima pro posse suo machinans et inferens eidem, per quæ et nos non modicum turbati sumus, et monasterium nostrum in multis læsum et scandalizatum, quam per quendam fratrem nostrum, Ricardum de Campeden nomine, quem et dictus episcopus in odium capitis abbatis nostri a multo tempore fovit, et adhuc fovet; de cujus consensu et voluntate sumptibus suis exhibitus, et cum testimonio literarum suarum jam bis Romam profectus falsis et frivolis suggestionibus sanctitatem vestram circumvenit infamando et repetendo malitiose dictum dominum abbatem nostrum super quibusdam dilapidationibus et alienationibus, ac aliis malis, a quibus omnibus immunis est, ex multo tempore jamdudum fuerit afflictus et fatigatus; quoniam religiosorum vitæ congruit veritati testimonium perhibere, quo facilius minus juste oppressus liberetur a calumpnia, ac bonorum et piorum filiorum interest pro patris contumelia et injuria se defensores opponere ad abolendam confusionem suam et infamiam viriliter insurgentes, ac usque ad sanguinem, si opus esset, pro eo decertantes, nos quicquid dilecto dicto patri nostro et pastori nostro mali vel molestie ab aliquo infertur nobis omnibus illatum reputantes, sanctitati vestræ fideliter volumus constare dictum dominum P. abbatem nostrum, virum scilicet honestum moribus, et omni bonitate religionis ac sanctitatis ornatum, ac bona fama et integra opinione omnium a quibus notus est approbatum, qui nobis et ecclesie nostræ sibi commissæ ita huc usque laudabiliter præfuit, quod cum hic super pauca fidelis extiterit, eo ipso merito supra multa alibi constitui promeruerit, juxta illud evangelium, velut bonus dispensator bona monasterii nostri in aliquo non minuisse; immo per omnia tam in terris et redditibus quam ornamentis ecclesie et aliis rebus multis ampliasset; dispersa a multo tempore congregans, et congregata conservans, nec aliqua de bonis monasterii etiam in minimis alienasse vel dilapidasse, quod absit, immo potius in omnibus augmentasse, prout ipsa rei veritas evidentius patet. Ipse bonis operibus suis clarescentibus et clamantibus, ac sibi super hoc, licet etiam nos silere vellemus, testimonium

^a Sic in orig.

perhibentibus. Præterea cum aliquam propter temporis importunitatem, seu aliquem alium casum infortuitum quædam victui nostro necessaria, quæ juxta consuetudinem domus nostræ nobis solebant et debebant exhibi, nobis subtraherentur, sive propter aliquam aliam controversiam et dissensionem instinctu diabolico inter nos et dominum abbatem nostrum exortam, quasdam quærimonias coram domino episcopo Wigornensi adhuc existente deponeremus, pravis aliquorum malevolorum consiliis et suasionibus circumventi, seducti, ad hoc dolose instigati, cum scriptum sit quod humanum sit cadere, sed diabolicum perseverare, tandem redarguentibus et ludentibus nos conscientiis nostris pœnitentes nos et indiscrete ac minus sapienter egisse recognoscentes, dictis quærimoniis omnino in perpetuum renunciamus; et ne inde in posterum aliqua mentio fiat per nos vel alios, neque aliqua controversia de cætero oriatur aut occasione dictarum quærimoniarum dictus dominus abbas noster aliquando ab aliquo contumeliam vel molestiam aliquam patiatur, id per patentes literas præsentis testificamur. Ut autem super omnibus suprascriptis sanctitas vestra indubitanter absque omni simulatione fictæ fraudis vel doli machinatione certissima reddatur, omnia suprascripta coram reverenda paternitate vestra protestamur dictum P. abbatem nostrum de omni alienatione et dilapidatione ab ipso vel per ipsum facta plene excusantes, et dictis quærimoniis contra eum indebite et immerito factis renunciantes tam præsentibus literis nostris testimonialibus sigillo ecclesiæ nostræ signatis quam subscriptionibus omnium et singulorum nostrorum inferius annotatis. Vitam et incolumitatem vestram conservet sibi Deus et ecclesiæ suæ per tempora diuturniora.

NUM. LXXXIII.

Licentia eligendi Abbatem.

[Ibid. fol. 92.]

VIRO venerabili amico in Christo charissimo domino R. priori Theok. et ejusdem loci conventui H. de Burgo comes Canciæ, justiciarius Angliæ, salutem cum dilectione sincera. Venerunt ad nos apud Covetesham in crastino Paschæ R. præcentor, et M. sacrista vester, ex parte vestra, licentiam abbatem eligendi postulantes ad quod benignum præbemus assensum, monentes quod talem eligatis qui Deo et hominibus sit acceptus et qui præesse sciat, posset et velit et prodesse. In hujus rei testimonium has literas nostras vobis mittimus patentes. Valete.

NUM. LXXXIV.

Compositio inter Abbatem Theok. et Radulphum de Haya Militem.

[Ibid.]

HÆC est forma pacis per amicabilem compositionem concepta circa festum sancti Michaelis inter P. abbatem Theok. et conventum ejusdem loci ex una parte, et dominum Radulphum de Haya militem et uxorem suam ex altera, super procuracionibus et corrediis petitis ex parti militis pro cariatione decimarum usque ad horreum suum de Oxendun, et super decimas fœni petitas ex parte abbatis et monachorum Theok. viz. quod dictus miles et uxor ejus remisissent fratribus in perpetuum et quietum clamaverunt et sanctæ matri ecclesiæ Theok. totum clamium et jus quod se dicebant habere in dictis corrediis et procuracionibus, et quod cariabunt singulis annis integre et fideliter omnes decimas garbarum suarum de Oxendun usque ad horreum suum, et servientes domini abbatis et monachorum recipient eas ibidem absque conditione et difficultate et ducent eas quo voluerint. Item pro decimis fœni, ut dictum est in dominico de Oxendon et de Wilnagio et de prato liberorum hominum dederunt et concesserunt de dominico suo R. miles et uxor ejus consentientibus omnibus tenentibus eorum cum liberis hominibus et aliis matri ecclesiæ suæ de Theok. nomine decimæ fœni totius manerii sui de Oxenduna tres acras prati in illo loco qui vocatur Serues,

distinctas et divisas per quatuor fossata in quatuor angulis facta. Et renunciatum est hinc inde omni petitioni expensarum circa litem factarum et omni refusioni damnorum hinc inde perpessorum, et impetratis et impetrandis, et appellationibus et omnibus aliis atque præsentem compositionem in perpetuum duraturam auctoritate domini papæ confirmabunt; quia partes se perpetuo observaturos eam corporaliter juraverunt. Et in rei factæ testimonium tam abbas et conventus quam miles huic scripto sigilla sua apponere velle se profitebantur.

NUM. LXXXV.

De Absolutione Conventus Theok. a vinculo Excommunicationis.

[Ibid. fol. 92 b.]

MEMORANDUM quod die Mercurii proxima ante festum apostolorum Philippi et Jacobi in capella beatæ Katarinæ apud Westmonasterium London comparuit Robertus prior Theok. et magister Ricardus de Fraxino cum literis conventus Theok. destinati ab eis ad petendum beneficium absolutionis in forma ecclesiæ pro eo quod nominatim excommunicati erant, ob hoc quod corpus P. quondam abbatis sui a domino Wigorniese nominatim excommunicatio in ecclesia Theok. traditum sepulturæ post denunciationem rite præmissam ejicere noluerunt: et licet de rigore literæ procuratoriæ ad absolutionem petendam nos essent sufficientes, dominus episcopus Wigorniensis gratiam eis faciens, a dicto R. priore et P. de delegatis monachorum Theok. necnon a dicto procuratore in animam totius conventus de Theok. de parendo mandatis ecclesiæ recepto sacramento, eos absolvit, necnon et sacramento præstito ab eisdem nihil in hoc negotio fraudulenter actum esse. Quibus solemniter peractis sub virtute præstiti sacramenti est eis injunctum, ut die solenni ab episcopo prædicto eis præfigendo in ecclesia de Theok. præsentem eodem episcopo et omnibus qui audire voluerint publice confiteantur quod quia non constare fecerunt episcopo de signis pœnitentiæ dicti abbatis super eo, scilicet quod in extremis constitutus absolutionem petiit sententiæ quam episcopus in eum tulisse dicebatur idem episcopus eos compellere possit ad corpus ejusdem abbatis ejiciendum, mitius tamen cum eis agere volens eis pepercit, quia de signis pœnitentiæ dicti abbatis ei constat, ut corpus ejusdem a sententia excommunicationis illius tunc reddat absolutum. Et si forte aliqui de monachis de Theok. nominatim excommunicati divina celebraverunt, ita quod propter hoc irregularitatem incurrerint, injunctum est eis, ut omnes illi qui ita celebraverint sedem adeant apostolicam, nec interim divina celebrent officia; et hoc si animabus suis viderint expedire; in hoc enim conscientiæ suæ eos reliquit. De generali autem sententia in conventum de Theok. lata a domino Wigornensi pro intrusionem facta in ecclesia de Feirford conscientiæ suæ eos committit. Excepto W. de Bellocampo monacho Theok. pro eadem causa nominatim excommunicato, qui sub prædicta excommunicatione nullo modo continetur. In cujus rei testimonium tam dominus Wigorniensis quam dictus magister Ricardus procurator dicti conventus Theok. præsentem scripto sigilla sua apposuerunt.

NUM. LXXXVI.

Electio Domini Roberti Abbatis III.

[Ibid. fol. 93.]

SEPTIMO idus Maii dominica tertia post octavam Paschæ de assensu communi et nullo reclamante vel contradicente electus fuit Robertus prior Theok. in abbatem ejusdem loci, sub tali forma. Impetrata licentia eligendi a domino H. de Burgo comite Canciæ, justiciario Angliæ et custode advocati nostri, Ricardi de Clar' recognoscente et concedente domino H. rege jus et libertatem ejusdem R. de advocacione abbathiæ de Theok. impetrata etiam absolutione a sententia qua dictus episcopus Wigorniensis W. dicebatur nos innodasse, qui etiam contra electionem nostram appellavit propter

dictam sententiam, multis habitis orationibus in conventu de forma eligendi, tandem ita convenit, scilicet, quod primo lecta regula, et postea capitulo concilii de forma simplicis electionis secundum formam concilii procedendum esse decretum est; eo quod non esset contraria regulæ, scilicet ut tres fratres bonæ opinionis ab omnibus et nullo contradicente electi sint qui vota singulorum examinando cognoscerent. Priore primum prædictorum fratrum scilicet Ricardum de Bristoll nominante, secundum vero ex choro abbatis per Robertum tunc præcentorum nominato, scilicet Johanne de Sw-wike, tertium autem ex choro prioris Ricardum de Derbi sumpserunt. Isti tres auditis votis singulorum per consensum conventus, invocata gratia Spiritus Sancti et oratione præmissa, nominaverunt prædictum priorem, ex parte majoris partis et sanioris, et sensu et numero, eo quod esset vir bonæ opinionis et religionis et honestæ vitæ, misericordiæ, et pacis, et amator sacri ordinis, ut dispersa congregaret et congregata conservaret; qui multum renitens et plura objiciens, sed tandem victus instantia et præce conventus vix adquevit, dicens coram Deo in medio, quod mallet morti subiacere quam violare bonas et approbatas consuetudines ecclesiæ et quod eas pro posse suo sustineret, et quod nihil statueret circa obedientiariorum, vel alia in quibus de jure debet inquiri. Consensus conventus habet eorum consensu. Deinde paulo post venit dictus R. cum literis præsentatoriis conventus, scilicet ij. idus Maii apud Dorkecestrum quando colloquium habuit cum domino justiciario, licet breve; die vero sequenti comparuit coram justiciario et porrectis literis conventus, et eis diligenter auditis, sic respondit vir nobilis. Quia accepta a nobis licentia eligendi vobis abbatem ratione custodiæ patroni vestri quam habemus, ut nobis videtur secundum Deum processistis, si bene feceritis, inter Deum et vos sit. Electum diligenter suscepit et electioni consentiens manibus connexis in osculo pacis benigne suscepit, monens eum ut pompam sæculi relinqueret, et domum suam et monachos suos diligenter custodiret, et ipse ei consilium et auxilium in omnibus suis agendis diligentissime præstaret. Ipso ita a justiciario recepto, misit domi ab Staneweia Petrum et Robertum tunc præcentorem, retento secum Alano Corner, et H. tunc celerario qui domum venientes literas conventus præsentationis electi apud Wigorniam ex parte conventus detulerunt, agente R. prædicto convenientibus apud Wigorniam domino rege, justiciario, cancellario, episcopo Wigorniae et multis aliis, die Ascensionis Domini, scilicet in crastino sancti Dunstani inter magnam missam quam dominus episcopus Cycestriæ domini regis cancellarius celebravit, domino Wigornienso loco cantoris Ebor. tenente, præsentatus est dictus electus ibidem domino episcopo ex parte domini regis et justiciarii per manum domini Ricardi capellani et thesaurarii domini regis aliquando cancellarii domini justiciarii prædicti, domino rege dicente episcopo, ‘Domine episcope miserere pauperum illorum et parce expensis illorum quas faciunt causa electionis suæ. Multis enim debitis tenentur.’ Cui episcopus, ‘Domine vos et justiciarius fecistis quod vestrum fuit, admittendo electum, oportet quod ego faciam quod episcopi est cognoscendo de electione, si rite celebrata fuerit et canonice.’ In crastino autem venit apud Theok. archidiaconus Wigorniae, et pluribus aliis comitantibus clericis suis sapientioribus, et intrant capellam cum solo archidiacono Wigorniae, et dicto, ‘Benedicite,’ proposuit quia viduata fuit ecclesia nostra pastore, et ut audivit, elegimus priorem nostrum per licentiam advocati nostri mediante justiciario custode ipsius, sub qua forma volens scire, et tres dixit esse formas concilii contra quas si in aliquo fecimus nulla est electio nostra. Ostensa igitur forma electionis nostræ, dixit quod non fuit usquequaque secundum formam concilii celebrata, eo quod vota singulorum non erant mox in capitulo publicata; nobis e contra dicentibus, quod sic, et si forte in aliquo commisimus, simplicitas nostra debet excusare nos. Tandem nobis petentibus et illo consentiente, lectum fuit capitulum concilii de electione faciendâ, nec tamen totum. Et dixit, nullam istarum trium formarum tenuistis. Deinde requisivit, ubi essent illi tres fratres qui

vota singulorum audierunt. Duobus vero ostensis Johanne et Ricardo, tertius vero fuit apud Bristoll, R. fecit dictos duos jurare tactis sacrosanctis quod dicerent verum. Sic reconcessit conventus, et illis diligenter examinatis inspexit episcopus duo paria literarum, scilicet præsentationis electi episcopi, et testimoniales electionis nostræ, in qua continebatur forma et modus ejusdem electionis. Postea visis literis et sufficienter examinatis

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[Carta hæc sic abrupte explicit.]

NUM. LXXXVII.

Carta Ordinationis Ecclesiæ Theokesburiensis tempore Giral-di Abbatis, et Roberti filii Haimonis.

[Ibid. fol. 94 b.]

In nomine Patris et Filii et Spiritus Sancti, Amen. Ordinata est ecclesia sanctæ Mariæ Theokesburiensis cœnobii. Divisa sunt viz. ejusdem ecclesiæ quæque ministeria; et nominatim sunt distributa quæque quibusque, et singulis ministeriis pertinentia in eisdem ministeriis perpetualiter, quamdiu scilicet sæculum duraverit Deo opitulante firma assertione permansura et convenienter et divisæ sunt constituta ad singulas utilitates domus Dei regendas et promovendas quæque necessaria, sicut subsequenti capitulatione inscribitur. Sunt autem hæc ad monachorum mensam pertinentia. In ipsa Theodekesburia molendini duo, piscaria una, terra de Phytentona, decima domini et hominum ejusdem villæ, decimæ quorundam vicinorum, tertia pars omnium elemosinarum quæ fuerint in ecclesia, vel in capitulo quocunque modo fiunt in eadem domo Dei, præter consuetudines parochiæ, ecclesia sancti Petri de Bristoll, obedientia de Wallis præter terram quæ fuit Walchelini, Balingehopa juxta Hereford, Wasseburna, Stanleya, Staneweya, Tatintona, Leomintona, Amenel, Altentuna, Werftona, Tarenta. Hoc autem manerium Tarenta dedit abbas ejusdem ecclesiæ nomine Gyraldus, prece Roberti filii Haymonis, ad emendationem victus monachorum die hujus ordinationis. Unde tunc definita fuit fore cotidiana melioratio victus eorum duodecim denar.

Erant vero tunc in ecclesia monachi numero LVII.

Ad vestes monachorum pertinet ecclesia de Wairford, terra de Middelonda, omnes ecclesiæ quæ fuerunt Roberti capellani, Kingestona, postquam cœnobium, ædificatum fuerit. De manu abbatis centum solidi, donec constituentur in terra.

Ad secretariam pertinent omnes consuetudines parochiæ præter decimas. De elemosina dominici xl. sol. tertia pars omnium extrinsecarum elemosinarum quæ fiunt in eadem ecclesia.

Ad emendum parcamentum pertinet quædam terra in Walis quæ fuit Walkelini, decima Roberti de Baskerewille.

Ad elemosinam pertinet Ceotel in Dorsete, terra de Pequemintona, una haya ad Wyncelcumbam, decima totius victus cœnobii, decima census de Bristoll.

Cæteri redditus et terræ quas privilegium ecclesiæ nominando distinguit, ad emendum terras, ornamenta, ad supplenda omnia deficientia prædictorum, ad agenda quælibet opera, ad explendas omnes res abbatis ordinantur.

Facta est hæc Ordinatio a prædicto abbate, monitu et consilio Roberti filii Haymonis ejusdem ecclesiæ fundatoris et domini, ipso præsentem et Sibilia uxore sua, atque filia sua Mabilia, Gylebertoque de Deulframvilla, Ricardo de Croyle, multisque aliis, præsentem etiam toto conventu ipsius ecclesiæ, v^{to}. kal. Octobris, anno scilicet ab incarnatione Domini m.c^{mo}.v^{to}.: quo eodem Henricus rex Anglorum destruxit Baiocas incendio. Hujus ordinationis violatorem, si forte ullo tempore surrexerit, excommunicavit, eodem die abbas prædictus, ut a consortio cœlesti separatus in pœnis gehennalibus permaneat sine fine cruciandus, nisi satisfaciens resipuerit, toto conventu ecclesiæ et omnibus qui aderant respondentibus Amen.

NUM. LXXXVIII.

De Privilegio Abbatiae puniendi Latrones.^a

[Ibid. fol. 96.]

ANNO gratiæ m.cc.xl. nono. Anno regni regis Henrici filii regis xxxiv. tempore domini Roberti abbatis Theouk. captus est quidam latro nomine Ricardus filius Aluredi de Wrthe de feodo abbatis in Dors. et quia baillivi abbatis minus discreti erant, nec etiam unquam viderunt iudicium fieri de latrone in curia abbatis volentes consulere discretiores quid agendum esset eis in tali casu, dum res moram traheret longiorem, ductus est latro ille ad curiam domini comitis de Craneburn, ubi iudicatus est et suspensus per insipientiam baillivorum abbatis. Quo audito abbas vehementer commotus est versus baillivos suos, et dolore cordis tactus videns libertatem ecclesiæ suæ in hoc facto nimis læsam; et dum ista agerentur captus est et alius latro in feodo abbatis ibidem, nomine Johannes Milksop filius Rogeri Milksop de Berkel, et ductus est in curiam abbatis apud Upwynburnam, et ibidem imprisonatus circa festum sancti Andree apostoli. Hoc audito abbas festinanter præparavit et venit ad locum illum, et fecit summoniri curiam suam, et vocavit multos tam de suis quam de vicinis, milites et liberos volens uti libertate sua ibidem sicut et fecit apud Theok. sed baillivus comitis hoc non permisit, quia intendebat facere de isto sicut et de primo, faciens districtiones in terra abbatis pro detentione latronis. Quo viso abbas tempestive adivit dominum suum, viz. Ricardum de Clare tunc comitem Gloucestræ, et ostendit ei verbo ad verbum injuriam sibi factam contra libertatem et tenorem cartarum prædecessorum suorum quas etiam eidem tradidit inspiciendas. Dominus vero comes dissuasus fuit per consiliarios suos contrarios, et non permisit abbati uti libertate sua sed descendit ad inquisitionem, volens certificari de libertate abbatis in hunc modum.

‘Ricardus de Clare, &c. Adæ de Becktesgat baillivo suo de Craneburna, salutem. Monstravit nobis dilectus noster abbas Theok. quod quidam latro captus est in terra sua de quo dicit se habere libertatem in curia sua faciendi iudicium, et tu ei facere non permittis. Quocirca tibi mandamus quatenus illud iudicium in respectum ponas, et diligenter inquiras si dictus abbas aliquo tempore tali libertate usus fuerit, vel nos vel antecessores nostri de latronibus in terra sua captis, et illam inquisitionem nobis sub sigillo tuo habere facias. Vale, dat. circa festum Purificationis apud Theok.’

Et propter absentiam majorum et discretorum de curia de Craneburna non fiebat inquisitio ista. Unde abbas magis fatigatus tandem accessit ad dominum comitem; sed adhuc nihil aliud potuit impetrare nisi literas iterato de inquisitione facienda per hoc breve,

‘Ricardus de Clare, &c. eidem baillivo suo de Craneb. salutem. Monstravit nobis abbas de Theok. quod inquisitionem de libertatibus suis nondum fecisti, et ideo tibi mandamus quod ad proximam curiam tuam inquisitionem illam per probos et legales homines fieri facias, et eam sub sigillis eorum per quos facta fuerit, nobis tecum die dominica proxima post curiam tuam tenentam, ad partes de Thunebrugg deferas, et interim dicto abbati boscum suum in pace habere permittas. Dat. apud Thorneb. die dominica proxima ante cathedram beati Petri.’

Veniens ibi abbas apud Craneburnam ad curiam domini comitis, porrectum est breve istud in medium, quo perlecto electi sunt inquisitores secundum formam mandati; viz. Rogerus Waspul, Robertus de Lucy, Henricus de Wyrleya, Willielmus de Franceys, Thomas Aland, Ricardus de la Forde, Ricardus le Wodeward, Robertus de Musters, Walterus Abbe, Willielmus filius Adæ, Johannes de Gillingeham, Rogerus le Yreis, et quidam de nominatis erant ex Phariseis. Dicunt per auditum quod antiquis temporibus habuerunt abbas et conventus libertatem suspendendi et furcas erigendi; sed nullus eorum recolit, nec meminit vidisse tempus.

Dicunt vero quidam in inquisitione assistentes quod recolunt vidisse tempus quando unus natus abbas de Wynb. appellavit filium suum in curia de Craneb. et convictum super crimen furti suspendit eum. Item dicunt quod in hoc anno post festum Omnium Sanctorum proxime præteritum captus fuit quidam latro in terra abbatis, et super furto convictus in curia de Craneb. passus fuit iudicium suspendii. Dicunt etiam quod senescallus abbatis instanter petiit curiam domini sui de eodem latrone; sed quia specialiter non fuit datus procurator ad hoc prosequendum in curia de Craneb. neque per literas abbatis neque speciale mandatum senescalli de Craneb. ex quo latro convictus fuit super furto, decrevit iudicium non differri. Sentiens igitur abbas multa sibi imminere dispendia, et inquisitionem sibi esse contrariam, posuit clamium suum contra inquisitionem et inquisitores, quod tacito ordine juris facta est inquisitio, qui substituerunt utrum latro iste iudicatus esset in curia de Craneb. tempore custodiæ vel tempore veri domini. Videns etiam quod baillivus adeo tardasset quod nullatenus attingere posset ad dominum comitem cum inquisitione, die, et loco nominatis, timens insuper quod dominus comes nimium remotus esset a loco illo, cum esset in procinctu ad transfretandum, adeo amicabiliter locutus est, et aperta manu quod habuit transcriptum inquisitionis sub sigillo baillivi, nec sibi nec suis parcens eadem die iter arripuit versus dominum comitem quem invenit apud Thonebrugg. In crastino autem commutans dominus comes consiliarios suos crudele responsum, et pejus priore dedit abbati, viz. quod custodiret prisonem suam usque ad reditum suum in Angliam, quia adhuc voluit magis certificari de processu rei, et de inquisitione minus rite facta, secundum clamium quod abbas posuit contra ipsam inquisitionem. Hiis auditis, multum tristis effectus abbas, et omnes qui cum ipso erant, respondit quod non habuit castellum neque carcerem ad custodiend. prisiones per tantum tempus, cum etiam in dubio esset reditus comitis in Angliam, et multiplicavit precem tantum quod exauditus est sub hac forma.

‘Ricardus de Clare comes Gloucestræ et Hertfordiæ Adæ de Bechlesg baillivo suo de Craneb. salutem. Intimavit nobis abbas de Theouk. quod ad libertatem suam pertineat quod iudicium faciat in curia sua de Wynb. quam quidem libertatem similiter vendicamus; super quo habuisti a nobis præceptum et mandatum, ut super hoc diligentem faceres inquisitionem; et quia non constare potuit nobis ad plenum, per inquisitionem factam super hoc quam nobis misisti, si primus latro de quo in eadem fiebat mentio captus fuit et iudicatus tempore gardæ vel tempore veri domini, ideo tibi mandamus quatenus permittas ad præsens prædictum abbatem uti eadem libertate quam ei replegiavimus usque adventum nostrum in Angliam, et iudicare dictum latronem in curia sua, et suspendere ad furcas nostras, si necesse fuerit, salvo tamen jure nostro si quid habemus, et interim diligentem facias inquisitionem iterato super illo præcipue articulo, utrum viz. tempore custodiæ, vel tempore veri domini captus fuit et iudicatus ille primus latro de quo nobis mandasti, et in adventu nostro nos inde reddas certiores. Præterea districtiones quas facis dicto abbati de boscis suis in respectum ponas usque ad reditum nostrum in Angliam. Dat. apud Thonebrugg viij^o. die Martii anno regni regis Henrici xxxiii^o.’

Venit igitur abbas ad Upwynburn. kal. Aprilis, et tenebat curiam suam ad quam venit multitudo clericorum et laicorum. Venit etiam prædictus baillivus comitis ad petitionem abbatis sicut unus de populo. Roboravit enim abbas curiam suam de multo consilio, quia dicebatur inter plebeios quod latro iste fuit aliquando Uthlac coram justiciariis domini regis apud Syreburn. et ideo voluit abbas procedere in hoc facto sub multorum discretorum testimonio et consilio. Et processum est ita.

Accusatio.

Contigit nocte lunæ proxime ante festum sancti

^a Manu recentiori scribitur.

Andreæ anno regni regis Henrici filii regis Johannis xxxiiij^o. quod Johannes Milksop de Craneb. furatus fuit xxxj^d. a bursa Walteri Wymund de Brist. ad domum Alic. relictæ Haywardi de Oudelinton, et nocte illa idem Johannes cum prædictis denariis furatis posuit se in fugam versus Wodekeswrthe. Quando prænominatus Walterus Wymond sciebat quod denarii ejus furati fuerunt secutus fuit eundem Johannem cum clam. et hutes. patriæ ad boscum de Wodekeswrthe, et ibidem cum clam. et hutes. ut latro cum dicto latrocinio captus fuit; et ad curiam domini abbatis de Theok. apud Upwymb. imprisonatus, et in prisona detentus usque ad diem hundredi dicti abbatis. Ad prædictum hundredum venit prænominatus Walterus Wymund, et prædictum Johannem Milksop appellavit de dictis xxxi. denariis sibi per eundem Johannem Milksop furatis, qui denarii separatim inventi fuerunt in manibus dicti Johannis in pleno hundredo, et eundem appellavit de dicto latrocinio.

Idem Johannes Milksop nihil defendit versus eundem Walterum quod ei valere posset.
Unde judicium hundredi consideravit quod idem Johannes Milksop nihil respondit quod ei valere posset. Ideo judicatus suspenditur.

NUM. LXXXIX.

Capitula de Hockeday.

[Ibid. fol. 98 b.]

IMPRIMIS de thesauro invento. De virgine vi rapta. De aqua extra proprium cursum ducta. De chemino vel semita obstructa. De sanguine effuso et non manifestato. De huthesio levato et non præsentato. De latrone vel malefactore aperto vel suspecto. De receptatoribus talium, vel sociis eorundem. De hiis qui splendide vivunt et parum laborant, nec habent unde sustentantur. De hiis qui de die dormiunt, et de nocte maliciose vigilant. De hiis qui de nocte bidentes ad ovile excoriant et pelles vendunt. De hiis qui contra assisam regni extraneos ultra tres noctes sine licentia receptant. De assisa panis et cervisiæ venditæ fracta. De falsariis, ut in moneta, ulna, petra, galon, bussell, et aliis. De cumeling. conclatis. De hiis qui non sunt obedientes decenæ suæ. De hiis qui xij. annos excedunt et non sunt in decena. De decena si compareat sicut debet per capita, scilicet quilibet de ætate xij. annorum. De perpresturis factis super dominum in pratis, in pasturis, in boscis, vel aquis, terris arabilibus, viis, vel semitis; qui illas fecerit, quando et quantum. De perpresturis factis a vicino super vicinum. De fossato levato, muro facto, vel sepe plantata, ad nocumentum domini vel alicujus vicini. De assarto vel extirpatione hayiæ super aliquem injuste facta. De hiis qui absentant hac die et comparere deberent. De omnibus aliis rebus tam nominatis quam non nominatis ad pacem domini regis spectantibus ut veritas distincte ostendatur.

NUM. XC.

Inquisitio de Theokesburia.

[MS. Cotton Cleop. A. vii. fol. 103 b.]

INQUISITIO facta die Martis proxima post Pentecost' anno Domini m.cc.lxxiiij. de libertate domini abbatis Theokesbur' per totam communitatem ejusdem burgi, de tenentibus domini comitis, si idem abbas debeat habere prisonamentum et judicium de latronibus captis super feodum suum in burgo de Theok. necne; et tota communitas dicit quod dictus abbas debet habere prisonamentum et judicium de omnibus hominibus et tenentibus suis et commorantibus super terram suam

quocunque loco in burgo fuerit inventi vel in feodo domini comitis vel in feodo dicti abbatis.

NUM. XCI.

[In a Book of Pensions remaining in the Augmentation Office.]

Tewkesburie late Monasterie in the Countie of Glocester.

PENTIONS assigned to the late abbotte and religious there by Robert Southwell Esquier and other the kinges highnes comissioners appointed for the taking of surrendre of the same house the xijth. day of Januarye in the xxxjst. yere of the reigne of o^r. soverayne lord Kinge Henry the VIIIth.

John Wakeman late abbot to have the house of Forthampton w th . the demaynes belonginge to the same and the tithes of the tenants of Forthampton aforesayd and Swynle in ferme for the yerely rent of viij ^{li} . xiijs. jd.	
And	cclxvj ^{li} . xiijs. iiij ^d .
John Barly late p ^r or bachelor of divinitie	xvj ^s .
John Bronesgreve prior of Derehurst and bachelor of divinite	xiiij ^{li} . vjs. viij ^d .
Robert Circester late prior of St. James at Bristow bachelor of divinitie . .	xiiij ^{li} . vjs. viij ^d .
Willm Dydcotte late prior of Craneborne	x ^{li} .
Robert Cheltenham bachelor of divinitie	x ^{li} .
Edmonde Stanlie hosteler	vj ^{li} . xiijs. iiij ^d .
Thomas Sturton fermerer	vj ^{li} . xiijs. iiij ^d .
Thomas Wynchecombe	vj ^{li} . xiijs. iiij ^d .
Thomas Lemyngton	vj ^{li} . xiijs. iiij ^d .
John Cheltenham sexton	vj ^{li} . xiijs. iiij ^d .
Roger Compton elemosiner	vj ^{li} . xiijs. iiij ^d .
Thomas Twynnyng sup ^r or	vj ^{li} . xiijs. iiij ^d .
Richarde Compton	viiij ^{li} .
Thomas Teynton	vj ^{li} . xiijs. iiij ^d .
John Morton	vj ^{li} . xiijs. iiij ^d .
John Tewksburie chaunter	vj ^{li} . xiijs. iiij ^d .
Thomas Leckhampton	vj ^{li} . xiijs. iiij ^d .
Willm Streynesham	vj ^{li} . xiijs. iiij ^d .
Robert Aston	vj ^{li} . xiijs. iiij ^d .
John Asheton m ^r . of o ^r . lady chappell .	vj ^{li} . xiijs. iiij ^d .
John Gales	vj ^{li} . xiijs. iiij ^d .
Edwarde Stanwey	vj ^{li} . xiijs. iiij ^d .
Thomas Bristow stewarde of household	vj ^{li} . xiijs. iiij ^d .
John Derehurst	vj ^{li} . xiijs. iiij ^d .
John Harteland	vj ^{li} . xiijs. iiij ^d .
Thomas Newporte subsexton	vj ^{li} . xiijs. iiij ^d .
Roger Preston	vj ^{li} . xiijs. iiij ^d .
John Evesham subchaunter	vj ^{li} . xiijs. iiij ^d .
Philippe Cardiffe als Wyett tercius prior	viiij ^{li} .
Thomas Thorneburye	vj ^{li} . xiijs. iiij ^d .
Henry Worceter thabbottes chapleyn .	vj ^{li} . xiijs. iiij ^d .
Richarde Cheltenham	vj ^{li} . xiijs. iiij ^d .
Giles Marlowe	vj ^{li} . xiijs. iiij ^d .
Richarde Goderton	vj ^{li} . xiijs. iiij ^d .
Thom. Craneborne	vj ^{li} . xiijs. iiij ^d .
J ^{no} . Welneford	vj ^{li} .
Alexander Belyn	vj ^{li} .
Richarde Wynceborne	vj ^{li} .
Sm ^a	dlj ^{li} . vjs. viij ^d .

ROBERT SOWTHWELL.
EDWARDE CARNE.
Rⁱ. GWENT.
JOHN LONDON.
JOHN AP RICE.

COMPUT' MINISTRORUM DOMINI REGIS TEMP. HEN. VIII.

(Abstract of Roll, 33 Hen. VIII. Augmentation Office.)

MONASTERIUM DE TEWKYSBURY.

Com' Glouc'		£.	s.	d.
Mañium et Burg' de Tewkysbury cum Monast'				
iñm	Redd' Assis'	8	12	2
- - - - -	Redd' Cust' Tenen'	25	5	8
- - - - -	Redd' ad Vol' Dñi Reg'	64	9	6
- - - - -	Firm' Scit' Monast'	35	1	8
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'	1	14	5
Rcõria de Tewkisbury, Fydington, Walton, Cardiff, Aston sup Carrũnte, Southwik, Tredington				
- - - - -	Porcon' Decim' Granor'	40	17	8
- - - - -	Decim' Minut' et Oblacõnes	31	9	1½
Aschurch	Porc' Decimar'	5	7	7½
Newton, Natton, Fydington, Aston sup Carrũnte, Northey, Walton Cardiff, Tredington, Southewike, Guppeshull, Pamyngton, Oxendon				
- - - - -	Porc' Decimar' Minut'	4	16	8
Oxendon et Pamyngton	Porc' Decimar'	8	18	8
Tredington	Redd' Prat'	0	4	0
Walton Cardiff	Porc' Decimar'	1	2	0
Pamyngton	Porc' Decim' ad Vol'	0	2	0
- - - - -	Firm' Porc' Decim'	2	0	0
Fydington	Porc' Decim'	0	3	4
Muyth hocke	Porc' Decim'	1	3	4
Severneham	Porc' Decim'	1	17	6
Avenhame	Porc' Decim'	0	13	4
Oldbury	Porc' Decim'	1	6	8
Aston sup Carrũnt	Porc' Decim' p Copia' Cur'	0	13	4
Northey	Firm' Decim' ad Vol' Dñi	0	9	4
Southwike	Porc' Decim'	0	16	10
Culne Sçi Dionisij cum Calcote	Firm'	15	5	0
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'		nuff	
Compton Pva cum Rector' et Porc' Decim' in Todenham et Burton				
- - - - -	Redd' Assis'	1	6	0
- - - - -	Redd' Cust' Tenen'	15	13	5½
- - - - -	Firm' Scit' Mañij	5	6	8
- - - - -	Firm' Rcõr'	8	0	0
Toddenham	Porc' Decim'	0	13	4
Burton	Porc' Decim'	0	14	0
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'	0	10	8½
Preston sup Stower cum Rcõria iñm et Hamlet' de Alvescote et Atherston				
- - - - -	Redd' Assis'	0	3	0
- - - - -	Redd' Cust' Tenen'	9	17	11¼
- - - - -	Firm' Scit' Mañij	5	6	8
- - - - -	Firm' Molior'	2	0	4
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'	0	7	8
- - - - -	Firm' Rcõr'	16	13	4
Alvescote	Firm' Mañij	7	0	0
Atherton	Annua Pencõne	0	4	0
Welneford	Redd' Assis'	1	5	0½
- - - - -	Redd' Cust' Tenen'	18	5	2¾
- - - - -	Firm' Scit' Mañij	10	14	2
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'	2	18	9½
Wassheborne cum Rectoria et Didcote				
- - - - -	Redd' Cust' Tenen'	11	3	11
- - - - -	Firm' Scit' Mañij de W. cum Rcõria	17	8	8
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'	2	0	9
Dydcote	Firm' Terr' et Tentor'	7	6	0
Prescote	Firm' Mañij sive Dñij	36	4	0
Godrington	Redd' Assis'	0	2	2

Com' Glouc'			£.	s.	d.
Godrington	Redd' Cust' Tenen'		21	2	10½
- - - - -	Redd' ad Vol' Dñi R		0	0	10
- - - - -	Firm' Mañij		7	19	4
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'		0	15	4
Tredyngton	Redd' Assis'		0	2	0
- - - - -	Redd' Cust' Tenen'		0	5	0
- - - - -	Redd' ad Vol' Dñi		0	2	8
- - - - -	Firm' Mañij		3	13	4
Fydington	Redd' Cust' Ten'		4	9	8
- - - - -	Firm' Mañij		2	8	8
Oxendon	Redd' Cust' Ten'		1	13	0
- - - - -	Redd' ad Vol' Dñi		0	0	2
- - - - -	Firm' Mañij		3	0	0
Shevyngdon	Annua Penc'		0	13	4
Pamyngton	Firm'		4	8	4
Natton	Redd' Cust' Ten'		0	8	6
- - - - -	Redd' ad Vol' Dñi		0	4	0
- - - - -	Firm' Mess' et Terr'		2	8	10
Southwike	Redd' Cust' Ten'		2	16	0
- - - - -	Redd' ad Vol' Dñi		0	10	0
- - - - -	Firm'		5	3	8
Mañium de Walton Cardiff	Redd' Cust' Ten'		11	16	8
- - - - -	Firm'		1	4	8
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'		0	0	4
Muyth	Redd' Cust' Tenen'		0	15	10
- - - - -	Firm' Mes' cum Decim'		9	10	0
Muyth hoke	Redd' Cust' Ten'		0	10	0
Twynnyngge	Redd' Assis'		0	10	0
- - - - -	Redd' ad Vol' Dñi		0	0	4
Thaĩmers Orchard	Firm' Ten'		1	7	0
Overlode	Firm' Passag' trans Aquam Sabrine voc'				
	Overlode		4	3	0
Seϕnehm'	Redd' Cust' Ten'		0	12	4
- - - - -	Redd' ad Vol' Dñi		0	12	6
Avenham	Redd' Cust' Ten'		1	11	0
- - - - -	Redd' ad Vol' Dñi		2	3	8
Oldbury	Redd' Cust' Ten'		2	4	4
- - - - -	Redd' ad Vol' Dñi		2	8	6
- - - - -	Firm' Terr'		1	1	8
Cowffeld	Firm' trium Clausur'		5	0	0
Holeham	Redd' Cust' Ten'		0	1	4
- - - - -	Redd' ad Vol' Dñi		0	4	0
- - - - -	Firm' Prat'		0	1	8
Dunesmede	Firm' Prat'		0	14	0
Carrũnt' place et Carrũntesmyll	Firm' Mes'		1	15	4
Barcockesmille	Exit' de Molend'		2	0	0
Aisshechurche	Firm' Herbagij		0	5	0
Northey	Redd' Terr'		0	6	8
Forthĩmpton et Swynley cum Rcõr'	Firm' Mañij cum Rcõr'		56	6	6
Thornebury cum Rcõria	Redd' Cust' Ten'		4	19	4
- - - - -	Redd' Mobil'		0	1	4
- - - - -	Firm' Scit' Rectorie		27	5	4
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'			nult	
Ampney Sc̃e Cruce cum Plucknett et Rcõr' de					
Ampney	Redd' Assis'		2	6	4
- - - - -	Redd' Cust' Ten'		13	1	11
- - - - -	Firm' Manij de Ampney		21	16	6
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'		3	14	6
Swelle	Porc' Decim'		2	3	4
Wodmancote	Firm'		0	10	0
Rectoria de Fayrefford	Exit'			nult	
Rectoria de Estleche	Exit'			nult	
Rectoria de Wotton-Underhedge	Firm' Rectorie		33	0	0
Marsfeld' cu' Rcõria	Firm' Tentor' et Decim'		36	5	6
Hosebrugge	Firm' Dñij		10	0	4
Villa Glouc' cum Langford	Redd' Assis' libor' Tenen'		0	8	10

					£.	s.	d.
Com' Glouc'							
Langford	.	.	.	.	Redd' Tenenc' ad Vol' Dñi	0	10 0
-	-	-	-	-	Firm' Mes'	0	7 8
Langeford	.	.	.	.	Redd' Assis' Terr' et Teñtor'	0	6 6
Mañiu de Lemyngton cum Decim' Capell'	.	.	.	.	Firm' Dñij	13	4 0
Churchstanwey, Wodstanwey, et Tadington	.	.	.	.	Firm' Mañij	115	5 0½
P'eus de Tewkisbury cum Molend'	.	.	.	.	Firm' Herbag' et Pannag'	38	6 8
Brodecampden	.	.	.	.	Redd' Cust' Ten'	4	0 0
Domus sive Cella Priorat' de Derechurch	.	.	.	.	Firm' Scitus Priorat'	133	16 10¾
Vill' Bristoll'	.	.	.	.	Redd' Assis' libor' Tenen'	1	0 0
-	-	-	-	-	Redd' Ten' ad Vol' Dñi	4	14 0
-	-	-	-	-	Firm' Teñtor'	10	3 4
-	-	-	-	-	Decim'	14	10 0
Prioratus Sēi Jacobi jux' Bristoll', Cella Abbie							
de Tewkysbury	.	.	.	.	Firm' tocius Priorat'	35	6 8
Civitas Wigorn'	.	.	.	.	Redd' Assis' lib' Ten'	0	15 6
-	-	-	-	-	Redd' Ten' ad Vol' Dñi	1	17 4
-	-	-	-	-	Firm' Teñti	0	12 0
Cheltenham	.	.	.	.	Firm' Teñt'	0	10 0
Derehurst Walton	.	.	.	.	Redd' Cust' Teñt' et Terr'	0	8 0
Apurley jux' Derehurst	.	.	.	.	Redd' Assis'	0	4 0
Bysley jux' Strode	.	.	.	.	Redd' Assis'	0	10 0
Okyngton	.	.	.	.	Firm' Mes' et Pomarij	1	13 4
Cleve Epi	.	.	.	.	Firm' Mes'	0	13 4
Alderton al' Aldrington	.	.	.	.	Redd' Assis'	1	7 4
-	-	-	-	-	Porc' Decim'	1	0 0
Dixton	.	.	.	.	Redd' Terr'	0	1 4
Winchecombe	.	.	.	.	Redd' Teñti et Terr'	0	0 4
Gretton	.	.	.	.	Porc̄is Decim'	0	7 0
Pulle et Pulle Courte	.	.	.	.	Firm' Mañij cum Porc' Decim'	15	9 10½
Quenehill	.	.	.	.	Firm' medietat' tocius Mañij	6	1 10
Kynsh̄m infra Pochiam de Bredon	.	.	.	.	Redd' Assis'	0	2 0
Norton	.	.	.	.	Annual' Redd'	0	3 0
Mitton	.	.	.	.	Firm' Prat'	0	13 0
Oſtreynsh̄m	.	.	.	.	Redd' Assis'	1	1 8½
-	-	-	-	-	Redd' Cust' Tenen'	1	18 8
Busshley	.	.	.	.	Firm' Mañij	3	0 0
Bromehall	.	.	.	.	Firm' Mes'	1	4 0
Chattysley	.	.	.	.	Redd' Cust' Prati	0	6 9½
Rydeñleigh	.	.	.	.	Firm' Teñt'	1	6 8
Pyrton	.	.	.	.	Firm' Mañij	13	5 9
Oxehey	.	.	.	.	Firm' Pastur'	2	3 4
Aishtonkeyns et Ligh	.	.	.	.	Firm' Man'	81	18 8¾
Overwroughton, Turneys, et Uffecote	.	.	.	.	Annual' Redd'	1	6 0
Pulton jux' Marlbrugh	.	.	.	.	Annual' Redd'	5	0 0
Shernecote	.	.	.	.	Pencio	0	3 0
Okeborne Minor	.	.	.	.	Decim'	1	10 0
Rectoria de Sherston et Aldrington	.	.	.	.	Exit'		nult
Com' Soñs'							
Burnet	.	.	.	.	Firm' Mañij	10	8 11
Com' Oxon'							
Mañium de Teynton cum Rectoria	.	.	.	.	Firm' Mañij	36	5 6
More	.	.	.	.	Exit'	22	5 11
-	-	-	-	-	Pquis' Cur'		nult
Com' Buck'							
Rcōria de Marlow Magna	.	.	.	.	Exit'		nult
Rectoria de Chetelh̄mpton	.	.	.	.	Firm' Rectorie	17	2 0
Com' Cornub'							
Rectoria Sēe Wenne	.	.	.	.	Firm' Decim'	5	2 0
Rectoria de Crewenne	.	.	.	.	Firm' Decim'	14	2 0
Com' Dors'							
Mañium de Craneborne	.	.	.	.	Firm' Manerij	32	16 10
Mañium de Chetell	.	.	.	.	Redd' Cust' Tenen'	8	18 9
-	-	-	-	-	Firm' Mañij	10	10 0
-	-	-	-	-	Pquis' Cur'		nult
Manerium sive Hundr' de Upwymborne	.	.	.	.	Redd' Assis' lib' Tenen'	0	19 10
-	-	-	-	-	Redd' Cust' Ten'	7	1 4

						L.	s.	d.
Com' Dors'								
	Manerium sive Hundr' de Upwymborne . . .		Firm' Scit' Mañij			8	6	8
	- - - - -		Pquis' Cur'			1	16	8
	Mañium de Boverege cum Estworth		Redd' Assis' lib' Tenen'			1	3	0
	- - - - -		Redd' Cust' Ten'			9	19	9
	- - - - -		Firm' Mañij			10	2	0
	- - - - -		Pquis' Cur'				nult	
	Mañium de Terrūnte Mōchor'		Redd' Cust' Ten'			13	5	2
	- - - - -		Redd' Mobil' cu' quodm̄ Redd' voc' Nod-					
			way Money			0	3	0
	- - - - -		Firm' Scit' Mañij			13	8	8
	- - - - -		Pquis' Cur'				nult	
	Rcōria de Terrūnt' Mōchor'		Firm' Rectorie			24	6	8
	Wodcotesworth et Purbike		Redd' Assis'			1	2	4
Com' Wiltes'								
	Stapleham		Redd' Assis'			0	15	0
	Staple Purbik, Knolt Aishmere, Penriche S̄ci							
	Quintin		Porc' Decim' et Penc' Ecctiar'			2	3	4
Com' Sussex'								
	Mañia de Kingston et Wyke cum Rectoria in							
	Kingeston		Exit'			6	12	4
Wallia								
	Rcōr' de Lantwill, Lamblethian, Lantrissan,							
	Penmarke, cum Capell' S̄ci Donati et Cardiff		Exit'				nult	
	Cardiff et Roth		Redd' Assis' libor' Ten'			1	5	7
	- - - - -		Redd' Cust' Ten'			6	11	2
	- - - - -		Pquis' Cur'				nult	
	Lantewitte		Redd' Assis'			1	3	8
	- - - - -		Redd' Cust' Tenen'			5	1	0½
	- - - - -		Decim'			0	14	8
	Landough		Redd' Assis'			1	10	7
	- - - - -		Redd' Cust' Tenen'			1	17	10
	- - - - -		Firm' Terr' Dñical'			1	10	0
	- - - - -		Pquis' Cur'				nult	
	Lanissen et Lūcyveyn		Firm' Terr' et Mans'			4	0	0
Com' Glamor'								
	Bonfeld, Eston, Rectoria S̄ci Andree, S̄ci Fa-							
	gani Coytyff, Winffee, et Wringeston . . .		Porc' et Penc'			3	16	8
	- - - - -		Decim' Molend' jux' Cardiff			1	10	0
Com' Devon'								
	Mañium de Losebeare et Man' de Midlande .		Redd' Rešvat'			1	5	10½

Wimburn, or Winburn, Monastery,

IN

DORSETSHIRE.



WIMBURN, or Winburn, monastery was founded by Cuthburga, daughter of Kenred, and sister of Ina, kings of the West Saxons, for nuns of the Benedictine order.

Cuthburga was espoused to Egfrid king of the Northumbrians, but the nuptials not being completed, she separated herself from him, and retired to the monastery of Barking in Essex ;

and afterwards built this nunnery, where she passed the remainder of her days in devotion, and was buried, as Leland informs us, in the presbytery or choir.^a

According to some of our historians, the nunnery of Wimburn was built in the year 713. The Annals of Derleye say in 715.^b John of Tinemouth, and Leland from a Chronicle of Rievaulx abbey, in 718. Henry of Huntingdon places it between the 26th and 36th years of Ina's reign, that is between A.D. 713 and 723.^c The Saxon Chronicle mentions the foundation incidentally under the year 718, without noticing the actual year in which it took place.^d Camden, in his account of Dorsetshire, fixes the foundation in 713.

Bishop Tanner, and Hutchins in his History of Dorsetshire, give this nunnery an earlier date, from the notice of it in an epistle of Aldhelm bishop of Sherburn, concerning the liberty of election granted to all congregations under his government : in which the same liberty is said to be granted to the monastery seated by the river called Winburnia, over which CUTHBERGA, the king's sister, presided. This epistle is dated A.D. 705. The third year of the Indiction.^e

St. Quenburga, sister of Cuthburga, according to Tinemouth's *Historia Aurea*, was a co-foundress.^f She is said to have been also buried at Wimburn.^g

Cressey, in his Church History, informs us that

Agatha and Lioba, two sisters, were educated in this nunnery under TETTA the sister of King Ina. Lioba and Agatha becoming afterwards, successively, abbesses of Scoversheim, near Mentz, in Germany. They both died A.D. 752.^h

The nunnery, or monastery, of Wimburn, was originally dedicated to the Virgin Mary ; but, in after ages, to St. Cuthburga the foundress, who occurs in most of the printed Calendars for the English use previous to the Reformation. The Missals printed at Rouen in 1515, and at Paris in 1519 and 1529, in quarto, have an office prescribed to her as a virgin, used every year on her anniversary, August 31st.ⁱ

The nunnery having been destroyed by the Danes, King Edward the Confessor, or one of his predecessors of the same name, converted it into a house of secular canons.^k

No remains of the original church of Wimburn are now to be found. The present structure is of Norman origin, though still dedicated to the Virgin Mary and St. Cuthburg. On the north side of the altar, however, in the chancel of the church, are the three quarter effigies of a king, crowned and sceptered, with this inscription :

"IN HOC LOCO QUIESCIT CORPUS SANCTI ETHELREDI REGIS WEST SAXONUM, MARTYRIS, QUI ANNO DOM. DCCC.LXXII. XXIII^o. DIE APRILIS PER MANUS DANORUM PAGANORUM OCCUBUIT."

Beneath the inscription, which looks little older than the sixteenth century, is an escutcheon charged with a cross fleury. Carter, who has engraved this monument in his *Specimens of Ancient Sculpture and Painting*, No. xxviii. has, by mistake, given it the date of 827.^l

The interment of Ethelred at Wimburn is noticed in the Saxon Chronicle under the year 871;^m as well as that of King Sigefurth under the year 961.ⁿ

The History of the COLLEGIATE FOUNDATION of WIMBURN is reserved for another portion of the Monasticon.

^a See Hutchins's Hist. of Dorset, new edit. vol. ii. p. 531.

^b See also Abbrev. Chron. Rad. de Diceto, Script. x. Twysd. col. 442.

^c Compare the authorities in Num. I.

^d Ibid. See also Flor. Wigorn. edit. Franc. 1601, p. 571.

^e Num. II.

^f See Num. I.

^g See the Saxon Account of Saints buried in England, printed

by Dr. Hickes in his *Dissertatio Epistolaris*. Thesaur. Lingg. Vett. tom. iii. p. 120.

^h Cressey, Ch. Hist. p. 626.

ⁱ Hutchins, ut supr. vol. ii. p. 532.

^k Ibid.

^l So *Lel. Itin.* edit. 1768, vol. iii. p. 86.

^m Chron. Sax. edit. Gibs. pp. 81, 82. See also Brompton, Script. x. Twysd. col. 809. Ingulphus, ed. Gale, p. 25.

ⁿ Chron. Sax. p. 117.

Winburnense Coenobium in agro Dorsetensi.

NUM. I.

[Henric. Huntind. lib. iv. fol. 194 a.]

CIRCA hoc tempus [Inæ scil. regis] Cudburh, soror Cudburh, constituit abbatiam apud Wineburne, quæ data fuerat Egferdo regi Northumbrorum, sed eo vivente separata.

[Annales de Derleye in Bibl. Cotton.]

ANNO Domini DCCXV. Sancta Cuthbritha construxit monasterium virginum in Winburne.

[Hist. Aurea MS. Joh. Tinemuthensis in Bibl. Bodl. lib. xvii. c. 205.]

ANNO Domini DCCXVII. Sancta Quinburga et sancta Cuthburga, sorores Ynæ regis West-Saxonum claruerunt, quæ monasterium apud Winburnam construxerant.

[Chron. Sax. edit. Gibs. p. 51.]

AN. DCCXVIII. Hēr Inġulb forðferðe. Iner broðor. 7 hiora ȝeoŕtun pærūn Cpenburh 7 Cuðburh. 7 ȝio Cuðburh ȝ lȝ æt Winburnan arænde. 7 hio pær forȝifen Norþan-hȝmbrna cȳninge Ealðferðe. 7 hi be hū lifiendū hi ȝeðældūn.

Id est.

AN. DCCXVIII. Hoc anno Ingildus, Inæ frater, decessit: eorum autem sorores fuerunt Cwenburga et Cuthburga: et Cuthburga illud monasterium apud Winburnam extruxit; quæ ipsa etiam data est [in uxorem] Northumbrorum regi Ealdfertho; ii autem, eo vivente, sibi mutuo renuntiavere.

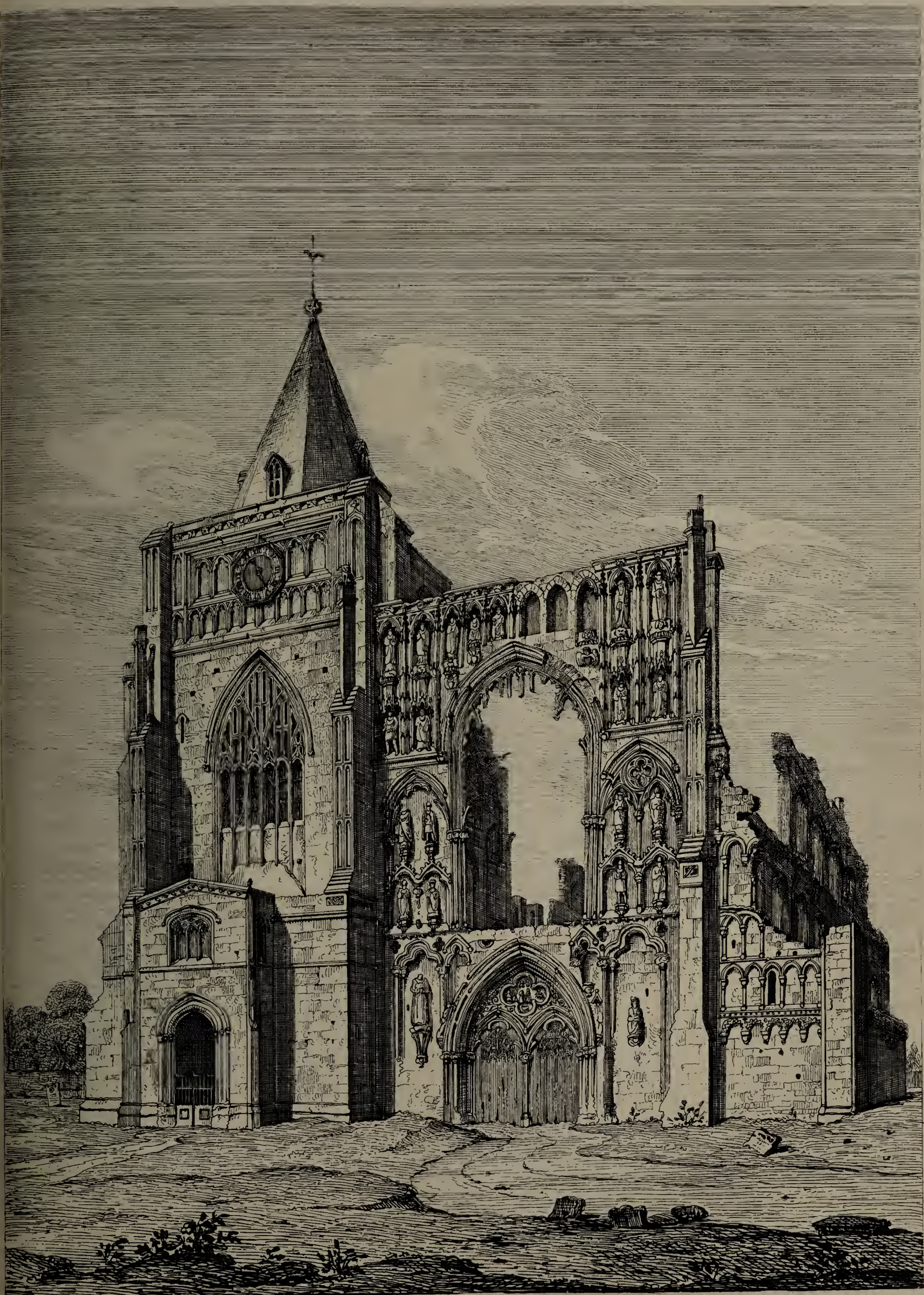
NUM. II.

Epistola beati Aldhelmi Præsulis, de Libertate propriæ Electionis omnibus Congregationibus concessa sub ejus regimine constitutis.

[Ex Reyn. Discept. de Antiq. Benedictin. in Anglia Tractat. I. sect. i. p. 21.]

NIHIL in hoc sæculo prolixa foelicitate fruitur; nihil diuturna dominatione potitur; nihil, quod non ad fatalem vitæ terminum veloci cursu tendere videatur. Et ideo sic nobis mundanarum rerum patrimonia sunt

perfruenda ut tamen æternæ patriæ emolumentis nunquam fraudaremur. Hinc est enim quod ego Aldhelmus, postquam me immeritum, nullisque prædignis moribus comprobatum in pontificatus officii sedem divina gratia subtronizasset: proposui arcano mentis meæ affectu, ut monasteriis meis Maeldumesburgs, Froom, Bradamford, quibus jamdudum in abbatatus gradu constitutus suffragante Domino regulariter præfui; religiosum abbatem, quem sibi spontanea familiarum mearum optio consona voce elegissent, canonica creatione atque regulari sanctione constituissent. His voluntariis propositionibus meis pia monachorum meorum restitit pertinacitas: et cum hoc sedulo sæpius in conventu fratrum meorum fiducialiter narrassem nullus his votis meis placidissimum præbebat assensum; dicentes, 'Quamdiu vitali vegetaris spiritu nobiscum præsentis vitæ studio deputaris, tuæ semper dominationis jugo humillime colla subdere non dedignamur. Sed hoc supplici prece communique rogatu deprecamur, quod sub sacra scripturarum testificatione et favorabilium virorum claro consensu corrobore, ut nullus post obitum tuum nec regalis audacitas, nec pontificalis autoritas, vel aliquis ecclesiasticæ seu sæcularis dignitatis vir, sine nostro voluntatis arbitrio in nobis sibi vendicet principatum.' Huic debitæ monachorum meorum maxime famulorum Dei petitioni libentissime consensi, et in monasterio quod juxta fluvium qui dicitur Wimburnia situm est, cui venerandi regis nostri germana Cuthburg præsidet, cum optabili famosissimi regis Yny consensu, et reverendissimi fratris et coepiscopi mei Danielis præsentatæ promissionis devoto nutu, decentissimam vernarum Domini postulationem sacræ crucis signaculo confirmavi. Itidem idem venerandus rex et prænominatus Pontifex pari devotionis manu subscripserunt. Nec multo post in sacro-sancto Concilio, quod juxta fluvium qui dicitur Woder, congregatum esse dinoscitur, idem omnium Saxonica gentis archimandritarum cum regali potentatus assensu, et pontificali prioratus nutu consentit autoritas. Si quis verò contra hæc tam illustrium personarum Decreta moliri machinetur, et sacra præsentis schedulæ scita prævaricari præsumpserit, sciat se ante terribilem divinæ majestatis thronum cum prævaricatoribus præceptorum Domini lugubri damnationis judicio percellendum. Scripta est hujus confirmationis chartula ab incarnatione Domini nostri Jesu Christi DCCV. Indictione tertia. ✠ Signum manus Danielis episcopi. ✠ Signum Yny regis. ✠ Signum manus patricii Ethelfridi.



Drawn and Engraved by John Coney.

Croxland Abbey, Lincolnshire, 1815.

who all lived in separate cells, near to the oratory of Guthlac: in these, by Kenulph's leave, they were suffered to pass the remainder of their days. Pega, also, Guthlac's sister, within a year after her brother's death, leaving his psalter, with the whip of St. Bartholomew and other reliques, in the hands of abbat Kenulph, retired to her cell, about four "leucæ"^a from her brother's oratory; where having continued two years and three months, she went to Rome, and there finished her life.^b

In the third year of Ethelbald's reign, having completed the endowment of Croyland monastery, he promulgated an Instrument, which is also preserved by Ingulphus, called "Statutum Ethelbaldi,"^c relieving the monasteries and churches of his kingdom, generally, from all secular services, except the repair of castles and bridges.

Having reigned forty-one years, Ethelbald was slain at Seggeswold by Bernred, an usurper, in 755, who was himself cut off the same year.^d Ethelbald, being buried at Ripedune, or Repton, was succeeded by Offa, the grandson of his uncle, the founder of the monastery of St. Alban.

Offa, who also reigned forty years, granted to

PATRICK, the successor of Kenulph in the abbacy, his Charter of protection, dated in 793.^e

Egbert, who succeeded Offa, reigned but a hundred and forty-one days, so that time was hardly afforded to him to patronize the abbey of Croyland. His son Kenulph, however, reigned twenty-six years; and in the twelfth year of his reign, A.D. 806, granted a fresh Charter of confirmation.

SIWARD was at this time abbat. Having acknowledged the innumerable miracles which were incessantly working at Guthlac's tomb, this Charter grants the singular privilege to all those who shall have visited it as pilgrims, and returned with St. Guthlac's mark upon their hoods, that they should pass, for ever, free of toll throughout Mercia.^f

The next of the royal Charters granted to this monastery, recorded by Ingulphus, is that of Witlaf, who, from duke of the Wiccii, became king of Mercia in 825. In this instrument, Witlaf notices his concealment from the pursuit of Egbert, by abbat Siward, in the cell of St. Etheldrith, for four months; and adds to the privileges granted to the monastery by preceding kings, that of sanctuary within the five waters of Croyland. He gives also his coronation-robe "ad capam inde sive casulam faciendam;" a golden veil, embroidered with the fall of Troy, to be suspended against the walls at his anniversary; his gilt cup, embossed with figures of vine-dressers fighting with dragons, which he called his "crucibolum;" and the horn which he used at his table, for the elders of the monastery to drink out of at festivals, and to remember him in their prayers. This Charter is dated in 833.^g Among the grants which it confirms are the donations of Fregistus and Algar, two knights, whose original Charters, of the years 819 and 825, are preserved by Dugdale, from the manuscript collections of John Oldfield, Esq. of Spalding.^h Witlaf annually visited the shrine of St. Guthlac, always leaving some donation. He died in 838, having reigned thirteen years.ⁱ

Bertulph, the brother of Witlaf, who succeeded him in the throne of Mercia, reigned also thirteen years; but he appears, at least in the beginning of his reign, to have shown little favour to Croyland. Ingulphus expressly says, that, to carry on a war against the Danes, he plundered the monastery of all the jewels which had been bestowed upon it by preceding kings, as well as of all its treasure.^k In recompense, however, he afterwards granted a Charter of confirmation sufficiently ample to regain for him the favour of the monks.^l It is dated

A.D. 851. A national council being assembled at the granting of this Charter, numerous cures among the prelates and nobility are stated to have been wrought at it by St. Guthlac, more particularly in the removal of paralytic affections: inasmuch that the reputation of the shrine of the saint was much increased.

Beorred, or Burgred, succeeded Bertulph in the kingdom of Mercia; in whose time abbat Siward died, full of age and infirmities, after having ruled the monastery of Croyland sixty-two years.^m His successor in the abbacy was

THEODORE. In his time the Danes ravaged the whole country, and more especially Northumberland and Mercia. Earl Algar the younger, a commander in the wars, and who had been the friend of Siward as well as of Theodore, about this period gave to the abbey, for his father's soul, the manor of Spalding; a confirmation of which, as well as of the general possessions and privileges of the monastery, he obtained for the monks from Beorred, A.D. 868.ⁿ This earl, in 870, assembling an army in these parts, at first made great head against the Danes: but meeting with a reverse of fortune, and being himself slain in the conflict, the survivors of his army were pursued by the victors, even to the door of Croyland church. Nothing was left for the convent but to retire as fast as they could with the body of St. Guthlac, his psalter and whip, and the other reliques, and with their principal jewels, and charters. With these they loaded a boat; and buried their altar-piece and plate in the well in the cloister; but the altar-piece, which was the gift of Witlaf, not sinking to the bottom with the rest, was committed to the care of the abbat and older monks, while the load in the boat was sent away to be hid in Ancarig wood, where they had a hermitage. Thirty monks remained there; the abbat and his companions, Elfget the deacon, Savinus the sub-deacon, and Egelred and Wlric, who are called "pueri ceroferrarii," continued to perform the service in their proper habits, and had just finished mass when the Danes broke in. Osketul, their king, with his own hands murdered the abbat. The rest were slaughtered, after suffering the most cruel torments to make them discover the church-treasure. Asker the prior was slain in the vestry, Lethwyn the sub-prior in the refectory; Turgar, a boy of ten years old, was the only person spared. The Danes broke open all the tombs in hope of plunder. These were, on the right hand of St. Guthlac's tomb, the monuments of Cissa, Beccelin, and abbat Siward; on the left, the tombs of Egbert the secretary of Guthlac, St. Tatwine, Etheldretha, Queen Celfreda, and Wilmund the son of Witlaf. Being disappointed of their object, the barbarians laid the bodies on a heap, and setting fire to them, burnt the church and convent together, three days after their arrival, on the 7th of the kalends of September. They afterwards destroyed Medeshamsted abbey, and ravaged the country in their retreat: but two of their carriages, heavy laden, being lost in the river Nene, Turgar availed himself of the confusion to escape to Croyland, where he found several of the monks, already returned from Ancarig, endeavouring to extinguish the fire, and searching for their slaughtered companions, all of whose bodies were not discovered till six months after.

The first care, after they had cleared away the ruins, was to choose an abbat; when their choice fell unanimously on

GODRIC. He was shortly after applied to to assist in removing the ruins of Medeshamsted abbey, on which occasion the stone pyramid still remaining in the church, described by Ingulphus, was erected over the bodies of eighty-four monks.^o

^a The measure of the "leuca," or "leuga," was more extensive than the present mile: it is thus explained in another part of Ingulphus's History, p. 82: "—quum leuca usualis mensura terram metientium apud Francos constet de duobus millibus passuum."

^b Ingulphus, edit. Gale, pp. 4, 5.

^c Num. III.

^d Ingulphus, ut supr. p. 5.

^e Num. IV.

^f Num. V.

^g Num. VIII.

^h Numm. VI. VII. Mr. Gough, in his Appendix to the Hist. of Croyl. p. 44, dates Algar's Charter, by mistake, in 725.

ⁱ Ingulphus, p. 11.

^k "—transiens per Croylandiam, quæcumque frater suus Witlafius, vel alii reges Merciorum, jocalia plurima in sanctæ ecclesiæ ornamentum larga manu contulerant, omnia una cum tota pecunia, quam in monasterio invenire potuit, sceleratissime diripuit." Ibid.

^l Num. IX.

^m Ingulphus, p. 17.

ⁿ Num. X.

^o Ingulphus, p. 21. See also Gough's Hist. Croyl. p. 7. The burial of the eighty-four monks by Godric, and the cross erected over them, have been already mentioned in the account of Peterborough Monastery, vol. i. p. 346.

Under pretence of driving out the Danes, Beorred took this opportunity to seize on the lands and possessions of many religious houses in his dominions. Among the rest, those of Croyland; whereby were alienated the manors of Spalding, Deping, Croxton, Kyrkton, and Kymerby in Lindsey, Bukenhale, Halyngton, Whaplode, Sutterton, Langtoft, Barton, Repinghale, Kirkby, Drayton, Thirning, Glapthorn, Adyngton, Staundon, and Badby. Of these the greater part were afterwards restored to the monastery by King Edred, at the intercession of abbat Turketul.^a

Beorred, having retired to Rome, died in 874; having for a successor Ceolwlf, one of his servants, by whom the monastery of Croyland was almost ruined. He exacted from it no less a sum than one thousand pounds: insomuch that no person would enter himself of the house on account of its impoverished state. The monks were obliged to sell all their plate except three chalices, the crucibolum of Witlaf, and a few other valuables.^b

Abbat Godric died A.D. 941, leaving the monastery so much reduced, that there were in it only five old monks, Clarenbaldus, Swarttingus, Thurgarus, Brunus, and Aio. Of these, the two last had retired in despair to Winchester and Malmesbury.^c

King Edmund, who was then on the throne, and who had restored Glastonbury monastery, meditated doing the same at Croyland, but was unfortunately murdered at Pucklechurch by a robber. The restoration of Croyland was therefore reserved for the succeeding reign of Edred, brother to Edmund.^d

In the second year of Edred's reign, A.D. 946, the Northumbrians rebelling, and Wlstan, then archbishop of York, favouring them, the king sent his chancellor, Turketul, who was also a prebendary of York, a man of great wisdom and prudence, to endeavour to restore peace. He happened to take his way by Croyland, where the three first of the monks before mentioned met him, and entreated him to pass one night with them; leading him to a little oratory which they had constructed in a corner of the ruined church, and showing him the relics of St. Guthlac, they related to him the whole history of their misfortunes. After which, they entertained the chancellor and his retinue with the greatest hospitality which their situation allowed of: urging him also to intercede with the king for the restoration and rebuilding of their monastery.

Turketul, compassionating their wretched state, promised not only his intercession with the king, but that he would himself assist in their relief. In the morning, he ordered his servants to leave the monks sufficient provisions till his return, with a hundred shillings to buy more: and so departing, with tears, he recommended himself to their prayers. From that day he took so great an affection to the monks and their monastery, ("tam intimo ac individuo amore congluti-

natus est" says Ingulphus,) that as long as he lived, he never ceased upon all occasions, to extol the courtesy of these old monks, their sanctity, and charity, and to bewail their misfortunes: and from him it came to be proverbial to speak of Croyland-Courtesy.^e After executing his commission in the North, Turketul took Croyland in his way back, and gave the monks twenty pounds in silver. Returning to the king, after his other affairs, he acquainted him with the calamities of Croyland monastery, managing so dexterously, that the king committed the care thereof to him, promising his assistance in every thing. Turketul then declared his intention of becoming a monk. The king endeavoured by every possible means to dissuade him, but in vain. The chancellor prevailed; and a day was appointed for them both to repair to Croyland. Previous to this, Turketul arranged his worldly affairs; and, having discharged all his debts, made over sixty manors to the king, reserving only every tenth, being the six manors nearest to Croyland, for the monks: these were, Wendlingborough, Elmyngton, Worthorp, Kottenham, Hokington, and Beby. Coming with the king to Croyland on the vigil of the Assumption of the blessed Virgin, he immediately sent to Winchester and Malmesbury for Bruno and Aio, who returned to, and were received in Croyland with great joy. On the day after their return, the feast of St. Bartholomew,

TURKETUL, laying aside his secular habit, became a monk; and the king constituted him abbat of the monastery.^f He received the benediction as abbat from the hands of Ceolwlf bishop of Dorchester, who was present at the ceremony of his profession. On the same day, at the king's wish, and by the advice of persons skilled in the law, to prevent future claims on the property of the monastery, Turketul and his five monks resigned their house, with all its lands, tenements, goods, and chattels, into the king's hands: and the king, having received the same, on the following day, engaged the necessary workmen, appointing one Egelric, an ecclesiastic and a relation of his own, to be surveyor of the intended building, ordering the expences to be defrayed from the royal treasury, and the timber and stone requisite for the structure to be taken from his manor of Castre. In a short time, the church, cloister, and different offices of the monastery were completed: and the king, returning to London, took with him the venerable Turketul, with two of the old monks, Turgarus and Aio, where, in a great council of the nation, A.D. 948, he granted them his Charter,^g the terms of which had been previously dictated by Turketul himself.^h In this Charter, the king withheld his confirmation to the monks of the privilege of sanctuary. Ingulphus expressly says, that Turketul would by no means consent to have the former immunities of the place restored, lest he should seem in any manner to give a sanctuary, against the laws, to wicked criminals and offenders.ⁱ

^a Compare Ingulphus, p. 25.

^b Ibid. p. 27.

^c Ibid. p. 29.

^d Ibid.

^e "Ab ipsoque tunc primitus processit, quod Croyland Curtesy cognomen accepit." Ing. p. 30.

^f Ingulphus, in a subsequent page, says, that prior to his public profession Turketul made a sudden visit to Croyland, where, finding the three monks in their retreat, he communicated to them his intention of coming among them; and, being received into their fraternity, accompanied them in a visitation of the island of Croyland, ascertaining its boundaries, and causing the stone crosses set up as land-marks to be placed at a greater distance from the banks of the river than they had been, lest the force of the water should bear them down, as had been the case with the boundaries set up by Kenulph the first abbat. "Edoctus itaque cancellarius Turketulus de limitibus Croylandiæ et ejus terminis universis, jussit cruces lapideas terminorum innovari, et longius a ripis fluviorum in proxima solida terra infigi, ne forte lapsu temporis per aquarum alluvionem in flumina corruerent, prout antiquas cruces in eisdem limitibus per Kenulphum monasterii Croylandiæ primum abbatem ibidem aliquando appositas intellexerat corruisse. In australi namque ripa dictæ insulæ posuit tunc Turketulus cruce lapideam, quæ tunc distabat a Southee per sex perticatas, et in boreali parte dictæ insulæ tunc posuit aliam cruce lapideam, quæ tunc distabat ab Asendyk cadente in Weland per tres perticatas. Terminos etiam mariscorum, tam Alderlound in australi parte aquæ de Weland, quam Goggisland in parte boreali dictæ aquæ adiens, et limites eorum, prout chartæ foundationis monasterii demonstrabant, annotans, jussit similiter crucibus lapideis designari." Ing. p. 39. Mr. Gough says, "The latter of these crosses still remains between Spalding and Croy-

land, near Brother House and Cloot-bar, on the side of the bank, almost buried in the earth, with this inscription, 'Aio hanc petram Guthlacus habet sibi METANS.'" Hist. Croyl. p. 11. The last word of the inscription here mentioned should be METAM, not "metans." See the inscription itself in the Archaeol. vol. iii. p. 96, vol. v. p. 104.

Ingulphus also adds, that Turketul, at this time, redeemed from Earl Lewin, for forty mancuses, or mancuses, of gold, the lands which had formerly appertained to the monastery in Spalding, Cappelade, and Sutterton; taking possession of them as the attorney of the monks. He compounded with Earl Alpher for Drayton, at ten mancuses of gold; and with Earl Athelwold for Staundon and Baddeby at the same sum. He obtained Morburne from Earl Ailwin. Bokenhale, Halyngton, and Lindesey, he procured from Duke Oslac for twelve mancuses of gold. The manors of Langetoft and Baston were readily restored by the king. Depyng, which had devolved to two daughters of Langferus, who had been King Beorred's 'panetarius,' and on whom the king had bestowed the manor, was not given up while Turketul lived. Of Kyrketon, Kymerby, and Croxton, the Charters had perished; Duke Osbricht tenaciously retained them, and these manors had been noticed in none of the royal confirmations. Turketul in vain offered an indemnity for them. He, however, recovered, at this time Glapthorn, Thirning, Laythorp, Kyrkeby, Peykyrk, both the Adingtons, Repingale, Sutton, and Stapilton.

^g See Num. XI.

^h Ingulphus, pp. 30—32.

ⁱ "Antiquam vero loci impunitatem vel immunitatem nullo modo consensit acquirere, ne sceleratis et impiis refugium a publicis legibus videretur in aliquo præbere; et cum hujusmodi maleficis compelleretur vel in aliquo contra conscientiam suam cohabitare seu consentire." Ing. p. 40.

Many learned men followed Turketul to Croyland, two of whom took upon them the monastic habit. The rest continued seculars, some as priests, others as clerks. All these, who were many in number, he ordered to reside in the cell of the virgin St. Pega, on the east side of the monastery, and to have every day a portion of diet like the monks; and, building a chapel there, commanded them to perform the night as well as the day hours of divine service at the same time with the monks. This he did to inure them by degrees to the observance of the monastic rules; as having been before more irregular while laymen. He also appointed for them an uniform habit, consisting of a long gown, and under-garments reaching to their heels, all of black. They were confined to continence and obedience only; so that few of them returned again to the world. They had a prior, elected by themselves and confirmed by the abbat. Some of them, says Ingulphus, closed their lives in a most holy manner, and were buried at Croyland: others, in the course of time, became monks, and some of them abbats; of which number were the two Egelrics, who were successively abbats of Croyland after Turketul. In the latter part of Turketul's time, Pegeland, as the cell on the east side of the monastery was called, was almost deserted by its presbyters, who turned monks; so that, at last, not one was left to officiate there. Afterwards, whoever applied for admission into the abbey, of whatever rank or condition, was first placed at Pegeland, according to the report from whence he was either admitted or rejected. Turketul, in honour of St. Pega, appointed a priest to celebrate service there, without establishing a college of regulars or irregulars, which would have been prejudicial to his house. The first priest so appointed was named Reynfredus.^a

In the eighth year of King Edgar, A. D. 966, Turketul, assisted by the intercession of Dunstan archbishop of Canterbury, and Osketul archbishop of York, obtained from that monarch a Charter of confirmation;^b together with an Instrument of ecclesiastical censure from the archbishops, against such as should violate, infringe, or oppose the Charters of the kings Edred and Edgar.^c

Having thus established and secured his monastery by regal and episcopal authority, abbat Turketul next applied himself to collect and revise the muniments of his monastery. In this he was well assisted by his monks. Aio, who has been so often mentioned, was an eminent civilian; and Thurgar, from his earliest youth, had known the former monastery before its demolition. To these he added Swetman, a skilful notary, by whom the collections were digested. A regular history of the monastery was drawn up at this time, containing the principal events of the abbey (with those of the king-

doms of Wessex and Mercia interspersed), from its first foundation by King Ethelbald to the fourteenth year of King Edgar.

Upon the revival of the ancient rules and ordinances of his monastery, Turketul enacted the following new ones. He divided the whole society into three ranks: the juniors, from their first admission into the house to their twenty-fourth year, to take upon them all the offices of the choir, the cloister, and refectory, in singing, reading, and serving. The middle rank was composed of those who had been in the house sixteen years longer, who having gone through the different duties before-mentioned, now performed them only in turn, or twice a week, assisted by the juniors. The third comprehended those from forty to fifty years old, who were denominated seniors, and only celebrated mass with chaunting. These were exempted from all the offices of the house, except by particular appointment of the abbat. Whoever had arrived at his fiftieth year was called Sempecta, and had assigned him in the infirmary, by the prior, a decent chamber, with a clerk or boy to wait on him, who had an allowance from the abbat, and the same measure which was allowed to an esquire's boy in the abbat's hall. He had, besides, a junior brother to sit at table with him, who had the same allowance from the kitchen as the sick. The Sempecta, or privileged person, had free ingress and egress of the choir, cloister, refectory, dormitory, and other offices of the monastery, with or without his frock, without being troubled with the business of the house, or molested by any one. The prior of Croyland was to enjoin the penances of the monks, daily, in the chapter-house; and to increase or mitigate them as he saw fit. The management of the refectory and the infirmary was left entirely to his discretion: and unless convicted of some crime, for which he was to receive three admonitions, he was to continue Prior till his death. The abbat and prior, as well as the rest of the congregation, were to obey the regulations of the præcentor in the choir. Turketul annexed to the office of sacrist that of archdeacon over the whole parish of Croyland. He gave to the sacrist a gold cup, two silver bowls gilt, wrought with angels, and two silver basons embossed with armed soldiers; all which vessels had been given to him by Henry emperor of Germany, and had till then been used in his own chapel. He also assigned to the office of the chamber of the monks, his manor and church of Beby.

When the several statutes above-mentioned had been promulgated and received in the chapter, Turketul ordered them to be transcribed at the end of the rule of St. Benedict, that, being in the hands of all, none might through ignorance transgress them.^d

Turketul, sinking under the weight of years, and

Ingulphus is minute upon the actions of Turketul's life, as well in the early part of his career, as after he became abbat of Croyland. He was the eldest son of Ethelward, brother of King Edward the elder, who gave him his paternal inheritance, and frequently proposed to him an advantageous match amongst the noble families of his kingdom. From his refusal of these, the king inferred his turn was for religion, and offered him the choice of two bishopricks; but Turketul refused every offer, not only of a temporal, but even of a spiritual kind: till, at last, the king appointed him to the post of chancellor, which he filled with equal advantage to the king and kingdom, and honour to himself. By his advice, the king performed many good acts; and, among the rest, nominated seven bishops to as many churches in one day. These were, Fridestan to the bishoprick of Winchester, Ceolwlf to Dorchester, Werstan to Sherbourn, Athelstan to Cornwall, Athelm to Fountains, Adulph to Crediton, and Bernek to the bishoprick of the South Saxons. See Ingulphus, p. 36.

In the reign of Athelstan, at the battle of Brunford, Turketul commanded the Londoners and Mercians, who engaged the Scots under Constantine; and, after a most bloody conflict, had nearly made himself master of the Scottish king's person, when he was surrounded, and on the point of being himself made prisoner, had not one of his officers slain the king, by whose death victory declared in favour of the English. He had the honour of conducting the four daughters of Athelstan to their husbands on the continent; the emperor's son, and one of his principal lords, the king of France, and the prince of Aquitaine. When Dunstan was disgraced and banished the court of King Edmund, he was the principal instrument in his recall to the royal favour, and made him a present of a rich chalice, preserved at Glastonbury in Ingulphus's time, and called Turketul's chalice. He held his post of chancellor in each succeeding reign from his first advancement to his retiring to Croyland abbey. Gough. Hist. Croyl. p. 10. Ing. pp. 37, 38.

^a Ing. p. 40. ^b Num. XII. ^c Num. XII.
^d "Quo etiam tempore venerabilis pater noster abbas Turketulus, antiquis observantiis veteris monasterii Croylandensis plenius auditis, examinatis, et integre intellectis, statuit, et decrevit subsequencia in suo Croylandensi monasterio perpetuis temporibus inviolabiliter ab omnibus observanda. Dividens enim totum Conventum in tres gradus, ut quilibet gradus suum statum agnosceret et teneret, statuit; videlicet, quod juniores ab ingressu monasterii usque ad annum vicesimum quartum in ordine subeant omnia onera chori, claustrii, et rectorii, canendo, legendo, serviendo, et omnes regulares observantias secundum magistri sui doctrinam custodiendo; quæ officia quicumque tam pro seipso, quam pro sociis suis, studuerit diligenter et devote peragere, ubique majorem favorem à superioribus suis merebitur obtinere. Si quis autem (quod absit) inflatus superbia, vel elatus alicujus artis scientia, vel confusus literarum copia, vel conductus parentum suorum aut alicujus alterius amicitia, susurro, seu detractor contentiosus, seu quocunque modo seniorum suorum contemtor eruperit in monasterio; tanquam veniens ab inferis Aleto, ab omnibus cautius evitetur, nec aliquam gratiam in capitulo, nec licentiam in refectorio, nec solatium in infirmitorio, usque ad vitii sui emendationem, de superioribus consequatur: sed sicut bos cornupeta domi recludendus, ne de leunculo leo evadat indomabilis, in ipso initio per priorum discretionem debite castigetur. Qui vero affabiles et faceti, casti et pacifici, mites et modesti, obsequentes et obediētes fuerint; omni favore digni, frequentius solatia sortiantur. Porro qui viginti et quatuor annos a conversione sua compleverint, per sexdecim annos sequentes medium gradum tenebunt. Isti sunt absoluti ab officiis parvæ cantariæ, epistolæ, evangelii, et cæteris minoribus laboribus: sed cum alia onera chori, claustrii, et rectorii fecerint in cursu suo circulari, supportationem frequentem à junioribus habebunt, ut bis, vel saltem semel in hebdomada, pro bono obedientiæ ipsi sua officia faciant, in cæteris diebus à junioribus adjuventur. Et cum istis magni-

suffering even from the bodily wounds which he had received in early life, now applied himself chiefly to the duties of charity and religion: visiting the younger persons of the monastery, and the children of the nobility in their novitiates, daily, as well as the clergy at Pegeland who were charged with their instruction. Ingulphus adds, that, in these visits, he was always attended by a servant, who carried fruits, or some such little presents, as rewards to the young scholars: "afferente secum aliquo servitore ficus, vel uvas passas, vel nuces, vel amygdala, vel sæpius poma et pyra, vel alia talia munuscula, bene laborantes remunerabat præ ceteris, ut omnes ad diligentius insistendum suis lectionibus, non verbis tantum vel verberibus, sed sæpissime precibus, et præmiis provocaret." The Sempectæ he held in the highest veneration, conversing with them daily, and ministering to their comforts even from his own table. When the first of these privileged persons, Clarenbaldus, who was the oldest both as to age and monastic profession, fell sick, being a hundred and sixty-eight years of age, abbat Turketul performed the office of a servant, staying with him day and night, and administering the consolations of religion. He afterwards buried Clarenbaldus in the middle of the choir. In the next year, Swarlingus, another of the monks, died at the age of a hundred and forty-two years, whom Turketul attended in the same manner, and afterwards interred near Clarenbaldus. Brunus and Aio died the same year. The year following, Turgarus died, having completed his hundred and fifteenth year. These five monks had seen both monasteries; the old one destroyed by the Danes, and the new one recently restored. Last of all, A.D. 975, being the sixteenth and last year of King Edgar, abbat Turketul himself died, in his sixty-eighth year, and the twenty-seventh of his monachate. Having celebrated the feast of St. Peter and St. Paul, which falling in the dog-days was that year uncommonly hot, he caught a fever, which for three days continued violent. On the fourth day, while confined to his bed, he summoned the convent, then consisting of forty-seven monks and four lay-brethren; and in their presence commanded Egelric, his "provisor," or steward, to show them the state of the house, as well as to its treasure as its other valuables; making him answerable, by inden-

ture, for every thing after his death. The treasure then produced, Ingulphus says, amounted nearly to ten thousand pounds. The relics also were many, and extremely valuable. They had been principally bestowed on Turketul, while chancellor, by the Emperor Henry, Hugh king of France, Lewis prince of Aquitaine, and many other dukes and earls, nobles and prelates, to gain the king's favour. Amongst them was the thumb of St. Bartholomew, which Turketul usually carried about with him, and with which he crossed himself in any imminent danger; some of the hair of the Virgin Mary; and a bone of St. Leodegar. On the day before his death, Turketul addressed a brief exhortation to the brethren on the observance of their rule, on brotherly charity, against negligence either in their temporal or spiritual concerns, and particularly to be careful of their fire, frequently and fervently repeating "Ignem vestrum optime custodite:" an expression which Ingulphus would refer prophetically to the fire which happened in his time. Abbat Turketul, commending himself to their prayers, and taking leave, of all, died on the 5th of the nones of July: being interred in his church, on the right of the high altar, by Ædulph abbat of Peterborough and Godmann abbat of Thorney.^a

Egelric the elder, who has been already mentioned as the provisor of the monastery, was Turketul's successor; a person of great religion, and industrious in the management of temporal affairs. It was he who stimulated Turketul to procure the Confirmation-charter of King Edgar, and the ecclesiastical censures against its infringers pronounced by Dunstan and Osketul. During Turketul's life, Egelric completed the nave, and strengthened the tower of Croyland church; and after Turketul's death, he erected several additional structures to the monastery, as the monks infirmary, of a competent length and breadth, entirely of timber, a chapel of the same, and a bath. All were of timber, covered with lead, the marshy ground being ill calculated to receive stone-work. He likewise built the strangers, or guests hall, two large chambers, and a new brewery and bake-house, all of timber: also a granary, and a stable of considerable extent, at one end of which the abbat's horses were accommodated, and at the other those of the strangers, or guests. These three buildings, the stable, gra-

tudo negotiorum, et providentia consiliorum, ac totius loci sollicitudo specialiter incumbit, decet, ut secundum suos labores, præter divinam remunerationem, quam monachi maxime expectant, vultum superiorum suorum sentiant rigidum vel benignum, affabilem vel austerum, cum onere recipiant honorem, et juxta sua merita gratiam vel gravamen. In gradu namque tertio qui quadragesimum annum attigerint, usque ad quinquagesimum annum in ordine seniores appellentur, absolvendi ab omni onere chori, claustrii, et refectorii, præterquam à cursu missarum, quæ cum nota canuntur. In quibus missis juniores de primo gradu, et mediocres de secundo gradu quotidie se devote offerendo sua onera supportabunt. Anno etiam quadragesimo secundo completo erunt isti excusati ab omni officio forinseco, scilicet provisoris, procuratoris, cellarii, eleemosynarii, coquinarii, operarii, et pitantiarii, nisi aliquid officiorum præmissorum abbas alicui seni ex urgente necessitate decreverit assignandum. Isti, tanquam milites emeriti, qui portaverunt pondus diei et æstus in servitio Dei, et pro statu monasterii sui carnem et sanguinem suum expenderunt, omni honore digni sunt, et nullius indigentiam patiantur. Hoc omnimodis in isto gradu attendendum, quod hujusmodi dispensationis gratiam illi dignissime consequantur, qua à primo ingressu in monasterium usque ad istam ætatem de nullo crimine convicti fuerint, pro quo poenam gravioris culpæ sustinere publice meruerunt. Quinquagenarius autem in ordine Sempecta vocandus, honestam cameram in infirmatorio de prioris assignatione accipiat, habeatque clericum seu garcionem suo servitio specialiter attendentem, qui exhibitionem victualium recipiet de parte abbatis modo et mensura, quibus ministratur garcioni unius armigeri in abbatis aula. Huic sempectæ unum fratrem juniorem commensalem tam pro junioris disciplina, quam pro senioris solatio; Prior quotidie assignabit: quibus, tanquam infirmis, de coquina infirmorum victualia ministrentur. Ipse vero sempecta pro sua voluntate et arbitrio, sedens et ambulans, ingrediens et egrediens, chorum, claustrum, et refectorium, et dormitorium, ac alias officinas monasterii, cum frocco, vel sine frocco, quomodo et quando voluerit, intrabitque et exibat. Nihil triste de negotiis monasterii in ejus audientia recitetur. Nullus eum in aliquo audeat offendere, sed summa pace animique quiete finem suum præstoletur. Statuit etiam tuncet decrevit quod quicumque fuerit prior Croylandiæ in futurum, licentiam habeat et potestatem quotidiani capituli monachorum pœnitentias injungere, et injunctas, prout viderit vultum pœnitentis contritum et compunctum, minuire vel augere. Omnes etiam licentiæ refectorii, omnia solatia infirmorii, ejus discretioni et arbitrio committantur: et prout hactenus solitum est ministrari, tam de victualibus quam de aliis necessariis, sive domi, sive foris fuerit, eodem modo in perpetuum ministretur, nisi convictus de aliquo crimine reus inveniatur,

trina tamen admonitione de sua emendatione (prout sancta regula nostra dictat) præcurrente, qui prioratus officium in Croylandia semel obtinuerit, usque ad obitum suum prior perpetuo permanebit; et quia in medio fratrum rector eorum in honore, præter inclinationes omnis honor ei et reverentia exhibeatur. Præcentoris tabularum, ac ejus assignationibus in choro tam abbas et prior quam tota cætera congregatio humiliter obediat. Officio etiam sacristæ tunc in augmentum portionis suæ officium archidiaconatus super totam parochiam Croylandiæ assignavit, dum tamen sine acceptione personarum cum timore Dei rationabiliter et canonice suum officium exequatur. Dedit tunc officio sacristæ calicem aureum, et duas phialas argenteas et deauratas, ac in formam duorum angelorum opere cœlatorio fabrefactas, et duas pelves argenteas miri operis et magnitudinis, pulcherrime cœlatas cum militibus armatis. Quæ vasa universa imperator Almanniæ Henricus ei aliquando contulerat, et usque ad illud tempus semper in sua capella reservarat. Item officio cameræ monachorum tunc assignavit manerium suum de Beby cum ecclesia ejusdem villæ, divinam maledictionem imprecans, quicumque dictum manerium et ecclesiam ejusdem dicto officio immutaverit in damnum conventus, vel procuraverit immutari. Hæc sanctissima Statuta sua venerabilis pater noster abbas Turketulus in suo capitulo publice promulgata, et ab omnibus acclamata, et obedientissime acceptata, fecit scribi, et in fine regulæ sancti Benedicti jussit apponi, ut omnes cum vellent, valerent legem suam legere, et ne contingeret aliquem per ignorantiam contraire." Ing. p. 48—50.

The word SEMPECTA has been subjected to much discussion. See Gent. Mag. vol. LXV. P. i. pp. 208, 301: vol. LXVI. P. i. pp. 542, 649, 813, 906, 921, 1013: vol. LXVII. P. i. p. 24. P. ii. p. 1009. The following is Du Cange's explanation:

— "Nam Quinquagenarios monachos Sympæctas, appellatos admodum vero simile est, non quod ipsi Sympæctæ essent; sed quod ad ætatis provectionis solatium darentur eis συμπακται, seu juniores monachi, qui eis ministrarent, et cum iis mensæ assiderent, ut exerte scribit Ingulfus: quomodo ejusmodi seniorum monachorum συμπακτας habet Palladius in Hist. Lausiaca, c. 24, 83, quos Collutores vertit vetus Interpres cap. 24, unde liquet ab Ægyptiis et Orientis monachis id vocabuli acceptum." Glossar. edit. Par. 1736, tom. vi. p. 350. Another passage, in p. 351, interprets Sempectas, by "sodales, socios, seu familiares."

^a Ing. p. 50—52. Stevens quotes a short account of Turketul from the Cotton MS. Vespasian B. x11. of the fifteenth century, but it contains no particulars whatever of moment. It dates Turketul's death on the 4th of the ides of July.

nary, and bakehouse, closed in the west side of the abbat's court, looking toward the town; the south side consisted of the hall and chambers for strangers; the east side had the "sutrinum," the hall of new converts, the abbat's kitchen, hall, chamber, and chapel, which terminated the cloister toward the west; the north side of the abbey was closed by the great gate, with the "diversorium pauperum," or almonry, to the eastward. All these several buildings (except the abbat's hall, chamber, and chapel, and the almonry, which Turketul had constructed with stone) were of wood, covered with lead. In dry years, Egelric tilled the fens in the four corners, and for three or four years they yielded a hundred fold: Tedwarthar fen was the most fruitful of all. The monastery became thus exceeding rich, so that it relieved the whole country round; and prodigious numbers of poor resorting to it, the town grew exceedingly large. Egelric made also two large bells, which he named Bartholomew and Bettelm; two of the middle size, named Turketul and Tatwin; and two smaller, called Pega and Bega. Turketul had made a larger bell, named Guthlac: all of which together made a finer ring of bells than was then known in England. Having held the abbacy ten years, abbat Egelric died on the 2d of the nones of August, and was buried in the chapter-house, A.D. 984.^a Ingulphus calls Egelric the relation only, the Cotton MS. Vespas. B. xii. says he was the nephew, of Turketul.

Egelric, the second of the name, called the younger, a relation of his predecessor, was the next abbat: a man more devoted to books and sacred literature, than skilled in the management of temporal concerns; though he managed his monastery extremely well. He gave to the common library of the monks original works of different authors, to the number of forty; and above a hundred lesser volumes of different treatises and histories. He gave numerous vestments to the office of the sacrist, viz. to every altar in the church two chasubles, one for Sundays, and another richer: to the choir twenty-four copes, six white, six red, six green, and six black: two large foot-cloths, woven with lions, to be laid before the high altar on great festivals; and two shorter, ornamented with flowers, for the festivals of the apostles. He also gave many hangings for the walls before the altars of saints on festivals, most of them of silk interwoven or embroidered with gold birds, and some plain. He made six chalices, which he gave to several altars and chapels; and to the choir six grails, four antiphonnars, and eight missals, for different altars. He furnished the offices of the monastery with copper vessels; clothed the whole convent every year with gowns, every second year with hoods, and every third year with frocks, at his own expence, exclusive of the supply afforded by Turketul's donation of the church and manor of Beby. Having governed the monastery eight years, he died on the nones of March, A.D. 992; and was buried near the former Egelric, in the chapter-house.^b

Osketul, who had been Prior of the monastery under Turketul and both the Egelrics, was the next abbat. Ingulphus speaks of him as a plain and upright man, of good birth, and well versed in letters: and moreover of such extensive charity, that he received the name of 'Father of the poor.' During his time, the Danes renewed their ravages. It happened, also, that Lefwin, sister of Osketul, and lady of Elnophesbury, flying from them, brought the reliques of St. Neot to Witlesey, whence she prayed her brother to transfer them to his monastery. This was accordingly done; and the reliques were transferred with great ceremony, and placed near the altar of the Virgin Mary.

King Ethelred demanding, about this time, a heavy subsidy from the religious houses, to pay the tribute exacted from him by the Danes, the assessors took not only the treasure, but the sacred vessels and jewels, and even spoiled the shrines of saints. Osketul, to save those of Croyland, paid no less than four hundred marks. Having held the abbacy twelve years, Osketul died on the 12th kal. November, 1005. To him succeeded

GODRIC II., elected and made abbat in days of misery and tribulation. He ruled the monastery for the space of fourteen years, in the reign of King Ethelred. In his first year he paid to the king two hundred marks, and two hundred more to his officers, exclusive of smaller expences. The same thing happened in his second, third, and fourth years. Beside which, in the third year, two hundred pounds were exacted for the building of ships and the employment of seamen. In Godric's fourth year, Turkil, a Danish earl, arriving with a large fleet, a demand of a hundred pounds was rigorously enforced. The Danes over-running the country, burnt every thing which they could not carry off: destroying Drayton, Kottenham, and Hoketon, three manors belonging to Croyland, beside the whole county of Cambridge. These things, however, says Ingulphus, were only the beginning of evil.

It had now been the custom to pay four hundred marks a year, when, in 1013, Swane arriving with a fresh fleet, over-ran the country. Bursting from Lindsey, he burnt the villages, slaughtered the peasants, and tortured the religious to death. He burnt Baston and Langtoft, with the monastery of St. Pega, and its adjacent manors of Glington, Northumburtham, Makesey, Etton, Badyngton, and Bernake: the abbat escaping by night in a boat to Croyland. Fortunately, that year, the rain had laid the whole country under water, and had rendered the neighbouring marshes impassable: so that the abbey became the resort of multitudes. The choir and cloister were filled with monks, the rest of the church with priests and clerks, the whole abbey with the laity, and the church-yard, day and night, with women and children, under tents. The ablest among them, and the young, kept guard among the reeds and alders at the mouths of the rivers. There were then (to omit other burthens on the monastery) a hundred monks in commons; "in mensa." Swane, by a messenger, demanded a thousand marks of the monastery, threatening that the abbey should be burnt unless the money was paid by a certain day at Lincoln. Three months after the payment, his collectors obtained a thousand marks more, by threats, for victualling his army. In short, the expences of the house, and the different exactions, exhausted Turketul's treasure, and emptied the granaries of both the Egelrics: beside which, the king's officers still worried Godric for money, threatening to treat him as a betrayer of his country, and one who supported the Danes. Abbat Godric, terrified by these threats, assembled his convent, and acquainting them that there was no more money, entreated them to advise what could be done in this exigency. After much debate, it was determined to engage one of Eadric the duke of Mercia's officers, and, since there was no money, to grant him lands and tenements for his life, that he might protect them against the threatened dangers. One Norman, the son of Lefwin, and brother to Leofric earl of Leicester, was retained; the manor of Baddeby being, by his own demand, granted to him for a hundred years; which he was to hold of St. Guthlac, paying a pepper-corn per annum by way of rent, at the feast of St. Bartholomew. In consideration of which, he obliged himself, by a writing, to protect the monastery. This served the monastery in good stead till he was killed in battle against Canute, A.D. 1017. Norman's lands were given to his brother Leofric, and among the rest the lands at Baddeby, which, at the instigation of his confessor, were by him made over to the abbey of Evesham, by the abbat and convent whereof they were still retained in the time of Ingulphus.

Peace being again restored in England at Canute's accession, abbat Godric dismissed the monks of other houses who had sheltered themselves in his monastery. He died on the 14th of the kalends of February following: and was buried in the chapter-house of his abbey, opposite to Osketul.^c

BRITHMER, or BRIGHTMER, a relation of abbat Osketul, succeeded Godric, under whom, when procurator of the monastery, he escaped many dangers from

^a Ing. pp. 52, 53.

^b Ibid. pp. 53, 54.

^c Ibid. pp. 54—58.

King Ethelred and the army of the Danes. This abbat, in 1032, obtained from King Canute a confirmation of the lands and privileges of the monastery,^a together with a gold chalice. On the king's return from Rome, in this same year, abbat Brithmer met him at Sandwich, and presented him with two palfreys; in return for which the king gave the abbat a vestment of silk, interwoven with eagles of gold, and a censer of silver gilt, which, being injured by age, was repaired in Ingulphus's time by Ednoth his secretary. He also gave twelve white bear skins, some of which also remained before the altars to Ingulphus's time. Abbat Brithmer, beside obtaining the confirmation from the king already mentioned, rebuilt many of the manor-houses of Croyland which had been destroyed by the Danes. He rebuilt the halls, with their offices, at Staundon, Drayton, and Morburne, together with barns, cow-houses, stables, sheep-pens, and kitchens at Kottenham, Hoketon, Wendling, Adyngton, Elmyngton, Langtoft, Baston, Bukehale, and Halyngton.

On the death of King Canute, which happened in the eighteenth year of abbat Brithmer, the succession being disputed, numbers of people, alarmed at the apprehension of war, sought refuge in the marshes of Croyland; where they so incommoded the monks, that the latter almost deserted their cloister, leaving scarcely a sufficient number of their brethren to officiate in the choir. Wulfius, the anchorite of Pegeland, was so harassed by these visitors, that he is stated to have fled to Evesham.

Hardecnut retiring to Denmark, Harold ascended the throne of England alone. He gave to Croyland his coronation robe of silk, ornamented with gold flowers, which the secretary (Stevens says the sacrist) exchanged for a cope. Had he lived, says Ingulphus, he would have been a greater benefactor. Hardecnut, who came over on his brother's death to succeed him, reigned but two years, and was succeeded in turn by Edward the son of Ethelred, afterwards named Edward the Confessor; in the sixth year of whose reign, A. D. 1048, abbat Brithmer died, on the 7th of the ides of April, and was interred at the entrance of the chapter-house. At this time, Wlgat abbat of Pegeland, by the superior interest of the abbats of Peterborough at court, lost his monastery; and the foundations of a new one, which he had laid in his manor of Northamburgt, being seized by Fernot lord of Bosworth, he had no other remedy but in the kindness of the king, by whom Wlgat and eighteen of his monks were invited to court. Shortly after which, Gerard the prior, and two of the monks of Croyland, surrendering Brithmer's pastoral staff to the king, it was bestowed upon

WLGAT; the king, at the same time, directing a letter to the convent, enjoining the monks to receive him as their pastor on account of his many sufferings. He also granted to Wlgat a Charter confirming the lands and privileges of the monastery.^b

The year 1051 was remarkable for a dreadful famine. To relieve the abbey of Croyland from which, Thorold, sheriff of Lincolnshire (a relation of the Thorold who had before given the manor of Bokenhale), bestowed upon the monks the manor of SPALDING, with all its rents and profits. Thither six monks were sent to Thorold, who fitted up his manorial residence as a cell.^c

Wlgat, having presided four years, died on the nones of June, A. D. 1052, and was buried in the chapter-house.

ULKETUL, or WULKETUL, monk and sacrist of Peterborough, was appointed his successor by King Edward; and was installed abbat on the feast of St. Mary Magdalen following.

In 1058, Algar earl of Leicester, who had been out-

lawed twice by King Edward, confirmed to Croyland all the grants made to the monastery by his progenitors; adding likewise to the maintenance of the brethren at Spalding. At which time, by the advice and consent of Algar, abbat Wulketul also assigned to the monks of Spalding the chapel of St. Mary there, with all its profits, together with such revenues as the monastery of Croyland had before possessed on the east side of the river Weland. These donations, it appears, were made for the maintenance of hospitality in the Cell.

In 1061 abbat Wulketul began the building of a new church, the old one, of Turketul's foundation, having fallen to decay. He was assisted in this work, with great zeal, by Earl Waldeve, who then gave to the monastery his vill of Bernak, assigning it to the building of the church for a double reason; first, because the manor had previously been an ecclesiastical possession; and, secondly, because it had a fine quarry of stone.^d

From this time, till after the Norman Conquest, few particulars immediately relating to the history of Croyland are preserved.

Ivo Tailbois, lord of Hoyland, or Holand, who, having married the sister, inherited the great possessions of the Saxon earls Edwin and Morcar, was an inveterate enemy to the monks: ravaging their lands, and maiming their cattle.^e His malevolence is stated to have been greatly increased by the honour shown to the body of Earl Waldeve, or Waltheof, on account of his former benefactions. Wulketul, in short, gave so great offence to the Normans generally, and to Ivo Tailbois in particular, by publishing the miracles performed at Earl Waldeve's tomb in the chapter-house, that he was summoned, in 1075, to a council at London, accused of idolatry, deprived of his abbacy, and committed to prison at Glastonbury, "*sub cruentissimo tum abbate THURSTANO, procul a notis et a sua patria.*" The treasure of the abbey being confiscated to the king at the same time.

INGULPHUS, the historian, was the next abbat of Croyland; of whom we have a minute account drawn up by himself. He was born in London, and educated, in his younger years, first at Westminster and afterwards at Oxford; and, for his proficiency in learning, takes to himself sufficient credit. His introduction to court was at the time of the interview between King Edward the Confessor, and William duke of Normandy, in 1051; with the latter of whom he so far ingratiated himself as to sail with him to Normandy, and finally became the duke's secretary. In company with certain knights and clerks of the duke's court, about thirty in number, he set out on an expedition to the Holy Land, where joining the party of the archbishop of Mentz, they proceeded to Constantinople. Passing afterwards through Lycia, they fell into the hands of the Arabs; and were plundered of every thing long before their arrival at Jerusalem. They saw the church of the Sepulchre, but were prevented from visiting the other holy places by the tribes of Arabs. Having returned by a Genoese vessel from Joppa to Brundisium, they visited Rome; and, at length, of thirty horsemen, who left Normandy in high condition, scarcely twenty returned, and those, poor pilgrims on foot, wearied and exhausted. Ingulphus betook himself to the abbey of Fontenelle, where, having made his profession under abbat Gerbert, he was afterwards appointed prior. In 1066, when William took shipping at St. Walery for the conquest of England, Ingulphus brought him from his abbat twelve chosen horsemen to take part in the expedition, with a hundred marks for their pay. In return, William bestowed upon Fontenelle abbey the vineyard *Cari Loci*.

On the deposition of Wulketul, King William sent for Ingulphus to England to fill his place: and being invested with the pastoral staff by the king at London,

^a Num. XIV.

^b Num. XV.

^c "Transmissisque sex monachis de monasterio nostro cum dicto Thoroldo, rectorium multum revelatum est. Ipse autem instituit ardentem, de dicto manerio suam familiam amovere, deinde capellam suam honestiorem facere, et suam aulam in rectorium, cameramque in dormitorium, et in claustrum monachorum suum deambulatorium immutare. Insuper jumenta manerii agriculturæ apta, aliaque co-

quinæ, brachini, et pistrini vasa talibus officiis necessaria, ac utensilia monachis contulit universa." Ing. p. 65.

^d Compare Ing. p. 58—68.

^e "Contra vero monasterium nostrum, ac omnes Croylandenses diabolico instinctu tanto furore efferatus est, ut varia Croylandensium animalia in mariscis cum canibus suis insectans, longius effugaret, lacubus immergeret, nonnulla caudis, auribus mutilaret, et crebro spinis ac tibiis jumentorum fractis, penitus inutilia redderet." Ing. p. 71.

and admitted and consecrated by Archbishop Lanfranc and the bishop of Lincoln, he was installed at Croyland on the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, A. D. 1076.

Ingulphus's account of the state of the convent, at the time he undertook its administration, is interesting. He found there sixty-two monks, of whom four were lay brethren; beside more than a hundred monks of other monasteries, who were termed 'comprofessi,' and whose privilege it was, when they came, to have a stall in the choir, a seat in the refectory, and a bed in the dormitory. They came and went as they pleased, and having staid, some a year and some half a year, returned back to their monasteries. They chiefly made Croyland their place of refuge in troublesome times. Of the 'comprofessi' at this time in the monastery, ten were from Thorney; six from Peterborough; eight from Ramsey; three from Ely; nine from St. Edmundsbury; twelve from St. Alban's; ten from Westminster; two from St. Andrew Northampton; fourteen from Christ-Church Norwich; fifteen from Thetford; seven from Coventry; six from St. Mary York; ten from St. Mary Stowe; six from Michelney; and five from Malmesbury; beside many who came every day, and some who were constantly resident, who seeing the security of the place, and the harmony of the brethren of the monastery, entreated to be admitted into the society; the native urbanity of the place, from the earliest times, rarely giving any one a repulse.

When Ingulphus came to Croyland, his first care was to settle the affairs of the monastery, which he found in a confused and ruinous state. He learnt that one Asford of Heliestone, who had been bailiff to abbat Wulketul, had had the complete management of the revenues, that he had grown inordinately rich, knew the real state of the monastery, and was the only person who could relieve it. After long altercation, Asford produced his accounts, when it appeared that he claimed Heliestone as his own property. A day being appointed for the decision upon this claim by the king's judges at Stamford, Asford was riding thither, when his horse threw him and broke his neck. Credit not being immediately given to the news of this accident at Stamford, another day was appointed; but on the morrow, as the body was carried toward Peterborough, where Asford had appointed to be buried, passing on the way over ten acres of land belonging to Croyland which he had claimed in his life, a sudden darkness and heavy rain came on, when, the bier being broken, the body fell out upon the earth, where it lay a considerable time. This was considered as a miracle in favour of the monastery, whose right to the different lands in dispute was acknowledged by the family and relatives of Asford.^a

The fame of this triumph being spread abroad, none, Ingulphus observes, after this time, dared to encroach upon the patrimony of St. Guthlac: so that Richard de Rulos, who had married the daughter and heiress of Hugh de Evermue, lord of Brunne and Depyng, being disposed to make a large inclosure of fen and other lands, would not presume to do it without the consent of the monastery, to which he gave twenty marks of silver in alms at the time he made his request. The land which he inclosed was from St. Guthlac's chapel eastward to Caredyk, and across Caredyke to Cleylake beyond Crammor, keeping out the river Weland with a

strong bank. Building thereon many tenements and cottages, and draining the land, he made Depyng a considerable town; changing the chapel of St. Guthlac to a parish church. This Richard de Rulos continued a steady friend to the monastery, and was upon all occasions an advocate in its favour with the king.

The concerns of the monastery being now upon a better footing, Ingulphus went to London to solicit the king for the release of Wulketul, who still continued in prison at Glastonbury. William's personal antipathy to Wulketul had ceased: but he was still determined against his advancement to any dignity in the church. The only permission which could be obtained was, that he might return to Peterborough, but never to Croyland, unless Ingulphus wished to consult him on the affairs of the monastery. Ingulphus took frequent opportunities of inviting Wulketul on temporary visits, and showed him such honour as induced him not only to communicate many matters of importance for the benefit of the house, but also to make some small donations thereto.^b Wulketul survived his deposition ten years: but being suddenly seized with the palsy, he lay ill four months, helpless and speechless, dying on the feast of St. Jerome, A. D. 1085; leaving many of the effects of Croyland abbey in the hands of the convent at Peterborough, whom he had in vain solicited to restore them.^c

The next fact of importance related by Ingulphus concerns the valuation of the abbey property as recorded in the Domesday Survey.

The following are the possessions of the monastery entered in the Record.

In *Cambridgeshire*, seven hides and a half of land in Hochinton, eleven hides in Coteham beside a rent of eels from the fen, seven hides and a half in Draitone, and three fisheries yielding a rent of four thousand eels at Wisbece. In *Huntingdonshire*, five hides with the manor in Morburne, and one hide and a half in Torninge. In *Northamptonshire*, one hide and a half in Wridtorp, three hides in Elmintone, two in Edintone, five hides and a half in Wendleberie, and four hides in Badebi. In *Leicestershire*, two carucates in Sutone and two in Stapleton, and ten carucates and a half in Bebi. In *Lincolnshire*, one carucate in Holeben and Copelande, two in Spallinge a berewick of Croyland, six carucates with the manor in Langetof, four carucates with the manor in Bastune, two and the manor in Duvedic, one carucate in Draitone a berewick of Duvedic beside four salt-works, twelve bovates of land in Alfgare another berewick, one bovat in Burtoft a third member of Duvedic, ten bovates with the manor in Buehehale, and ten bovates in the soke of Badesford.

The rental, as far as it is recorded, amounted at the time of the Survey to 57*l.* 1*s.* 4*d.*: exceeding by the sum of three pounds two shillings and four pence the produce which is stated to have been returned in the time of King Edward the Confessor. That the value, however here stated, was below the real receipts of the convent cannot be doubted, as there are several entries of rents in kind which are not estimated in money.^d

Ingulphus's transcript from the Survey, which he professes to have procured from London at considerable expence, enlarged in some instances and abbreviated in others, is given in the Note.^e It will be found, in nu-

^a Ibid. p. 71—78.

^b "Cernens etiam devotionem meam, ac filiorum suorum dilectionem nullis tribulationibus ab antiqua benevolentia immutatam, restituit monasterio nostro calicem quondam capellæ suæ, unum portiforium de usu nostræ ecclesiæ et unum missale, unam cupam argenteam cum copertorio argenteo ad eandem, et duodecim cochlearia de argento, alia etiam promisit, quum quosdam, quondam suos ministros, alloqui primum potuisset. Ego vero bis vel ter omni anno cum debito ministrorum apparatu ipsum accersens, et per mensem multoties, aliquando per dimidium annum mecum detinens, ac in omni loco, tam in choro quam in refectorio, semper cum omni reverentia mecum deferens, præter agnitionem status totius cœnobii, quam libentissime docebat, reperi vitam suam comite prospera multa mihi succedere; sicut post decem annos, ipso decedente, plurima adversa nobis indies accessere." Ing. p. 79.

^c See Ing. pp. 78, 79. "Obiitque [Wulketulus] in die sancti Hieronymi presbyteri, anno Domini M. LXXXV. nonnullis nostri monasterii monumentis ac jocalibus apud Burgum adhuc remanentibus, et

nobis minime restitutis, licet sæpissime reddere ac restituere promississet, et id in extremis suis effici et expleri, prout potuit, suis confratribus crebro præcepisset."

^d See Num. XVII. In the Domesday Survey, both in Worcestershire and Herefordshire, (foll. 176, 182 b,) we have lands entered as belonging to the church of St. Guthlac; but this was the priory of St. Guthlac, situated in the suburb beyond Bye-street-gate, Hereford: founded by Walter de Laci, and afterwards made a cell to the abbey of St. Peter Gloucester. See Duncumbe's Collections for Herefordshire, vol. i. p. 418—424. Mr. Gough, Append. to Hist. Croyl. p. 157, says, many other religious societies were established in honour of St. Guthlac in different parts of the kingdom. A chapel dedicated to this saint formerly existed at Swaffham in Norfolk.

^e "Adivi ego ipse tunc Londonias, et hæc tenementa nostra de utroque rotulo prædicto, vulgariter ab Anglicis cognominato Domesday, excepta multo studio ac non parvis sumptibus deflorata, statui meis posteris, saltem breviter, annotare, plurima abbrevians, ac nonnulla

merous points, to vary from the original: but has some utility as a comment.

Ingulphus boasts, it will be seen, that his monastery was favoured by the commissioners. "Isti penes nostrum monasterium benevoli et amantes, non ad verum pretium, nec ad verum spatium nostrum manerium librabant, misericorditer præcavescentes in futurum regiis exactionibus, et aliis oneribus piissima nobis benevolentia providentes."

When Ingulphus went to London, he carried with him all the Charters which had been granted to the abbey by the Saxon kings, from the time of its foundation. They were read, he states, before the king and council; and although the earlier grants which were written in the Saxon hand, down to the last Mercian king, were treated with contempt, yet the Charters of

latius declarans ad meliorem meorum successorum notitiam. Quod si quis posterorum de verbo ad verbum, prout diffusius in dictis rotulis originalibus tenementa nostra conscribuntur, agnoscere maluerit, dictos rotulos petat, et diligenter exquirat; et hanc brevem elucubratiunculam nostram, spero quod mirabitur, et quod hunc laborem nostrum intimo animo collaudabit, cum tam solícite tamque succincte de tam confusa massa tot abdita et tam dispersa collegerim, et simul condiderim in hanc formam.

"Imprimis in *Lincolnshire*, in Elowarp, in Croyland sanctus Guthlacus habuit et habet sylvas mariscosque quatuor leucas in longitudine, et tres leucas in latitudine. Hæc sedes est abbathe tempore regis Ethelredi; estque soluta et quieta ab omnibus sæcularibus servitiis. In Holeben et Cappelade sanctus Guthlacus habuit et habet tres carucatas et sex bovatas ad geld. ibi nunc in dominio unam carucatam, et tres villani. cum dimidio carucatæ et duodecim acras prati: tempore regis Edwardi valuit viginti solidis monetæ. Similiter in Spaldyng, berewik de Croyland, duas carucatas terræ ad geld. terra ad unam carucatam et dimidiam, ibi septem villani et quatuor bord. habentes tres carucatas: tempore regis Edwardi valuit viginti solidis monetæ. Similiter in Pincebek sanctus Guthlacus habuit et habet dimidiam carucatam ad geld. tempore regis Edwardi. In Kirketona warp. in Algare berewyk al. sanctus Guthlacus habuit et habet duodecim bovatas terræ ad geld. terra ad decem bovatas nunc vasta est per maris alluvionem. In Donnedik sanctus Guthlacus habuit et habet duas carucatas terræ ad geld. terra ad duas carucatas cum sacha et socha: ibi nunc una carucata in dominio, et tredecim villani cum una carucata et viginti acris prati; tempore Edwardi regis valuit viginti solidis monetæ. Similiter in Drayton sanctus Guthlacus habuit et habet unam carucatam terræ ad geld. terra ad unam carucatam, ibi vero villani non arant: ibi quatuor salinæ valent quinque solidis et quatuor denariis, et quinque acræ prati. In Burtoft sanctus Guthlacus habuit et habet unam bovatom terræ cum sacha et socha, et ecclesiam de Sutterton, et presbyteron tempore Edwardi regis socha de Donnedik. Item in Soudithing. In Hawardesbow wapp. In Bukenhale sanctus Guthlacus habuit et habet duas carucatas et dimidiam ad geld. ibi una carucata in dominio, quinque villani, duo bord. et octo soch. habentes unam carucatam et viginti sex acræ prati, et L. acræ sylvæ et LXX. acræ sylvæ: tempore regis Edwardi valebant triginta solidos monetæ. Similiter sochade Beltisford. Item in Halyngton sanctus Guthlacus habuit et habet decem bovatas terræ, quatuor bovatas de Juland et viginti duo acras prati. Socha de Tad. Item in Nons wapp. In Langtoft sanctus Guthlacus habuit et habet sex carucatas terræ ad geld. terra ad sex carucatas. Ibi nunc in dominio, id est, quinque carucatæ, et octo villani et quatuor bord. et viginti socham habentes quinque carucatas terræ, et centum acras prati, sylv. duæ solid. marisci, duas leucas in longitudine, et duas leucas in latitudine, terra arabilis quindecim quarentenas in longitudine et novem in latitudine: tempore regis Edwardi valebant quatuor libris, monetæ LX. solidis. Talba tres solidos. Item in Baston sanctus Guthlacus habuit et habet quatuor carucatas terræ ad geld. terra ad quatuor carucatas: ibi nunc in dominio una carucata, quinque villani, duo bord. et septem sochm. cum duabus carucatis. Ibi ecclesia cum presbytero, et unum molendinum cum dimidio molendini, et XLV. acræ prati, mariscorum, quindecim quarenten. in longitudine et octo in latitudine: tempore regis Edwardi valebant XL. solidos monetæ similiter. Item in Avelound wapp. in Reptyngale sanctus Guthlacus habuit et habet tres carucatas terræ ad geld. et LX. acras prati: tempore regis Edwardi valebant viginti solidos. Ogerus tenet ad firmam reddendo abbathe LX. solidos, et alia multa onera. Item in Aswardetierne wapp. in Laithorp sanctus Guthlacus habuit et habet unam bovatom terræ; in Kirkby tres bovatas terræ: tempore regis Edwardi solid.

"Item in Optonagrena hundred in *Northamptonshire*, in Croyland sanctus Guthlacus habuit et habet sylvas et mariscos, duas leucas in longitudine, et duas leucas in latitudine: tempore regis Edwardi solutæ et quieta ab omnibus servitiis. In Peiekirk tres virgatas terræ ad geld. tempore regis Edwardi. In Wridthorp sanctus Guthlacus habuit habetque unam hidam et dimidiam ad geld. terra est duæ carucatæ, in dominio est una carucata, et undecim villani, et undecim bord. cum duabus carucatis. Ibi tres acræ prati, et unum molendinum de quinque solidis; valent XL. solidos. Item in Pokebrok hundred, in Elmyngtona sanctus Guthlacus habuit et habet unam hidam terræ: terra est una carucata, hæc est ibi in dominio, et duo villani et duo bord. cum una carucata et sex acris prati: tempore regis Edwardi valebant octo solidos, modo sexdecim. In Elmyngtona etiam sanctus Guthlacus habuit et habet duas hidas, terra est III. carucat. ibi sunt quinque villani, et quatuor bord. cum tribus carucatis: ibi duodecim acræ prati: tempore regis Edwardi valebant duodecim solidos, modo viginti solidos.

Edred, Edgar, and the succeeding kings being written wholly or in part in the Gallican hand, they were allowed: the king confirming to the monastery the Charter of Edred.^a

The same success, however, did not attend his solicitation to have Spalding restored; the interest of Yvo Tailbois prevailed against him, and Ingulphus had no other consolation than to recommend to his successors, at every favourable opportunity, to plead the original Charter of Thorold,^b whereby that cell was first granted to Croyland.^c

At his return, Ingulphus brought with him to his monastery a copy of the laws of Edward the Confessor, as King William had confirmed them;^d and a transcript of the decision of the great question of primacy, in 1072, in favour of the archbishop of Canterbury.^e

Item in Soudnaveslound hundred, in Adyngtona sanctus Guthlacus habuit et habet duas hidas: terra est quatuor carucat. in dominio est una, et duo servi et sex villani et III. bord. cum uno sochm. habente tres carucatas: ibi sex acræ prati, et molendinum tredecim solid. et quatuor denar. tempore regis Edwardi valebant quindecim solidis, modo XL. solid. Ibi etiam habet ecclesiam, et in alia Adyngtona dimidium virgatæ terræ ad geld. Item in Ausfordeshew hundred, in Wendlyngburgh sanctus Guthlacus habuit et habet quinque hidas terræ et dimidium; terra est duodecim carucat. in dominio est una carucata cum uno servo et viginti et uno villanis, cum ecclesia et presbytero, et septem bord. et duodecim sochm. habentibus undecim acras: ibi duo molendina de sexdecim solidis, triginta acræ prati valent quinquaginta solidos, et usus undecim solidos, modo sex lib. Item in Ailwordesle hundred Granelcrand in Baddeby sanctus Guthlacus habuit et habet quatuor hidas terræ: terra est undecim acræ; in dominio sunt octo carucatæ, et octo servi et quinque ancillæ, duodecim villani, et octo bord. cum sex carucatis: ibi molendinum de duobus solidis, et XXVIII. acræ prati, sylvæ IV. quarent. longitudine, et II. quarent. in latitudine: tempore regis Edwardi valebant quatuor lib. modo similiter. Item in hundred de Widibroke, in Glaphorn sanctus Guthlacus habuit et habet unam virgatam terræ ad geld, et viginti acras sylvæ.

"Item in *Leistershire*, in Goscote wapp. in Beby sanctus Guthlacus habuit et habet decem carucatas terræ et dimidium; terra est octo carucatæ, in dominio est una carucata, et duo servi et XXI. villani cum quinque sochm. et tribus bord. habent sex carucatas; ibi triginta acræ prati valent: tempore regis Edwardi LX. solidis, modo XL. solid. Item in Guthlacion wapp. in Sutton sanctus Guthlacus habuit et habet duas carucatas, et duas in Stapelton: terra est quinque carucatæ: ibi sex villani cum II. bord. habentibus unam carucatam et dimidium: tempore regis Edwardi valere viginti quatuor solid. modo viginti solid.

"Item in *Huntindounshire*, in Normannescros hundred, in Morburne sanctus Guthlacus habuit et habet quinque hidas ad geld. terra novem carucatæ, ibi nunc in dominio duæ carucatæ, et sexdecim villani et III. bord. habentes septem carucatas: ibi ecclesia et presbyter, et quadraginta acræ prati, et una acra sylvæ minutæ: tempore regis Edwardi valebant centum solidos, modo similiter. In Theringa sanctus Guthlacus habuit et habet unam hidam et dimidium ad geld. terra una carucat. et dimid. Socha de Achumesbiry manerio regis: Eustachius tenet modo de abbate de Croyland, et habet ibi unam carucatam, et unum villanum cum dimidio carucat. et sex acris prati: tempore regis Ed. valebant viginti solid. modo similiter.

"Item in *Grantebrigshire*, in Nordstow hundred, in Hokittona sanctus Guthlacus habuit et habet septem hidas et dimid. terra est octo carucat. in dominio quatuor hid. et ibi sunt quatuor carucat. ibi quatuordecim villani et III. bord. cum sex carucatis. Ibi quatuor cotagia, et tres servi, pratum, duæ carucatæ, cum ecclesia et presbytero: tempore regis Ed. valebant octo libris, modo sex libris. In Cestreton hundred, in Cotenham sanctus Guthlacus habuit et habet undecim hidas ad geld. terra est octo carucat. in dominio sex hid. et ibi est una carucata, ibi duodecim villani et octo bord. cum septem carucatis: ibi unus servus, pratum, et octo acræ, pastur. ad pet. villæ de marisco D. ang. et de præsent. XII. d. val. tempore regis Ed. octo libris, modo sex lib. hoc manerium semper fuit et est in dominio sancti Guthlaci. In Draytona sanctus Guthlacus habuit et habet octo hidas, et dimidium: terra est sex carucat. In dominio quatuor hid. et tres virg. et ibi una carucata, ibi duodecim villani, et quinque bord. et III. soch. cum quatuor carucatis: ibi quatuor cotagia, pratum, duæ carucatæ: tempore regis Ed. valebant centum solid. modo quatuor libris, decem solid. hæc terra in dominio est ecclesiæ sancti Guthlaci cum sua ecclesia et presbytero." Ing. p. 80—82.

The reader who compares Ingulphus's transcript with the published Survey, will easily notice the more material errors of the scribe who copied for him. Exclusive of occasional misstatements in the quantity and value of land, the Domesday contraction for "modo" is almost uniformly lengthened into "monetæ." In one instance v, for "quinque," is interpreted "vero." Under Buchehale, or Bukenhale, the "sylva pastilis" and the "sylva minuta" are left undistinguished. "Juland" occurs for "inland." "Talba" for "Tailla." "Pet." for "pecuniam." "Usus" for "post." "Undecim acræ" should be "x. car.:" and churches are twice mentioned which do not occur in the Survey.

At the end of Ingulphus's transcript are a few remarks, p. 82—85, upon two or three passages of the Record.

^a See Num. XVI.

^b Num. XVIII.

^c Compare Ing. pp. 85, 86.

^d Ibid. p. 88—91.

^e Ibid. pp. 92, 93.

A few days after his return (Mr. Gough by mistake says in 1072), the winter set in with unusual severity. The provision of the convent failed, and the fens were so bound up with ice, that nothing could be conveyed from the neighbouring manors. In this extremity, abbat Ingulphus betook himself to prayer for a whole night before St. Guthlac's shrine. In the morning, while the convent was at prayers in the church, a voice was suddenly heard from the north part of the monastery, as of an angel, saying, "Accipite victualia fratribus, et parate panes ut manducent hii:" the convent running out, no person could be seen; but four large sacks, two of wheat and two of flour, were standing in readiness in the church-yard.^a

In 1087, on the accession of William Rufus, Yvo Tailbois availed himself of his interest with that monarch, and seized upon all the lands of the abbey within his demesne, at Cappelade, Spaldyng, Pyncebek, and Algare. Ingulphus having in vain tried the mediation of Richard de Rulos and other friends of the monastery, at last applied to Archbishop Lanfranc, to whom he exhibited the title of the abbey to the lands in question, and through whose interest the sheriff of Lincoln was finally directed to enquire and compel restitution.^b

In 1091, the abbey was destroyed by a dreadful fire: of the circumstances of which Ingulphus gives a minute narrative. It was occasioned by the negligence

of a plumber, who, having been preparing his lead for repairs on the tower of the church a whole day, when he went to supper, thoughtlessly left his embers covered up for the next day. The church (except the north transept), the chapter-house, the dormitory, the refectory, the infirmary, with all its offices, the strangers' and the converts' halls, the abbat's hall and chamber, and the library in which was a sphere of curious construction, all fell a prey to the flames. The charter-room, though it had a vaulted roof of stone, admitted the fire through its windows, which were of wood; so that, though the building escaped, the muniments were consumed or shrivelled. The vestry, which had a double stone roof, together with the vestments and reliques contained in it, and the transept of the church already mentioned, were the only parts of the structure which were preserved. The records which escaped were a few duplicates and triplicates of Saxon Charters, which Ingulphus had delivered out to Fulmar the chanter, to preserve in the cloister, in order to teach the junior monks the Saxon characters, which had been brought into disuse by the Normans, and could be read only by a few of the elder ones. These were saved by being placed in the cloister, in an old press, within the wall of the church. The old and beautiful Charters of the Mercian kings, with near four hundred other instruments, were burnt.^c

This calamity of the monastery was no sooner

^a Ibid. p. 93.

^b Ibid. p. 95.

^c The following is Ingulphus's account of this calamitous event:

"Plumbarius enim noster circa sarta tecta reficienda in turri ecclesiæ occupatus, ad vesperum ignem suum non extinguens, sed mortuis cineribus fataliter et fatuissime operiens, quo paratior in mane suo operi insisteret, ad cœnam suam descendit; cumque finita cœna omnes servi nostrisua strata petissent, et sopor gravissimus singulos occuparet, exurgens ventus validissimus ex aquilone vere nobis malum maximum maturavit: intrans namque in turrim per apertos undique cancellos, sufflatis primo cineribus mortuis, ignem vivum in proxima tigna admovit, ubi aridam materiam et siccam sibi aptam citius inveniens, et fortius coalescens, etiam grossiora corripere cepit ignis: cernentesque diu villani lumen ingens in campanili, reputabant aliquid operis vel clericos ecclesiæ vel plumbarium consummare, tandem eructantes flammam percipientes, multo clamore portas monasterii percusserunt; erat enim circa noctis conticinium, cum universi in lectis nostris pausantes somnum primum et fortissimum faceremus. Demum ego expropterea ex somno populi clamore altisono, adque proximam fenestram festinans, tanquam in meridiana hora diei famulos omnes monasterii versus ecclesiam vociferantes et ejulantes ac discursantes clarissime cognoscebam. Cumque nocturnalibus nostris indutus, et sociis nostris excitatis, in claustrum descenderem properanter, ibi tanquam millia luminaria ibi accenderentur omnia coruscabant. Currensque ad ostium ecclesiæ et introire tentans, fere ab ære campanarum liquefacto et defluente, et plumbo similiter ferventissimo deguttante, interceptus eram; sed pedem retrahens et introspectiens ubique flammam dominantes, versus dormitorium cursum sumens, plumbo de ecclesia super claustrum deguttante, ac citius perforante, in scapula graviter adustus sum, et fere funditus concrematus, nisi in aream claustrum citius exsilissem, ubi cernens flammam ignivomam de turri ecclesiæ undique vapores etiam navim ecclesiæ corripuisse, et versus dormitorium fratrum crines suos jacere et juges favillas vibrare, exclamans ad eos adhuc tanquam mortaliter soporatos, vix valido ejulatu tandem valui excitare. Illi vocem meam agnoscentes, et nimium terri de stratis exsistentes, in suis nocturnalibus et seminudi, cum ignem in claustro audirent, per omnes dormitorii fenestras prorunt, et miserabiliter corruunt; multi vulnerati, et duro casu conquassati, pro dolor! et confracti. Flammæ vero semper valescentes, et de ecclesia versus refectoryum faces continuas jacentes, primo capitulum, deinde dormitorium, postea ipsum refectoryum, et eodem momento deambulatorium penes infirmitorium, ac totum ipsum infirmitorium cum omnibus contiguis officinis uno impetu depastæ sunt. Omnes autem fratres nostros ad me confugientes in curiam, cum plurimos cernerem seminudos, propriam cameram tentabam repetere, pro vestibis quas illic habebam, ubi majorem viderem indigentiam distribuendis: sed tantus calor omnem aulæ aditum occupabat, et maxime plumbi fluxus liquefacti ubique deguttabat, quod adhuc audacissimos juvenes ab ingressu longius arcebat. Porro ego adhuc ignorans infirmitorium nostrum ex altera parte igne correptum, circuibam per cœmeterium boreale versus ecclesiæ caput orientale; tunc percipiebam infirmitorium nostrum ignibus conflagrare, et ipsos invincibiles etiam in virides arbores, fraxinus, quercus, et salices circa crescentes fortissime debacchari. Reversus ego ad plagam occidentalem, reperiebam cameram meam tanquam clibanum assiduas flammam per omnes fenestras undique evomentem, et procedens omnia cætera ædificia contigua versus austrum, scilicet aulas conversorum ac hospitum, et alia quæcunque plumbo fuerant cooperta ignibus correpta oculis digne lacrimosis aspiciebam. Sed corruente turre ecclesiæ super australe brachium ejus, ipso fragore conterritus ego etiam ad terram semimortuus in extasin corruiebam. Elevatus quidem a confratribus meis, et in cameram portarii nostri portatus, vix usque ad mane rectum sensum meum vel solitas vires recipere prævalebam.

Clarescente tandem die, et me melius de frenesi mea convalescente, fratres lachrimantes ac languidi, et nonnulli multis membris

miserabiliter lacerati et adusti, in aula Grimketuli corrodiarii nostri divinum officium lugubri voce et lamentabili ejulatu communiter persolverunt. Completisque omnibus horis divini officii, tam diurnis quam nocturnis, ubi processimus ad videndum totius monasterii nostri statum, adhuc ignibus in multis officinis prædominantibus, tunc primitus percepigi granarium ac stabulum nostrum combusta, flammis eorum nondum sopitis, sed eorum postibus etiam in profundam terram ab ignibus adesis. Circa vero tertiam horam diei ignibus multum mitigatis ecclesiam intravimus, et aquis illatis ignem jam mitescentem ubique extinguentes, reperimus in choro incinerato omnes libros officii divini tam antiphonaria quam gradalia deperisse. Intrans tamen vestiarium, omnia sacra vestimenta nostra, sanctorumque reliquias, et nonnulla alia jocalia ibi reposita reperimus ab ignibus intacta, eo quod duplici arcu lapideo dicta domus erat tecta. In cartarium vero nostram ascendentes, quæ licet arcu lapideo erat per totum contexta, tamen per ligneas fenestras igne irruente, invenimus sicut in fornace fervente vel in furno candente, licet ipsa scrinia integra et salva apparerent, tamen omnia monumenta nostra contenta nimio ignis calore concreta sunt et penitus concremata. Chirographa nostra pulcherrima, litera publica conscripta, et crucibus aureis et venustissimis picturis ac elementis preciosissimis adornata, et reposita ibidem, omnia demolita. Privilegia etiam regum Merciorum antiquissima et optima, similiter aureis picturis pulcherrima consignata, sed litera Saxonica scripta, omnia sunt combusta. Universa talia monumenta nostra majora et minora, fuerunt numero fere quadraginta, uno momento noctis nigerimæ nobis nimium infelici infortunio perdita et destructa. Præcedentibus autem paucis annis gratiose assumens de cartaria plurima chirographa manu Saxonica exarata, eo quod eadem duplicata et quædam triplicata habuimus, tradideram ea cantori nostro, domino Fulmaro, in claustro conservanda, pro juniorum doctrina ad manum Saxonicam addiscendam, quoniam talis litera à longo tempore, causa Normannorum jam neglecta viluerat, et jam nisi paucis senioribus erat agnita; ut juniores instructi legere hanc literam, in suo senio fierent aptiores ad monumenta sui monasterii contra suos adversarios alleganda. Quæ chirographa quoniam in claustro in quodam veteri scrinio per ecclesiæ parietem circumcluso fuerant reposita, solummodo salvata sunt et ab incendio conservata. Hæc jam principalia sunt et præcipua nostra monumenta, quæ quondam secundaria et seposita, causa barbaræ literæ fuerant jam à longo levipensa et despecta, juxta illud beati Job, 'Quæ prius nolebat tangere anima mea, nunc præ angustia cibi mei sunt.'

"Tota quoque bibliotheca nostra periit, quæ amplius quam ccc. volumina originalia continebat, præter minora volumina, quæ amplius erant quam cccc. Pulcherrimumque pinacem tunc perdidimus et valde sumtuosum, de omni genere metalli pro varietate siderum et signorum mirabiliter fabricatum. Saturnus enim cupreus. Jupiter autem aureus. Mars vero ferrugineus. Sol de auricalcho. Mercurius Electrinus. Venus de stanno, et Luna fuit de argento. Coluri et omnia signa Zodiaci juxta suas naturas, suas imagines et colores, variis formis et figuris arte fabrilis sortientes, multiplicitate tam gemmarum quam metallorum et tam oculos quam ingenia intuentium supra modum sollicitabant. Non erat tale Nader in tota Anglia notum aut nominatum. Rex Franciæ quondam Turketulo dederat: at ille in suo obitu communi bibliothecæ, tam pro ornamento quam pro juniorum documento, commendarat, jam igne vorace consumtum et in nihilum liquefactum.

"Capitulum nostrum totum combustum est. Dormitorium nostrum et omnia lecta fratrum nostrorum contenta, cum domo necessariorum uno igne perierunt. Infirmitorium nostrum cum capella et balneatorio et omnibus officinis adherentibus similiter consumuntur. Refectoryum nostrum et omnia in eo contenta, præter paucos ciphos mureos et cornu ac crucibolum Wichtlafi quondam regis Merciorum quæ in petrinis scriniis custodiebantur, cum coquinis annexis, et fratrum conversorum aula et camera cum omnibus contentis in ea, simul concremantur. Cellarium nostrum et ipsa dolia plena de cervisia perdita

noised about than the neighbours vied with each other in forwarding relief. Remigius bishop of Lincoln granted forty days of pardon to all who should be benefactors; sending, himself, forty marks of silver. The canons and citizens of Lincoln sent a hundred marks. Richard de Rulos, lord of Brunne and Depyng, sent ten quarters of wheat, ten of malt, ten of peas, ten of beans, and ten pounds in silver. Haco de Multon sent twelve quarters of wheat and twenty fat hogs. Elsin de Pyncebek, a hundred shillings in silver, and ten hogs. Ardnor de Spalding gave six quarters of wheat, two oxen, and twelve hogs. The benefactors, beside these, were very numerous. Even Juliana, a poor woman of Weston, gave a large quantity of wound thread, to sew the vestments of the monks.^a Several of their estates were also at this time let to great advantage:^b and the meaner tenants of the monastery were called upon for extraordinary services. With these helps the monks were enabled to set about rebuilding their church, by putting on a temporary roof, and supplying the loss of their bells and tower by two skillets, given them by Fergus, a brazier of Boston.^c The body of Earl Waldeve was next translated from the chapter-house, and deposited by the side of St. Guthlac, "ad latus sancti Guthlaci," under an arch of stone prepared for the purpose. Miracles were presently wrought at the tomb; and the concourse of people who flocked to witness them proved of especial benefit to the monastery.^d

Ingulphus now made considerable alteration in the internal regulations of the convent, together with some additions to the statutes of abbat Turketul.^e

Yvo Tailbois, the old and implacable enemy of the monastery, presuming, according to report, that all its Charters were consumed, renewed the dispute respecting the title of the monks to their lands in his demesne: when Trigus, a brother, and the proctor of the monastery, was directed to produce the Charters of Thorold and Earl Algar at Spalding. On returning home, the clerk of Trigus was waylaid and searched for the Charters by three servants of Yvo Tailbois, but without success. Ingulphus, from this time, kept the Charters of the monastery concealed. Within a short time after, Yvo was convicted of conspiring against the king and was in consequence outlawed.^f

Thus far the chief authority for the history and Charters of Croyland has been Ingulphus, its abbat.^g After having held the abbey thirty-four years, and having taken every necessary step for rebuilding and refurnishing it, he died on the 16th of the kalends of January, A.D. 1109, and was buried in the chapter-house.^h After a vacancy of three months and a few days.

JOFFRID, at the earnest solicitation of Alan Croun, the seneschal of the king's palace, was sent for by Henry the First from the monastery of Saint Ebrulph in Normandy, of which he was prior. He made his entry as abbat at Croyland on April 8th, 1109, soon after which he was consecrated by Robert bishop of Lincoln. He began the rebuilding of the church and monastery with stone: and, in furtherance of his work, obtained from

the archbishops of Canterbury and York, as well as from the other bishops of England, the remission of one third of the penance enjoined on any person who should be a benefactor to the building. That no pains might be spared, Joffrid dispatched deputations of his monks to all parts with copies of the Indulgence, in hope of obtaining contributions. Ægelmer and Nigel were sent to France and Flanders. Fulco and Oger to the northern parts and Scotland. Suetman and the younger Wlsin to Denmark and Norway. Austin and Osbert to Wales, Cornwall, and Ireland. Peter of Blois gives a copy of Joffrid's circular letter which they carried with them.ⁱ He sent also to his manor of Cotenham, near Cambridge, Gilbert and three other monks, who had accompanied their abbat from Normandy, and who were versed in philosophy and other primitive sciences, to read lectures at Cambridge; where, having hired a barn, they were soon attended by a numerous congregation. The second year after their coming, so great was the number of their hearers, that no house, barn, or church, was large enough to receive them. They therefore separated to different places, and adopted the practice of the university of Orleans. Odo read lectures on grammar in the morning to the younger students: Terrie, on logic, to those who were more advanced, at noon: brother William read on rhetoric from Tully and Quintilian in the afternoon: while Gilbert preached regularly on every Sunday and saints-day, in different churches; to the common people in English, in Latin and French against the Jews; and on the holiday evenings he explained the Scriptures to the learned and the clergy. Thus producing a revenue of no inconsiderable consequence to the abbey.^k Other monks were sent, for the same purpose, to the manors of Wridthorp and Wendlingburgh.^l

In 1112, Robert, the brother of abbat Joffrid, who had also been a monk of St. Ebrulf, was made abbat of Thorney.^m

In 1113, abbat Joffrid sent Benedict and Stephen, two of the monks, to his manor of Beby, where, by their preaching, and more particularly addressing themselves to Robert earl of Leicester and the burgesses of that town, they acquired a large accession of alms from the faithful for their monastery. They also contributed much to the improvement of the manors of Beby, Sutton, and Stapilton.ⁿ

A. D. 1114, on the festival of the saints Perpetua and Felicitas, abbat Joffrid, in the presence of a large concourse of nobility and others, whose names are enumerated by Peter of Blois, laid the first stone of the new church, at the north-east corner of the intended structure. Richard de Rulos laid the next stone eastward, placing upon it twenty pounds toward the support of the workmen. Geoffrey Ridel placed the next to that, with ten pounds toward the workmen. The next stone to the east was placed by the lady Geva his wife, who offered one quarrier, at her own expence, for two years, in Bernak quarry, for the service of the monastery. Avice, the sister of Geoffrey Ridel, who laid the adjoining stone, gave another quarrier in like manner. Robert abbat of

sunt. Aula etiam abbatis et ejus camera, ac tota monasterii curia, quæ venustissimis ædificiis per prædecessorum meorum diligentiam fuerat pulcherrime circumcincta, heu me infelicem! quia incolatus meus ad hoc videndum prolongatus est, flammis undique quasi Græca rabiediscurrentibus, periit miserabiliter concremata. Pauca pauperum corrodiorum tuguria, et jumentorum nostrorum boscaria, ac aliorum animalium mappalia longius semota, et quæ petra erant cooperta, tantum remanserunt incombusta. Præter enim brachium ecclesiæ boreale, de quo ventus irruens flammam versus austrum fortissime abigebat, omnia monasterii ædificia, et maxime plumbo tecta tam lapidea quam lignea, chirographaque nostra et jocalia, libri ac utensilia, campanæ et eorum campanilia, vestimenta ac victualia, uno momento temporis, me infelicissimo presidente, perdita sunt et combusta.

"Plurima signa plurimæque portenta hos ignes prognosticabant, et nocturnæ visiones frequentissime prædicebant: sed omnia post factum intelligebam; tam verba sancti patris nostri Turketuli in suis extremis, nostrum ignem diligenter custodire noscenditer commendentis, quam beati patris nostri Wlfranni apud Fontanellam me mandantis ignem hospitii trium sanctorum, scilicet Guthlaci, Neoti, et Waldevi, in nocturna visione bene conservare, jam certissima monita quid inuebant, sed tardius et infelicius omnia intelligo et agnosco, ac vanis querimoniis jam indulgeo, qui talia lamenta et irremediabiles lacrymas meis culpis exigentibus digne fundo."

^a "Scilicet filum retortum in summa magna ad consuendum fratrum nostri monasterii vestimenta." See Ing. p. 99.

^b Ibid. pp. 99, 100, 101.

^c Ibid. p. 101.

^d "Divulgata namque per patriam præacta sancti Martyris translatione, concurrebant quotidie fidelium turbæ ad sancti Martyris tumulum; et offerentes vota sua, multum resuscitabant nostrum monasterium." Ibid. p. 102.

^e See the details in Ingulphus's History, pp. 102—106.

^f Ibid. p. 107.

^g Ingulphus thus closes his History. "Hanc Historiam hucusque ego Ingulphus abbas Croyland ad posterorum notitiam continuavi, prout ex archivis nostris colligere potui, et sicut patres mei narraverunt mihi. Ab enim fundatione nostra usque ad desolationem scripserunt quinque Sempectæ: gesta vero domini Turketuli abbatis scripsit Egelricus abbas junior, cognatus suus: ab ipso ad præsens ego dixi nostrorum tempora sæculorum."

^h Petr. Blesensis Contin. Hist. Ingulphi, Rer. Anglic. Script. ut. supr. p. 112.

ⁱ Ibid. p. 113.

^k Ibid. p. 114.

^l Ibid. pp. 115, 116.

^m Ibid. p. 117.

ⁿ Ibid. p. 118.

Thorney laid the stone at the south-east corner, giving ten pounds toward the workmen. Alan de Croun, or Creoun, laid the next stone eastward, and upon it his title to the patronage of Freston church; as did his wife Muriel the next, with the patronage of Toftis; their eldest son, Maurice, another, with the patronage of Butirwykys church; and their daughter Matilda another, with the patronage of Burton in Kesteven. All these titles were delivered publicly by Alan to abbat Joffrid, to erect a cell for the monks of Croyland in whichever of the churches he might think proper. Other persons who contributed in laying stones and offering money were Robert earl of Leicester, who placed the south-east stone "in cono capitis," Walter de Cantilupe and his wife Emicina, Alan de Fulbek, Theodore de Botheby, knight, and his wife Lezelina, Turbrand, a knight of Spalding, Simon earl of Northampton, who placed the north-east stone "in cono capitis," Ralph de Bernak and his wife Boass, Helpe and Simon, knights, with the latter's wife Gizlan, Sir Reyner de Bathe and his wife Goda: all these persons were contributors to the east front.^a

The convent of the abbat's choir laid the foundation of the north wall of the church after abbat Joffrid; as did the convent of the prior's choir that of the south wall after the abbat of Thorney. The base of the first pillar of the north wall was laid by Huctred, priest of Depyng, with a hundred and four of the towns-people, who offered one day's work in every month till the completion of the work. The base of the second pillar of the north wall was laid by John, priest of Talyngton, the inhabitants of the vill, who were sixty in number, making a similar offer with the men of Depyng. The foundation of the third pillar of the north wall was laid by Stanard, the priest of Uffington, with forty-two persons of his vill, upon the same terms. The foundation of the first pillar on the south side was laid by Turgar, priest of Grantham, who, with Giva and Eilward, deacons, and two hundred and twenty men of the vill, gave ten marks toward the workmen. The base of the second was laid by Turkill, priest of Hocham, who, with Elwy the deacon, and the men of Hocham, gave toward supporting the workmen twenty quarters of wheat and twenty of malt. That of the third was laid by Godescall, priest of Routzeby, who, with John the deacon, and the men of his vill, amounting to the number of eighty-four, gave six marks toward the workmen, two quarriers in their quarry, and the carriage of stone to the vessel and from the vessel "usque ii. baiardours," to serve at the church.

To all these benefactors, abbat Joffrid, when he had finished his discourse which he held to each while the different stones were placing, gave the fraternity of the monastery, and a participation in the prayers of the convent as well as in the before-mentioned Indulgences. He moreover invited the whole company, both men and women, to an entertainment. The abbats of Croyland and Thorney, with near four hundred monks of different monasteries, dined in the refectory: the two earls, and the two barons, with their wives, the knights, and gentry, dined in the abbat's hall: the six companies ("cunei") who raised the six pillars, with their wives, in the cloister; and the populace in the court: the whole amounting to more than five thousand persons.^b

From this time the building was carried on with unremitting ardour; the direction of the work being assigned to Odo the prior, and a lay-brother of the name of Arnold, "cementariæ artis scientissimo magistro." Abbat Joffrid, in the mean time, applying his mind to other business, went to London, where, chiefly by the assistance of Alan de Creoun, at that time the king's "dapifer," he obtained from Henry the First a new Charter of Confirmation.^c Theobald earl of Blois, and his brother Stephen, afterwards king of England, both of whom, in

early life, had been students under Joffrid in the university of Orleans, aiding him with their interest.

In the same year died Yvo Tailboys, the great enemy to the monks of Croyland. He was buried at Spalding. In this year also died Alan Creoun, or de Credona, whose grant of the churches of Freston, Butterwik, Warneburne, Stonnesby, Claxby, and Burton will be found in the Appendix of Instruments.^d

In 1117, an earthquake, which was felt both in Italy and England, did much injury to the structure which was rising at Croyland. The new work, on which the roof had not been laid, gave way, and the south wall was cracked in so many places, that the carpenters were obliged to shore it up with beams.^e

Abbat Joffrid died in 1124. His successor in the abbacy was

WALDEVE, called by the writer of the Cotton manuscript Vesp. B. XI. WALDENUS.^f He was a monk of this house, and is spoken of as the brother of Gospatric, a nobleman.^g He translated to a new spot the reliques of St. Guthlac A.D. 1136: a rich shrine of wood, ornamented with plates of gold and silver, and precious stones, being prepared for them by a wealthy and religious person named Robert de Grandineto. Abbat Waldeve was accused by his monks, though it is not said of what, and deposed A.D. 1138 by Alberic the legate.^h

GODFREY, or GODEFRIDUS, was the next abbat, who had been prior of St. Albans; the customs of which monastery he introduced at Croyland.ⁱ He died on the 8th of the ides of April, A.D. 1142.

EDWARD, a monk and prior of Ramsey, succeeded Godfrey: at whose request King Stephen granted to the abbey his Charter of Confirmation in 1153.^k This abbat is stated not only to have enriched his monastery with ornaments and books, but to have improved its possessions. In his time, the church and offices were again destroyed by fire: however, the greatest part was rebuilt immediately in a magnificent manner.^l After having presided thirty years, abbat Edward died in the month of February, A.D. 1172.

ROBERT DE REDINGES, prior of Leominster, was made abbat by King Henry the Second, and received the benediction from Richard bishop of Lincoln in 1175. He completed the building of the new Church, and made the front of St. Guthlac's shrine. He also obtained a Charter of Confirmation of the abbey possessions, from King Henry the Second.^m

The Continuation of the History of Croyland contains an extended detail of the controversy which abbat Redinges had with the prior of Spalding and the people of Holand respecting the fen in the precinct of Croyland abbey. In the midst of this controversy, while on the road to attend the trial of it, he died at his manor of Cottenham in Cambridgeshire, on Easter eve, A.D. 1190.ⁿ

HENRY DE LONGCHAMP, a monk of Evesham, and brother to William Longchamp, bishop of Ely and chancellor, was the next abbat. He was appointed with the king's permission, by his brother in 1191. In 1193, to end the controversy respecting Croyland precinct, he crossed the seas, and had a conference with King Richard the First at Spires, by whom the Charter of King Henry the Second to Croyland abbey was confirmed on the second day after his release from imprisonment. The quiet possession of the fen, however, though enjoyed at intervals, was not finally confirmed to Croyland till the year 1199.^o

In 1195, in the sixtieth year from the first translation, St. Guthlac was again removed "ad ampliorem sublimationem;" and his shrine more worthily decorated. The removal began on the 5th of the kalends of May, the convent and others assisting and singing at the ceremony.^p

In 1202 a dispute arose about another fen between

^a Ibid. p. 119.

^b Ibid. pp. 119, 120.

^c Num. XIX.

^d Num. XX.

^e Petr. Bles. p. 129.

^f See also Stevens's Continuation, where he is called WALDEN.

^g Orderic. p. 543.

^h MS. Cotton. Vesp. B. XI. Compare Sim. Dunelm. p. 264. Ric. Hagust. p. 328.

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ⁱ "Hic consuetudines sancti Albani instituit quæ ibi usque in præsens servantur." MS. Cotton. ut supr. fol. 77, sæc. xv.

^k Num. XXI.

^l Hist. Croyl. Contin. p. 452.

^m Ibid.

ⁿ Ibid. p. 453-456.

^o Ibid. p. 457-463.

^p Ibid. p. 463.

the abbats of Croyland and Peterborough; the adjustment of which, to the prejudice of the former, is recited in the continuation of the History of Croyland.^a

In 1220, abbat Longchamp obtained from King Henry the Third a confirmation of the abbey liberties.^b

Having governed the monastery forty-six years, he died in the month of February, 1236. His attention to the manor-houses upon the different estates, as well as to the buildings of the abbey, is particularly noticed by the writer of the Continuation.^c Upon his death,

RICHARD BARDENAY, cellarer of the house, was appointed by King Henry the Third to succeed him. In the time of this abbat, William de Albini had a grant of common for himself and his heirs in the marshes of Croyland, Spalding, Pynchbeck, Langtoft, and Baston, for their tenants in Uffington, Caswyk, and Talyngton.^d He enclosed and cultivated Aswyk fen, and began that of Dovesdale. He gave a hundred shillings a year from the fee of his church of Whaplode, to find a light perpetually burning before the altar of the Virgin Mary: and he increased the revenue of the offices, and greatly improved the different possessions of the monastery.^e He died A. D. 1247, and was succeeded by

THOMAS WELLES, who had previously been "gremialis" and subprior of the house. Abbat Welles followed the example of his predecessor in improving the rents of the offices, and settled on the convent the newly-tilled land at Dovesdale. While on a journey to Rome upon the affairs of his convent, he was made prisoner and detained a considerable time by the Lombards. He died on the ides of October, 1254. The continuator of Blesensis states, that numerous sick persons were restored to health at his tomb; and that, two years after his death, on removing his body to the last arch of the north transept, his skin was found firm and uncorrupted.^f

RALPH MERSHE, or DE MERSE, a monk of Croyland, was the next abbat. At considerable expence, and after a long suit at law, he obtained for his monastery the manor of Gedney: he also procured the appropriation of the church of Whaplode;^g and purchased the advowson of Eston. By his interest with King Henry the Third, he also obtained markets and fairs in Whaplode,^h Baston,ⁱ and Croyland; with free warren in his manors of Croyland, Langtoft, Baston, Thetford,^k Burthorp, Bukenhale, Halyngton, Dovedyke, Whaplode, Holbech, and Aswyke.^l He built the tower of the church beyond the choir, with the chapel of St. Martin near the gate of the almonry: and, after witnessing numerous exactions from the crown upon his monastery, died on the feast of St. Michael, 1281.^m

RICHARD CROYLAND, a monk here, and a native of the town, immediately succeeded as abbat. He began the rebuilding of the east end of the church, in a style of beauty and elegance superior to all the other churches of the province. He also laid out considerable sums of money on the manor of Dovedyke, and built the manor-houses of Langtoft, Wendlyngburgh, and Morburn, with numerous offices in other manors.ⁿ

In the time of this abbat, frequent disputes arose between the lord of Depynge and the men of Kesteven on the one part, and the abbat of Croyland, the prior of Spalding, and the men of Holand, on the other, respecting the fens of Holand and Kesteven. The Continuation of the History of Croyland, so often quoted, contains an imperfect copy of the petition presented upon this occasion to parliament.

Abbat Richard Croyland resigned the government of his monastery in 1303. The king's licence to the

convent to choose a successor was granted on Nov. 22d that year, and on the 25th of December following, the royal assent was given to the election of

SIMON DE LUFFENHAM.^o The Cotton manuscript Vesp. B. xi. states him also to have been a native of Croyland. He probably granted out the lands of his abbey in a manner detrimental to its interests, as we find his deposition by the bishop of Lincoln, in 1324, thus noticed in the same manuscript: "Cum plus justo carnales parentes suos diligeret et spirituales contempneret, per episcopum pro demeritis depositus est de abbate." The Continuation of the History of Croyland speaks of his cession only.^p His successor was

HENRY DE CASEWYKE, or CUSEWYKE, so named from the place of his birth. Immediately upon abbat Luffenham's deposition, the escheator for the counties of Lincoln, Northampton, Cambridge, and Rutland, seized upon the goods of the abbey for the king's use: and the first act of abbat Casewyke's administration seems to have been an application for an allowance to the convent during the vacancy. Accordingly, upon an inquisition taken at Stamford in the second year of King Edward the Third, upon the oaths of eighteen jurors, there were found to have been in the monastery throughout the time of the vacancy forty-one monks, fifteen corrodiers, and thirty-six officers and servants, who were all returned by name. After which, an allowance was made from the exchequer of sixpence a day to the prior, three pence to each monk and corrodier, and two pence to each servant. The value of the monastery to the king at this time was 85*l.* 6*s.* 0½*d.* The allowance to the monks amounted to 8*l.* 17*s.* 0¼*d.*^q After having filled the abbatial office thirty-five years, abbat Casewyke died in 1358. During the time of this abbat, in 1332, a composition of fraternity was entered into between the convents of Croyland and Spalding.

THOMAS DE BERNAK, who was next elected abbat, was confirmed in his office by the bishop of Lincoln on the Wednesday next before the feast of St. Gregory, 1358.^r Mr. Gough places his death in 1378:^s but Bishop Kennett says, that

JOHN DE ASHEBY was made his successor in 1373.^t The controversy which took place in his time respecting the ancient bounds of the fens, and which was noticed even in parliament, is detailed at considerable length in the Continuation of the History of Croyland.^u He added to the church, or rather new cast, the large bells in the outward belfry.^x Having governed his monastery fifteen years, he died of a fever on the octaves of St. Bartholomew, 1392.

THOMAS DE OVERTON, the prior of the monastery, became the next abbat; and had the mortification to see the controversy as to the boundaries renewed.^y Upon the deposition of King Richard II., Thomas Holand earl of Kent, the inveterate enemy of the monastery, was beheaded for conspiring against King Henry the Fourth, A. D. 1400. Abbat Overton, with several other abbats of the province, was also charged with treason; but on his appearance before the king's justices at Huntingdon, he was acquitted.^z By way of improvement to the revenues of the monastery, he purchased the third part of the manor of Gedney, called Shelton Fee, from Sir Ralph Shelton; and the land called Beaumont's Fee, in Baston, of the Lord Henry de Beaumont. He also, for twenty pounds, procured a Charter of indemnification for escheats on a vacancy: gave new forms to the choir: added four bells to the tower: and rebuilt the brewery and bakehouse of the abbey. Toward the close of his administration he became blind; but, at

^a Ibid. p. 472.

^b See the Charter, *ibid.* p. 475.

^c "Ædificia insuper fere omnia, infra abbatiam et extra ad maneria, suo tempore in melius constructa et reedificata extiterunt." *Ibid.* p. 477.

^d Hist. Croyl. Contin. p. 477.

^e Ibid. p. 479.

^f Ibid. pp. 479, 480.

^g Compare also Fin. 11 Hen. III. m. 9. Plac. ap. Westm. 14 Hen. III. rot. 7.

^h Cart. 39 Hen. III.

ⁱ Cart. 41 Hen. III.

^k In Cambridgeshire. Bishop Tanner supposed it should be read Sleford, the Record 35 Edw. I. having Thetford. Then follow Buchorp, Quaplode, Holebeche, Doneditch, Buchwall, and Halinton, com. Linc.

^l Hist. Croyl. Contin. p. 480. See also Cart. 37 Hen. III. Pat. 21 Edw. I. Pat. 31 Edw. I. m. 1. Cart. 35 Edw. I. n. 4.

^m Hist. Croyl. Contin. p. 481.

ⁿ Ibid.

^o Kennett, MS. Diptycha. Simon de Luffenham confirmatus, 17 kal. Febr. Reg. Dalderby Ep. Linc.

^p Hist. Croyl. Contin. p. 482. See also Willis, Mit. Ab.

^q Hist. Croyl. Contin. p. 482. See Num. XXIV.

^r Reg. Ginevell Episc. Linc.

^s Hist. Croyl. Ab. p. 58.

^t Diptycha, MS. Lansd.

^u Hist. Croyl. Contin. p. 483-492.

^x MS. Cotton. Vesp. B. xi. Hist. Croyl. Contin. p. 492.

^y Ibid. pp. 492, 493, 501, et seqq.

^z Ibid. p. 495.

the earnest desire of the convent, still continued to govern them: the management of their affairs being placed in the hands of the prior, who will be hereafter mentioned.^a Abbat Overton lived till the feast of St. Thomas the Martyr,^b A. D. 1417. He was buried before the high altar of the church.^c

The Continuation of the History of Croyland takes particular notice of several monks, who, in this abbat's time, were great benefactors to the house.

Laurence Chateres, the cook, gave forty pounds toward the building of the west side of the cloister, and forty pounds to find milk of almonds for the refreshment of the convent on fish days; a black vestment, wrought "scripturis aureis," for officiating in at funerals, valued at twenty-six pounds; and twenty pounds to build a farm-house on Dovedale manor.

William de Croyland, master of the works, built the before-mentioned western part of the cloister from the foundation; the north and south cross ailes of the choir, with their arches and glass windows; and the Lady chapel on the north side. He likewise built the refectory-house, and the lower part of the nave of the church toward the west; and both its ailes and their chapels from the foundations to the roof. He also gave two tablets to the altar of St. Guthlac.

Brother Richard Woxbridge gave a purple vestment sprinkled with gold flowers, two copes, and a chesuble with tunics.

Simon Eresby adorned the altar of St. John the Evangelist with tablets both above and below: he also gave the two principal censers of silver gilt, valued at forty marks; stands for holding lights in the chapel of the Virgin Mary, on the south side of the church; and a high screen at the lower end.^d

RICHARD UPTON, prior of the house, who had governed the monastery for five years, during abbat Overton's incapacity, was unanimously elected abbat on his death.^e He appears to have consulted the interest of his monastery in every thing. The Continuation of the History of Croyland gives a detail of his good actions. He gave a receptacle to carry reliques in, which cost a hundred and twenty marks; a red cope ornamented with gold and jewels, commonly called "Ibi et Ubi," valued at a hundred marks; a vestment ornamented with the arms of England and France quarterly, with copes of the same workmanship, which also cost a hundred marks; and silk embroidered with falcons of gold, enough to make seven copes, which abbat John Lytlington, his successor, made up. He spared no expence in repairing the pastoral staves in the vestry, and the pix at the high altar, ornamented with a silver crown set with jewels. He added many valuable books to the library: rebuilt the abbat's hall: and repaired a great part of the west side of the abbey court, to the water-gate.^f

Abbat Upton died May 14th, 1427, having been abbat nine years and four months, and was succeeded by

JOHN LITLYNGTON, in whose time the old disputes

respecting the fens were renewed.^g During the time of this abbat, also, A. D. 1447, a dispute arose with the Lord Thomas Dacre, lord of Holbeth, or Holbech. The abbat of Croyland was the paramount lord of Holbech, having, beside the fee of the church there, a market and fair, waste, and free warren, pillory and tumbrell, and the correction of the assize of bread and beer: contrary to which, the bailiffs and ministers of the Lord Thomas had distrained upon the common, and been guilty of other acts to the abbat's prejudice. The award of the bishop of Lincoln, in settling this dispute, will be found among the Instruments appended to this Account.^h

In the confusion of the war between the houses of York and Lancaster, King Henry the Sixth came to Croyland, to pay his devotions at the tomb of St. Guthlac. He stayed at the abbey three days and three nights, and was so pleased with the devout behaviour of the convent, as to desire admission into the fraternity: in return for which he bestowed upon the abbey a new Charter of liberties.ⁱ Soon after this, upon the death of the duke of York at Wakefield, the northern men rose, and committed the most dreadful ravages. The inhabitants of Croyland brought their treasures and effects to the abbey, as to a place of safety; while the abbat and convent removed their own treasures and archives elsewhere, to a place of better concealment: fearing that the report of the great wealth deposited in their house might make it an object for attack. Processions by the convent were made daily round the tomb of their patron saint; the gates of the abbey were guarded, as well as the adjacent village; the mouths of the dykes and canals were fortified with stakes; and trunks of trees and other obstacles to approach were scattered on the causeways. The hostile army, however, came within six miles only of Croyland, without entering the monastery.^k

In the first year of Edward the Fourth, the acts and grants of the three preceding kings were resumed and annulled in Parliament; and, among them, the Charter respecting the vacancy of the abbey, obtained from King Henry the Fifth by abbat Overton, and the Charter of liberties granted by King Henry the Sixth.^l

Abbat Litlyngton died on the 16th of June, 1469, in the eighty-fifth year of his age, and in the 69th year of his profession, having presided over the abbey of Croyland forty-two years and eight months.

The continuator so often quoted speaks of him as an exemplary benefactor to the monastery. He gave no fewer than nine copes of cloth of gold, embroidered, valued at two hundred and forty pounds: a suit of vestments of red and gold, consisting of three copes, with a chesuble, and three tunics, which cost a hundred and sixty pounds: and a gilt table for the high altar, with its "præclatorium," or screen, both behind and before. He made the ceiling in the lower part of the church; glazed the windows; and vaulted the ailes of the same with stone. He also constructed the organ which was placed at the entrance of the church, as well as the

prout assolet, videlicet de quinque marcarum pretio, pro tempore provideatur; quæ et honestati personæ decenter possit congruere, et exinde grave monasterio dispendium nequaquam debeat evenire.

"Est et aliud similiter memoriæ commemorandum, quod in noviter ordinati abbatis installatione Comes Marescalci Angliæ ex officii sui feodo, unum exigere solet, et vendicare palafidum: unde tum dictus comes prout quadam vice vidimus, ætate minori constitutus, regiæ tuitioni secundum regni leges manciparetur, quidam palifridus, nomine dicti comitis, ad opus regis fuerat deliberatus. Idcirco et hic etiam diligenter attendendum, ne quod semel occasione temporis est patratum, per incautam forte de cetero repetitionem, de consuetudine regali persolvatur fisco, quod juri debetur alieno.

"Tertium vero memoratu dignum, et prioribus nequaquam dissimile est; quod in novi abbatis institutione, Archidiaconus Lincolnæ alium palafidum, vel quinque marcas pro ejus pretio, similiter solet acclamare. Sed ab hujusmodi exactione per privilegium Innocentii papæ sumus exonerati.

"Unus insuper Clericorum regis a tempore installationis quadraginta solidos nomine corrodi annuatim de monasterio percipere solet, donec sibi de beneficio competente alias poterit provideri." Ibid. p. 513.

^f Ibid. p. 515.

^g Ibid. p. 516-518.

^h Num. XXV.

ⁱ Num. XXVI.

^k Hist. Croyl. Contin. p. 531.

^l Ibid. p. 533.

^a Ibid. p. 497.

^b The story of whose life abbat Overton had caused to be represented in the east window of the abbat's chapel.

^c Ibid. p. 512.

^d Ibid. pp. 497, 498. William de Croyland's building of the lower part of the nave of the church is again mentioned in p. 515, together with the contributions of the following benefactors. Richard Baston and Roger Greyne, of Donyngton, gave each a hundred marks; Henry Welles archdeacon of Lincoln gave twenty pounds, beside ten pounds toward the reparation of Dovedale chapel; the Lord Thomas de la Warre and William Michel gave each twenty marks; John Kyme, John Wettlesey, John Edward, and John Ward, each ten pounds; John Curtes, William Porter, John Tomson, and John Bell, each ten marks.

^e The claims which were usually made on the installation of an abbat of Croyland, are thus detailed in the Continuation of the History of the Abbey, immediately after the account of abbat Upton's election.

"Sed jam quædam quæ de Abbatibus hujus monasterii noviter institutis, in eorum installationibus solent exigî, posteris nostris utiliter tradere, et præsentibus breviter inserere, minime credimus otiosum. Primo quidem quod capam illam qua installationis suæ tempore abbas ad altare steterit indutus, Capitulum Lincoln. quasi sibi debitam hactenus consuevit habere, quam de jure matricis ecclesiæ ritu antiquissimo sibi asserit pertinere. Ubi solerter præcavendum, ut una talis

lesser one in the choir:^a and caused a carved table to be made for the altar of the Virgin Mary. He likewise gave to the vestry the principal cross for processions, a chalice, and some massive candlesticks; all of silver gilt.

Among the monks his contemporaries, John Leicester, Stephen Swynshed, Thomas Walden, John Lexington, John Wisbech, and Thomas Leverton, are also noticed as considerable benefactors. Richard Benyngton, another monk, gave forty pounds toward glazing the west window of the nave.^b

Abbat Litlyngton is also stated, in a subsequent page, to have sent the three old bells of the church to London in 1464, and to have had them cast into five; which on their return were consecrated by the bishops of Elphin and Lincoln, by the names of Guthlac, Bartholomew, Michael, Mary, and Trinity.^c

In 1464 Margaret duchess of Somerset, and her daughter, Margaret countess of Richmond, are recorded to have been received into sisterhood at Croyland.^d

In 1467 a great flood overflowed the district of Holand; the extraordinary appearances of the air were likewise supposed to prognosticate calamity; so that at last King Edward the Fourth himself was induced to undertake a pilgrimage, first to St. Edmund at Norwich, and afterwards to our Lady of Walsingham; in returning from which, with a suite of two hundred horse, he passed one night at Croyland abbey.^e

With the account of abbat Litlyngton the Second Continuation of Ingulphus's History of Croyland ends. It was, however, resumed the same year; when

JOHN WYSHBYCH, or DE WISBECH, prior of Freston, was elected abbat on the 3d of February, 1469-70.^f He rebuilt the chapel of St. Pega at Paylond, as it was commonly called, which had long been in a state of ruin; completed the state apartments, "*cameræ illæ solennes*," between the western part of the church and the almonry, which his predecessor had begun; built the large granary adjoining the bakehouse; made windows to the dark rooms for the abbat's officers near the cloister; and built convenient apartments at Buckingham college in Cambridge, where Magdalen college now stands, for the reception and residence of scholars sent from the monastery. He changed the annual service of four stone of wax, which used to be paid from the town to the abbey of Peterborough on St. Peter's day, for a pension of twenty shillings: and abolished the ancient custom, or rather abuse, of giving knives to all that came to the monastery on St. Bartholomew's day; whereby the abbat and convent were relieved from a great and needless expence.^g

In his time a misfortune of fire happened in the town of Croyland, which impaired the revenues of the monastery to the value of forty marks a year. Abbat Wisbech, however, bestowed different sums of money upon the abbey tenants to encourage them to build again: and would himself have rebuilt what belonged to the monastery had he lived longer. He died on the 19th day of November, 1476.^h

RICHARD CROYLAND, B. D., was elected abbat Dec. 17th following, having previously been "*seneschallus*," the steward of the monastery. The natural inclination of this good man appears to have been more

to study and the transcribing of books than to the management of temporal affairs and the conducting of litigations. While engaged in transcribing manuscripts for the library of his house, his neighbours in the fens, perceiving his innocent simplicity, made new encroachments on the lands and privileges of the abbey. The inhabitants of Depyng, assembling to the number of three hundred, committed great depredations in Goggyslound marsh. The tenants, also, and parishioners of Whaplode fell furiously upon Lambert Fossedyk, the steward of the monastery, who would have hindered them from carrying away the trees which grew in the church-yard; and even threatened his life. But these, Ingulphus observes, were but trifles compared with the disturbance given to this abbat by his neighbour, William Ramsey, the abbat of Peterborough, about Alderland marsh, and other undoubted lands and privileges of the monastery. This difference, however, was adjusted by the interposition of Thomas Rotherham, sometime bishop of Lincoln, and then archbishop of York.ⁱ The arbitration took place in 1481, the twenty-first year of K. Edward the Fourth.^k On the death of Croyland,

LAMBERT FOSSEDYK, bachelor of laws, the steward of the monastery, was elected abbat January 12th, 1484. He enjoyed his dignity but two years. Dying of the sweating sickness, after an illness of eighteen hours, on November the 14th, 1485.^l A vacancy of two years duration ensued, when

EDMUND THORP, B. D. prior of the house, was elected his successor on the feast of St. Theodore, November 9th, 1487, who, upon his promotion, considering the trouble his predecessors had been brought into by their restless neighbours, used all possible methods to procure peace. The three principal controversies were, first, with the men of Multon and Weston, concerning the precinct of Croyland; secondly, with the tenants of the monastery and the men of Depyng, concerning the bounds of the demesne and the manner of pasturing in Goggysland; thirdly, concerning the marsh of Aleyrland. The first of these was, in a manner, by the management of the justices itinerant; the second, by the kindness of the king's mother, to whom Depyng belonged; and the third, by giving and appropriating to the monks of Peterborough, the church of Brynkehurst, by way of composition.^m

PHILIP EVERARD succeeded as abbat in 1497; who is also called EVEREDGE, and EVERMUE.ⁿ

WILLIAM GEDDYNG, or GEDYNG, succeeded to the abbacy in 1504.

RICHARD BERDENY, whom Leland calls BERKENY, had the temporalities restored to him Dec. 15th, A. D. 1507, being the 22d K. Henry VII.

JOHN WELLES, *alias* BRIDGES, had the temporalities of the monastery restored to him Oct. 3d, 1512; and was the last person who filled the office of abbat. In 1534, with William Pinchbeck, prior, Richard Slyford, or Slefurth, prior of Freston, Antony Overton, and twenty-seven other monks, he subscribed to the king's supremacy. After which, continuing abbat till the Dissolution, in 1539, he joined with the rest of the convent in the surrender of their house: obtaining for himself a pension of 130*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*^o

^a This lesser one is expressly said to have been brought from London to Croyland on the shoulders of two porters. "*Illa enim minora interim in choro pertranseo organa per eum comparata, quæ mercede conducti duo bajuli a Londoniis usque ad Croylandiam, suis in humeris deportabant.*" Ibid. p. 536.

^b Ibid.

^c Ibid. p. 540.

^d Ibid. p. 539.

^e Ibid. pp. 541, 542.

^f "*qui erat annus Domini millesimus quadringentesimus sexagesimus nonus secundum computationem ecclesiæ Anglicanæ, Romanæ vero septuagesimus.*" Alia Hist. Croyland. Contin. p. 552.

^g They were in allusion to the knife with which saint Bartholomew was flayed. Three are engraved in Mr. Gough's Hist. of Croyland, pl. II. p. 73, from drawings in the Minute Books of the Spalding Society. Mr. Hunter, the owner of the manor of Croyland, had great numbers of them of different sizes, found at different times in the ruins of the abbey and in the river.

^h Alia Hist. Croyl. Contin. p. 560.

ⁱ Ibid. p. 569.

^k See App. to Gough's Hist. Croyl. pp. 98, 99.

^l Alia Hist. Croyl. Contin. p. 570. Ibid. p. 576, he is said to have died on the fourteenth of October.

^m Ibid. p. 576.

ⁿ Gough, Hist. Croyl. p. 76.

^o See Num. XXIX. Stevens, from Willis, and Mr. Gough, Hist. Croyl. p. 76, say 133*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* The following pensions, according to the Roll so often quoted, were still payable in 1553.

"CROWELANDE nuper Mon. Feod. Roberti Winkefelde, auditoris omnium possessionum dicti nuper Priorat. sibi per literas paten. sub sigill. convent. ibidem pro termino vitæ suæ s. concess. per annum iiij*l.* xiiij*s.* iiij*d.* Annuit. Johannis Bellowe, armig. xl*s.* Willielmi Sympe-sonne, liij*s.* iiij*d.* Ricardi Draycott, xiiij*s.* iiij*d.* Roberti Litleberye, xxxiiij*s.* iiij*d.* Georg. St. Poole, xx*s.* Johannis Wemdonne, xxvj*s.* viij*d.* Johannis Whetelande, xx*s.* Johannis Burtonne, xx*s.* Johannis Bawd, xx*s.* Roberti Hotofte, xx*s.* Silvestr. Todde, xxvj*s.* viij*d.* Thomæ Baughe, xl*s.* Roberti Hichen, xxvj*s.* viij*d.* Rogeri et Willielmi Wigge-sonne, xx*s.* Edwardi Gryffyne, xx*s.* Johannis Broune, xxxiiij*s.* iiij*d.* Willielmi Paire et Nicholai Throgmerton, xl*s.* Dicti Nicholai Throgmertonne, xx*s.* Adlardiæ Welbye, xxxiiij*s.* iiij*d.* Johannis Meres, xl*s.* Willielmi Tallowe, xx*s.* Ricardi Fristneye, xl*s.* Thomæ Pulvertofte, xx*s.* Ricardi Ogle, xl*s.* Johannis Derwerye, xiiij*s.* iiij*d.* Roberti

The revenues of this abbey, at the Dissolution, were reckoned worth 1083*l.* 15*s.* 10½*d.* according to Stevens and Bishop Tanner's Valor. According to Speed, at 1217*l.* 5*s.* 11*d.*

The site was granted in the fourth year of Edward the Sixth to Edward Lord Clinton. It now belongs, together with the manor and demesne lands of Croyland, amounting to six thousand five hundred acres, to the family of Hunter.^a

The Dates of the different portions of the EDIFICE of CROYLAND MONASTERY have been enumerated in the respective lives of the abbats by whom or in whose time, they were constructed.

The east part of the church, with the transepts, was taken down soon after the Dissolution; when the nave and its ailes were left standing as a parish church till the close of the seventeenth century: after which, the roof and south aile falling, the north aile was fitted up for the use of the parish, with a heavy short tower.

The ruins of the nave of the old church are a hundred and forty-four feet long by twenty-eight feet wide, exclusive of the south aile, which is twelve feet wide; so that the parish church, ninety feet long and twenty-four feet wide, probably includes more than the north aile, which otherwise would be twice as wide as the south. Willis imagined the choir, from the traces of foundations, as he says, to have extended two hundred feet further in length, and to have been eighty feet in breadth, which could not be true.

The beautiful west front, loaded with statues and having the legend of St. Guthlac over the door, is running every year faster to ruin. Mr. Gough has attempted an explanation of the mutilated figures which adorn it.^b

At the east end of the structure, Mr. Gough informs us, have been taken up the massive oak planks on which the foundations of the building were laid.^c

The monastic apartments ranged on the south side of the church.

A little to the east was Anchor Church House, *q. d.* Anchorage House, where Guthlac lived and was buried: an old decayed building on the site, with two rooms below and two above, was pulled down about 1720. There remains, at present, only the site, a small hillock.^d

In the centre of Croyland town is the BRIDGE, of a

Winkefelde, xl^s. Thomæ Laighetonne, xx^s. Thomæ Coppe, xx^s. Johannis Baker, militis, xxvj^s. viij^d. Galfridi Pynchebek, xx^s. Johannis Johnsonne, xl^s. Jacobi Tederingtonne, xx^s. Penc. Nicholai Nunne, vj^{li}. Thomæ Grenehamme, vj^{li}. xij^s. iijj^d. Roberti Townesende, cvj^s. viij^d. Willielmi Gotobedd, c^s. Ric. Marten, viij^{li}. Johannis Grene, vj^{li}. Johannis Irforde, vj^{li}. xij^s. iijj^d. Willielmi Dentonne, c^s. Willielmi Tofte, vj^{li}. Petri Frixstonne, cvj^s. viij^d. Willielmi Portingtonne, c^s. Johannis Rotheram, viij^{li}.

^a See the particulars of the descent of this manor in Gough's Hist. Croyl. p. 77-81.

^b Hist Croyl. pp. 88, 91. See also Carter's Spec. of Anc. Sculpture and Painting, p. 3.

^c Mr. Essex's observations on Croyland abbey and bridge form a principal part in No. xxii. of the Bibliotheca Topogr. Britan. They contain a minute view of the various changes which the fabric of the abbey underwent from the time of Ethelbald to the Dissolution under Henry the Eighth.

In the Additions to the History of Croyland, in the same number, p. 175, are preserved the arms in the windows of Croyland church, from the Collections of Gervase Holles, of Grunsby, Esq. made 1634; afterwards in the hands of Mr. Anstis. See, also, the Harleian MS. 6829.

Willis, beside the monument of Earl Waldeve, or Waltheof, enumerates the tombs of Alan de Cruen lord of Triston (it should be Friston), on the south of the high altar; Watkin Rodeley, esq. husband to the duchess of Somerset, in the Lady chapel; Richard Wellesby, esquire of the body to King Henry VII., and Thomas Welleby, his nephew; as formerly existing in this church.

^d Gough's Addit. to Camden's Brit. vol. ii. pp. 235, 236.

^e It is engraved, *ibid.* p. 236.

^f The arms are thus described by Edmonson. Quarterly: first and fourth *Gu.* three knives erect in fesse, *Ar.* their handles *Or.*; second and third, *Az.* three scourges erect in fesse, *Or.* with three lashes to each. See the Initial Letter at the beginning of the Account of Croyland. In the Ashmolean manuscript, however, Num. 763, as well as in Mr. Cole's Collections from a Procession-Roll to Parliament in the time of King Henry VIII. the arms of the abbey are thus described. *Gu.* a cross fleury *Or.* within a border *Az.* enealuron of nine cross-crosslets *Ar.*

^g The following are the titles of the more important evidences transcribed in this volume. Articles of minor consequence, names of jurors, indictments for felonious actions, grants of corrodies, petitions

triangular form, rising from three segments of a circle, and meeting at a point at top. It was built, under the direction of the abbats, at the junction of the Nen and Welland. A triangular bridge is mentioned here in very early times, and occurs even in the Charter of King Edred, "videlicet, a PONTE de Croyland TRIANGULO per aquam de Weland," &c. A.D. 943; and again, in Edgar's Charter, A.D. 966. The present structure, however, is not thought older than the time of King Edward the First. At the foot is an image, which has been variously designated.

The Boundary called St. Guthlac's cross has been already noticed as yet remaining between Spalding and Croyland, near Brother House.^e In Mr. Gough's time, another cross, at the end of the fen in the road from Croyland by Thorney to Peterborough, lay flat, upon a piece of ground of about a quarter of an acre, called Nomansland, ditched round, and belonging to Sir Sampson Gideon. Another stone, called also St. Guthlac's cross, forming the south boundary of the parish, stood near South-Ea. A fourth, the cross at Finset, had only the base remaining.

The arms of the abbey, three knives and three whips, were formerly in separate shields on the base of the cross at Finset.^f

Bishop Tanner mentions a Register of Croyland abbey belonging to the earl of Aylesbury; a Chartulary in Lord Exeter's possession; and another, bought at the Cecil auction, belonging to the earl of Kent. The two last were probably the same. He also notices two Registers in the hands of Maurice Johnson, Esq. of Spalding. These were, in fact, one a Register of Croyland abbey, and the other of Spalding priory. These manuscripts, in 1772, belonged to Mrs. Wingfield of Stamford, and were lent in that year, through the medium of Mr. Commissary Greaves, *alias* Beauprè Bell, Esq. of Fulbourne in the county of Cambridge, to Mr. Cole of Milton, whose transcript, partly consisting of verbatim copy and partly of abstract, is preserved in Volume xlv. of his Collections now deposited in the British Museum.^g

Bishop Tanner also, beside the references to ancient Rolls, Patents, &c. already quoted, gives the following:

Cart. 2 Joan. p. 1, m. 6, n. 39, vel 59, pro mercat.

and answers, &c. have been omitted. Those marked with an asterisk will be found at length in the Appendix of Instruments at the end of this account.

1. Evidentiæ proprietatis marisci de Alderlond versus Burgum, p. 34.

* 2. Quod Custos cignorum Domini Regis non habebit Wayffs neque Strayffs Cignorum infra dominium apud Croyl. p. 35.

3. Placita de Libertatibus et de Quo Waranto coram Johanne de Vallibus et sociis suis Justiciariis Itin. apud Linc. in octav. S. Trin. anno regni Regis E. nono, p. 36.

* 4. Indentura inter Abb. et Conv. de Croyland et Eustachium de Follevilla, 13 Edw. III. p. 43.

5. Factum pro vacatione Domini Henrici Abbatis, 33 Edw. III. p. 45.

6. Feod. in Hoyland, p. 46.

7. Particularia Feodorum Abbatis Croyl. quæ tenentur de Rege in capite et de aliis Honoribus, p. 51.

8. Copia Perambulationis factæ inter Comitatus. Lincoln. et Comitatus. Cantebrigg. t. Hen. III. p. 57, v. etiam p. 73.

9. Processus factus pro habenda allocatione sustentationis Monachorum et Clericorum tempore vacationis Abbatie de Croyland, anno Regis Edwardi de Karnarvon xviii^o. p. 58.

* 10. Inquisitio capta apud Staunford 19^o. Marcij 2 Edw. III. ad inquirend. quot monachi, corrodarii, servitores, officarii, et ministri extiterunt in Abbacia de Croyland, p. 60.

11. Finis Arbitrii inter Abb. et Conv. de Croyland et Priorem de Spalding de piscaria inter Wodelode et Brotherhows, 48 Edw. III. p. 62.

12. Contentio inter Abbatem de Croyland et priorem de Spalding de diversis terris, tenem. &c. in Spaldyng, et de Tol. apud Spaldyng et apud Croyland, p. 64.

13. Placita de Libertatibus et Quo Waranto coram J. de Vallibus et sociis suis itinerantibus apud Linc. in octab. Sanctæ Trinitatis anno regni Domini Regis E. nono, p. 69.

14. Præsentatio de bund. elevand. inter Holand et Kesteven incipiendo apud Kenulphston juxta Aquam de Weland, p. 71.

15. Quomodo Obstructio Cursus Aquæ apud ripam de Outhwelle tollebatur, p. 71.

16. Placitum inter Johannem Abbatem Croyl. et Villat. de Spaldyng de Piscaria et Aucupatione in Croyland Fen et Goukeslund, p. 74.

17. De Abbate de Croyland de exoneranda de Nona.

die Merc. apud Wendlingburgh. Oblat. 2 Joan. m. 5. Oblat. 3 Joan. m. 6, de marisco inter Croiland et Spalding. Plac. de banco, 3 Joan. Mich. rot. 1, super eccl. de Fokeworth, Fordinton, et Ulseby, Huntingd.

Claus. 19 Hen. III. m. 21, pro c. porcis in foresta de Clive habendis. Plac. Westm. 25 Hen. III. rot. 25, de commun. pastur. concessa per abbatem de Croyland rectori ecclesiae de Psychurch. Fin. in com. Northampt. 31 Hen. III. de terris et marisco de Psychurch. Pat. 52 Hen. III. m. 8, dorso, de limitibus inter villam de Croiland et hundredum de Nassaburgo. Pat. 53 Hen. III. n. 21, de controversia inter ipsos et abbatem de Burgo S. Petri, de placea inter Nen et Welond aquas.

Plac. in com. Lincoln 9 Ed. I. assis. rot. 4, de marisco de Holbech. Ibid. quo warranto rot. 4, de marisco de Holbech. Ibid. quo warranto rot. 4, de libertatibus in Croyland, Spalding, &c. Plac. in com. Huntingd. 14 Ed. I. assis. rot. 7 et 8, de mess. et terris in Thirning.

Claus. 14 Ed. II. m. 4, pro maner. de Dovedike et advoc. eccl. de Suttetston: Claus. 16 Ed. I. m. 2, pro bosco de Gotesle infra forestum de Rokingham. Pat. 21 Ric. II. p. 3, m. 4, pro ten. in S. Martini Magn. Lond.

Pat. 1 Hen. IV. p. 2, m. 8. Pat. 4 Hen. IV. p. 1, m. 2. Pat. 8 Hen. IV. p. 2, m. 6, pro maneriis de Baston concess. per H. Bellamonte. Pat. 9 Henry IV. p. 2,

18. Taxatio Bonorum Temporalium et Spiritualium Monasterii Croylandiae secundum quod debet solvere x^{mas}. Domino Regi juxta Rot. Rememoratoris Regis in Scaccario anno regni Regis Edwardi IVth. xx. p. 82.

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33. Ordinatio Vicariæ de Wendlingburgh, p. 111.

34. De arboribus in cimiterio Ecclesiæ de Wendlingburgh, p. 112.

35. De Adington, p. 113.

36. Hokyton, p. 115.

37. De dominicis pratis Abbatis de Croiland apud Cotenham, p. 117.

* 38. Carta Regis Stephani de Libertatibus in Cantebrigschir. p. 119.

39. Tenentes de Feodo vocato Petite in villa de Hokyton Anno H. abbatis xxij^o. p. 121.

40. Cartæ de Hokyton, p. 127—157.

41. Terræ de Huntingdonschir sicuti annotantur in magno Rotulo Wynton. p. 159—175.

42. De manerio et villa de Morburn, p. 175.

43. Redditus in Morburne Anno H. abbatis primo, p. 177.

44. Sententia de reparatione discorum et stallorum in Ecclesia de Quapplod. anno Johannis Abbatis xx^o. p. 182.

45. Mortisatio Collegii Monachorum studentium Cantebrig. anno Johannis abbatis ij^{do}. p. 182.

46. Pardonatio Regis Henrici VI. p. 183.

m. 21, c. 29. Pat. 9 Henr. IV. p. 2, m. 21, de mercat. apud Croyland et Baston. Pat. 3 Hen. V. p. 2, m. 24, pro jure abbatis in insula de Parceint, ut in solo suo separale, contra homines de Weston et Multon. Pat. 6 Hen. VI. p. 2, m. 21, pro duobus mesuagiis in Cantabr. pro mansione monachorum ibidem studentium.

Rec. in scacc. 10 Hen. VIII. Pasch. rot. 31, de terris in Elmingham. Ibid. 16 Hen. VIII. Mich. rot. 72.^a

The Lansdowne manuscript 8^{vo}. Cat. num. 291, p. 235, contains a transcript of Pat. 15 Edw. III. p. 3, pro abbate de Crowland de exemplificatione, m. 12, quod non tenet per baroniam.

Leland took notice of the following books in the library of this monastery:

“Rogerus Dymmoc adversus Wiclefum.

Waleys super Psalterium.

Robertus Tunbeley super Cantica Cant.

Fulcherii Historia.

Turpini Historia.

Historia de Ricardo Rege carmine scripta.”^b

The CELLS to Croyland were, FRISETUN, or FRESTON, in Lincolnshire; HOLLAND;^c and BUCKINGHAM COLLEGE, now St. Mary Magdalen college, in Cambridge.

47. Carta domini Regis de feria apud Wendlyngburgh, A. D. m.cccc.xlvii. p. 183.

48. Injuriae et gravamina illata et perpetrata per Johannem Wigham de Baston in prejudicium domini Abbatis Croylandiae ibidem, p. 184.

49. Capella Sancti Johannis Evangelistae de Baston, p. 185.

50. Indentura inter Abbatem et Conventum de Croyland et parochianos de Baston de licentia nostra celebranda divina in Capella ibidem noviter constructa, p. 186.

51. Valor Vicariæ de Whaplode, p. 187.

* 52. Arbitrium domini Willielmi Alnewick Episcopi Lincoln. inter Johannem Lytlyngton abbatem Croyland et Thomam dominum de Daker de punitione et correctione omnium transgressionum et offensarum fact. in regia via, communibus straytis, et vastis solis in villis de Whaplod et Holbech, p. 192.

53. Arbitrium de diversis motionibus et procuracionibus riotose et malitiose fiendis per inhabitantes de Multon et Weston in proinctu Croylandiae, p. 196.

54. Arbitrium Thomae Archiepiscopi Eboracensis inter Willielmum abbatem de Burgo et Ricardum abbatem de Croyland de marisco de Aldyrlond et edificiis ex parte australi Villæ de Croyland cum aliis, A.D. m.cccc.lxxxi. p. 197.

55. Controversia de arboribus crescentibus in cimiterio Ecclesiæ de Whaplode, A.D. m.cccc.lxxxi. p. 201.

56. De obstructione ripæ de Utwelle, Com. Cantebr. p. 211.

57. Breve Domini Regis pro Abbate Croylandiae contra dominum Thomam Wake et alios de diversis transgressionibus audiendis et terminandis.

Among the Corrodies, two are sufficiently curious to be noticed here.

In the 13th of Edw. III. Eustace de Folleville bound himself to be counsel for life to the abbat in all suits relating to his house, at the expence of the monastery, for which it was agreed he should be paid a yearly salary of twenty shillings.

In 1339, Simon de Islep, canon of Lincoln, for his good advice and assistance in the affairs of the convent against all persons but the bishop of Lincoln and the abbat of Peterborough, had a yearly revenue of ten marks, and half a piece of clerk's cloth, with one fur of Strendeling and one of Squirrel at Christmas. This indenture is crossed over, or a line drawn through it; probably, Mr. Gough observes, when their proctor or advocate was made archbishop of Canterbury, the agreement ceased.

Such extracts from the Croyland Register as related to the parish of Hokinton and hamlet of Westwick in the county of Cambridge, Mr. Cole placed in a separate volume, now MS. Donat. Brit. Mus. num. 5887.

^a Tann. Notit. Monast. art. CROYL.

^b Lel. Collect. edit. Lond. 1770, tom. iv. p. 30.

^c Gough, Hist. Croyl.

Cartae ad Croilandense Coenobium in agro Lincolniensi spectantes.

NUM. I.

[W. Malmesb. fol. 166 b, n. 50.]

CROILAND est una insularum jacentium in illo tractu orientalium stagnorum, quæ à meditullio terræ orientia, et per centum et eo amplius milliaria fluentia in mare, cum multis et magnis fluminibus impetu suo præcipitantur. Hic Guthlacus, non dejecta stirpe otundus ephēbus, spreto usu armorum quo pollebat, cum esset xxv. annorum, solitariam vitam ingressus, xv. annis deguit, quibus, assistente Dei gratia, et sacerdotii gradu et signorum honore, et vaticiniorum veritate approbatus est. Sed magis virtutum ejus gratia post obitum splenduit, tam sacratissimi corporis post annum incorruptela, quàm multorum miraculorum ostensione præcipua: meritis quoque ejus datur, quod ad corpus ejus ædificato monasterio, inter tot bellorum turbines, inter tot temporum volubilitates, nullam ærumnam vel detrimentum sui locus ille persenserit.

[Ingulphi Croiland. Hist. fol. 484 b, n. 30.]

— DEFUNCTO igitur ac sepulto Dei famulo Guthlaco, signa virtutum &c. coruscare frequenter cœperunt. &c. Rex autem Ethelbaldus, ut beatum consolatorem suum miraculis coruscare comperiret, locum sepulturæ ejus gaudens, et devotus expetiit, et ea quæ dicto viro Dei adhuc viventi, jam regnum adeptus, ante promiserat, plenè persolvit. Accersito namque quancyus quodam famosæ religionis monacho Eveshamensi, nomine Kenulpho, ut ibi cœnobium aggregaret sibi et Deo servientibus, perennitèr concessit, dedit et confirmavit, et ab omni redditu et consuetudine seculari, totam insulam Croylandiæ omninò absolvit; et inde chartam suam in præsentia episcoporum procerumque regni sui securam statuit.

Ex Chronico incerti auctoris quod inveni in Cœnobio Canonicorum Barnwellensium non procul à Granta.

[Lelandi Collectan. vol. ii. p. 278.]

ETHELBALDUS rex Merciorum insulam Croylandiæ, palis quercinis, quindecim vel eo amplius pedum, in paludem defixis, et terra desuper congesta, fratribus Deo et sancto Guthlaco ibidem servituris, locum illum, sicut finibus distinguitur, cum aliis donavit.

Croyland, ex Tabula quadam descripta.

[Ibid. vol. iii. p. 27.]

SANCTUS Guthlacus heremita, Croylandiæ insulam à demonibus liberavit, tandem ibidem obiit, et sepultus est.

Sanctus Cyssa ex pagano factus Christianus, successit Guthlaco.

Etheldrutha Offæ regis filia, et uxor Ethelberthi regis, et martyris, postea monialis, ibidem sepulta.

Beccelinus sancti Gudlaci discipulus, ibidem sepultus.

Ethelbaldus rex Merciorum post Gudlaci anachorite tempora, Croylandiam adduxit monachos, et ecclesiam novam fabricavit, quæ postea per Hinguarum et Hubbam penitèr spoliata, et destructa fuit.

^a Sancti Guthlaci vitam descriptam habes apud Ordericum Vitalem. Hist. Eccles. p. 537, pluraque de hujus cœnobii fundatione, p. 541, &c.

Ecclesia verò quæ nunc extat opus fuit Ingulfi Normanni, ejusdem monasterii abbatis.^a

NUM. II.

Carta Ethelbaldi Regis, de Fundatione Monasterii de Croyland.

[Ex Ingulphi Historia Croylandensi, Gale Script. tom. i. p. 2. Vide Pat. 17, R. 2, parte i. m. 31.]

ETHELBALDUS divina dispensatione rex Merciorum, omnibus catholicæ fidei cultoribus salutem perpetuam. Regi regum omnium et universorum creatori^b magna cum exaltatione gratias ago, qui me usque ad præsens cunctis involutum sceleribus patienter sustinuit, misericorditer attraxit, et ad sui nominis agnitionem parumper erexit. Unde Deo adhærere mihi bonum est, et in ipso ponere spem meam. Sed quid retribuam Domino pro omnibus, quæ retribuit^c mihi ut placeam^d coram eo in lumine viventium; cum sine ipso nihil habemus, nihil sumus, nihilque valemus. Magna enim aviditate nostræ salutis auctor, et universorum largitor, acceptat nostra minima, ut causam habeat retribuenda maxima, et infinita gaudia. Sectantes ejus doctrinam per opera misericordiæ sic consolatur, dicens, 'Quod uni ex minimis meis fecistis, mihi fecistis.' Hinc est, quod cum dilecti confessoris mei, Guthlaci anachoritæ devoti instructus fuissem consilio, precibus pulsatus, gratanter in hunc modum acquievi. Ad perpetuæ^e securitatis memoriam hoc chirographo patenti dono, trado, et concedo omnipotenti Deo, beatæ Mariæ, et sancto Bartholomæo de dominicis meis ad fundationem monasterii nigrorum monachorum, sub norma sancti Benedicti Deo famulantium, totam insulam Croylandiæ ad sedem abbathiæ separatam, et separaliter obtinendam, cum quatuor aquis interclusam; videlicet cum aqua quæ dicitur Schepishee versus orientem, et cum aqua quæ vocatur Nene versus occidentem, et cum aqua quæ vocatur Southée versus austrum, et cum aqua vocata Asendyk versus aquilonem, ubi communis seweram est, inter Spaldelyng et dictam insulam. Et continet dicta insula in longitudine quatuor leucas, et tres leucas in latitudine cum mariscis adjacentibus versus occidentem ex opposito ejusdem insulæ ex utraque parte aquæ de Weland: cujus una pars versus boream vocata Goggislound, continet duas leucas in longitudine à ponte de Croyland, ubi fit ingressus ad insulam usque ad Aspath, et unam leucam in latitudine ab aqua Weland^f in australi parte usque ad Apenholt, versus boream juxta ripam, et habet per totam longitudinem æqualitatem latitudinis; et altera pars marisci in australi parte aquæ de Weland continet in longitudine duas leucas à ponte de Croyland usque ad Southlake juxta ripam ex opposito de Aspath, et habet in latitudine duas leucas ab aqua de Weland usque ad Fynset juxta aquam de Nene in australi parte ejusdem marisci, cum separali piscaria in aquis de Weland et Neene, usque ad supradictos utriusque marisci limites, et in aquis omnibus supradictam insulam ambientibus, unde quendam cœnositam Eveshamensem probatæ religionis virum, nomine Kenulphum, ut secum ejusdem ordinis monachos probatos ibidem congregaret, abbatem constitui, præbens eis de thesauro meo ad ædificationem monasterii ejusdem, primo anno trecentas libras legalis

^b creatorum. edit. Savile. script. post Bedam, fol. 484 b.

^c tribuit. Ibid.

^d perluceam. Ibid.

^e perpetuam. Ibid.

^f de Weland. Ibid.

monetæ, et per decem annos proximè sequentes quolibet anno centum libras, concedendo eisdem licentiam ad villam ædificandam ibidem, sive includendam, quantum ex hiis duobus mariscis versus occidentem dictis monachis pro se et suis placuerit. Quare volo, quod prædicti monachi habeant ista dona mea cum omnibus appendiciis libera et soluta ab omni onere sæculari in perpetuam eleemosynam meam, cum omni commodo, quod evenire aut extorqueri poterit infra dictos limites, tam subter terram, quam supra, cum communia pasturæ pro omni genere animalium, omnibus seisonis sibi,^a et hominibus suis, sive tenentibus suis secum ibidem moram facientibus ex utraque parte aquæ de Weland, videlicet, ex una parte usque ad agrum de Medishamsted, et ex altera parte usque ad ædificia de Spaldelyng, cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus, quas regia potestas liberiùs alicui ecclesiæ in regno meo contulerit temporibus retroactis. Et districtè præcipio, quod si quis contra hoc meæ autoritatis testamentum aliquod machinari impedimentum præsumperit, quo minùs pacificè possideant aliqua per me data et concessa, centum libras legalis monetæ thesauro meo persoluet, necnon dictis monachis pro damnis et expensis dignè satisfaciat. Deprecor omnes posteros meos mihi ad regnum succedentes, ut hanc pœnam et censuram meam ita observent inviolatam, sicut voluerint recipere debitæ justiciæ præmium, et evadere rapacitatis supplicium. Qui verò istam eleemosinam meam provexerit et defensaverit, in sorte electorum Dei remuneretur æternaliter. Firmatum est hoc chirographum meum in anno ab incarnatione Christi, dccxvj. quod et his probabilibus testibus sanctæ crucis indicio subnotatur. ✠ Ego Ethelbaldus rex Merciorum gratuito consensu confirmavi. ✠ Ego Brithwaldus Doroberniensis archiepiscopus ratificavi. ✠ Ego Wynfridus Merciorum episcopus approbavi. ✠ Ingwaldus Londoniensis episcopus merè consensi. ✠ Ego Adwinus Licheffeld. episcopus adoptavi. ✠ Ego Tobias Roffensis episcopus collaudavi. ✠ Ego Ethelredus abbas de Bardeney multum affectavi. ✠ Ego Egbaldus abbas de Medeshamsted illud fieri devotè rogavi. ✠ Ego Egga comes Lincoln. consilium dedi. ✠ Ego Leuricus^b comes Leycestriæ assensum præbui. ✠ Ego Saxulphus filius Saxulphi comitis corroboravi. ✠ Ego Ingulphus presbyter et humilis minister vocatus audiui. ✠ Ego Ethelbaldus, licèt indignus, patientia tamen divina regni Merciorum gero gubernacula, summa cum fiducia auctori meo Christo redeo humiliter: de quo prophetice scribitur in psalmo, 'Miscrationes ejus super omnia opera ejus.' ejusdem pietati me totum submitto, et sanctæ matris ecclesiæ precibus, beneficiisque spiritalibus commendo.

Hinc quidam Poeta sic dixit:

ETHELBALDUS ego rex sub domino super Anglos
Hanc abbatiam construo, Christe, tibi.
Insula de Croyland, vastum regis speciale,
Dicitur hæc terra, quam tibi trado, Jhesu.
Hanc totam terram cum circumeuntibus undis
Quæ claudunt illam, do tibi, summe Deus,
Insuper argenti primo fabricantibus anno
Trecentas latomis annumerabo libras:
Annis inde decem dabo centum quolibet anno
Libras in latomos, qui steterint ad opus.
Kenulphus monachus professus Eveshamiensis
Abbas primus erit, huic ego trado locum.
Cunctaque confirmo magnatum dona meorum,
Si dederint terras seu tenementa Deo.
Istum Kenulphum si quis vexaverit Anglus,
Rex condemno mihi cuncta catella sua:
Inde meis monachis de damnis omnibus ultra
Usque satisfaciat, carcere clausus erit.
Adsunt ante Deum testes hujus dationis
Anglorum proceres, pontificesque mei.
Sanctus Guthlacus confessor et anachorita
Hic jacet, in cujus auribus ista loquor.
Oret pro nobis sanctissimus iste sacerdos,
Ad tumbam cujus hæc mea dona dedi.

^a ibi. Ibid.

^b Leucitus. Ibid.

NUM. III.

Statutum Ethelbaldi Regis Merciorum de Libertate Ecclesiastica.

[Ibid. p. 5.]

CUM plerumque contingere soleat, pro incerta temporum vicissitudine, ut ea, quæ multarum et fidelium personarum testimonio consilioque roborata fuerunt, per contumaciam plurimorum, et machinamenta simulationis fraudulentæ, et sine ulla consideratione rationis in animarum suarum periculo dissipentur, nisi auctoritate literarum, et testimonio chirographorum in perpetuam memoriam fuerint consignata. Quapropter ego Ethelbaldus rex Merciorum pro amore cœlestis patriæ, et pro redemptione animæ meæ, statuendum esse prævidi, ut eam per bona opera liberam efficere ab omni vinculo delictorum. Dum enim mihi omnipotens per misericordiam elementiæ suæ absque ullo antecedente merito sceptrum regni largitus est, ideo libenter, ex eo, quod dedit, retribuo. Hujus rei gratia hanc donationem meam me vivente concedo, ut omnia monasteria et ecclesiæ regni mei a publicis vectigalibus, operibus, et oneribus absolvantur, nisi in instructionibus arcium vel^a pontium, quæ nunquam ulli possunt laxari. Præterea habeant famuli Dei propriam libertatem in proficuo sylvarum, in fructu agrorum, et in captura piscium: nec munuscula præbeant regi, vel principibus, nisi voluntaria: sed liberi Domino serviant in contemplatione pacifica per totum regnum meum, usque in ævum.

NUM. IV.

Carta Regis Offæ Monasterio de Croyland.

[Ibid. p. 6.]

OFFA rex Merciorum, omnibus per universum regnum Merciæ philochristis salutem perpetuam. Indesinentur recolens, quòd breves dies hominis sunt, et in hac paucitate dierum nostrorum, quæcunque semina-verit homo, hæc et metet: cupio per vitæ meæ præsentis sancta opera mercari mihi, et metere in futuro præmia sempiterna. Ideoque Patricium abbatem Croylandiæ, ac monachos suos ibidem Deo servientes, et servos suos universos, ipsumquæ locum Croyland, et omnia quæ sua sunt, accipio in manum meam, et tanquam fratres meos monachos de sancto Albano, liberos et solutos esse ab omni onere seculari, et quietos ubique per regnum meum ab omnibus vectigalibus haberi præcipio: et confirmo eisdem prædictum monasterium suum, cum omnibus possessionibus suis, ac aliis rebus, quascunque cognatus meus, quondam inclytus rex Ethelbaldus, fundator dicti monasterii, contulerat eisdem, et quæcunque proceres sui vel mei postea contulerunt, seu conferent in futurum, vel quæcunque fideles Christi dicto monasterio Croylandiæ conferent in æternum. Istud cirographum anno incarnationis Domini nostri Jesu Christi septingentesimo nonagesimo tertio, ego Offa rex Merciorum concessi et confirmavi. ✠ Ego Æthelardus archiepiscopus Doroborniensis consensi. ✠ Ego Ægbaldus episcopus Winchester subscripsi. ✠ Ego Aldredus episcopus Dorcestrensis subnotavi. ✠ Ego Aldulphus episcopus Lichefeld collaudavi. ✠ Ego Benna abbas de Medeshamsted corroboravi. ✠ Ego Ceolburga abbatissa de Berdea aspiravi. ✠ Ego Heabrichtus comes ad imperium domini mei regis consignavi. ✠ Ego Tilherus presbyter domini mei regis Offæ, ad ejus præceptum, hoc chirographum manu mea scripsi.

NUM. V.

Carta Kenulphi Regis Merciorum de Terris et Immunitatibus Abbatiae de Croyland.

[Ibid. p. 6.]

KENULPHUS Dei misericordia rex Merciorum, omnibus mediterraneis Anglis per universam Merciam

^a f. et.

fidem confitentibus Christianam, pacem perfectam, sempiternamque salutem. Omnes et singuli scitote, quia Dominus sanctum suum mirificavit signis celeberrimis et præclaris prodigijs, beatissimum Christi confessorem Guthlacum, in monasterio Croylandensi corporaliter quiescentem, et novis ac innumeris miraculis, prout ego ac regina mea in nostra peregrinatione nuper oculis nostris vidimus, quotidie clarius ad totius mundi notitiam corruscantem. Unde ad supplicationem religiosissimi viri et spiritualis patris ac consiliarij nostri, domini Siwardi abbatis dicti monasterij, consulente idem ac commonente venerabili patre domino Wilfredo archiepiscopo Dorobornensi, tunc nostræ peregrinationis comite, dictum monasterium Croylandiæ cum tota insula adjacente, sicut in charta quondam regis Ethelbaldi fundatoris sui per limites est distincta. Monachos etiam ejusdem monasterij, et conversos, ac servos universos in custodiam capio meæ protectionis. Insuper peregrinos omnes illuc causa devotionis accedentes, et cum signo sancti Guthlaci in suis capucijs vel capellis recedentes, liberos et solutos ab omni passagio, et telonio, ubicunque venerint per totum regnum Merciae perenniter esse volo. Sed et eleemosynam quam Thoroldus vicecomes Lincoln. dedit dictis monachis in Bokenhale; item eleemosynam quam Geolphus filius Malti dedit illis in Halington; item eleemosynam quam Fregestus miles validissimus, quondam magister meus, dedit illis in Langtoft; et eleemosynam quam Algarus, miles etiam dudum meus, dedit illis in Baston et in Repingale, Deo ac sancto Guthlaco, dictoque monasterio ac monachis in eo Deo servientibus in perpetuam possessionem concedo, confero, et confirmo. Anno incarnationis Christi octingentesimo sexto, istud chirographum ego Kenulphus Merciorum rex signo sanctæ crucis consignavi. ✠. Ego Wlfredus archiepiscopus Doroborn. fieri consului. ✠. Ego Kynebertus episcopus Winchester subnotavi. ✠. Ego Wonwona episcopus Legceestrens. consensi. ✠. Ego Celredus abbas de Medeshamsted, germanus frater domini Siwardi abbatis, multum procuravi. ✠. Ego Cuthredus rex Cantuariorum, ad imperium domini mei regis Kenulphi, assensum dedi. ✠. Ego Celwlphus frater domini regis Kenulphi approbavi. ✠. Ego Algarus minister affui. ✠. Ego Sigga presbyter, præcipiente domino meo rege Kenulpho, hoc chirographum manu mea scriptum in præsentia dictorum venerabilium patrum et dominorum meorum, præfato venerabili domino Siwardo abbati Croylandiæ commendavi.

NUM. VI.

Carta Fregisti, de Manerio de Langtoft, Croilandensi Cænobio concessa.

[Ex cod. MS. penès Joh. Oldfrid de Spalding in com. Linc. arm.]

CUNCTIS Christicolis regni Merciorum, Fregistus miles in Domino salutem. Sciant, tam præsentem quam posteri, quod ego ad S. matris ecclesiæ honorem et divini cultus exaltationem, Domino Deo, omnium bonorum largitori magnifico, sancto Guthlaco confessori, et Siwardo abbati Croylandiæ, et abbatibus ejusdem loci post ipsum succedentibus, et monachis suis, totum manerium meum, et villam de Langtoft, et in campis ejusdem villæ sex carucas terræ arabilis, habentes in longitudine xv. quarentenas, et ix. quarentenas in latitudine, et centum acras prati, et sylvam et mariscum duarum leucarum in longitudine, et ecclesiam ejusdem villæ, et xl. acras prati de eodem feodo in campo de Deping. Hæc pancula donaria mea, cum omnibus rebus, et in rebus suis eisdem appendentibus, liberè et spontè Deo et S. Guthlaco, et monachis in Croylandensi monasterio Deo famulantibus, in puram et perpetuam elemosinam liberè dedi, pro salute animæ meæ et omnium progenitorum meorum. Istud meum cyrographum apud Legecestriam, in præsentia domini regis Withlaphii, et aliorum dominorum, in festo S. Jacobi apostoli collectorum, anno Dominicæ incarnationis dcccix. Ego Frigistus miles, signo S. crucis confirmavi. ✠ Ego

Withlaphius rex Merciorum consensi. ✠ Ego Athelardus archiepiscopus Dorobornensis assensum dedi. ✠ Ego Egbaldus Wintoniensis episcopus subscripsi. ✠ Ego Adulphus Lichfieldensis episcopus collaudavi. ✠ Ego Turstanus presbyter domini mei regis Withlaphii, hoc cyrographum manu meâ scripsi.

NUM. VII.

Carta Algari militis de Manerio de Baston.

[Ibid.]

CHRISTIANIS universis per totam Merciam commorantibus, Algarus miles, filius Vorthangiæ salutem. Intelligere volo vos omnes, quod ego donavi Deo, S. Guthlaco, et speciali patri meo Sywardo abbati Croylandiæ, et omnibus ibidem abbatibus post ipsum, et eorum monachis, manerium meum de Baston, cum quatuor carucatis terræ arabilis, continentes in longitudine octo quarentenas, et octo quarentenas in latitudine; et xlv. acras prati; et mariscum continentem in longitudine xvi. quarentenas et viii. quarentenas in latitudine. Et ecclesiam ejusdem villæ, et unum molendinum, et dimidium alterius molendini; et totam piscariam meam in aquâ à prædicto molendino versùs occidentem, usque ad finem marisci ejusdem villæ versùs orientem. Hæc mea donaria dedi præfato abbati Siwardo, et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus in perpetuam elemosinam imperpetuum, ad sustentationem sui monasterii; quia, sicut sæpè didici, insula sua nullius est ferax tritici. Hoc præsens cyrographum meum apud Legecestriam, in præsentia domini mei Withlaphii regis Merciorum, anno incarnationis Domini dcccxxv. Signo crucis stabiliter confirmavi. ✠ Ego Osmundus London. episcopus consensi. ✠ Ego Osbertus abbas Rapodii interfui. ✠ Ego Athelinus dux audiui. ✠ Ego Swithunus presbyter præsens fui ✠.

NUM. VIII.

Confirmatio Witlafii Regis Merciorum Monasterio de Croyland.

[Rer. Anglic. Script. Vet. tom. i. p. 8.]

WITLAFIUS dispositione divina rex Merciorum, omnibus christicolis universam Merciam inhabitantibus salutem sempiternam. Magnalia Dei prædicare et publicare minimè mihi verecundum, sed verè videtur honorificum et gloriosum: unde apertè confitebor Domino, qui in altis habitat, humilia respiciens in cœlo et in terra, quoniam ad tempus iratus est mihi, conversus est furor suus, et consolatus est me, humilians in ira sua peccatorem usque ad terram, detrahens usque ad pulverem, et iterum misericordia sua suscitans de pulvere egenum, et de stercore erigens pauperem, ut sedeam cum principibus et solium gloriæ teneam. In die igitur bonorum ne immemor sim malorum; memor ero Rahab et Babylonis scientium me; non Rahab meretricis, sed Etheldrithæ sanctissimæ virginis, cognatæ meæ, pro sponsi sui agni immaculati amore Croylandiæ reclusæ, et in tempore tribulationis meæ me in cella sua quatuor mensium spatio diligentissimè abscondentis à facie inimici et persecuentis; memor etiam ero Babylonis, non turris confusionis, sed sanctissimæ ecclesiæ Croylandensis, quæ terra turris ad cœlum ascendens vigiliis et orationibus, psalmis et lectionibus, disciplinis et afflictionibus, lachrimis et singultibus, elemosinis et innumeris aliis devotionibus pietatisque operibus, pro sæculo^a peccatore fortissimam violentiam regno cœlorum ingerit die ac nocte. Itaque quoniam venerabilis pater dominus Siwardus abbas Croylandiæ protexit me in tabernaculo suo in die malorum, celans ac salvans à facie tribulantis: ultra privilegia meorum antecessorum regum Merciorum, qui prædictum monasterium variis libertatibus et donariis nobiliter illustrarunt, offero et ego magno altari prædicti monasterii de paupertate mea calicem aureum, crucem auream, et tabulam capellæ propriæ laminis aureis deauratam, me profitens dictæ ecclesiæ perpetuum pro viribus defen-

sorem. Insuper præcipio omnibus ministris meis per universam Merciam constitutis, quod abbati Croylandiæ, monachis, et omnibus fratribus illius sanctissimi monasterii, cum ad civitates et castella regia pro quocunque negotio accesserint, tanquam Wymundo filio meo, vel mihi, obediant in omnibus et ministrent, nihil pro expensis, quas ipsi, vel sui fecerint ibidem, ab iis accipientes, sed cum litera vel signo dictorum monachorum, arcarius meus omnes expensas hujusmodi, cum dicti ministri mei annumeraverint, pro fisco integrè acceptabit.

Volo etiam et præcipio, quòd quicumque in regno meo pro quocunque delicto reus inventus et legibus obnoxius fuerit, si fugerit ad dictum monasterium, et coram abbate dicti monasterii, qui pro tempore fuerit, gratiam sanctissimi confessoris Guthlaci ibidem corporaliter quiescentis invocans, fidelitatem ei et servitium juraverit sempiternum; salvus et securus sub protectione abbatis et monachorum suorum, in quocunque servitio per totam insulam Croylandiæ ipsum posuerint, sicut in asylo, vel in camera mea propria, pace mea et impunitate gaudeat, nullusque ministrorum meorum ultra illum insequi audeat, nec in aliquo molestare, sub pœna perditionis dextri sui pedis, quicumque in meo regno istud meum privilegium tentaverit in aliquo violare. Licebitque dicto fugitivo in quinque^a aquis quæ dictam insulam ambiunt, navigare et piscari, ac aliter, quocunque modo a dominis suis assignatus fuerit, laborare, absque ministrorum meorum, vel alicujus alterius calumnia vel gravamine. Quòd si extra dictas aquas, vel metas dicti monasterii captus aliquando fuerit, pœnam quam quondam meruit, sive mortem, sive membrorum suorum mutilationem, si ministri mei, vel quicumque sui adversarii per juramentum sex hominum fide dignorum probare poterunt, quòd extra metas suas inventus fuerit, absque ulla gratia sustinebit. Dictas verò metas monasterii Croyland in quinque ejus aquas prædictas tam ministris meis, quam abbati et monachis suis pro suis dictis fugitivis describere^b feci et notare.^c Dictæ namque aquæ vocantur istis nominibus; videlicet Schepishee ad orientem, in cujus ripa occidentali crux lignea stat vetusta, et distat ab ipsa aqua per decem pedes, æqualiter posita in medio inter duos angulos ejusdem insulæ, scilicet Aswiktoft, qui est angulus et meta dictæ insulæ contra vulturnum, et Tedwarker qui est angulus et meta dictæ insulæ contra subsolanum. Secunda aqua, quæ claudit dictam insulam ad austrum vocatur Southée, in cujus ripa est posita crux lapidea distans à Namanlandhirne per quinque perticatas, et a Southée per sex perticatas, ubi Southée intrat in aquam de Neene, quæ currit ad pontem de Croyland: sed metæ fugitivorum in illa parte diriguntur in mariscum occidentale per Finfet^d contra africanum, et sic usque ad Folwardstakyng contra eorum, et sic divertendo ad boream, ubi Southlake intrat in aquam de Weland ex opposito lapideæ crucis, quæ stat in boreali ripa dictæ aquæ de Weland, distans ab ipsa aqua per quinque pedes, quæ currit inde ad prædictum pontem de Croyland: sed metæ fugitivorum ab illa cruce diriguntur in mariscum boreale directè usque ad Oggot, qui est angulus metarum contra favonium, et sic redeundo versus orientem per Wodelade usque ad Apynholt, et ibi ascendendo per aquam de Weland, quæ est quarta aqua claudens insulam in illa parte, sicut tertia aqua de Neene claudit eam ex altera parte pontis de Croyland, usque ad severam de Asendyk cadentis in Weland, ubi stans fracta crux lapidea distat ab ipsa aqua de Asendyk per tres perticatas in ejus ripa australi: et ipsa aqua de Asendyk est quinta aqua claudens ab illo loco insulam prædictam, contra aquilonem usque ad Aswyktoft. Si extra istas quinque aquas et metas prænotatas fugitivus inventus fuerit, tanquam Semei extra Jerusalem publicis legibus subjiaciendus, pœnam, quam meruit, patietur. Quod si infra prædictas metas, et prædictarum aquarum ripas exteriores homicidium, furtum, vel aliam forisfacturam fecerit, per ballivos dicti monasterii capiendus, juxta demerita in ipsa insula, cu-

jus immunitatem perdidit, patietur, et ibidem judicandus in carcere abbatis condemnabitur. Et ut istud meum privilegium firmius et fortius ad posteros perseveret, per dominum meum Egbertum regem West-Saxoniam, et Athelwlfum filium ejus illud obtinui confirmari.

Offero etiam secretario dicti monasterii in ministerium sanctissimi altaris chlamydem coccineam, qua indutus eram in coronatione mea, ad capam inde sive casulam faciendam; et in ecclesiæ sanctissimæ ornamentum, velum meum aureum quo insuitur excidium Troiæ, in meo anniversario (si sibi placuerit) in parietibus suspendendum. Offero etiam refectorio dicti monasterii, ad usum præsentis quotidie in refectorio, scyphum meum deauratum, et per totam partem exteriorem, barbaris vinitoribus ad dracones pugnantibus cœlatum, quem crucibolum meum solitus sum vocare, quia signum crucis per transversam scyphi imprimitur interiùs, cum quatuor angulis simili impressione protuberantibus; et cornu mensæ meæ, ut senes monasterii bibant inde in festis Sanctorum, et in suis benedictionibus meminerint aliquando animæ donatoris Witlafii.

Confirmo etiam dicto monasterio omnes terras et tenementa, possessiones, et earum peculia, et omnia alia donaria, quæ predecessores mei reges Merciorum, et eorum proceres, vel alii fideles Christiani, sive Judæi, dictis monachis dederunt, vendiderunt, vel invadiaverunt, aut aliquo alio modo in perpetuam possessionem tradiderunt; et specialiter donum Thoroldi quondam vicecomitis Lincoln. in Bokenhale, videlicet duas carucatas terræ et dimidiam, et viginti sex acras prati, et quinquaginta acras sylvæ, et lxx. acras de Brusche. Item donum Geolphi filii Maltæ in Halington, viz. quatuor bovatas terræ de Juland,^e et decem bovatas in servitio, et triginti tres^f acras prati in Gernthorp. Item donum Fregisti^g militis, viz. totam villam de Langtoft, et in campis ejusdem villæ sex carucatas terræ arabiles, habentes in longitudine quindecim quarentenas, et novem quarentenas in latitudine, et centum acras prati, et sylvam et mariscum duarum leucarum in longitudine, et duarum leucarum in latitudine. Et ecclesiam ejusdem villæ, et xl. acras de eodem feodo in campo de Depyng. Item donum Algari militis filii Northlang, scilicet Northland in Baston, viz. quatuor carucatas terræ arabiles, continentes in longitudine octo quarentenas, et octo quarentenas in latitudine, et xlv. acras prati, et mariscum continens in longitudine xvi. quarentenas, et viii. quarentenas in latitudine, et ecclesiam ejusdem villæ, et unum molendinum, et dimidium alterius molendini, et totam piscariam in aqua à molendino versus occidentem usque ad finem ejusdem marisci ejusdem villæ versus orientem. Item donum ejusdem Algari militis in Repyngale, viz. tres carucatas terræ arabiles, et xl. acras prati. Item donum Normanni quondam vicecomitis in Sutton juxta Bosworthe, duas carucatas terræ, et unum molendinum ventricium. Item donum ejusdem Normanni in Stapilton, viz. manerium et duas carucatas terræ. Item donum ejusdem in Badby, viz. quatuor hidas terræ cum appendiciis. Item donum domini Algari comitis in Holbecke, et in Cappelade, viz. quatuor carucatas, et sex bovatas, et octodecim acras prati, et mariscum. Item donum ejusdem in villa sua de Spaldelyng, viz. tres carucatas terræ. [Item donum ejusdem in villa sua de Pyncebek, videlicet unam carucatam terræ. Item donum ejusdem in Algarkirke villa sua, videlicet undecim bovatas terræ: et in parochia de Sutterton tres carucatas terræ,]^h et unam bovatom, et xxvi. acras prati, et quatuor salinas cum ecclesia ejusdem villæ. Item donum Oswii militis in Draytona, viz. octo hidas terræ, et quatuor virgatas, et ecclesiam ejusdem villæ. Item donum Asketelli coci mei in Glapthorn, videlicet tres virgatas terræ. Item donum Wlgeti quondam pincernæ mei, in Peiekyrke tres virgatas terræ. Item donum [Edulphi] nuncii mei in Laithorp, unam bovatom terræ. Item donum Siwardi vicecomitis in Kyrkeby, tres bovatas terræ, unam mansionem et tria cotagia. Et in Staundon donum Sigburgæ comitissæ, quinque

^a quibusque. Ibid. fol. 487.

^b describi. Ibid. fol. 487 b.

^d Einfet alias Einset. Sav.

^c notari. Ibid.

^e f. Inland.

^f 24. Ibid.

^g alias Eregisti. Sav.

^h Uncis inclusa desunt in Script. post Bedam.

hidas terræ, et donum Wlnoti dapiferi mei in Adyngtona, videlicet duas hidas terræ, et piscariam cum advocacione ecclesiæ ejusdem villæ; et in alia Adyngtona ex dono ejusdem unam virgatam terræ. Istaſ terras et tenementa prædicto monasterio Croylandiæ, et monachis ibidem Deo servantibus, in pacificam et perpetuam possessionem concedo, trado, et confirmo, habenda de me et hæredibus meis quibuscumque regibus Merciorum post me successuris, in perpetuam et puram eleemosynam liberè, quietè, et solutè ab omnibus oneribus sæcularibus, exactionibus, [et] vectigalibus universis, quocunque nomine censeantur. Quod si quis adversarius, instigante diabolo, in quibuscunque prædictis terris aut tenementis, tot regum spatio pacificè possessis, et eorum auctoritate confirmatis, calumniam ponere voluerit in futurum, me et successores meos reges Merciorum profiteor præſenti chirographo et polliceor, dicti monasterii futuros in perpetuum defensores.

Istud clirographum domino Siwardo abbati patri meo, et Etheldrithæ sanctissimæ virgini, pro Christi amore ibidem reclusæ, carne quidem cognatæ meæ, sed (quod magis est) in Christo charissimæ sorori, quondam promissum in præſentia dominorum meorum Egberti regis West-Saxionæ et Athelwlfii filii ejus, coram pontificibus et proceribus majoribus totius Angliæ, in civitate Londonia (ubi omnes congregati fuimus pro consilio capiendò contra Danicos piratas littora Angliæ assiduè infestantes) signo sanctæ crucis confirmavi. ✠ Ego Celnothus archiepiscopus Doroborniensis consului. ✠ Ego Enbaldus archiepiscopus Eboracensis consignavi. ✠ Ego Osmundus Londoniensis episcopus collaudavi. ✠ Ego Helmstanus episcopus Wintoniensis assensum præbui. ✠ Ego Herewinus episcopus Lichefeldensis consensi. ✠ Ego Cedda Herfordensis episcopus aspiravi. ✠ Ego Adelstanus Schireburnensis episcopus procuravi. ✠ Ego Humbrichtus Helman^a episcopus approbavi. ✠ Ego Wilredus Dommocensis episcopus annui. ✠ Ego Herferdus Wigorniensis episcopus gratum habui. ✠ Ego Godwinus Roffensis episcopus favi. ✠ Ego Hedda abbas de Medeshamsted ratificavi. ✠ Ego Ambertus abbas Ripadii interfui. ✠ Ego Kynewinus abbas de Bardeney astiti. ✠ Ego Egbertus rex West-Saxionæ concessi. ✠ Ego Adelwlfus filius regis West-Saxionæ consensum dedi. ✠ Ego Wlhardus dux affui. ✠ Ego Athelmus dux audiui. ✠ Ego Herenbrichtus dux acceptavi. ✠ Ego Swithunus presbyter regis Egberti præſens fui. ✠ Ego Bosa, scriba regis Withlafii, manu mea chirographum istud scripsi. ✠ Ego Withlafius Domini nostri Jesus Christi gratia rex Merciorum, ad sanctæ matris ecclesiæ honorem, et divini cultus exaltationem, anno Incarnationis ejusdem nostri Salvatoris octingentesimo tricesimo tertio in festo sancti Augustini confessoris, doctoris, et apostoli nostræ gentis, hæc pauca offero, pluraque offerrem, quin corpus meum in morte mea tam sancto monasterio promitterem, nisi antea sepulturam meam Ripadio devovissem. Veruntamen spiritus meus permanebit vobiscum in æternum.

NUM. IX.

Carta Bertulphi Regis Merciorum de Terris et Privilegijs Abbatiae de Croyland.

[Ibid. p. 12.]

BERTULPHUS rex Merciorum venerabili patri domino Siwardo abbati Croylandiæ, omnibusque fratribus suis monachis ejusdem monasterij præſentibus et futuris, salutem in Domino sempiternam. Gratias debitas vobis omnibus dignissime reddo pro pecunia, qua me per vos dudum prætereuntem, in mea maxima indigentia, contra Paganorum violentiam gratissimo et liberalissimo animo refovistis. Quo tempore quia de injuriis damnis, vobis per quosdam vestros^b adversarios maliciose nimium illatis, mihi graviter conquesti estis, qui nequiter insidiantes in exterioribus ripis aquarumstrarum, si dictas ripas ascenderent in piscando qui de fugitivis servi vestri sunt effecti, et pari modo multotiens custodientes terminos

mariscorum vestrorum, si forte oves et boves aut cætera animalia vestra longius errantia revocare dicti servi vestri excederent, ut eosdem servos vestros extra vestram insulam inventos, velut impunitatis suæ violatores, publicis legibus subjicerent et damnarent, sicque necesse fuit frequentissime, vel dictos servos vestros in manus hostium suorum incidere et perire, vel eorum labores ad justum commodum vestrum non procedere. Proposita ergo tali querela vestra per fratrum Askillum commonachum vestrum palam coram prælatis et proceribus totius regni mei Merciæ apud Beningdon ultimo congregatis, omnibus tenerrime compatiens super ejusmodi vobis illatis injurijs, ad honorem Dei et sanctæ matris ecclesiæ relevationem, considerantibus etiam et collaudantibus universis perfectionem sanctissimæ religionis vestræ, pro majore pace et quiete vestri sacri monasterij, complacuit privilegia domini Withlafii regis, fratris, et prædecessoris mei de impunitate vobis concessa, declarare et dilatare, in eleemosynam animæ meæ, declarataque ac dilatata meo chirographo confirmare.

Quapropter præcepi Radboto vicedomino Lincoln. cæterisque ministris meis in illa parte constitutis, insulam vestram Croylandiæ, ac terminos mariscorum vestrorum circuire et describere, mihi que et concilio meo, ubicumque in ultimo Paschæ fuisset, fideliter et lucide demonstrare; qui jussa complentes, istis nominibus insulæ vestræ mariscorum vestrorum circuitum mihi, et concilio meo, sanctum Pascha nostrum tunc apud Kyngesbury tenentibus, aperte descriptum obtulerunt. Claudit enim insulam vestram de Croyland ad ejus orientem (prout antiquitus per eam dotavit monasterium vestrum inclutus quondam rex Merciæ Ethelbaldus fundator vester, et cæteri reges Merciorum sui successores suis chirographis confirmaverunt) ab Aswyktoftirne usque ad Tedwarthar aqua de Schepishee, habens dictam insulam in parte sua occidentali et mariscum de Capelade in parte sua orientali; et de Tedwarthar usque ad Namanslandhirne claudit eam aqua de Southee, habens dictam insulam in parte sua boreali et sylvam de Ancarig in parte sua australi; et de Namanslandhirne usque ad pontem de Croyland claudit eam aqua de Neene, habens dictam insulam in parte sua orientali et mariscum vestrum dictum Alderlound in parte sua occidentali; et de ponte de Croyland usque ad Wodeladmouth claudit eam aqua de Weland, habens dictam insulam in parte sua orientali, et mariscum vestrum dictum Goggislound in parte sua occidentali; et de Wodelademouth usque ad communem seweram de Asendyk claudit eam prædicta aqua de Weland, habens dictam insulam in parte sua australi et mariscum de Spaldelyng in parte sua boreali; et de prædicta sewera usque ad Aswyktoft claudit eam prædicta aqua de Asendyk, habens prædictam insulam in parte sua australi et mariscos de Spaldelyng, Weston, et Multon in parte sua boreali. Mariscorum vero vestrorum, jacentium ex opposito insulæ vestræ de Croyland ad ejus occidentem, limites et termini, per eosdem ministros meos descripti, nominibus istis mihi sunt oblatis, viz. de Namanslandhyrne usque ad Fynset, et inde ad Groynes,^c et inde usque ad Folwardastakyng, et inde versus boream usque ad Weland, ubi Southlake intrat in Weland, et sic transeundo ipsam aquam de Weland et ascendendo ad Aspath, et inde versus boream usque ad Werwerlake et sic per Harynholt usque ad Mengerlake, et inde usque ad Oggot sive Dedmanslake, et sic per Apynholt et Wodelade versus orientem usque ad Wodeladmouth, qui est terminus insulæ vestræ in illa parte contra boream, sicut Namanslandhyrne est terminus insulæ vestræ contra austrum. Communia etiam pasturæ omnium animalium vestrorum protenditur ultra dictos terminos mariscorum vestrorum versus austrum usque ad agrum monachorum ecclesiæ de Medeshamsted, et versus occidentem usque ad agrum monachorum ecclesiæ sanctæ Pegæ in australi marisco de Weland, et in boreali marisco protenditur versus occidentem usque ad ædificia de Depyng, et versus boream usque ad ædificia de Spaldelyng omnibus anni temporibus, prout a fundatione monasterij vestri hactenus omnia præacta pacifice possedistis. Pro servis ergo vestris,

^a Helmati. Sav. fol. 488.^b viros. Ibid. fol. 488 b.^c al. Greines. Sav

quos de fugitivis sive piscatores, sive pastores vobis facietis, cum communi concilio totius regni mei concedo sancto monasterio vestro ultra exteriores ripas quinque agrorum claudendum insulam vestram viginti pedes in latitudine ab ipsa aqua ubicunque ascenderint ad retia sua extrahenda, aut ad alia sua necessaria in terra solida peragenda. Similiter quocunque protenditur animalium vestrorum communia in prædictis mariscis, illuc extenditur etiam fugitivorum vestrorum licentia, ut si forte in agros contiguos ex tempestate, vel alio infortunio, vel latrocinio subducta fuerint; consentientibus omnibus prælatis et proceribus meis, concedo ipsis fugitivis vestris, quod sicut alij liberi homines, animalia vestra prædicta persequantur, et meliori modo quo poterunt, repetant et reducant, et quasi in ecclesia sua essent, pace mea et impunitate per totam viam suam gaudeant; subque mutilatione membri magis necessarij nullus eos audeat molestare, vel in aliquo contrariari.^a Insuper pro dicti Withlafij quondam regis fratris et prædecessoris mei, proque redemptione meorum peccatorum, cum communi consilio gratuitoque consensu omnium magnatum regni mei, concedo Deo et beatissimo confessori suo S. Guthlaco, sacratissimoque monasterio vestro Croylandiæ, quod per totum regnum meum Mercie, abbas, monachus, conversusve sacri monasterij vestri, qui nunc estis, vel qui vobis succedent in futurum post vos, ibidem Domino servituri, pro quocunque negotio processerint de dictis fugitivis viæ suæ famulos licenter sibi faciant et producant; inque præsentia dicti abbatis, monachi, vel conversi ubique per regnum meum, sicut in ecclesia sua Croyland, salvi permaneant et securi, ac ab omni periculo immunes penitus et indemnes, sub mutilatione membri magis dilecti, si quis istud privilegium meum attentaverit in aliquo temere violare. Quod si extra prædictos viginti pedes in ripis exterioribus aquarum vestrarum, aut extra villatas, quæ communia vobiscum vendicant in occidentalibus mariscis vestris ex utraque parte aquæ de Weland, aut alibi, vobis absentibus, absque viatica litera abbatis loci vestri, talis fugitivus repertus fuerit, juxta demerita legali supplicio subjacebit.

Declaratis itaque terminis tam insulæ vestræ, quam mariscorum vestrorum, declaratis etiam ad honorem Dei privilegij domini Withlafij, ac aliorum regum Mercie, prædecessorum meorum, vobis magnifice concessis, complacuit unanimiter mihi ac universo concilio meo, vestra omnia loca mei auctoritate regij chirographi confirmare. Confirmo ergo vobis et omnibus successoribus vestris regulam sancti Benedicti sub habitu vestro tam nunc professis, quam post vos professuris, principalem vestram ecclesiam Croylandiæ, in qua venerandæ reliquiæ sanctissimi Christi confessoris et patroni vestri beati Guthlaci corporaliter tumulati, ultimam resurrectionem feliciter expectunt; totamque insulam adjacentem, prout per terminos suos superius declaratos ministrorum meorum diligentia sufficientissime est descripta, in sedem separalem abbatihæ vestræ, in situm specialem monasterij vestri, et in vestrum plenum dominium singulariter et perpetuo possidendum, una cum duobus mariscis jacentibus ad ejus occidentem, viz. Alderlound in australi parte aquæ de Weland, et Goggislound in ejusdem aquæ parte boreali, per terminos similiter superius declaratos. Hæc est hæreditas Domini, dos ecclesiæ Christi, solum sanctæ Mariæ et beati Bartholomei apostoli, sancti Guthlaci monachorumque suorum sanctuarium sacratissimum, et monasterium ab omni terreno servitio liberissimum, illustrissimorum regum eleemosyna specialis, et in omni tribulatione universis locus refugij singularis, mansio sanctorum perpetua, et possessio viris religiosis communi regni concilio specialiter appropriata, proque frequentibus miraculis sanctissimi confessoris inter vineas Engaddi balsami mater semper fertilis, et pro regum privilegij Bosor in solitudine, omnibus poenitentibus civitas gratiæ et salutis. Si quis sacrarium hoc violaverit, vel in aliquo vexaverit, vindicabit in illum dextera mea, et hæredes mei, quicunque post me fuerint hujus regni Mercie perenniter sceptrigeri successores.

Confirmo etiam Deo et sancto Guthlaco, sacroque

monasterio vestro Croylandiæ de dono Fregisti, quondam militis domini Kenulphi regis, ecclesiam de Langtoft et in campis ejusdem villæ sex carucatas terræ habentes in longitudine quindecim quarentenas, et novem quarentenas in latitudine, et centum acras prati, et sylvam, et mariscum duarum leucarum in longitudine, et duarum leucarum in latitudine, et xl. acras de eodem feodo in campis de Depyng. Confirmo etiam Deo et sancto Guthlaco, sacroque monasterio vestro de dono Algari militis filij, Nortlang, ecclesiam de Tetford cum capella sancti Joannis Evangelistæ de Baston, et in eadem parochia quatuor carucatas terræ continentes in longitudine octo quarentenas, et octo quarentenas in latitudine, et xl. acras prati et mariscum continentem in longitudine sexdecim quarentenas, et octo quarentenas in latitudine, et unum molendinum, et dimidium alterius molendini, et totam piscariam in aqua, sicut circuit pratum vestrum versus orientem, et de dono ejusdem Algari militis in Repingale tres carucatas terræ, et lx.^b acras prati. Confirmo etiam Deo et Sancto Guthlaco, sacroque monasterio vestro de Croyland, ex dono Algari comitis, patris junioris Algari qui nunc est, ecclesiam de Cappelade, cum capella sancti Joannis Baptistæ in eadem villa, et in campis tam de Holbeth, quam de Cappelade quatuor carucatas terræ arabilis, et sex bovatas et octodecim acras patri, et mariscum duo mille acrarum, et mariscum tres mille acrarum; et de dono ejusdem Algari comitis senioris ligneam capellam sanctæ Mariæ per Spaldelyng, quæ Anglice Stokkym appellata, sita est in orientali parte fluminis ejusdem villæ; et in campis tam de Pynchbek, quam de Spaldelyng quatuor carucatas terræ, et totam piscariam prædicti fluminis a ponte quæ ducit de cœmeterio prædictæ capellæ sanctæ Mariæ ad cœmeterium lapideæ capellæ sancti Nicholai, et Anglice Stonyn appellatæ, quæ sita est in occidentali ripa, in manerio prædicti comitis Algari, qui dedit ipsam piscationem a prædicto ponte usque ad seweram de Asendyk Deo et sancto Guthlaco de Croyland, pro anniversario die patris sui omnibus annis in vestro monasterio solenniter celebrando. Confirmo etiam Deo et sancto Guthlaco, sacroque monasterio vestro, de dono ejusdem comitis Algari senioris ecclesiam de Sutterton, et tam in campis de Algarkyrk, quam de Sutterton tres carucatas terræ arabilis, et duodecim bovatas et viginti sex acras prati, et quatuor salinas. Et de dono Oswij militis in Drayton octo hidas terræ, et quatuor virgatas. Confirmo etiam Deo et sancto Guthlaco, sacroque monasterio vestro, de dono Asketelli tres virgatas terræ in Glapthorne. Et de dono Wlgeti tres virgatas terræ in Peiekyrk. Et de dono Edulphi de Laithorpe unam bovatom terræ. Et de dono Siwardi vicedomini in Kyrkeby tres bovatas terræ, unam mansionem et tria cotagia. Et de dono Sigburgæ comitissæ in Staundon quinque hidas terræ. Et de dono Wlnoti in Adyngton duas hidas terræ cum advocatione ecclesiæ ejusdem villæ; et in alia Adyngton de dono ejusdem, unam virgatom terræ. Confirmo etiam Deo et sancto Guthlaco, sacroque monasterio vestro de dono Thoroldi vicedomini Lincoln. in Bukehale duas carucatas terræ et dimidium, et viginti sex acras prati, et l. acras sylvæ [et septuaginta acras] de Brusce. Confirmo etiam Deo et sancto Guthlaco, sacroque monasterio vestro, de dono Geolphi filij Malti in Halyngton quatuor bovatas terræ de Julando, et decem bovatas in servitio et xxxiii. acras prati in Gernthorpe de eodem feodo. Hæc omnia supradicta, ecclesias, capellas, terras, tenementa, pasturas, piscationes, maneria, mansiones, molendina, mersea, et mariscos, libera et soluta ab omni servitio sæculari et onere terreno, concedo vobis et successoribus vestris in perpetuum; et præsentī meo chirographo confirmo in regiam eleemosynam meam, pro anima domini Withlafij quondam regis, fratris et prædecessoris mei, et pro animabus omnium progenitorum, parentum, et amicorum meorum. Et emancipo ab omni debito regis, et omnis alterius domini et hominis, cujuscunque fuerit dignitatis, excellentiæ, vel honoris, ut nihil a modo de vestri sacri monasterij Croylandiæ monachis, literatis, aut laicis, servis, aut tenentibus vestris, exigere poterunt, præter

^a contraire. Ibid. fol. 489.

^b xl. Ibid. fol. 489 b.

orationes vestras et beneficia spiritualia, quo gratiam beatissimi confessoris Christi sancti Guthlaci apud vos corporaliter quiescentis, in nostris adipisci necessitatibus jugiter mereamur.

Cum ergo unanimi consensu totius præsentis concilij hic apud Kyngesbyry anno Incarnationis Christi Domini octingentesimo quinquagesimo primo, feria sexta, in hebdomada Paschæ, pro regni negotijs congregati, istud meum regium chirographum sanctæ crucis signo stabiliter et immutabiliter confirmavi. ✠. Ego Ceolnothus archiepiscopus Dorobernen. sanus et incolumis, tam mente quam membris, manu mea confirmavi. ✠. Ego Swithulphus Londoniensis episcopus, in meipso expertus gratiam Dei, et sanctissimi confessoris sui Guthlaci, humili devotione ad jussionem domini mei regis istud chirographum dictavi, et inter cæteris dominos episcopos in ordine meo subscripsi. ✠. Ego Swithunus Wintoniensis episcopus, gaudens et lætus quoties aliquibus miraculis piissimus dominus lætificat civitatem suam, sanctam matrem nostram ecclesiam, huic regis chirographo subnotavi. ✠. Ego Elstanus Schireburnensis episcopus devotus et præcipuus debitor sancti Guthlaci, privilegio sanctæ ecclesiæ suæ congratulans, signum feci. ✠. Ego Orkenwaldus Lichefelden. episcopus hilaris ac alacer in cunctis sanctæ ecclesiæ prosperis successibus, prompto animo collaudevi. ✠. Ego Rethunus Legerecensis episcopus, filius ac famulus sancti Guthlaci quamdiu vixero, gratanter procuravi. ✠. Ego Godwinus Roffens. episcopus honorem Dei per hoc chirographum ardentem affectavi. ✠. Ego Wlfardus abbas Eveshamen. approbavi. ✠. Ego Livingus abbas Winchelcumbæ commendavi. ✠. Ego Hedda abbas de Medeshamsted diligenter procuravi. ✠. Ego Enulphus dux consensi. ✠. Ego Osrithus dux consului. ✠. Ego Serlo comes consensum præbui. ✠. Ego Elherus comes annui. ✠. Ego Huda comes assensum dedi. ✠. Ego Oslac pincerna regis Ethelwphi, et legatus ipsius domini mei, et filiorum suorum, nomine illorum et omnium West-Saxonum istud chirographum domini Bertulphi regis plurimum commendavi. ✠. Ego Bertulphus rex Merciorum palam omnibus prælatis et proceribus regni mei, divinam deprecor majestatem, quatenus per intercessionem sanctissimi confessoris sui sancti Guthlaci, omniumque sanctorum suorum, dimittat mihi et omni populo meo peccata nostra; et sicut per aperta miracula sua nobis ostendere dignatus est misericordiam suam, sic super paganos hostes suos dare nobis dignetur in omni certamine victoriam; et post præsentis vitæ fragilem cursum, in consortio sanctorum suorum gloriam sempiternam. Amen.

NUM. X.

Confirmatio Beorredi Regis Merciorum de omnibus Terris et Tenementis Abbatiae de Croyland.

[Ibid. p. 18.]

BEORREDUS, largiente Dei gratia, rex Merciorum, omnibus provincijs et populis earum universam Merciam inhabitantibus, et fidem catholicam conservantibus, salutem eternam in Domino nostro Jhesu Christo. Quoniam, peccatis nostris exigentibus, manum Domini super nos extensam quotidie cum virga ferrea cernimus nostris cervicibus imminere; necessarium nobis et salubre arbitror, pijs sanctæ matris ecclesiæ precibus, eleemosynarumque liberis largitionibus iratum Dominum placatum reddere, et dignis devotionibus ejus gratiam in nostris necessitatibus auxiliariam implorare: ideoque et ad petitionem strenuissimi comitis, Algari mihi meritoque dilectissimi, concessi regio chirographo meo Theodoro abbati Croylandiæ, tam donum dicti comitis Algari, quam dona aliorum fidelium præteritorum ac præsentium dicto suo sancto monasterio, in eleemosynam etiam animæ meæ, et in remissionem meorum criminum, devotione libera confirmare. Confirmo ergo Deo et sanctissimo confessori suo Guthlaco Croylandiæ, monachisque omnibus ibidem Deo servientibus, et in perpetuum servituris, totam insulam suam monasterio adjacentem, prout in chirographis inclyti quondam regis Merciorum

Ethelbaldi fundatoris sui, ac aliorum regum prædecessorum meorum, per limites et terminos est^a descripta in situm separalem abbathiæ suæ, cum duobus mariscis jacentibus ex opposito ejusdem insulæ ad orientem ex utraque parte aquæ de Weland, viz. cum Alderlound in parte australi et cum Goggislound in parte boreali, eisdem terminis quibus eos ab initio habuerunt. Confirmo etiam prædicto monasterio Croylandiæ, de dono prædicti dilectissimi mihi comitis Algari, manerium suum, quod situm est in orientali parte fluminis in Spaldelyng, cum quatuor carucatis terræ arabilis, et xxiv. mansionibus, et lxxx. cotagijs in eadem villa de Spaldelyng, et de dono comitis Algari senioris, patris sui, ligneam capellam sanctæ Mariæ, sitam in eadem parte fluminis in Spaldelyng, cum quatuor carucatis terræ adjacentibus ex utraque parte fluminis, tam in campis de Pynchebek quam de Spaldelyng; et de dono ejusdem comitis Algari ecclesiam de Cappelade, cum quatuor carucatis terræ, et vi. bovatis, et xviii. acris prati, et mersco durarum acrarum in litore maris, et marisco iii. acrarum contiguo aquæ de Shepishee claudenti insulam suam de Croyland ad ejus orientem; et de dono ejusdem comitis Algari ecclesiam de Sutherton cum capella de Salteney, et iii. carucatas terræ, xxii. bovatas et xxxvi. acras prati, tam in campis de Algarkyrke, quam de Sutherton, et cum quatuor salinis in eadem villa. Similiter confirmo prædicto monasterio de Croyland, de dono Oswij militis in Dreytona, viii. hidas terræ, et iv. virgatas, et ecclesiam ejusdem villæ. Similiter confirmo prædicto monasterio de dono Morcardi militis mei, totam terram suam de Deping, cum cc. mansionibus, et catagijs cccc. et duabus ecclesijs, viz. quicquid habuit in eadem villa et in campis ejus, ab aqua de Weland ad austrum, usque ad campos de Langetoft ad ejus aquilonem, et inter campos de Talington ad ejus occidentem, usque ad Aspath in marisco ad ejus orientem. Similiter confirmo prædicto monasterio, de dono Fregisti militis totam villam de Langetoft, cum omnibus terris et mariscis, quæ prædictus Fregistus habuit in eadem villa, et cum ecclesia ejusdem villæ. Similiter confirmo prædicto monasterio, de dono Algari militis filij Northlang, in Baston, et in Tetford omnes terras et tenementa quas dictus Algarus habuit in ecclesia, et capella sancti Johannis in eadem villa; et de dono ejusdem Algari in Repyngale, iii. carucatas terræ arabilis et lx. acras prati. Similiter confirmo prædicto monasterio, de dono Normanni quondam vicedomini in Sutton juxta Bosworthe duas carucatas terræ, et unum molendinum ventricium; et de dono ejusdem Normanni in Stapilton, manerium suum, et duas carucatas terræ; et de dono ejusdem Normanni in Badby, iv. hidas terræ cum manerio, et xxx. acris prati. Similiter confirmo prædicto monasterio, de dono Thoroldi quondam vicedomini Lincoln. in Bokenhale, ii. carucatas terræ et dimidiam, et xxvi. acras prati, et l. acras sylvæ, et lxx. acras de Brusche. Similiter confirmo prædicto monasterio de dono Geolphi filij Malti in Halyngton, quatuor bovatas terræ de Juland,^b et x. bovatas in servitio, et xxxii. acras prati de eodem feodo de Gerunthorpe. Similiter confirmo prædicto monasterio, de dono Asketelli in^c Glapthorn duas^d virgatas terræ; et de dono Wlgeti in^e Peykyrk tres virgatas terræ; et de dono Siwardi in Kyrkeby tres bovatas terræ, unam mansionem, et iii. cotagia; et de dono Edulphi in Laythorpe unam bovatom terræ; et de dono Wulnoti in Adyngton duas hidas terræ et piscariam, cum advocatione ecclesiæ ejusdem villæ, et in alia Adyngton, unam virgatam terræ; et de dono Sigburgæ comitissæ in Staundon, v. hidas terræ; et de dono Grymketelli unam hidam et dimidiam in Thirming.

Hæc omnia prænominata, insulam, mariscos, et mersca, ecclesias, et capellas, maneria, mansiones, et cotagia, sylvas, terras, et prata, concedo, constituo, et confirmo Deo et sancto Guthlaco libera, soluta, et emancipata ab omni onere terreno et servitio seculari, pro animabus prædictarum rerum donatorum, et pro merito animæ meæ, et animarum omnium progenitorum, ac hæredum meorum, in eleemosynam æternam abbati Theodoro et monachis suis in Croylandensi monasterio

^a eis. Script. post Bedam, fol. 491 b.^b f. Inland.^c de. Ib.^d tres. Ib. fol. 492.^e de. Ib.

Domino servientibus perpetuo possidendam. Istud regium chirographum meum anno incarnationis Domini nostri Jhesu Christi octingentesimo sexagesimo octavo, calend. Augusti apud Snotryngham coram fratribus, et amicis, et omni populo meo, in obsidione paganorum congregatis, sanctæ crucis munimine confirmavi. ✠. Ego Ceolnothus archiepiscopus Doroborn. subnotavi. ✠. Ego Elstanus Londoniensis episcopus corroboravi. ✠. Ego Edmundus Schireburnen. episcopus collaudavi. ✠. Ego Alewinus Winton. episcopus commendavi. ✠. Ego Kynebertus Lichefelden. episcopus consignavi. ✠. Ego Ethelbertus Hereford. episcopus crucem meam feci. ✠. Ego Wlfus^a abbas Eveshamen. approbavi. ✠. Ego Hedda de Medeshamsted abbas consensum dedi. ✠. Ego Tivinus abbas de sancto Albano consului. ✠. Ego Ethelredus rex West-Saxonie assensum præbui. ✠. Ego Alfredus frater regis West-Saxonie consensi. ✠. Ego Edmundus rex West-Anglie procuravi. ✠. Ego Adelredus dux favi. ✠. Ego Osbirtus dux annui. ✠. Ego Algarus comes istud devote fieri deprecans a domino meo rege gratiose impetravi. ✠. Ego Wulkelnus comes adjuvi. ✠. Ego Adelwlfus comes consensi. ✠. Ego Turgotus comes consensi. ✠. Ego Almundus comes consideravi. ✠. Ego Diga comes interfui. ✠. Ego Lefwinus comes aspexi. ✠. Ego Burkardus comes conscripsi. ✠. Ego Ascerus comes affui. ✠. Ego Thurstanus comes stabilivi. ✠. Ego Reynardus comes consului. ✠. Ego Tilbrandus comes subscripsi. ✠. Ego Beorredus rex Merciorum intimo animi affectu, totisque præcordijs, gratias exolvere speciales omni exercitui meo; maxime tamen viris ecclesiasticis, episcopis, et abbatibus, alijsque etiam inferioris status, et dignitatis; qui, licet pijssimæ memoriæ rex quondam Ethelwlfus pater meus per sacratissimam chartam suam, ab omni expeditione militari vos liberos reddiderit, et ab omni servitio seculari penitus absolutos, dignissima tamen miseratione super oppressiones christianæ plebis, ecclesiarumque, ac monasteriorum destructiones luctuosas benignissime compassi, contra nefandissimos paganos in exercitum Domini prompti et spontanei convenistis, ut tanquam martyres, Christi cultus sancto sanguine vestro augeatur et barbarorum superstitiosa crudelitas effugetur.

NUM. XI.

Carta Eadredi Regis.

[Ibid. p. 32.]

PAX in summæ Trinitatis nomine, Patris, et Filii et Spiritus Sancti, Amen. Ego Edredus rex terrenus sub imperiali potentia regis seculorum æternique principis, magnæ Britannie temporale gerens imperium, universis Christianis tam præsentibus quàm posteris salutis beneficium in authore salutis. Vobis liqueat omnibus, quod per devotam suggestionem et frequentem provocationem dilecti clerici et cognati mei Turketuli mihi factam super reparatione, restauratione, ac libertate sacrosanctæ ecclesiæ et monasterii Croylandensis, in qua reconditæ sunt reliquie sancti Guthlaci confessoris et anachoritæ, non modicum condolui, et compassus sum, tam pro depopulatione sanctæ matris ecclesiæ, quàm pro minoratione beneficiorum spiritualium pro animabus progenitorum meorum per opera misericordiæ multipliciter et frequenter impensorum; recolens, ibi cœnobium nigrorum monachorum ordinis sancti Benedicti à nobili rege Merciorum, Ethelbaldo nomine, quondam Alwionis filio esse fundatum, affluenter ditatum, et regalibus privilegiis sufficienter munitum, ut per inspectionem chartarum ejusdem Ethelbaldi ad securitatem dictorum monachorum compositarum, satis erat consilio meo declaratum. Sed post multorum temporum curricula per paganorum exercitum erat devastatum, et cum omnibus ornamentis et monumentis compluribus, igne crematum et consumptum. Ubi prædictus Turketulus, qui juxta psalmistæ vocem propheticam, 'Odit ecclesiam iniquantium, et dilexit decorem domus Domini,' pio stimulatus desiderio, dictum cœnobium reparare et reædificare

summopere molitur. Hic homo divinæ charitatis zelo in tantum accensus est, ut corde ac corpore se ovili dominico ibidem mancipare indesinenter adoptat. Unde quinque monachi senes in eadem insula latitantes, de quibus duo à dispersione^b regressi, de ejusdem Turketuli et aliorum jurisperitorum consilio informati, quasi graviter formidantes jacturas et dispendia varia, futuris temporibus inopinatè emergentia, [prius] totam abbatiam cum omnibus possessionibus [suis] obtentis, et ejusdem Turketuli sollicitudine recuperatis, meo etiam favore acquisitis, cum sex maneriis de prædiis suis hæreditariis, in manum meam [regiam] funditus et sponte resignarunt, ut per meam redonationem de firmiori et liberiori ex tunc et in posterum gratulentur possessione. Sed quum fœdus verbo solummodo initum, dum à memoria fuerit devolutum, in materiam contrahitur litigiosam, nisi rei gestæ perennis scripti patrocinium suffragetur. Hinc est, quod sæpeditum Turketulum cum præfatis monachis jam in habitu adunatum, grato meo consensu et assensu abbatem ejusdem monasterii constituo; et tam abbatiam, quam omnes possessiones sic recuperatas et mihi resignatas, ex dono meo regali de cætero in perpetuam et puram eleemosynam illis monachis, et omnibus successoribus eorum sub eadem regula, et eodem habitu sancti Benedicti ibidem Deo servientibus, trado, dono, et confirmo, et in hunc modum per singula declarare dispono.

Inprimis totam insulam Croylandiæ, pro gleba ecclesiæ, et pro situ separali ejusdem monasterii cum his limitibus distinctam; videlicet, à ponte de Croyland triangulo per aquam de Weland versus Spaldelyng usque ad Asendyk, ubi Asendyk cadit in aquam de Weland ex boreali^c parte crucis lapideæ per prædictum Turketulum ibidem affixæ; et sic sursum versus orientem per Asendyk usque ad Aswyktoft, et inde usque ad Shepishee in orientali parte ejusdem insulæ, et sic usque ad Tedwarthar, et ibi intrando Southee usque ad Namanlandhyrne, ubi crucem lapideam affigi præcepit idem Turketulus, distantem à Southee per sex perticatas, et sic in illa aqua sit divisio duorum comitatuum, Lincolnie videlicet et Grantebrigie, et distat eadem crux ab aqua de Neene versus occidentem per quinque perticatas; et inde per eandem aquam de Neene, sicut currit ad supradictum pontem de Croyland; cum separali piscaria tam in aquis omnibus ambientibus eandem insulam, quam in stagnis et paludibus infra situm inclusis; una cum mariscis et alnetis adjacentibus versus occidentem ex opposito ejusdem insulæ, in omnibus Lincolnie comitatu annexas ex respondentibus, et per hos limites in hunc modum determinatis, videlicet à Namanlandhyrne per aquam de Neene versus occidentem usque ad finem factum, ubi crux lapidea defixa est juxta ripam; et ab inde usque ad Grinis, et sic usque ad Folwardstakyng, et inde usque ad Southlake, ubi Southlake cadit in aquam de Weland, et sic transeundo eandem aquam, et incipiendo ad Kenulphston juxta ripam ex opposito de Southlake, ubi primus abbas à fundatione ejusdem monasterii, nomine Kenulphus, posuit crucem lapideam pro limite inter Croyland et Depyng; et ab inde tendendo versus boream juxta Aspath usque ad Werwarlake, et sic usque ad Harynholt, et deinde sursum per Mengarlake et Lurtlake, et ibi sunt limites dividentes Hoyland et Kestevene, et inde usque ad Oggot, et sic usque ad Apinholt, sive alio nomine Wodelade, ubi Wodelade cadit in aquam de Weland: cum omnibus appendiciis, et omni commodo quod possit evenire, sive extorqueri infra supradictos limites, tam subter terram quàm supra; cum communia pasturæ [omni tempore anni pro omni genere animalium, sibi et omnibus hominibus suis sive tenentibus suis secum infra dictos limites cohabitantibus, et erit illa communia pasturæ]^d in mariscis adjacentibus ex utraque parte aquæ de Weland, videlicet ex una parte ab ipsa aqua usque ad agrum de Medeshamsted, et ex alia parte ab eadem aqua usque ad ædificia de Spaldeling, cum separali piscaria in eadem aqua de Weland, à Kenulphston usque ad pontem de Croyland, [et in aqua de Neene a limite Finefacto nomine usque ad pontem de Croy-

^a Wulsius. Ibid.^b dispositione. Ibid. fol. 497 b.^c orientali. Ibid.^d *Uncis inclusa desunt in Script. post. Bedam.*

land] et ab inde in eadem aqua, et in aqua de Weland coadunatis, usque ad Asendyk. Possunt etiam dicti monachi de eisdem mariscis versus occidentem adjacentibus, pro se et hominibus sive tenentibus suis, includere croftos sive pratum circa pontem separaliter quantum illis placuerit. Quare volo, quod dicti monachi habeant prædita ista de donatione et confirmatione mea, libera et soluta ab omni causa et onere sæculi,^a et omnes libertates et liberas consuetudines, cum omni illo quod appellatur, socha, sacha, tol et tem, infangthef, weif, et stray, et cum hiis legitimè appendentibus in puram et perpetuam eleemosynam meam.

Præterea trado, dono, et confirmo eisdem monachis has possessiones eidem cœnobio ex donatione antiqua procerum regni mei ab olim dependentes; videlicet in Lincolnshire, in Spaudelyng tres carucatas terræ; in Pyncebeck unam carucatam terræ; in Cappelade tres carucatas terræ, sex bovatas terræ, et duodecim acras prati, cum ecclesia ejusdem villæ; in Algare duodecim bovatas terræ; in Donnesdyk duas carucatas terræ, et viginti acras prati; in Drayton unam carucatam terræ, et sex acras prati, et quatuor salinas; in Burtoft unam bovatom terræ, cum socha, sacha, et cum ecclesia de Sutterton; in Bokenhale duas carucatas terræ, et dimidiam; et viginti sex acras prati, et quinquaginta acras sylvæ, et sexaginta et decem acras de Brusche; in Halington decem bovatas terræ cum quatuor bovatis de Juland,^b et cum triginta duabus acris prati de eodem feodo in Gerumthorp; in Langtoft sex carucatas terræ arabiles (et habet quindecim quarentenas in longitudine, et novem quarentenas in latitudine) et centum acras prati, et sylvam, et mariscum duarum leucarum in longitudine, et duarum leucarum in latitudine, et ecclesiam ejusdem villæ, et quadraginta acras de eodem feodo in campo de Deping; in Baston apud Tetford quatuor carucatas terræ arabiles, et quadraginta quinque acras prati cum ecclesia ejusdem villæ, et cum sexdecim quarentenis marisci in longitudine et octo quarentenis in latitudine; cum uno molendino aquatico, et dimidio molendino; in Repyngale tres carucatas terræ arabiles et sexaginta acras prati; in Laitorp unam bovatom terræ; in Kyrkby tres bovatas terræ, unam mansionem, et tria cotagia.

In Northamptonshire, in Wedlyngburgh sex hidas terræ, et dimidiam, cum ecclesia ejusdem villæ, cum socha, sacha, &c. In Adington tres hidas terræ cum advocatione ecclesiæ ejusdem villæ; in Helmyngton tres hidas terræ; in Glapthorn tres virgatas terræ; in Wyrthorp unam hidam, et dimidiam, cum uno molendino aquatico; in Peykyrke duas virgatas terræ; in Badby manerium, et quatuor hidas terræ, cum triginta acris prati.

In Huntyngdonschyr, in Morberne quinque hidas terræ, cum advocatione ecclesiæ ejusdem villæ; in Thiring unam hidam et dimidiam terræ.

In Leycestreshire, in Beby decem carucatas terræ, et dimidiam, cum ecclesia ejusdem villæ; in Sutton duas carucatas terræ; in Stapilton duas carucatas terræ.

In Gruntebrygeshire, in Kotenham undecim hidas terræ, cum advocatione ecclesiæ ejusdem villæ alternis vicibus; in Hokitton septem hidas terræ, et dimidiam, cum ecclesia ejusdem villæ; in Draiton octo hidas terræ, et dimidiam, cum advocatione ecclesiæ ejusdem villæ.

In Hartfordshire, in Staundon quinque hidas terræ.

Et volo quod dicti monachi sint quieti et soluti ab omni scotto, geldo, auxiliis vicecomitem, hydagio, et à secta in schiris, wapuntakis, hundredis, thrithingis et omnimodis aliis curis, et sæculi oneribus universis. Et præcipio, quod omnes homines fugitivos quos iidem monachi per testimonium quatuor vel quinque hominum fide dignorum, coram vicecomite in patria, in qua tales manent, possunt affidare suos nativos esse, reducantur per prædictum vicecomitem in abbatiam eorum cum omnibus catallis et sequelis eorum, omni reclamazione et reluctatione abinde remota et annullata. Et si quid prius egerint in fraudem dominorum suorum, illud cassatum omnino decerno. Et si quis hominum nativorum

suorum vel native de eis tenentium aliquod delictum fecerit, pro quo catalla sua debet perdere, ipsa catalla prædictis monachis integrè liberentur ubicumque facta fuerit justitia. Et volo, quod si vicecomes vel aliquis de ballivis seu ministris meis, repertus fuerit negligens, vel protrahens eorum negotia contra juris ordinem et libertates eorum, sit in forisfactura viginti librarum thesauro meo solvendarum.

Et ne aliquid omittatur, quod ad securitatem iurium et libertatum eorum monachorum præsentis chartæ convenit inserere, saltem propter eos, quos plus terret dispendium temporale vitæ præsentis, quam supplicium gehennale perpetuò duraturum; districtè præcipio, quod omnes et singuli cujuscumque fuerint gradus vel conditionis, qui præsentis scripti sanctionem, contra formam et effectum voluntatis meæ expressæ in eodem, in aliquo violare nituntur, perturbare, vel minuere procurant, consilio, auxilio, vel favore, quominus pacificè possideant aliqua dona sibi concessa, vel vescantur aliquibus privilegiis superius memoratis; sint condemnati in pœna forisfacturæ centum librarum legalis monetæ, thesauro meo, hæredum, vel successorum meorum persolvendarum, quoties sic attentare præsumserint; nec non quod satisfaciant dictis monachis pro damnis et expensis per eos sibi factis vel illatis, taxandis per juramenta quatuor vel quinque hominum fide dignorum, per quos rei veritas melius agnosci poterit, coram iudicibus meis, hæredum, vel successorum meorum definiendis. Ut sic qui sæculo spontè renunciantes, se iugo dominico manciparunt, et jam facti sunt mundo mortui, absque mundi turbine et inquietudine liberam habeant facultatem divinæ vacare contemplationi.

Ista donaria, licet minima, ad laudem summæ Trinitatis, et in pretium redemptionis animæ meæ, prædictis monachis devotus perpetuavi et stabilivi, in anno ab incarnatione sempiterni principii, Domini nostri Jesu Christi nongentesimo quadragesimo octavo, in præsentia archiepiscoporum, episcoporum, et procerum regni mei subscriptorum. ✠ Ego Odo Doroberniensis archiepiscopus consilium et consensum meum ad istud dedi. ✠ Ego Wlstanus archiepiscopus Eboracensis devotus subnotavi. ✠ Ego Alfredus Schyreburnensis episcopus affectavi. ✠ Ego Kynsius Lichefeldensis episcopus consensi. ✠ Ego Kynewaldus Wygornensis episcopus istud factum corroboravi. ✠ Ego Ceolwulphus Dorcastrensensis episcopus desideravi. ✠ Ego Athelwoldus abbas Abendonensis approbavi. ✠ Ego Dunstanus abbas Glastoniæ multum adoptavi. ✠ Ego Oslac dux ad instantiam domini mei regis collaudavi. ✠ Ego Brithnodus dux commendavi. ✠ Ego Alcinus comes favi. ✠ Ego Aigulfus comes consignavi. ✠ Ego Radbodus comes consensum dedi. ✠ Ego Byngulph vicedominus consului. ✠ Ego Alfer vicecomes audiui. ✠ Ego Farceus minister interfui. ✠ Ego Sigeus minister auscultavi. ✠ Ego Æthelwardus minister aspexi. ✠ Ego Turketulus (licet minister inutilis) finem cernens mei propositi, ob hujus rei gratiam æternum Deum laudo per omnia, et licet serò veniens sub habitu monachali, et animo contrito iugo regulari meipsum submisi, ut saltem sic senectutis meæ fœces Creatori meo cogar immolare. Magnificat ergo anima mea Dominum, et vos fratres magnificate Dominum mecum, ut in sanctitate et justitia coram ipso servientes, semperque mundi principe triumphato, sic curramus in præsentis vitæ stadio, ut in futuro ad divinæ speculationis bravium pertingere mereamur. Amen.

NUM. XII.

Confirmatio Abbatiae de Croyland facta Abbati Turketulo per Regem Edgarum.

[Ibid. p. 42.]

IMPERANTE Domino nostro Jesu Christo super omnes cœlos, et super omnia regna orbis terrarum principatum tenente, qui tollit reges, et transfert regna, tractatque suo nutu mundi climata universa; ego Edgarus ejusdem Dei^c nostri largiflua munificentia possidens to-

^a sæculari. Ibid. fol. 498.

^b Inland. Ibid.

^c Domini. Ibid. fol. 500 b.

tius Magnæ Britanniae monarchiam, statui mecum ab initio regni mei pro modulo meo sua beneficia^a recompensare, et de transitoria mammona providere mihi beatorum tabernacula perque caduca bona promereri sempiterna gaudia. Cum ergo de relevatione ecclesiarum Christi, et monasteriorum restauratione frequentissime mihi suggererent spirituales patres mei pontifices et praelati, teste Deo cordium inspectore, sollicitus eorum petitionibus semper apertis auribus acquievi. Cum vero sanctissimi archiepisc. mei Dunstanus Dorober. et Osketulus Eboracensis apertius insinuassent, quomodo celebre monasterium Croylandense quondam ab inclyto rege Merciorum Ethelbaldo fundatum, alijsque Merciorum regibus, successoribus ejus, multis et magnis donarijs et dignitatibus ditatum, insuper immunitatibus et immensis privilegijs ampliatur et magnifice confirmatum, demum nefandissimis Danis totam terram opprimantibus, ab iisdem dictum monasterium fuerit igne crematum et devastatum; sed postea, tanta cessante procella, per industriam venerabilis patris Turketuli, cooperante sibi gratia pijssimi regis patru et prædecessoris mei Edredi, jam resurrexit restauratum, et iterum in sanctorum habitaculum ædificatum, et regio chirographo confirmatum; gaudio magno gavisus sum, et crescenti quotidie, convalescentique indies temporibus meis per totam Angliam cultui Christiano totis animi præcordijs (Deo teste) congratulatus; prædicto viro^b venerabili, abbati Turketulo, quondam patris mei, patruorumque meorum patricio potentissimo, ac omnium hostium Anglici regni triumphatori strenuissimo, jamque patriæ coelestis amore servorum Christi sanctissimo pastori et praelato, concedo de regalibus sylvis meis suo Croylandensi monasterio magis vicinis et propinquis, scil. de Ancarygwood, et Medeshamstedwod, regalibus manerijs meis de Estreye et de Castre pertinentibus, arbores et meremium ad ædificationem sui monasterij prædicti, quot et quantum placuerit accipere; nec aliquis ministrorum meorum in illa patria præsumat eum in aliquo impedire. Ipsum etiam Croylandense monasterium cum tota insula adjacente et cum villa duobusque mariscis jacentibus ex utraque parte aquæ de Weland versus occidentem, iisdem limitibus et terminis, quibus dicti monasterij monachi a sua prima fundatione illa continue possederunt, et prout plurimorum regum prædecessorum meorum, et præcipue inclyti regis Edredi patru prædecessorisque mei chirographa et monumenta sufficienter, ab oriente ad occidentem, et ab austro ad aquilonem, declarant ac manifestant; concedo et confirmo in perpetuam eleemosynam prædicto patri meo Turketulo abbati, ac monachis suis, ac omnibus eorum successoribus ibidem Deo servientibus: scilicet dictam insulam de Croyland, procedendo de ponte suo triangulo per aquam de Weland versus Spaldelyng usque ad Asendyk, ubi Asendyk cadit in aquam de Weland ex boreali parte crucis lapideæ per prædictum Turketulum ibidem affixæ, et sic sursum versus orientem per Asendyk usque ad Asendtoft, et inde usque Schepishee in orientali parte ejusdem insulæ, et sic usque ad Tetwarthar, et ibi intrando Southee usque ad Namanlandhyrne, ubi crucem lapideam affigi fecit idem Turketulus, distantem a Southee per sex perticatas, et distat eadem crux ab aqua de Neene versus occidentem per v. perticatas, et inde per eandem aquam de Neene sicut currit ad prædictum pontem de Croyland, cum separali piscaria tam in aquis omnibus ambientibus eandem insulam, quam in stagnis et paludibus infra situm inclusis; una cum mariscis et alnetis adjacentibus versus occidentem ex opposito ejusdem insulæ, in omnibus Lincolniae comitatu connexis et respondentibus, et per hos limites determinatis, viz. a Namanslandhyrne per aquam de Neene versus occidentem usque ad Fineston, ubi crux lapidea defixa est juxta ripam, et inde usque ad Greynes, et sic usque ad Folwardstaking, et inde usque ad Southlake, ubi Southlake cadit in aquam de Weland, et sic transeundo eandem aquam ad Kenulphston juxta ripam ex opposito de Southlake, ubi primus abbas ejusdem monasterij nomine Kenulphus posuit crucem lapideam pro limite in-

ter Croyland et Deping, et inde versus boream juxta Aspath usque ad Werwarlake, et sic usque ad Harynholt, et inde sursum per Mengarlake et Lurtlake, et inde per Oggot usque ad Wodelade, ubi Wodelade cadit in aquam de Weland; cum omnibus commodis quæ poterunt evenire vel extorqueri infra prædictos limites, tam subter terram quam supra; cum communia pasturæ omni tempore anni pro omni genere animalium, sibi, et omnibus hominibus suis, et tenentibus suis secum infra dictos limites cohabitantibus in mariscis adjacentibus ex utraque parte [aquæ de Weland, videlicet ex una parte]^c ab illa aqua usque ad agrum meum de Medeshamsted, et ex alia parte ab aqua eadem usque ad ædificia de Spaldelyng, cum separali piscaria in eadem aqua de Weland, a Kenulphston usque ad pontem in Croyland, et in aqua de Neene a limite, Fineston nomine, usque ad prædictum pontem de Croyland, et inde in eadem aqua et in aqua de Weland coadunatis usque ad Asendyk. Concedo etiam quod dicti monachi possint includere de mariscis adjacentibus versus occidentem pro se et pro tenentibus suiscroftos sive pratum circa pontem separaliter, quantum illis placuerit, prout patruus meus rex Edredus eisdem hæc omnia suo chirographo confirmavit. Concedo etiam et confirmo prædicto monasterio omnia prædicta libera et soluta ab omni onere sæculari, et quod habeant omnes liberas consuetudines, cum omni illo quod appellatur socha, sacha, tol et tem, infangthef, weyf, et stray, et cum his legitime appendentibus. Concedo etiam et confirmo eisdem monachis omnes terras et tenementa, ecclesias et capellas, et omnes possessiones eidem monasterio pertinentes, quas præfatus rex Edredus, vel optimates sui, dicto cœnobio pro suorum redemptione peccaminum, in perpetuam eleemosynam donaverunt, vel per præfatum abbatem Turketulum datæ vel acquisitæ sunt, id est, in Croyland, Spaldeling, Pyncebek, Cappelade, Algare, Donnesdyk, Drayton, Burtoft, Southerton, Bokenhale, Halyngton, Gerunthorp, Langtoft, Baston, Depyng, Tetford, Repyngale, Laythorp, Kyrkeby, Wendlingburgh, Adyngton, Elmyngton, Glapthorne, Wyrthorp, Peykyrke, Baddeby, Morburne, Thirning, Beby, Sutton, Stapelton, Kottenham, Hoke-ton, Drayton, et Staundon. Hæc omnia tenementa, ad honorem Dei, et sanctæ ecclesiæ suæ relevationem, et ob amorem^d sancti Guthlaci corporaliter in cœnobio Croylandensi requiescentis, confirmo venerabili patri meo Turketulo abbati Croylandiæ, ac monachis suis, et eorum successoribus ibidem Deo servientibus in perpetuum. Prohibeo etiam, ne quisquam ministrorum meorum in patria Girviorum præmemoratos limites mariscorum Croylandiæ introeat, aut se in aliquo intromittat; cum tam de donatione regis Edredi patru et prædecessoris mei, quam de confirmatione mea possideant prædictos mariscos, et situm separalem monasterij sui, et a marisco meo de Ege crucibus lapideis, ac alijs intersignis et terris separatos. Contra ergo hujus nostri chirographi propositum quicumque dictum Turketulum abbatem patrem meum, vel monachos suos vexare, vel inquietare pro aliquo præmissorum præsumserit, præter meam indignationem et vindictam, nisi citius cum condigna satisfactione resipuerit, longius a sanctorum congregatione segregatus cum Dathan et Abiram damnationem gehennalem sentire possit: qui vero auxerit nostram eleemosynam, aut in aliquo promoverit hujus mei chirographi voluntatem, inter omnes sanctos et electos Dei sempiternam sortiatur felicitatem. Sancitum est hoc chirographum meum in anno Dominicæ incarnationis dcccc.lxvi. præsentibus archiepiscopis, episcopis, abbatibus, et optimatibus regni mei subnotatis. ✠. Ego Edgarus totius Albionis monarcha istud chirographum cum signo sanctæ crucis confirmavi. ✠. Ego Dunstanus archiepiscopus Dorobern. hoc chirographum cum trophæo hagiæ crucis corroboravi. ✠. Ego Osketulus archiepiscopus Eborac. Collaudavi. ✠. Ego Æthelwoldus episcopus Winton. multum procuravi. ✠. Ego Oswaldus episcopus Wicciorum commendavi. ✠. Ego Ælfwoldus episcopus Donevoniæ subscripsi. ✠. Ego Alstanus abbas Glasconiae consilium dedi. ✠. Ego Æthel-

^a beneficentia. Ibid.

^b vero. Ibid. fol. 501.

^c *Uncis inclusa desunt in Script.* post Bedam.

^d honorem. Ibid. fol. 501 b.

garus abbas novi monasterij Wyntoniae consensum præbui. ✠. Ego Wulfius abbas S. Petri Westmonasterij extra London subnotavi. ✠. Ego Merwenna abbatissa de Rumsege signum sanctæ crucis feci. ✠. Ego Ordgarus dux Donevonie consignavi. ✠. Ego Elfegus Suthamtoniensis dux approbavi. ✠. Ego Oslac dux affui. ✠. Ego Brithnodus dux aspexi. ✠. Ego Alwine dux consensi. ✠. Ego Alferus dux interfui. ✠. Ego Ernulphus minister vidi. ✠. Ego Rynguhus minister vidi. ✠. Ego Adelwardus minister audiui. ✠. Ego Veif minister auscultavi.

NUM. XIII.

Confirmatio Cartarum Regum Edredi et Edgari Abbatie Croylandensi concessarum, sub censuris Ecclesiasticis, per Dunstanum Cantuariensem, et Osketulum Eboracensem Archiepiscopos, et alios.

[Ibid. p. 44.]

UNIVERSIS posteris Christianam fidem profitentibus, Dunstanus Dorobern. et Osketulus Eborac. archiepisc. Athelwaldus Wyntonie, Oswaldus Wigornie, et Lefwinus Dorcast. episcopi salutem in Domino sempiternam. Cum naturaliter Ægypti pastores omnes ovium execrantur, et filij tenebrarum filios lucis furore implacabili persequuntur (semper enim Madian perdere populum Domini machinatur:) cupientes igitur in futurum contra sceleratos et sacrilegos sanctam matrem ecclesiam jugiter infestantes murum defensionis opponere, et quicumque se divino servitio manciperaverunt, et in castris Domini quocunque modo militaverunt, reddere ab hujusmodi persecutoribus securiores, et in domo Domini tutiores: attendentes etiam sanctissimam devotionem, quam piissimi reges nostri temporis, sc. Edredus quondam rex, et inclytus rex Edgarus nunc superstes (inspirante Sancto Spiritu) conceperunt ad restauranda sacra servorum Christi monasteria, et ecclesiam Dei ubicunque relevandam; chirographa eorundem regum benignissime concessa venerabili patri Turketulo abbati Croylandensi (qui pro patriæ coelestis amore divitias multas et magnas dignitates fortissime reliquit) de confirmatione sui monasterij sibi confecta nos auctoritate divina confirmamus, ratificamus; ac omnes, qui timore Dei postposito, possessiones dicti monasterij diripere tentaverint, vel pacem dictorum monachorum contra intentionem ac voluntatem præactorum regionum chirographorum perturbaverint, aut perturbari procuraverint, arte vel ingenio, consilio vel favore, quocunque colore sua machinamenta homo seminaverit inimicus, et filius iniquitatis sua fuderit argumenta, ex tunc excommunicantes, nomina illorum de libro vitæ tollimus et a consortio sanctorum separantes, ac a limite^a portæ coelestis longius repellentes, nisi condigna satisfactione citius sua errata correxerint, infernalibus incendijs cum Juda traditore damnandos pro suis demeritis irremissibiliter^b deputamus. Insuper spiritualitatem totius insulæ Croylandiæ, villæque adjacentis, prout a fundatione monasterij sui dicti monachi hactenus habuerunt, viz. quicquid attinet ad archidiaconatus officium omnibus correctionibus ad instantiam partis, vel quocunque modo infligendis pro quibuscunque delictis vel criminibus, per quamecunque personam commissis vel committendis ibidem, præfato venerabili abbati Turketulo, et omnibus successoribus suis abbatibus in eodem monasterio futuris, et eorum officialibus ad hoc officium vice sua exequendum substituendis cum consensu Agelnothi archidiaconi procurantis istud fieri, concedimus et assignamus; excommunicantes et exterminantes a facie Dei, et a glorifica visione vultus sui in die magni judicij omnes, qui dictum patrem Turketulum, vel aliquem successorum suorum super hoc de cætero inquietaverint, vel aliquod præmissorum violarint, vel violari procuraverint quocunque modo, in perpetuum eos Sathanæ sine fine tradentes, nisi citius resipuerint, et cum condigna poenitentia prædicto monasterio satisfecerint pro patrat. Istud privilegium sancitum est et immutabiliter decretum ad hono-

rem Dei, et sanctæ matris ecclesiæ relevationem, ac sancti Guthlaci confessoris reverentiam, in præsentia regis Edgari, prælatorum, procerumque suorum anno Dominicæ incarnat. dcccc.lxvi. apud London collectorum. Ego Edgarus totius Albionis monarcha istud privilegium sanctæ crucis indicio confirmavi. ✠. Ego Dunstanus archiepiscopus Dorobern. prædictam censuram ecclesiasticæ animadversionis in regionum chirographorum violatores irrevocabiliter fulminavi. ✠. Ego Osketulus archiepiscopus Eboracæ perpetuam damnationem in sanctæ matris ecclesiæ adversarios imprecatus inter prælatos istam sententiam corroboravi. ✠. Ego Lefwinus Dorcastrens episcopus consensi. ✠. Ego Ælfstanus London. episcopus commendavi. ✠. Ego Æthelwaldus Wynt. episcopus collaudavi. ✠. Ego Oswaldus Wigornie episcopus consensum dedi. ✠. Ego Ælfwoldus episcopus Donevonie consilium præbui. ✠. Ego Kinseus Lichefeldensis episcopus audiui.^c ✠. Ego Alfricus episcopus Est-Angliæ procuravi. ✠. Ego Godwinus episcopus Roffensis acquievi. ✠. Ego Athelstanus episcopus Cornubiensis consilium dedi. ✠. Ego Werstanus episcopus Shyreburnensis annui. ✠. Ego Agelnothus archidiaconus favi. ✠. Ego Elfstanus^d abbas Glasconie consensum dedi. ✠. Ego Ethelgarus abbas novi monasterij Wintonie consensum præbui. ✠. Ego Wulfius abbas S. Petri Westmonasterij extra London. subnotavi. ✠. Ego Owardus abbas Eveshamensis ratum habui. ✠. Ego Merwenna abbatissa [de Rumsege signum sanctæ crucis feci. ✠. Ego Herleua Sceaftoniensis abbatissa] consignavi. ✠. Ego Wlwina Werhamensis^e abbatissa communivi. ✠. Ego Ordgarus dux constitui. ✠. Ego Ailwinus dux constabilivi. ✠. Ego Brithnodus dux aspexi. ✠. Ego Oslacus dux affui. ✠. Ego Alferus dux interfui. ✠. Ego Elphegus dux audiui. ✠. Ego Frithegistus minister vidi. ✠. Ego Ethelward minister vidi. ✠. Ego Ethelmund minister auscultavi. ✠. Acta sunt hæc in octavis Pentecostes in ecclesia sancti Pauli cathedrali.

NUM. XIV.

Carta Cnuti Regis, cum Calice Aureo, Monasterio Croylandensi concessa.

[Ibid. p. 58.]

CNUTUS rex totius Angliæ et Danmarchiæ et Norwagiæ et magnæ partis Swavorum, omnibus provincijs, nationibus, et populis meæ potestati subjectis, tam minoribus quam majoribus, salutem. Cum terram Angliæ progenitores mei et parentes duris extortionibus et diris depredationibus sæpius oppresserunt, et (fateor) innocentem sanguinem frequenter in ea effuderunt; studium meum a principio mei regni fuit, et semper erit in futurum, tam penes cælum, quam penes seculum propter hæc mea peccata, et parentum meorum satisfacere; et statum totius sanctæ matris ecclesiæ, et uniuscujusque monasterij sub imperio meo constituti, cum in aliquo meo patrocinio indiguerint, devotione debita emendare; omnesque sanctos Dei per hæc, et alia bona opera mihi in meis necessitatibus reddere benignos, ac deprecationibus meis favorabiles et placatos. Ideo in arras hujus meæ satisfactionis offero sancto Guthlaco de Croyland, et cæteris sanctis ejusdem loci de substantia mea unum calicem, confirmans Brithmero abbati et monachis suis totum monasterium suum Croylandiæ cum insula circumjacente, et duobus mariscis adjacentibus, scilicet, Alderlound et Goggislound, eisdem terminis et limitibus, quibus in chirographo inclyti quondam regis Edredi restauratoris sui dicta insula, dictique duo marisci satis aperte describuntur. Confirmo etiam omnes ecclesias et capellas, terras et tenementa, libertates et privilegia in ejusdem regis chirographo contenta, cum quibus omnibus dictus rex Edredus dictum monasterium Croylandiæ ad honorem Dei et sancti Guthlaci confessoris sui corporaliter in eo requiescentis dotavit, donavit, ditavit, et suo chirographo confirmavit. Nullusque hominum meorum audeat amodo dictos monachos inquietare,

^a limine. Ibid. fol. 502.

^b irremissibilibus. Ib.

^c adjuvi. Ib.

^e Merhamensis. Ib.

^d Alstanus. Ib.

vel in aliquo conturbare pro prædictis. Quod si quis facere præsumpserit, vel tentaverit usurpare, vel gladij mei sentiet aciem, vel gladij pœnam sacrilegis debitam subibit absque omni remissione et redemptione puniendus juxta modum et mensuram injuriæ dictis monachis irrogatæ. Ego Cnutus rex anno Dominicæ incarnationis millesimo tricesimo secundo, Londonijs istud meum chirographum signo sanctæ crucis confirmavi. ✠. Ego Egelnothus archiepiscopus Dorobern. signo sanctissimæ crucis confirmavi. ✠. Ego Alfricus archiepiscopus Eboracæ hoc regis chirographum affirmavi. ✠. Ego Leffius Wiciorum episcopus consignavi. ✠. Ego Elfwardus Lond. episcopus collaudavi. ✠. Ego Brithmerus Lichefeld. episcopus constabilivi. ✠. Ego Brithtegas abbas Persorensis comunivivi. ✠. Ego Wulnothus abbas Westmonasterij signavi. ✠. Ego Oswius abbas Thorneiensis approbavi. ✠. Ego Godwinus comes consensi. ✠. Ego Leofricus comes concessi. ✠. Ego Edwinus frater Leofrici comitis affui. ✠. Ego Haroldus filius Godwini comitis interfui. ✠. Ego Algarus filius Leofrici comitis astiti. ✠. Ego Turkillus minister regis audiivi. ✠. Ego Alfgetus minister regis aspexi. ✠.

NUM. XV.

Carta Edwardi Regis de Confirmatione Abbatiae Croylandensis, et omnium Possessionum ejusdem.

[Ibid. p. 64.]

Ego Edwardus gratia Dei rex Anglorum domino Wlgato abbate Croylandiæ postulante, dominoque Gerardo priore dicti monasterij devote supplicante, testamenta prædecessorum meorum regum Angliæ, sc. pijssimi regis Edredi, et inclyti regis Edgari avi mei, monasterio Croylandiæ concessa, in omnibus laudo, approbo, et confirmo. Dederunt enim, et suis chirographis confirmarunt Deo et sancto Guthlaco, ac monachis suis totam insulam Croylandiæ in situm separalem monasterij dictorum monachorum, sicut jacet circa dictum monasterium limitibus et terminis in prædictorum regum chirographis satis aperte descripta et definita, cum duobus mariscis ejus, scilicet, Alderlound et Goggislound ex opposito ejusdem insulæ ad ejus occiduum jacentibus, similiter cum iisdem finibus et metis quibus in iisdem chirographis describuntur. Hæc et omnia alia donaria prædictorum regum, scilicet, Edredi restauratoris dicti monasterij, et Edgari avi mei, prædictis monachis et eorum successoribus concedo et confirmo, cum omnibus libertatibus et privilegijs in eorum chirographis dicto monasterio concessis et contentis, habenda sancto Guthlaco et prædictis monachis suis in puram regalem eleemosynam in perpetuum. Testibus Egitha regina mea, Edfio et Alfrico archiepiscopis, Godwino, Leofrico, et Siwardo comitibus, cum cæteris optimatibus meis, qui assunt in curia mea, multis.

NUM. XVI.

Carta Regis Willielmi Conquestoris, Possessiones et Privilegia Abbatiae Croylandensis confirmans.

[Ibid. p. 85.]

Ego Willielmus Dei beneficio rex Anglorum, ad humilem petitionem familiaris mei Ingulphi abbatis Croylandensis monasterij chartam privilegiatam, quam egregius rex Edredus prædecessor meus Deo et sancto Guthlaco, ac monachis de Croyland concessit et donavit, coram me et concilio meo perlectam et declaratam, laudo, approbo, et confirmo, et in omnibus effectualiter observari præcipio. Prohibeo etiam ne quisquam sub ditione mea illos temerarie vexare præsumat, ne excommunicationis gladio intereat, et pro jure ecclesiastico violato infernorum exquirat cruciatus. Sed habeant omnes possessiones suas in perpetuam et regalem eleemosynam ex meo dono, et confirmatione, ad laudem Dei, et ob reverentiam sancti Guthlaci confessoris ibidem corporaliter quiescentis, cum omni illo quod appellatur socha, sacha, tol, et tem, cum legibus et consuetudinibus illis jure perpetuo tenendis, cum quibus eas liberius et quietius tenuerunt diebus illis quibus præfatus rex Ed-

redus vivus fuit et incolumis. In hujus scripti robore optimates in eodem nominati testes affuerunt, Lanfrancus archiepiscopus Cantuariæ, Thomas archiepiscopus Eboracæ, Walkelinus episcopus Wintoniæ, Willielmus episcopus Dunelmæ, Willielmus comes, Alfredus comes, Alfredus filius Topi, Willielmus Malettus, et alij.

NUM. XVII.

Prædia ad Ecclesiam S. Guthlaci de Croyland spectantia tempore Regis Willielmi Conquestoris.

[Ex Libro Censuali vocato *Domesday Book*, penes Camerar. Scacc.]

Grantebr'scire, fol. 192 b.

TERRA ECCLESIE DE CROILAND. In NORESTOV HUND. Abbas de Croilant tenet in HOCHINTON vii. hid. et dim. Terra est viii. car. In dominio iii. hid. et ibi sunt ii. car. Ibi xiiii. villani et iii. bord. cum vi. car. In totis valentiis valet et valuit vi. lib. Tempore Regis Edwardi viii. lib. Hoc Manerium fuit et est in dominio ecclesiæ Sancti Guthlaci.

Manerium COTEHAM tenet Abbas de Croilant, in CESTRETONE HUND. Ibi xi. hidæ. Terra est viii. car. In dominio vi. hidæ. et ibi est una car. et altera potest fieri. Ibi xii. villani et viii. bord. cum vi. car. Ibi i. servus. Pratum viii. car. Pastura ad pecuniam villæ. De maresch. quingent. anguill. et de præsentatione xii. den. In totis valentiis valet et valuit vi. lib. Tempore Regis Edwardi viii. lib. Hoc manerium fuit semper et est in dominio ecclesiæ S. Guthlaci.

In DRAITONE tenet Abbas de Croilant vii. hid. et dim. Terra est vi. car. In dominio iii. hidæ et iii. virg. ei ibi i. car. et altera potest fieri. Ibi xi. villani et v. bord. cum iii. car. et quarta potest fieri. Ibi iii. cot. pratum ii. car. Valet et valuit iii. lib. et x. sol. Tempore Regis Edwardi, c. sol. Hæc terra jacet et jacuit in dominio æcclesiæ Sancti Guthlaci.

In HUND. ELY. In WISBECE habet Abbas de Croilant iii. piscar. redd. iii. mill. anguill.

Hunted'scire, fol. 204.

TERRA ABBATIE DE CRVILAND. Manerium. In MORBVRNE habet Abbas de CRVILAND v. hid. ad geld. Terra ix. car. Ibi nunc in dominio ii. car. in una hida hujus terræ. et xvi. villani et iii. bord. habentes vii. car. Ibi æcclesia et presbiter et xl. acr. prati. et i. acr. silvæ min. Tempore Regis Edwardi et modo valet c. solid.

In TORNINGE i. hid. et dim. ad geld. Terra i. car. et dimid. Soca in ACUMESBERIE maner. Regis. Eustachius modo tenet de abbate de Cruiland. et habet ibi i. car. et i. vill. cum dim. car. et vi. acras prati. Tempore Regis Edwardi et modo valet xx. sol.

Northant'scire, fol. 222 b.

TERRÆ ECCLESIE DE CRVILAND. In OPTONGREN HUND. Abbatia de Crviland tenet in WRIDTORP i. hid. et dimid. Terra est ii. car. In dominio est una et xi. villani et ii. bord. cum ii. car. Ibi vi. acr. prati et molinum de v. sol. Valet xl. sol.

In ELMINTONE tenet Abb. i. hid. Terra est i. car. Hæc est ibi in dominio et ii. villani et ii. bord. cum i. car. et vi. acr. prati ibi. Valuit viii. sol. Modo xvi. solid.

In ELMINTONE tenet Abb. ii. hid. Terra est iii. car. Ibi sunt v. villani et iii. bord. cum iii. car. Ibi xii. acr. prati. Valuit xii. sol. Modo xx. solid.

In NEVESLUND HUND. In EDINTONE tenet Abb. ii. hid. Terra est. iii. car. In dominio est una. et ii. servi et vi. villani et iii. bord. cum i. sochemanno habent iii. car. Ibi vi. acr. prati. et molinum de xiii. sol. et iii. den. Valuit xv. sol. Modo xl. solid.

In WENDLEBERIE tenet Abb. v. hid. et dimid. Terra est xii. car. In dominio est una car. cum i. servo et xxi. villani cum presbitero et vii. bord. et xi. sochemannis habent xi. car. Ibi ii. molini de xvi. solid. et xxx. acr. prati. Valuit l. sol. et post xl. sol. Modo vi. lib.

In GRAVESEND HUND. In BADEBI tenet Abb. iii. hid. Terra est x. car. In dominio sunt iii. car. et

viii. servi et v. ancillæ. et xii. villani et viii. bord. cum vi. car. Ibi molinum de ii. solid. et xxviii. acr. prati. Silva iii. quarent. long. et ii. quarent. lat. Valuit et valet viii. lib.

Ledecestr'scire, fol. 231.

TERRA ÆCCLESIE DE CRVILAND. In GVTLACISTAN HUND. Abbatia de Crviland tenet ii. car. terræ in SVTONE et ii. car. terræ in STAPLETONE. Terra est v. car. Ibi vi. villani cum ii. bord. habent i. car. et dimid. Valuit xxiii. sol. Modo xx^{ti}. sol.

Ipsa Abbatia tenet in BEBI x. car. terræ et dimid. Terra est vii. car. In dominio est una et ii. servi et xxi. villani cum v. sochemannis et iii. bord. habent vi. car. Ibi xxx. acr. prati. Valuit lx. sol. Modo xl. solid.

Lincollescire, fol. 346 b.

TERRA SANCTI GUTHLACI DE CRVILAND. Manerium, in HOLEBEN et COPELANDE habebat et habet S. Guthlacus i. car. terræ ad geld. Terra ad vi. bov. Ibi nunc i. car. in dominio et iii. villani cum dim. car. et xii. acr. prati. Tempore Regis Edwardi val. xx. solid. modo similiter.

In SPALLINGE berew. de Croiland ii. car. terræ ad geldum. Terra ad i. car. et dim. Ibi vii. vill. et iii. bord. habent iii. car. Tempore Regis Edwardi val. xx. sol. modo similiter.

Manerium. In LANGETOF habebat et habet S. Gutlacus vi. car. terræ ad geld. Terra ad vi. car. Ibi nunc in dominio i. car. et viii. vill. et iii. bord. et xx. soch. habentes v. car. et c. acr. prati. Silva ii. sol. Marese. ii. leu. long. et ii. lat. Terra arabilis xv. quarent. long. et ix. lat. Tempore Regis Edwardi val. iii. lib. modo lx. sol. Tailla x. sol.

Manerium. In BASTVNE habebat et habet S. Gutlacus iii. car. terræ ad geldum. Terra ad iii. car. Ibi nunc in dominio i. car. et v. vill. et ii. bord. et vii. soch. cum ii. car. Ibi æcclesia et dim. molin. et xlv. acr. prati. Marese. xvi. quarent. long. et viii. lat. Terra arabilis viii. quarent. long. et viii. lat. Tempore Regis Edwardi val. xl. sol. modo similiter.

Manerium. In DVVEDIC habebat et habet S. Gutlacus ii. car. terræ ad geldum. Terra ad ii. car. cum sacca et soca. Ibi nunc i. car. in dominio. et xiii. vill. cum i. car. et xx. acr. prati. Tempore Regis Edwardi val. xl. sol. modo similiter. Colegrim tenet.

Berewita hujus manerii in DRAITONE i. car. terræ ad geldum. Terra ad i. car. Ibi v. villani non arant. Ibi iii. salinæ v. solid. et iii. den. et vi. acr. prati.

In ALFGARE Berewita alia xii. bov. terræ ad geld. Terra ad x. bov. Nunc wasta est. Colegrim tenet de abbate.

In BURTOFT habebat et habet S. Gutlacus i. bov. terræ quæ jacet in DVVEDIC. Inde habet rex socam.

Manerium. In BUCHEHALE habebat Gamel. x. bov. terræ ad geldum. Terra ad x. bov. Ibidem Soca de BADESFORD x. bov. terræ ad geldum. Terra ad x. bov. Ibi habet nunc S. Gutlacus i. car. in dominio et v. villani et ii. bord. et viii. soch. habentes i. car. Ibi cxx. acr. prati et l. acr. silvæ past. et lxx. acr. silvæ min. Tempore Regis Edwardi val. xxx. sol. modo similiter. Hanc terram dedit Tuoldus vicecomes Sancto Gutlaco pro anima sua.

NUM. XVIII.

Carta Vicecomitis Thoroldi de Fundatione Cellæ de Spalding ad Abbatiam Croylandiæ spectantis.

[Rer. Anglic. Script. Vet. tom. i. p. 86.]

Ego Thoroldus de Bukenhale coram nobilissimo domino meo Leofrico comite Leicestriæ, et nobilissima comitissa sua domina Godiva sorore mea, cum consensu et bona voluntate domini et cognati mei comitis Algari, primogeniti et hæredis eorum, donavi et tradidi Deo et sancto Guthlaco Croylandiæ in manibus domini Wlgati abbatis dicti Croyland. monasterij, ad fundationem cellæ Croylandensium monachorum, in honorem sanctæ Dei genetricis, semperque virginis Mariæ, in villa de Spaldyng, totum manerium meum situm juxta parochia-

lem ecclesiam ejusdem villæ, inter manerium prædicti domini mei Leofrici comitis, et ripam occidentalem fluminis ejusdem villæ, cum omnibus terris et tementis, redditibus, servitijs, averijs, et utensilibus quæ habui in dicto manerio, et in dicta villa, et in campis ejus tam in parte orientali fluminis quam in ejus parte occidentali, cum omnibus appendicijs suis, scilicet Colgrinum præpositum meum, et totam sequelam suam, cum omnibus bonis et catallis, quæ habet in dicta villa, et in campis ejus, et mariscis, absque aliquo de omnibus retinemento. Item Hardyngum fabrum, et totam sequelam suam, cum omnibus bonis et catallis quæ habet in dicta villa et in campis ejus, et mariscis, absque aliquo de omnibus retinemento. Item Lefstanum carpentarium, et totam sequelam suam, cum omnibus bonis et catallis, quæ habet in dicta villa, et in campis ejus et mariscis absque aliquo de omnibus retinemento. Item Ryngulphum primum, et totam sequelam suam, cum omnibus bonis et catallis, quæ habet in dicta villa, et in campis ejus, et mariscis, absque aliquo de omnibus retinemento. Item Elstanum piscatorem, et totam sequelam suam, cum omnibus bonis et catallis, quæ habet in dicta villa, et in campis ejus, et mariscis, absque aliquo de omnibus retinemento. Item Gunterum Liniet, et totam sequelam suam, cum omnibus bonis et catallis, quæ habet in dicta villa et campis ejus et mariscis absque ullo de omnibus retinemento. Item Outy Grinkelson, et totam sequelam suam, cum omnibus bonis et catallis, quæ habet in dicta villa, et in campis ejus, et in mariscis, absque ullo de omnibus retinemento. Item Turstanum Dubbe, et totam sequelam suam, cum omnibus bonis et catallis, quæ habet in dicta villa, et in campis ejus, et in mariscis, absque ullo de omnibus retinemento. Item Algarum nigrum, et totam sequelam suam, cum omnibus bonis et catallis quæ habet in dicta villa, et in campis ejus et mariscis absque ullo de omnibus retinemento. Item Edricum filium Siwardi, et totam sequelam suam, cum omnibus bonis et catallis quæ habet in dicta villa, et in campis ejus, et mariscis, absque ullo de omnibus retinemento. Item Osmundum molendinarium, et totam sequelam suam, cum omnibus bonis et catallis quæ habet in dicta villa, et in campis ejus, et mariscis, absque ullo de omnibus retinemento. Item Besi Tuk, et totam sequelam suam, cum omnibus bonis et catallis quæ habet in dicta villa, et in campis ejus, et mariscis, absque ullo de omnibus retinemento. Item Gouse Gamelson, et totam sequelam suam, cum omnibus bonis et catallis quæ habet in dicta villa, et in campis ejus, et mariscis, absque ullo de omnibus retinemento. Istos servos meos, et omnia bona et catalla eorum, cum omnibus cotagijs quondam meis situatis in orientali parte fluminis circa ligneam capellam sanctæ Mariæ in villa de Spaldyng, ab antiquo Croylandensi monasterio pertinentem, cum omnibus juribus, et alijs rebus appendentibus, dedi Deo et sancto Guthlaco, ad constructionem prædictæ cellæ, una cum omnibus piscationibus meis tam in mariscis adjacentibus, quam in mari ad dictam villam accedente, in liberam et perpetuam eleemosynam meam, pro salute animæ meæ, et animarum omnium progenitorum et parentum meorum. Istud meum chirographum, apud Leicestriam in præsentia multorum Christi fidelium, ibidem in die sancto Pentecostes collectorum, anno Dominicæ incarnationis mli. Ego Thoroldus signo sanctæ crucis confirmavi. ✠. Ego Wlfinus episcopus Dorcastrensis confirmavi. ✠. Ego Wulgatus abbas Croylandiæ gaudens acceptavi. ✠. Ego Lefvinus abbas Thorneyensis collaudavi. ✠. Ego Leofricus comes concessi. ✠. Ego Godiva comitissa diu istud desideravi. ✠. Ego Algarus comes consensi. ✠. Ego Turnerus capellanus domini mei Wlfini episcopi Dorcastren. præsens affui. ✠. Ego Wulnarus capellanus ejusdem domini mei Wlfini episcopi auscultavi. ✠. Ego Sitricus capellanus dicti domini mei Wlfini aspexi. ✠. Ego Stanardus minister domini mei comitis Leofrici interfui. ✠. Ego Fulco monachus Croylandiæ applausi. ✠. Ego Pigotus monachus Thorneiensis conspexi. ✠. Ego Livingus clericus istud chirogra-

phum manu mea scripsi, et domino meo Thoroldo vicecomiti tradidi prædicto Wulgato abbati Croyland de manu in manum donandum.

NUM. XIX.

Henrici R. Carta.

[Ibid. p. 121.]

HENRICUS rex Angliæ episcopis Angl. baronibus, vicecomitibus, omnibusque fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse Joffrido abbati Croylandiæ et omnibus successoribus suis, et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus, omnes possessiones et libertates specificatas in charta domini Edredi quondam regis Angliæ, de qua charta illustrissimus rex Willelmus pater meus intentionem facit in charta confirmationis suæ monasterio eidem inde facta. Et ideo præcipio quod habeant omnes tenuras et possessiones suas liberas et solutas ab omni servitio sæculari, scilicet scotto, geldo, et omnibus auxiliis vicecomitum et omnium ministrorum eorum, hidagio, danegeldo, schiris, hundredis, wapuntagiis, trithingis, placitis, et querelis, et ab omnibus operibus, castellorum, arcium, pontium, portuum, viarumque sustentatione, et omni cariagio et summagio, et navigio, et regalium domorum ædificatione, et ab omni onere sæculi sint immunes.

Concedo etiam prædicto abbati et monachis suis, quod ipsi habeant francum plegium in omnibus dominiis suis in custodia sua; et prohibeo ne aliquis de hoc se intromittat, nisi ipsi et ballivi sui; cum socha, sacha, tol, et tem, infangthef, hamsokne, gridbregre, blodwithe, murdro, et tesauo, forestall, flem, et flitte, et ordel, et aliis libertatibus quas regia potestas aliquibus aliis monasteriis dare consuevit. Prohibeo similiter ne aliquis alterius domini capiat teloneum, passagium, vel genus aliquod vectigalis exigat infra fines et limites villarum suarum, scilicet Croyland, Langtoft, Cappelade, et Wendlingburgh, absque dictorum abbatum et monachorum licentia et voluntate, sub forisfactura x. librarum thesauro meo vel hæredum meorum quotiens hoc attentare præsumserint, si convicti inde fuerint, solvendarum. Huic meæ concessionem ex parte mea testes interfuerunt isti subscripti, Robertus episcopus Lincoln, Herveus episcopus Heliensis primus, Warnerus de Lusors, Hugo de Essartis, et alii plures, apud Oxenford, anno Domini cæ incarnationis millesimo, centesimo quarto decimo, et regni regis quarto decimo. Signum regis ipsius.

NUM. XX.

Carta Alani de Creoun.

[Ibid. p. 126.]

SCIANT omnes tam præsentem quam futuri quod ego Alanus de Creoun et uxor mea Muriel concedimus et donamus ecclesiæ sancti Guthlaci de Croyland libere et quiete in perpetuam elemosynam ecclesiam de Frestona cum omnibus decimis et consuetudinibus quæ ad illam pertinent, scilicet terram ecclesiæ et croftum juxta ecclesiam, et quinque tofta in Frestona, et quatuor bovatas terræ, cum prato, de nostro dominio, liberas et quietas ab omni servitio et geldo et consuetudine. Et ecclesiam de Butterwik et omnia quæ ad illam pertinent: et ecclesiam de Toft similiter cum omnibus decimis, et terra, et aliis pertinentibus, et cum tofto Blanchardi, et cum terra de nostro dominio. Et ecclesiam de Warneburne cum omnibus pertinentibus, scilicet cum terra sua et cum bosco. Et ecclesiam de Stonnesby cum omnibus ad illam pertinentibus. Et similiter ecclesiam de Claxebury cum omnibus pertinentibus suis. Et ecclesiam de Burton cum decimis et aliis pertinentibus, scilicet iii. bovatas terræ cum prato, et unum de nostro dominio cum prato. Istas ecclesias cum omnibus quæ ad illas pertinent, et cum emendationibus quas faciemus, donamus in perpetuum ad victum et ad vestimenta monachorum qui servient Deo in ecclesia sancti Jacobi Frestoniæ; inprimis pro animabus patrum et matrum nostrorum et parentum et prædecessorum nostrorum, et pro

salute nostra et animarum nostrarum. Præterea concedimus eis decimam denariorum de feria nostra de Botulfston, et pasturam ad animalia sua cum animalibus nostris in omnibus locis. Hii sunt testes, &c.

NUM. XXI.

Carta Stephani Regis.

[Hist. Croyl. Continuat. Rer. Angl. Script. tom. i. p. 451.]

STEPHANUS rex Angliæ, archiepiscopis, episcopis, abbatibus, comitibus, justiciariis, vicecomitibus, baronibus, ministris, et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Angliæ, salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse Deo et ecclesiæ sancti Guthlaci de Croylande, et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus, omnes terras, et tenuras, et possessiones alias ad eandem ecclesiam pertinentes, et nominatim mariscum in quo sita est ecclesia prædicta, cum limitibus suis nominatis, qui sic tenduntur: de Croylande usque ad Asendyke, et sic usque ad Aswyktofte, et sic per Shepee usque Tydwarthare, et inde usque ad Normanneslonde, et sic per aquam de Neen usque ad Fynfet, et sic usque ad Greynes, et ita ad Folwardstakyng, et inde sicut Southlake cadit in aquam de Welande; et sic ex altera parte aquæ usque ad Aspathe, et inde usque Warwarlake, et sic usque ad Harenholte, et sic sursum per aquam de Meugerlake, et inde sicut Apynholte cadit in Welonde. Quare volo et firmiter præcipio, quod prædicta ecclesia et abbas et monachi teneant et in perpetuam possideant quicquid continetur infra has metas, et omnes alias terras, et tenuras, et possessiones suas, bene, et in pace, et libere, et honorifice, et quiete, in bosco et in plano, in pratis et pasturis, in aquis et mariscis, in vinariis^a et piscariis, in molendinis et stagnis, et in omnibus aliis rebus, et in locis cum saca, et socca, et tol, et theam, et infangethefe, et cum aliis liberis consuetudinibus et quietationibus cum quibus aliqua ecclesia regni mei melius, et liberius, et quietius tenet. Testibus M. regina, et com. Simone, et aliis apud Stamfordiam.

NUM. XXII.

Carta Regis Stephani de Libertatibus in Cantebrigschir.

[MS. Cole, Mus. Brit. vol. xlv. fol. 119, ex Reg. de Croyland.]

STEPHANUS rex Angliæ episcopo de Ely, et justiciariis, vicecomitibus, ministris, et omnibus fidelibus suis de Cantebrigschir. salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et donasse ecclesiæ sancti Guthlaci et monachis in ea Deo servientibus in perpetuam elemosynam, quietantiam de Dangelte, de hydagio, et de muredredo, et de omni sæculari consuetudine et exactione xiiij^{dim}. hyd. et dim. hydæ terræ suæ in Cantebrigschir; videlicet in Cotenham v. hid. et dim. in Hokynton iij. hid. et in Draiton v. hid. pro salute mea et puerorum meorum et pro anima regis Henrici avunculi mei, et pro animabus prædecessorum meorum regum Angliæ, et pro anima Matildis reginæ, uxoris meæ, et Eustachii filii mei, et pro animabus omnium fidelium defunctorum. Quare volo et præcipio quod ecclesia illa et monachi in ea Deo servientes prædictas xiiij. hid. et dim. bene et in pace, libere et quiete teneant ab omni sæculari consuetudine et exactione imperpetuum, sicut eis concedo, et hac præsentem cartam confirmo. Testibus Henrico de Essex et aliis.

NUM. XXIII.

Acta in Capitulo nostro Croyland vij^o. Die Mensis Junij Anno Henrici Abbatis tertio, et Anno Domini Millesimo. ccc^{mo}. vicesimo septimo, de Terra servili liberis Hominibus non tradenda.

[Ibid. fol. 84, ex Reg. Abb de Croyland.]

Cum ecclesia nostra Croiland dampna non modica sustinuerit ex eo quod hactenus permissum est liberis hominibus seu aliorum nativis terras nostras serviles seu custumarias gersumare in curiis nostris, ac etiam ex

eo quod permissum est nativas nostras liberis hominibus sive aliorum servis cum terra nostra servili desponsari. Quidam siquidem processu temporis clamaverunt se in dictis terris habere liberam tenuram. Nos etiam inter cætera dampna commodum multiplex quod dominus solet de exitu nativarum suarum percipere ea occasione frequenter perdiderimus: ne futuris temporibus inde contingat deterius, de communi assensu capituli nostri ordinamus et constituimus, inhibentes ne amodo quisquam liber homo, vel aliquis qui non sit nativus ecclesiæ nostræ prædictæ capiat in curia seu extra curiam, pro se et hæredibus suis, terras nostras serviles, nec hujusmodi terras per aliquam nativarum nostrarum sibi ex nunc desponsandam teneat seu percipiat secundum consuetudinem maneriorum prius permissam tenendas. De terris servilibus dimissis ante hanc nostram ordinationem aliis quam servis nostris, ordinamus quod quam citius commode redire poterunt ecclesiæ nostræ revertantur in forma nunc ordinata ulterius tenenda. Nec volumus quod ad fines seu commodum pecuniarium quæ ex tali gersumarum promissione ante istam ordinationem pervenire solet ex nunc respiciatur, ad terminum tamen quinque annorum vel sex annorum et non ulterius, rotulis Curiae nostræ inserendis omni modo tolleramus hujus terras liberis hominibus posse dimitti. Ordinamus insuper quod terra nostra bonda operabitur nobis non præciatur ex licentia curiæ ad manus duorum vel plurium tenentium bondorum nostrorum, propter mala quæ hactenus tam illis quam nobis evenerunt: præcipientes senescallis nostris quod hæc a nobis ordinata et statuta ex nunc in futurum omnibus maneriis nostris observentur et per rotulos curiarum nostrarum ad perpetuam rei memoriam reducantur.

NUM. XXIV.

Inquisitio capta de Officiariis Monasterii, Anno 2 Edw. III.

[Ibid. fol. 60.]

INQUISITIO capta apud Staunford die sabbati xix^o. Martij anno regni regis Edwardi tertij post conquestum secundo, coram Willielmo de Brokelouseby, rememratore de scaccario, assignato per literas patentes ejusdem scaccarii ad inquirendum quot monachi, corrodi, servitores, officarii, et ministri extiterunt in abbacia de Croyland inter xvj. diem Septembris anno regni domini Edwardi nuper regis Angliæ patris regis nunc xvij^o. et xxx. diem Novembris proxime sequentem, per quod tempus dicta abbacia vacavit, et fuit in custodia Matthæi Broun nuper escaetoris dicti regis Edwardi patris in comit. Lind. North. et Roteland, et quæ vadia dictus Matthæus solvit priori dictæ domus, monachis, corrodariis, servitoribus, officariis, et ministris prædictis per idem tempus, et qui dictorum officiariorum et ministrorum fuerunt necessarii, prout in dictis literis patentibus huic Inquisitioni consutis plenius continetur, per sacramentum Roberti Gamel de Holbech, Hugonis filii Willielmi de eadem, Roberti Cok, Johannis de Asewyk de Quappelad, Rogeri Milys, Nicholai Senian de Weston, Radulphi West de Gretford, Galfridi Bernard de eadem, Roberti de Aston de eadem, Rogeri le Clerk de Depyng, Thomæ Harel de eadem, Johannis filii Thomæ de Bergham, Roberti de Northgate de eadem, Simonis filii Willielmi de Offington, Roberti de Pontefract de Wylstorp, Johannis de Brune de eadem, Radulphi Parlour de Carleby, et Johannis Cole de eadem, in præsentia dicti Matthæi præmuniti ad audiendam inquisitionem prædictam, qui dicunt quod fuerunt in abbatiâ prædictâ continue morantes inter prædictos xvi. diem Septembris et xxx. diem Novembris quadraginta et unus monachi, videlicet Henricus de Casewyk tunc prior ejusdem domus, Simon de Luffenham, Robertus de Trehampton, Rogerus de Litleport, Willielmus de Suterton, Radulphus de Freston, Thomas Broun, Willielmus de Leycestr. Galfr. Sparauk, Walterus de Eynsham, Hugo de Irtlyngburgh, Johannes de Hatfeld, Simon de Baston, Willielmus de Bury, Thomas de Burgh Sancti Petri, Elias de Sancto Neoto, Johannes de Frisby, Orgarus de Freston, Robertus de Burgh, Walterus de Clopton,

Johannes de Ingoldeby, Robertus de Dodesthorp, Adam de Sancto Neoto, Ricardus de Woxebrigg, Henricus de Castre, Robertus de Sutton, Willielmus de Deping, Nicholaus de Leveryngton, Alanus de Sancto Botulpho, Radulphus de Hale, Robertus de Luffenham, Thomas de Spalding, Adam de Burton, Simon de Wytlesheye, Johannes de Freston, Willielmus de Leveryngton, et Ricardus de Croiland, professi; Baldewinus de Veer, Ricardus de Gosberkirk, et Walterus de Brampton, novicii non professi. Et dicunt quod fuerunt in eadem abbacia per totum tempus prædictum corrodarij subscripti; videlicet Robertus de Burgh, Willielmus de Freston, Robertus de Freston, Thomas de Huntingdon, Bartholomæus de Quappelad, capellani; Willielmus de Luffenham, Willielmus Bartelmeu, magister Willielmus de Wermington, Johannes atte Kirk, Johannes Cocus, Stephanus Sampson, Johannes Oterhunt, Johannes de Quappelad, Simon Hot, et Thomas de Pikwell, quorum quilibet percepit per scriptum sub sigillo ejusdem domus ad terminum vitæ suæ per diem corrodium monachale, videlicet unum panem et unam lagenam et dimidiam cervisiæ conventualis, et duo fercula de coquina ante tempus dictæ vacationis. Et quod fuerunt in eadem domo per totum idem tempus Thomas de Hakebech capere corrodium servientis per scriptum ejusdem domus ad terminum vitæ ipsius Thomæ, et triginta sex servitores et ministri, videlicet Thomas Powe minister in ecclesia; Johannes de Bardeneye et Thomas de Quappelad custodes monachorum infirmorum in infirmaria, et ministrantes eisdem et aliis monachis ibidem; Ricardus de Multon ministrans monachis in refectorio; Henricus Bouthe ministrans in hostilario; Willielmus de Caversham ministrans in communi aula abbatiæ prædictæ; magister Everardus et Robertus Russel coci in communi coquina conventus et totius abbatiæ; Robertus Swyn coquus in coquina infirmariæ; Reginaldus Wyot emptor carnum, piscium, et aliorum victualium ejusdem abbatiæ; Simon Swyn et Nicholas Grout servitores conventus, et totius abbatiæ in celar. Simon Godhous, Adam de Freston, pistores; Ricardus Horn et Ricardus Maggesone brasiatores; Radulphus Calf, et Johannes Convers, ministri in domo thoral. et bras. faciend. Willielmus Pepits, granator; Nigellus Milner, et Walterus Molle, molendinarii pro uno molendino equino, et uno molendino ventritico ibidem; Nicholaus Porter, janitor; Petrus de Pikwell, sutor; Henricus Sonne, cissor pro vestibus monachorum consuend. et emendand.; Simon de Thorneye, lotor pannorum conventus; Robertus de Caversham serviens in elemosinaria pro elemosina colligenda et distribuenda; Robertus de Keten, carpentarius; Simon de Elmington, cementarius; Robertus de Tatersale, plumbarius; Laurentius de Spalding tector domorum pro ecclesia, claustris, et aliis domibus ejusdem abbatiæ emendandis per loca, et quotiens emendacione indigebant; Gilbertus le Smith pro operibus ferri ibidem faciendis; Radulphus de Penreth, Petrus Page, Robertus Baroun, et Ricardus del Shippene, garciones in stabulo pro octo palefrid. somariis, et aliis equis ibidem existentibus custodiendis; Radulphus de Manthorp carractarius pro bladis et aliis necessariis pro abbacia, et morantibus ibidem, carriandis. Et dicunt quod Matthæus prædictus solvit Henrico nunc abbati dictæ domus pro vadiis diurnis dictum priorem, monachos, corrodatos, et servitores, per prædictum tempus contingentibus, videlicet pro ipso priore sex denar. pro singulis monachis prædictorum professorum et corrodatiorum cap. corrod. monachales iij^d. et pro prædicto Thoma de Hakebech et quolibet servitorum prædictorum et ministrorum ij^d. per diem. Et quod nulli alii aliquid solvit pro eisdem vadiis. Dicunt insuper quod omnes prædicti servitores et ministri fuerunt necessarii ibidem per totum tempus prædictum. Et quod præter illos servitores fuerunt ibidem per idem tempus Rogerus de Baston mareschallus, Thomas Spygurnel vigil ejusdem abbatiæ, et Robertus de Sutton forestarius et custos boscorum infra præinctum dictæ abbatiæ, servientes necessarii, pro quibus, seu etiam pro prædictis monachis non professis, idem Matthæus nichil solvit hucusque. In cujus rei testimonium dicti juratores sigilla sua apposuerunt. Dat. die et loco supra dictis.

NUM. XXV.

The Award of William Alnwyk Bishop of Lincoln, in the Controversy between the Abbat of Croyland and noble Lord Dacre, Lord of Dacre.

[Hist. Croyl. Contin. Rer. Ang. Scrip. Vet. tom. i. p. 522.]

BE hit knowen to all theym which thees present letters shall see or heare; that whereas diverse debates, variance, controversiz, and dissencion hath growen and late bene moved and stered betwix the noble Lorde Thomas Dacre lorde of Dacre, and John his son, clamying to have correction and punishments of all manner of trespas and offences done in the kyngys hyegh wayes, common stretys, and wast grounds in the ton of Whapplode in the shire of Lincoln, be the ryght of the maner and lordship of Holbech pertenyng to the said Thomas of that one partye: and the worshipful and religiouse fader Johan the abbat of Croyland, affermyng and sayng the contrarie, and that all such ryghts longed only to hym be ryght of the maner and lordship of Whapplode, pertenyng to the said abbat be ryght of his chyrch, on the other partye; upon which debates, variance, contraversiz and dissencion, as weel upon all the incidentz, dependantz and thyngs grown upon the same, it haath lyked the said parties to biende hem be theyr dede obligatorie beryng date the xvii. day of the moneth of Februarie the yere of the reygne of King Herry the Sext, xxvi. to stand and obey to tharbitrement, ordinance, awarde, judement and decree, or counsel of me William, be the suffrage of God bishop of Lincoln, as hit appereth more pleynly be the condicions of the said obligations. I William byshope abovesaid, desyryng the good pees, ease, and rest of bothe parties afornsaid, their successours, servantz, men, and tenants, aftyr divers dayes of examination of the said matier of debate, variaunce, contraversiz, and dissention, and good deliberacion hadde, comunicacion hadde also thereupon with wise, sadde and leerned men in the lawe, the xxi. day of this present month of September, the yere of the reyn of Kyng Herry the Sext, xxvii. arbitre, award, ordeign, deem, and decree, in forme that followeth.

First consideryng that the said abbot, be the ryght of his chyrch is call'd, lorde of the said ton of Whapplode, and haath ther be sufficiant graunt, warranth, and autorite, leet, and also fayere and market, in the waast grounde of the said ton, and that he and his predecessours have hadde a viewe of franc-plege, in the said ton of Whapplode, and have punished and corrected trespas and offences, done within the hyegh waye, common strete, and waest-ground, within the said ground of Whapplode, with all manner of wayfes and strayes, and tresoutrove, and other liberties and fraunches pertenyng to the viewe of franc-plege; the whych possession he and his predecessours have contynude sythen the tyme of King Herry the Thyrd, as it appereth moor pleynly be the court rolles maad of the said view; and the said Thomas Lord Dacre haath not passing xii. tenaunts in the said ton; the said abbot and his successours shall have, and peseble enjoye all manner of correction and punishment of all manner of trespas and offences done in the said wayes, streets, and waast-ground, within the said ton of Whapplode, with wayfes, strayes, and other libertes and fraunches longyng to the viewe of franc-plege, of the said abbot in the said ton. Excepte alway undyr excepted, and followyngly juged and decreed unto the said Lord Dacre, be this my present award, consyderyng also, that the said Thomas Lord Dacre, haath in lyke wyse in his courts holden at Holbech, inquired of trespas and offences done wythyn the hiegh waye, common-street, and waast-ground of the said ton of Whapplode, and receyved presentments of the same, from the tyme of Kyng Edward the Thyrd, as it appereth be the court rolles, made of the viewe hadde in his courtz kepte at the said Holbech; and so of mykell lattor tyme possessed in the behalve; whych possession for so mykell is as it semes of less weght and force; I awarde, ordeyngne, deem, and decree, that the said Thomas Lord Dacre, his heyres and his successours, shall now be his tenaunts, inquire in his courtz, holden at Holbech, of such trespas and offences done wythyn

the hiegh way, common-strete, and waast ground, wythyn the said ground of Whapplode, and peseble punysh and correct only his own tenauntz, resyeng upon his ground, in the said ton of Whapplode, whych hold not of the said abbot of Croyland nor his successours beyng for the tyme. And iff the said abbot or his successours, eny tenaunt or tenauntz of the said abbot, or his successours, as of his manyer of Whapplode, or eny other resyeng in the said ton, not tenaunt and resyeng of the said Lord Dacre ground, his heyer or heyres, within the said ton of Whapplode, be presented in the court or courtz of the said Lord Dacre beyng for the tyme, for eny trespas, offence or misprision done wythin the said ton of Whapplode, or wayes, stretes or waastground of the same. Ney the said Lord Dacre, his heyer nor heyeres, theyr officer nor officers, nor theyr servauntz, nor ministers, shall in eny wyse execute the said presentment, nor levy eny amerceament nor fyne of the said abbot, his successours, nor none of the tenauntz of the said abbot, as of his manyer of Whapplode, or his successours, or eny other resyeng in the said ton, not tenaunt and resyeng on the said Lord Dacre ground wythyn the said ton of Whapplode, for the said cause. And in semblable wyse, if the said Thomas Lord Dacre, or his heyres, eny tenaunt or tenaunts of the said lord or his heyres, resyeng upon his ground in Whapplode, not holding of the abbot, beyng for the tyme, be presented in the abbot's court, for eny trespas, offence or misprision, done wythin the said ton of Whapplode, or wayes, stretes, or waast grounds of the said ton, that ney the said abbot, nor his successours, theyr assignes, servantz, nor ministers, shall execute the said presentments, nor levy any amerciament nor fyne of the said Thomas Lord Dacre, his heyres, nor noon of his tenaunts resyeng upon his ground in Whapplode, nocht holdyng of the abbot, nor his successours, for the said cause.

And whereas the said parties were in variaunce, as for the dryfft within the marysh and common of the said ton of Whapplode and Holbech; I deem, award and decree, that the said Thomas Lord Dacre and his heyres, and the said abbot and his successours, shall take, occupye, and use theyr said dryffts wythin the said marysh of Whapplode and Holbech, at such tyme as theym lykes; ych of them be such wayes wythin his own ton, and in such forme as it haath been used of old tyme, with all maner of profetes of wayfes and strayes, and other liberties pertenyng to the said dryffts. Provided alway, that the said Thomas Lord Dacre, his heyres, nor his successours, shall at no tyme of theyr dryfft, make theyr common way thorow the said ton of Whapplode, nor nou way thereoff to the manyer of Holbech, but alonly thorowe Holbech droue, and be other wayes of the said Holbech, as it haath bene used of old tyme, but in cas that the said old wayes may not be used in forme, as they haath bene aforn tyme, because of surundyng of waters, than the said Thomas Lord Dacre, beyng for the tyme, shall be his officers giff warnyng to the said abbot, or to his officers, be reasonable tyme, to forne he enter with eny such dryffts, the ton of Whapplode, or the hiegh-way thereof, to the intent that the inhabitantz thereof may remeve and avoyd theyr catell oute of the stretes and hiegh-way there pasturyng for the tyme, that they be not chaced, nor driven forth to theyr hurt, with his said dryffts so to be maade, shall mowe com thorow the said ton of Whapplode, with his dryfft, nocht clamying there by eny tytle of ryght ageyn, or contrarie to this my present award.

And where the said parties were in variaunce, as for takyng of toll of the people, and persons coming to the fayr and market wythin the said ton of Whapplode, I deem, award, and decree, that the said Thomas Lord Dacre, his heyres, nor noon of his officers, shall in noe wyse take toll, of eny person or persons, comyng to the fayr or market of the said abbot, in the said ton of Whapplode.

Also, I deem, award and decree, that ether partie abovesaid, the Lord Dacre for him and his heyres, the abbot for him and his successours, shall make as suyer to the tother partie, all thees articles to hym thus demede, awarded, and decreed, as I be advice and

counsell of leerned men, lawfully shall con-devyse, when and at what tyme, ether partie requireth hit of other, at the costs and expences of the partie so requiryng and desyryng. And that all actions, suytes, and plees takyn, meved and hangyng by ether partie in eny coourt ageyn other, be occasion or cause of these premissees and matters above rehersed, shall utterly cees, be it be continuance, or other wayes lawfull. In wytnesse whereof, to this my present award, ordinance, judgement and decree trypartyte, one part indented remanyng to the said Thomas Lord Dacre, and his heyres; and to another parte remayning amongst the said abbot and his successours, and to the thyrde remayning in Regystre of the byshopryck of Lincoln. I have sette to my seele.

NUM. XXVI.

Charta Regis Henrici Sexti de Libertatibus Monasterio Croylandiæ concessis.

[Ibid. p. 530.]

HENRICUS Dei gratia rex Angliæ et Franciæ, et dominus Hiberniæ, omnibus ad quos præsentis literæ pervenerint, salutem. Sciatis nos ex mero motu et certa scientia nostris, ac ob reverentiam beatæ et gloriosæ Virginis Mariæ matris Dei, sancti Bartholomei, et beati Guthlaci, in cujus honorem monasterium de Croylandia fundatur, concessisse Johanni Lytlyngton abbati monasterij prædicti, et monachis ejusdem loci, et successoribus suis, quod ipsi in perpetuum habeant omnes fines pro transgressionibus, offensis, misprisionibus, negligentijs, ignorantijs, falsitatibus, contemptibus, deceptionibus, concelamentis, et alijs delictis quibuscunque, ac omnia amerciamenta, redemptiones, exitus et pœnas, forisfact. et forisfiend. de seipsis et omnibus hominibus, tenentibus, et residentibus quibuscunque, in villa de Croylandia in comitatu Lincolnæ, in quibuscunque curijs nostris et hæredum nostrorum, seipsos, homines, tenentes, et residentes hujusmodi, tam coram nobis et hæredibus nostris, ac coram baronibus nostris et hæredum nostrorum de scaccario, et coram justiciarijs nostris et hæredum nostrorum de banco; ac coram senescallo, marescallo, ac clerico mercati hospitij nostri et hæredum nostrorum; necnon coram justiciarijs ad assisas in comitatu prædicto seu capiend. assign. ac justiciarijs itinerantibus ad placita coronæ, communia placita, et placita forestæ, justiciarijs ad gaolas deliberandas, assignandis, justiciarijs ad felonias, transgressiones, ac alia malefacta audienda, determinanda, assignanda, et alijs justiciarijs et ministris nostris et hæredum nostrorum quibuscunque, fines facere et amerciari, exitus et pœnas forisfacere contingent. Et quod idem abbas et monachi et successores sui, per se vel ballivos seu ministros suos, fines, amerciamenta, redemptiones, exitus et pœnas hujusmodi, sui ipsorum, hominum, tenentium et residentium, levare, percipere, et habere possint, sine occasione vel impedimento nostri vel hæredum nostrorum, adeo libere et integre sicut ea nos levare, percipere, et habere deberemus, si præfato abbati et monachis et successoribus suis illa non concessimus. Et insuper concessimus præfato abbati et monachis et successoribus suis quod ipsi in perpetuum habeant returnum brevium, præceptorum, mandatorum, billarum, nostrarum quarumcunque, et executiones earundem per eorum ballivum proprium, infra villam prædictam, licet tangerent nos vel hæredes nostros, vel prædictum abbatem et monachos vel eorum successores; ita quod nullus vicecomes, eschaetor, coronator, feodarius, ballivus, aut aliquis alius officarius, seu ministri nostri, vel hæredum nostrorum de hujusmodi returno brevium, sive executione, ullo modo se intromittat, seu dictam villam ea occasione quovis modo ingrediatur, sub gravi forisfactura nostra. Teste, &c.

NUM. XXVII.

Quod Custos Cignorum Domini Regis non habebit Wayffs neque Strayffs.

[MS. Cole, Mus. Brit. vol. xlv. p. 35, ex Regist. Abbatiae de Croyland.]

MEMORANDUM quod Willielmus Bride custos cig-

norum domini regis in partibus de Holland in comitatu Lincoln. per literas domini regis patentes pretendens habere ad usum domini regis omnes cignos volatiles et volantes, et non signatos, necnon et extrahuras et veivatos tam infra præcinctum Croyland quam extra, infra dominium Croylandiæ visis ab eo et intellectis diversorum regum cartis abbati Croylandiæ concessis, et possessione annua talium cignorum volatilium non signatorum, veivatorum, et extrahurarum in dominio suo Croylandiæ contingentium omnium prædictorum expers et vacuus recessit inde quietus, et dominus abbas Croylandiæ in pacifica possessione omnium talium cignorum prædictorum existens, et regum Angliæ libertatibus sibi concessis libere et pacifice gaudet. Actæ sunt hæc secundo die mensis Julii anno regni regis Edwardi quarti xvii.^o

NUM. XXVIII.

Mortisatio Collegii Monachorum studentium Cantebrig. Anno Johannis Abbatis secundo.

[Ibid. fol. 182.]

HENRICUS Dei gratia rex Angliæ et Franciæ, et dominus Hiberniæ, omnibus ad quos præsentis literæ pervenerint, salutem. Monstraverunt nobis et consilio nostro abbas et conventus de Croyland ordinis sancti Benedicti qualiter gentes ejusdem regionis pro majori parte infra regnum nostrum Angliæ, juxta discretiones suas, certos commonachos suos ad scholas universitatis Cantebrigg' ibidem in jure canonico et sacra Scriptura informandos utuntur invenire, qui quidem abbas et conventus nec aliquis de ordine prædicto aliquod Hospitium sive Mansionem de suo proprio infra dictam villam Cantebrigg' ordinat' pro commonachis suis per ipsos ad scholas universitatis prædictæ taliter destinatis nisi cum personis sæcularibus in hospitiiis suis commoraturis non habentes, sicque monachi prædicti tam religiose secundum formam et regulam professionis et ordinis suorum tractari seu gubernari non possunt prout deberent, in casu quo ipsi in certo loco existerent inhabitantes. Nos considerantes quod abbatia prædicta de fundatione nobilium progenitorum nostrorum et nostro patronatu existit, et pro eo quod dicti abbas et conventus et successores sui pro statu nostro dum vixerimus, et pro anima nostra cum ab hac luce migravimus, ac pro animabus dictorum nobilium progenitorum nostrorum specialius exorabunt, de avisamento et assensu concilii nostri, et pro duodecim marcis nobis solutis in hanaperio nostro, concessimus et licentiam dedimus venerabilibus patribus Thomæ Dunolm. et Willielmo Norwicen. episcopis, ac Johanni Hore de Chylderle, quod ipsi duo mesuagia cum pertinentiis in parochia sancti Egidii in dicta villa Cantebrigg' quæ de nobis in burgagio tenentur, et quæ valorem quadraginta et sex solidorum et octo denariorum per annum non excedunt, sicut per quandam inquisitionem coram Willielmo Walker escaetore nostro in comitatu Cantebrigg' de mandato nostro captam, et in cancellaria nostra retornatam, est compertum, dare possint et concedere prædictis abbati et conventui habend. et tenend. sibi et successoribus suis imperpetuum, et eisdem abbati et conventui quod ipsi mesuagia prædicta cum pertinentiis a præfatis episcopis et Johanni recipere possint et tenere sibi et eisdem successoribus suis, imperpetuum, tenore præsentium similiter licentiam dedimus specialem; statuto de terris et tenementis ad manum mortuam non ponendis edito, aut aliquo alio statuto sive ordinatione in contrarium facto, non obstantibus. Proviso semper quod omnes monachi dicti ordinis sancti Benedicti infra regnum nostrum prædictum, aut alibi, sub nostra subjectione expresse professi, scholas exercentes in mesuagiis prædictis insimul commorantes existunt, secundum ordinationem in generali capitulo ejusdem ordinis inde faciendum: nolentes quod prædicti episcopi et Johannes et hæredes sui, aut præfati abbas et conventus aut successores sui ratione præmissorum per nos vel hæredes nostros, justiciarios, escaetores, vicecomites, aut alios, ballivos seu ministros nostros vel hæredum nostrorum quoscunque, inde occasionentur, molestentur in aliquo, seu graventur. Salvis tamen nobis et hæredibus nostris servitiis inde debitis et consuetis.

In cujus rei testimonium has literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste meipso apud Westmonasterium septimo die Julii, anno regni sexto.

NUM. XXIX.

[From a Book of Pensions in the Augmentation Office, in the Reign of Hen. VIIIth.]

Crowlande in the Countye of Lyncolne.

HERAFTER ensuyth the names of the late abott and monks there wyth theyre pençons assignyd by the kyngs cōmyssyōns to be payd vnto theyme yerly duryng theyre lyves at 2 termes of the yere that ys to saye at the feaste of thannūcyacōn of o^r. Lady and Seynt Michell tharçangell by evyn porçons. The ffyrst payment therof to begyn at the feast of thañuncyacōn of o^r. Lady next ensuyng the date herof. Whiche late monastery was surrendred the kynge vse the 4th daye of December in the 31st yere of the raye of o^r. soʋeygne lorde Kynge Henry the VIIIth. Viz.

	£.	s.	d.
John Wellys als Bryçges late abbott there	130	6	8
Wyllm Pynchebeke als Harbard late prior	10	0	0
Antony Overton doctor of diuinite	13	6	8
Richard Waplod als Martyn	8	0	0
Richard Slyford als Benett bachelor of diuinite	10	0	0
Richard Coventre als Haberley	8	0	0
John London als Chyld	8	0	0
John Boston als Brene	7	0	0
John Barnesey als Blyott	6	13	4
Wyllm Tofte als Skyrbyke	6	0	0

	£.	s.	d.
Wyllm Bedney als Dawson	6	13	4
Thomē Stoke als Alderyche	7	0	0
Niccolas Sutton als Nune	6	0	0
Wyllm Bardney als Saratt	6	0	0
John Halyngton als Smyth	6	0	0
Wyllm Buknall als Cootts	6	0	0
John Ufford als Prior	6	13	4
John Botherhm als Clerke	8	0	0
Thom̄s Branchm̄ als Grensh̄m	6	13	4
Robert Stanfford als Townesende	5	6	8
Peter Ffreeston als Claye	5	6	8
Wyllm Bough	6	0	0
Wyllm Shasterton als Gotobed	5	0	0
John Cotenh̄m als Baynes	5	0	0
Robert Portyngton als Shypton	5	0	0
Wyllm Senton als Brene	5	0	0
Richard Ufford als Halle	6	13	4
Thomas Crowland als Parker appoyntyd to serve the cure of Crowland to haue for his labo ^r therein 10l. for his pençon duryng his lyffe to be payd 4 tymes in the yere at the hands of the fermo ^r . there. And also to haue a chamber there callyd the M ^r . of the Works office. Wyth a ffysshying belongyng to the same office beyng the yerly value of 5s. by yere. The ffyrst payment of his seyd pençon to begyn at o ^r . Lady daye next ensuyng	10	0	0
Sim ^a	322l.	13s.	4d.
PHYLYP PARRYS. JO. TREGONWELL. JO. HUGHES.			

COMPUT' MINISTRORUM DOMINI REGIS TEMP. HEN. VIII.

(Abstract of Roll, 34 Hen. VIII. Augmentation Office.)

ABBĪA DE CROYLANDE.

	£.	s.	d.
Com' Linc'			
Scit' Monastij de Croylande	}		
Langtofte Rectoria			
Thetfordehall			
Rcōria de Thetford			
Mano ^r . de Aswyke in Whaplode			
Whaplode			
Holbeche			
Baſſia de Croylande			
- - - - -			
Baſſia de Pursaunte			
Rectoria de Croylande			
Com' Hunt'			
Rectoria de Morborne			
Com' Leicest'			
Rectoria de Beybee			
Com' Northm̄t'			
Rectoria de Eston			
Com' Linc'			
Rectoria de Ulcebye	}		
Vicar' de Gedney			
Rectoria de Westerkell			
Com' Cant'			
Rectoria de Drydrayton			
Com' Linc'			
Rectoria de Sapton			
Firm' Scit' cu' Terr' Dñic' et Piscar'	111	5	6
Redd' Nativoꝝ Ten' p Cop' Cur'	7	14	0½
Pquis' Cur'	2	12	1
Firm' Piscar'	128	4	0
Firm' Rectorie	3	0	6
Penc' et Porcōn'	25	6	4

	£.	s.	d.
Com' Eboꝝ			
Prior' de Durram			
Com' Northm̃t'			
Pokebroke			
Wedlyngborowe			
Com' Linc'			
Rcōria S̃ci Michis in Stampford			
Vicar' de Sutterton			
Rcōria de Rathebye			
Vicar' de Langtofte			
Rcōria de Addyngton M̃gna			
Com' Hunt'	Penc' et Porcōn' ibidem	25	6 4
Rectoria de Fokkesworthe			
Com' Linc'			
Rectoria de Skyrmounde			
Rectoria de Tofte			
Vicar' de Baston			
Com' Cant'			
Rcōria de Drydrayton			
Rectoria de Beybee			
Com' Linc'			
Rectoria de Ingolst.			
Ballia de Kyrkefee cu' al' in Whaplode . . .	Redd' Assis' cu' Redd' Nativ' p Cop		
	voc' Kyrkefee	2	8 9½
	Firma Terraz	30	0 0
Ballia de omnibus Officiarijs nup Abbie de			
Croylande	Redd' Assis'	2	3 6
Croylande			
Baston, Kyrkegate jux ^a Capell' S̃ci M ^o tini,			
Northgate			
Com' Cant'*			
Tydde, *Hokeyngton, Gosṽkyrke	Firma Terraz et Tentoz	114	0 9
Com' Linc'			
Flette, Stamforthe, Elme et Elmyth, Thurse-			
bye, Wellynborowe, Ynglebye, Barnacke,			
Cottismore, Eston, Gedney			
Com' Northm̃t'*			
Wassyngley, *Depyng Gate			
Com' Hunt'*			
Dowsdale, *Thurnyng			
Com' North'			
Elmyngton, Glapthorne	Pquis' Cur'		nult
Com' Hertf' *			
*Stondon, Gedney, Holbiche			
Com' Leic'			
Beby, Worthropp, Kyrkebye, Lesborne et Ha-			
lyngton, Hellaitheis, Langtofte			
Croylande			
Pursaunte	Recept' Foꝝ	180	6 4½
Kyrkefee in Whaplode			
Mañium de Gedney	Firm' Mañij cu' Terris Dñicalibus	32	13 4
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'	1	11 6
Redd' Nativoz p Feod' Abbis in Gedney . . .	Redd' Assis' cu' Redd' Natiōꝝ	30	10 7½ di q
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'	6	0 8
Burlyonfee	Redd' Assis' cu' Redd' Cust'	14	6 9 di q
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'		nult
Com' Cant'			
Cottenham	Redd' Assis' et Tenen' p Cop'	25	11 10
- - - - -	Firma Scitus Mañij	11	0 0
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'		nult
Hokyngton	Redd' Assis' et Ten p Cop'	17	3 1½
- - - - -	Firma Mañij	16	13 4
- - - - -	Pquis' Curiaꝝ		nult
Drydrayton	Redd' Assis' cu' Redd' Cust'	14	5 1½
- - - - -	Firma Mañij	2	11 0
- - - - -	Recept' Foꝝ	69	14 3½

Com' Cant'			£	s.	d.
Holbeche	Redd' Assis' cu' Redd' et Nativ' p				
	Cop'	22	9	8½	
- - - - -	Firma Terraz	5	2	8	
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'	1	14	8	
Balliat' de Whaplode	Redd' Assis' et p Copias	25	15	2½	
- - - - -	Firma Terraz	22	12	7	
- - - - -	Exit Tolnet		nult		
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'	3	17	2	
Ballia de Dowdyke, Sutterton, Fossedyke, Al-					
derkyrke, Kyrton, Swyneshed, Wygtofte .	Redd' Assis' et Redd' p Cop'	13	3	1½	
- - - - -	Firma Terraz	30	10	0	
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'	3	10	6½	
Burthorpe in Pochia de Wythome, et Man-					
thorpe	Firma Terraz	16	17	3	
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'		nult		
Spaldynge	Firma tocius Manij	20	10	0	
Ballia de Langtofte, Depynge	Redd' Assis' et p Copiam	44	5	0½	
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'	1	16	9	
Com' Northint'					
Addyngton Magna et Pva	Redd' Assis' et Terraz Nativoz p Cop'				
	Rot' Cur'	8	10	0	
- - - - -	Firm' Terraz	2	13	4	
- - - - -	Firm' Molendini	2	13	4	
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'		nult		
Balliata de Wellyngborowe	Libe Ten' cu' Redd' Cust'	47	17	7½	
Wharledyche et Burwellende, Wendlyngburgh .	Firma Terraz	20	18	7	
- - - - -	Firma Molend'	9	0	0	
- - - - -	Firma Rçorie	38	6	8	
- - - - -	Tolnet' Mercat'	2	6	8	
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'	3	0	6	
Baston Feod' Abbat et Feod' Beamont	Redd' Assis' et p Copiam	34	7	0½	
- - - - -	Firma Terraz	1	11	10	
- - - - -	Firma Molend'	3	6	8	
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'	0	16	3	
Ballia de Bukenhalle	Redd' Assis' et p Copias	10	7	4	
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'		nult		
Man' de Morborne cu' Le Ogerston	Firm' Manij et Grangie	1	15	0	
Ballia Celle de Fryeston	Firma tocius Celle	105	10	9	
Rçorie de Fryeston et Butwyke	Firm' Rector'	44	15	3½	

Monastery of St. John of Beverley,

IN

YORKSHIRE.



N conformity with Sir William Dugdale's example, the first foundation of the church of St. John at Beverley is here noticed among the monasteries of the Benedictine order. It was anciently called *Monasterium in Silva Derorum, Inderaunda,*^a or *Deirwalde.*^b

The Register, or Town-Book of Beverley is said to carry its antiquity as high as the second century;

representing it to have been founded in the time of Lucius, the first Christian king of Britain, A. D. 126, and to have been destroyed, in the year 450, by Hengist and Horsa.^c

The total improbability, however, of this statement, need hardly be mentioned.

On better authority we are informed, that, about the year 700, John archbishop of York, the fifth from Paulinus,^d finding the parish church of Beverley dedicated to St. John the Evangelist, converted it into a monastery, and assigned it unto monks; building the presbytery or choir of the church anew, and appointing a place for the prior in the nave. He is also stated to have erected, on the south of the building, an oratory to St. Martin, wherein he afterwards placed nuns; associating the two foundations, "*monasteriis istis,*" seven priests, and as many clerks, in the body of the church: for the support of all these he purchased the manor of Ridings, and then built the church of that lordship; giving also to the church of Beverley lands in Middleton, Welwik, Bilton, and Patrington.

Puch, a certain earl, lord of the manor of South Burton, two miles from Beverley, whose wife St. John had healed of a grievous sickness, was also a benefactor; making Yolfride, or Yolfrida, his daughter, a nun in the monastery, and giving with her the manor of Walking-

tone. Yolfrida died on the 3d of the ides of March, A. D. 742, and was buried at Beverley.

Addi, earl of North Burton, gave the manor of that place, with the advowson of the church.

King Osred also gave Dalton, with its church.^e

The names of but three ABBATS of this monastery are preserved.

BERCTHUN,^f BERTINUS,^g or BRITHUNUS,^h was the first abbat, appointed at the time of the foundation. He died A. D. 733, and was interred in the church, near the remains of St. John of Beverley. His successor was

WINWALDUS, a monk of the house, who died A. D. 751.ⁱ

WULFETH, or WLFETH, the third abbat, died A. D. 773.^k

In 866, a hundred and forty-six years from the death of St. John, Beverley minster was destroyed by the Danes, with all the books and other ornaments belonging to the church. The place is stated to have lain desolate for three years; after which the priests and clerks who had survived the destruction of their house returned and repaired it.^l

In 925, according to the History of St. Leonard's Hospital at York, King Athelstan, marching a second time against the Scots, in his route, near Lincoln, met with a company of pilgrims, who, upon the king's enquiry, stated that they came from Beverley, where did rest a glorious confessor, John by name, by whose merits and intercession the blind, lame, and other infirm persons were restored to health. Athelstan, deviating himself from his line of march (but directing his army to pursue their way to York), visited St. John's sepulchre; and placing his knife upon the high altar of the church, engaged his promise, that, if he returned victorious, he would redeem it at a large price.^m Brompton says, that, upon his battle with the Scots, he prayed to God, that, at the intercession of St. John, he would vouchsafe to manifest by some evident sign, whereby the present and after ages might know that they did of right owe subjection to the English. Smiting, thereupon, a rock

^a Bedæ Hist. Eccl. lib. v. cap. 2-6.

^b See Num. I. ex. Lel. Collect.

^c Lel. Collect. edit. 1770, 2d App. tom. vi. p. 43.

^d This John, afterwards called St. John of Beverley, was born at Harpham in Yorkshire. He received his education first at Whitby in the foundation, of St. Hilda, and afterwards under Theodore archbishop of Canterbury. At a subsequent period he became a hermit at Hameshalg in Northumberland; then bishop of Hexham; and finally archbishop of York: whence, having sat thirty-three years, eight months, and fourteen days, he retired, A. D. 717, and lived privately at Beverley, dying on the seventh of May, A. D. 721.

Bede, who was his disciple, has been elaborate upon his life and miracles. Hist. Eccl. lib. v. ca. 2-6. See also Num. I. Collections respecting him, from different authorities, will likewise be found in the Acta Sanctorum of the Bollandists, Mense Maii, tom. ii. p. 166, followed by the Life which was written of him by Folcardus, a monk of Canterbury. Consult, too, Twysd. x. Script. col. 291, 296, 357, 358, 794, 1692, 1693.

William of Malmesbury, lib. iii. de Gestis Pontif. Angl. in Script. post Bedam, fol. 153, speaking of St. John of Beverley's miracles, says, "*Johannes vir eximiarum virtutum notissimum prædicatorem habet Bedam in Gestis Anglorum. Sed nec modo minor est*

laudibus suis, nec adhuc defunctus miraculis. Celeberrimum illud habetur quod habitatores Beverley, quo loci jacet, pro spectaculo soleant exhibere. Tauri ferocissimi qui nodosissimis vinculis astricti magno virorum fortium sudore adducuntur, statim ut cœmiterium ingressi fuerint, ita omni feritate sopita conquiescunt, ut oves simplicitate putes. Laxatis ergo nodis dimittuntur, per atrium proludere, qui ante quicquid obstat, solebant cornibus et pedibus impetere."

King Henry the Fifth attributed his victory at Agincourt to the intercession of this saint, on whose day it happened: on which occasion a synod held at London, A. D. 1416, ordered his festival to be kept all over England. See Lyndwoode, Provinciale p. 104, and the '*Statutum domini Henrici Chicheley Cantuar. Archiep. pro festo S. Johannis Beverlaci celebrando.*' Wilk. Concil. tom. iii. p. 379.

^e See Num. I.

^f Bede, Hist. Eccles. lib. v. ca. 2, edit. Smith, p. 183.

^g Jo. Brompt. Twysd. Script. x. col. 794.

^h Ibid. col. 1693.

ⁱ See Num. I.

^k Ibid. Compare also Chron. de Mailros, p. 138. Sim. Dunelm. col. 107.

^l Num. I.

^m Compare Mon. Angl. former edit. tom. ii. pp. 367, 368.

near the castle of Dunbar with his sword, he made so great an impression, that the stroke was seen to be a full ell in depth. Carrying, also, the Banner of St. John along with him, he obtained the victory; and, upon his coming back, enriched Beverley with very large possessions, liberties, and privileges.^a

Athelstan, in fact, became the refounder of the church, about the year 828; making it COLLEGIATE, for *Canons Secular*. He gave unto it certain lands in Brandesburton and Lokington; and all his right of hestraffa, that is to say, of all the provender which was yearly payable to him for his horses, from the whole of

the East Riding of Yorkshire. He also gave, for the better support of the religious, certain thraves of corn, or money in lieu thereof, arising out of divers particular places in the East Riding; which gift was afterwards confirmed by King Henry the Second.

A poetical version of King Athelstan's Charter, probably by a hand of a later time, will be found in the Appendix of Instruments.^b It grants, in addition to other ample immunities, the privilege of sanctuary.^c

The History of the CHURCH OF BEVERLEY, in its COLLEGIATE *Form*, is reserved for a future Portion of the Monasticon.^d

Cartae ad Beverlacense Coenobium in agro Eboracensi spectantes.

NUM. I.

[Lelandi Collectan. tom. iii. p. 3.]

SANCTUS Johannes episcopus Eboracensis in oppido suo Beverolaco coenobium monachorum instituit, in quo sepultus est, unà cum sancto Brithuno ejus diacono, quem ibidem constituerat religiosorum abbatem.

S. Winewaldus ibidem sepultus.

Monasterium Beverolacense olim à Danis destructum, quo tempore erant et monachi et velatæ virgines in eodem coenobio.

Ex Libro incerti Autoris de Vita S. Johannis Archiepiscopi Eboraci, sive de Antiquitate Beverlacensi.

[Ibid. p. 153.]

SANCTUS Johannes archiepiscopus Eboraci natus, ut vulgo creditur, in villa de Harpham.

Folchardus Cantuar. scripsit vitam D. Johannis archiep. Eboraci.

S. Johannes primus doctor theologiæ in Oxonia.

Beda discipulus divi Johannis.

D. Johannes discipulus Theodori archiep. Cantuariæ.

S. Johannes fuit heremita apud Harneshalg in monte aquilæ super ripam Tinæ propè Hexham.

Alfridus rex fautor S. Johannis.

S. Johannes successit Eate, episcopo Hagustald.

S. Johannes frequentabat oratorium S. Michaelis propè Herham.

Herebaldus discipulus S. Johannis, comesque individuus.

Brithunus postea abbas Beverlaci, discipulus S. Johannis.

S. Sigga diaconus S. Johannis. Quenburga monacha de Wetandun curata à D. Johanne. Deirewald locus nemorosus, id est, silva Deirorum, postea Beverlac, quasi locus, vel lacus castorum; dictus à castoribus quibus Hulla aqua vicini abundabat.

S. Johannes reperit in Beverlac ecclesiam parochialem sancti Johanni Evang. sacrum. Acquisitis hujus loci situ et dominio, prædictam ecclesiam sanctam in monasterium convertit et monachis assignavit. Presbyterium, hoc est chorum ecclesiæ, de novo ibi construxit, habente priore ecclesiæ S. Joannis locum in navi ecclesiæ. Fabricavit ad australem prædictæ ecclesiæ oratorium S. Martini, ubi postea moniales collocavit. Associavit monasteriis istis septem presbyteros et totidem clericos in navi ecclesiæ S. Johannis.

S. Joannes acquisivit suis monasteriis manerium de Ridings. Ex tunc construxit ecclesiam S. Nicholai in fundo domini sui.

Puch, comes quidam, habens manerium apud australem Burton duobus passuum millibus a Beverlaco. Yolfrida filia comitis Puch, monialis facta apud Beverlac, cujus matrem liberaverat S. Johannes ab ægritudine. Puch dedit cum filia manerium de Walkington. Yolfrida obiit 3 id. Martii anno Domini dcccxlj. cujus ossa sepulta sunt Beyerlaci.

Addi comes de boreali Burton dedit borealem Burton, cum ejusdem ecclesiæ advocatione ecclesiæ de Be-

^a "Postmodum vero dum rex Adelstanus pro aliquali dissensione inter ipsum et dictum Constantinum regem Scottorum habita, versus Scotiam tenderet, beatum Johannem apud Beverlacum visitavit, super altare cultellum pro vadioposuit, promittens si victor rediret, cultellum digno precio redimeret. Quod adimplevit, nam dimicando contra Scotos Deum rogavit, ut prece sancti Johannis Beverlaci aliquod signum evidens ostenderet, quo præsentis et futuri cognoscere possent Scotos de jure debere Anglis subjugari. Unde rex cum gladio suo scopulum percussit quendam lapideum juxta castrum de Dunbar, quod usque hodie ad mensuram ulnæ lapidis ex ictu illo cavatur, unde rex Adelstanus habita victoria, et rege Constantino iterum submisso, filium ejusdem Constantini de sacro fonte suscepit, et in redeundo territorium sancti Johannis possessionibus, privilegiis, et libertatibus variis ditavit." Twysd. Script. x. col. 838. Compare, also, Ric. Hagust. ibid. col. 357, 358.

^b Num. III.

^c The Leuga, or privileged circuit of St. John of Beverley, occurs in the Domesday Survey. The Register of this Sanctuary, during the reigns of King Edward the Fourth, King Henry the Seventh, and King Henry the Eighth, still remaining among the Harleian manuscripts in

the British Museum, will be hereafter described in the account of the Collegiate foundation of Beverley.

Connected with this privilege of Sanctuary, was the Fridstol, or stone chair, which stood on one side of the altar of the church, bearing this inscription:

"Hæc sedes lapidea Fredstole dicitur, i. e. Pacis Cathedra, ad quam reus fugiendo perveniens, omnimodam habet securitatem."

The Fridstol occurs in the Laws of K. Edgar, ca. 16. There were formerly several of them in the northern part of Britain. One occurs in the Charter of Immunities renewed by King Henry the Seventh to St. Peter's York, where it is interpreted "Cathedra quietudinis vel pacis." See Wilk. Leg. Anglosax. Glossar. p. 403. Spelm. Gloss. v. Sanctuarium. DuCange, Gloss. edit. Par. 1733, v. FRITHSTOLL. There was another at Hexham. Twysd. Script. x. Ric. Hagust. ca. xiv. col. 308.

^d Sir William Dugdale, in the Instruments appended to this Account, has given some partial extracts from the subsequent history of the Church, with a close List of the Provosts till the Dissolution: see Numm. I. II.: mixing the account of the Collegiate with the Monastic foundation.

verlaco, tempore S. Johannis archiepiscopi. Post hæc constructæ capellæ in Lekinfeld, et Scorburch quæ fuerunt in parochia de Burton, quæ processu temporis factæ sunt ecclesiæ parochiales. Herebaldus discipulus S. Johannis abbas de Tynmuth. Osredus rex ob amorem S. Johannis dedit Dalton ecclesiam Ebor. in qua villa eatenus fuerat manerium regis. S. Johannes relicto episcopatu quatuor annos transegit in Beverlac. S. Johannes comparavit ecclesiæ de Beverlac terras in Middelton, in Welwik, in Bilton, et Patrington.

Obiit Brithunus primus abbas Beverlacensis id. Maii anno Domini dccxxxij. et sepultus juxta S. Joannem.

Winwaldus, monachus ejusdem loci, abbas secundus, obiit anno Domini dcclj.

Wulfeth tertius abbas Beverlacensis obiit anno Domini dcclxxij. cæterorum abbatum nomina ignota.

Anno cxlvj. à depositione S. Joannis, destructum monasterium Beverlaci à Danis cum libris et ornamentis omnibus. Monasterium de Beverlac mansit triennio desolatum, postea redierunt presbyteri et clerici ad Beverlac, et locum reparaverunt.

Athelstanus rex venit ad Beverlac, et victis Scottis novum ibidem collegium instituit canonicorum secularium. Villa S. Johannis in Scotia, sic nominata ab Athelstano ob amorem quem habuit erga ecclesiam S. Johannis Beverlacensis.

Adelstanus terras ecclesiæ Beverlac. dedit in Brandesburton et Lokington. Rex Athelstanus suum jus de hestraffa, id est, de pabulo equorum, quod ei in Estriding singulis annis solvebatur &c. S. Joannis vexillum assumptum ab Athelstano, quo tempore debellavit Scottos. Athelstanus signum quærens quo jure dignosceret Scottos subjectos jure Anglis, gladio altè vulneravit saxum apud Dunbar.

Charta ibidem Athelstani regis de immunitate et libertate denique asylo terrarum S. Joannis Saxonice scripta. Crux ultra vallem Mollescroft una. metarum pacis et asyli S. Johannis. Athelstanus rex statuit ut Beverlacus esset caput totius Est-Ridingiæ. Athelstanus hæc privilegia confirmavit anno Domini dccccxxvij. et à depositu S. Johannis ccxvij. Ab hoc tempore devenit villa Beverlaci esse amplior, et populi fuit magnus confluxus. His temporibus confluyente populo, consensu canonicorum Beverlaci, constructæ sunt duæ capellæ Eboraci, una in honore beatæ Mariæ, alia in honore S. Thomæ apostoli, salvo jure matricis ecclesiæ.

Alfricus xvij. archiepiscopus Eboraci transtulit ossa S. Joannis. Annulus cum fragmentis libri Evangeliorum, inventus in sarcophago S. Joannis. Facta est translatio anno à depositione Joannis ccxvj. anno Domini mcccviij. viij. cal. Novembris, tempore Edwardi, antequam regiam consecutus fuisset dignitatem. Hæc scriptura inventa postea in theca reliquiarum S. Joannis.

Anno Domini mxxxvij. vj. mensis Sept. combusta fuit ecclesia S. Joannis in sequenti nocte post festum Mathæi apostoli. Translata sunt eodem tempore ossa S. Brithuni abbatis Beverlaci.

Hic Alfredus episcopus Ebor. ordinavit tres officarios in ecclesia Beverlaci, sacristam, cancellarium et præcentorem, habitum canonicorum gestaturos. Hic Alfridus acquisivit à quodam Fortio divite, pecunia sua terram apud Middleton, Holme, et Fridaythorp. Hic etiam Alfridus ab Edwardo rege impetravit, ut tres feriæ annuæ essent Beverlaci. Hic etiam consuetudinem fecit ut vicini nobiliores ter in anno, jejuni et discalceati, reliquias S. Joannis intra et extra villam sequerentur. Hic etiam refectorium et dormitorium disposuit apud Beverlacum fabricari, sed morte præventus est.

Kinsius archiepiscopus Eboraci turrin in ecclesia excelsam fabricavit apud Beverlacum. Aldredus archiepiscopus Eboraci, refectorium et dormitorium in Bederna Ebor. perfecit.

Edwardus rex, instantia Aldredi, dedit ecclesiæ Beverlacensi dominium in Leven. Hic primus septem canonicos fecit præbendarios. Hic etiam præbendarios certa loca assignata et vicarios eis designavit. Hic Aldredus veterem ecclesiam novo presbyterio decoravit. Hic etiam addidit octavum canonicum præbendarium.

Hic à presbyterio ad turrin totam ecclesiam pictorio opere, quod cælum appellabat, exornavit. Hic supra ostium chori pulpitem ære, ære auro, argento auro, mirabili opere Teutonico exornavit.

Alveredus historicus sacrista et thesaurarius Beverlaci scripsit historiam de rebus Anglicis. Rex Gulielmus primus fixerat tentoria vij. millium passibus à Beverlaco.

Thurstinus miles Gulielmi primi insequutus est veteranum in ecclesia Beverlacensi stricto gladio, et ibi miserrimè morbo correptus est.

Gulielmus primus dedit Siglesthorn ecclesiæ Beverlacensi, et præcepit ne ejus exercitus ecclesiam Beverlacensem lederent.

Thomas senior, archiepiscopus Eboraci, dedit Thomæ juniore nepoti suo, propter discordiam canonicorum novam dignitatem, id est, præposituram de Beverlaco, ita tamen ut neque vocem in capitulo neque stallum in choro haberet.

Locus qui Bederna antiquitùs dicebatur, nunc est domus præpositi; et nova Bederna adjuncta est ejus domui, ubi nunc sunt vicarii præbendariorum, quibus præpositus stipendia persolvit.

NUM. II.

Ex Libello adjuncto de Præpositis Beverlaci.

THOMAS junior primus. Thurstinus secundus, postea archiepiscopus Ebor. Hic primus archiepiscopus Ebor. habuit præbendam in Beverlaco, et hanc dignitatem retinere ejus successores, archiepiscopi Eboraci. Thomas Normannus iij. Robertus iiij. Thomas Beket v. Robertus vj. Galfridus vij. temporibus H. 2. Simon viij. Fulco Basset ix. Joannes Cheshub x. Gulielmus Ebor. xj. temporibus H. 3. idem episc. Sarum. Joannes Maunsel xij. Hic fuit thesaurarius Eboracen. Alanus xij. Morganus xiiij. Petrus de Chester xv. Haymo de Charto alienigena xvj. Hic fuit præpositura privatus, et postea factus est episcopus Giberenensis. Robertus de Alburwik xvij. Magister Walterus xvij. Gulielmus de Melton xix. Nichol. Hugate xx. Gulielmus de la Mar. xxj. tempore E. 3. Ricardus de Ravensar xxij. qui præposituram melioravit. Adam Limbergh xxij. Magister Joannes Thoresby xxiiij. Magister Joannes Mansfeld xxv. Gulielmus Kinwolmarsch xxvj. postea thesaurarius Angliæ. Robertus Nevile xxvij. Hic ædificavit turrin in Bederna tempore H. 6. Robertus Rolleston xxvij. Johannes Gerningham xxix. fuit thesaurarius Eboracen. Laurentius Bouthe xxx. postea episc. Dunelmensis, et archiepisc. Eboracensis. Magister Joannes Bouth xxxj. postea Exon. episc. Henricus Webber xxxij. Petrus Tastar alienigena xxxiiij. Guliel. Potman xxxiiij. Hugo Trotter xxxv. xxxvj. Thomas Dalby xxxvij. Thomas Winter xxxvij.

NUM. III.

Carta Adelstani Regis Sancto Johanni Beuerlaci data Anno Domini dccccxxv. de Privilegiis.

Yat witen alle yat ever béen,
Yat yis charter heren and séen.
Yat I ye king Adelstan
Has yaten and given to seint John
Of Beverlike yat sai I yow;
Tol and theam yat wit ye now,
Sok and sake over al yat land
Yat es given into his hand,
On ever ilke kinges dai,
Be it all frée yan and ay;
Be it almousend, be all frée
Wit ilke man and eeke wit mée.
Yat wil i (be him yat me scop)
Bot til an ercebiscop,
And til ye seven minstre prestes
Yat serves God ther saint John restes.

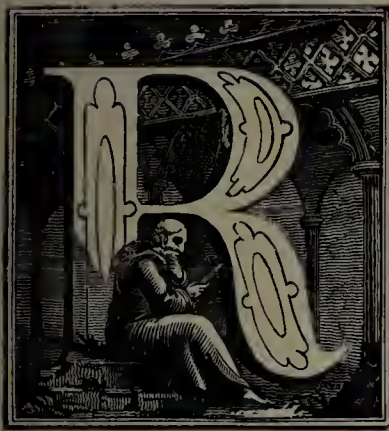
Yat give i God and seint John,
 Her befor you ever ilkan.
 All my herst corn ineldéel
 To uphald his minstre wéell.
 Ya four threve (be heven kinge)
 Of ilka plough of estriding :
 If it swa betid, or swa gaas,
 Yet ani man her again taas,
 Be he baron, be he erle,
 Clark, prest, parson, or cherel ;
 Na be he na yat ilk Gome,
 I will forsaye yat he come,
 (Yat wit ye wéel or and or)
 Til saint John mynstre dor ;
 And yar i will (swo Crist me red)
 Yat he bet his misded,
 Or he be cursed son on on
 Wit al yat servis saint John.
 Yif hit swa betid and swa es,
 Yat ye man in mansing es :
 I sai yow over sourti daghes,
 (Swilke yan be sain John laghes)
 Yat ye chapitel of Beverlike
 Til ye scirif of Everwike
 Send yair writ son onan,
 Yat yis mansedman betan.
 Ye scirref yan say i ye,
 Witouten any writ one me
 Sal minen him (swo Crist me red)
 And into my prison lede,
 And hald him (yat is mi wilt).
 Til he bet his misgilt.

If men reises newe laghes
 In any oyer kinges daghes,
 Be yay fromed, be yay yemed
 Wit yham of the mynstre demed,
 Ye mercy of ye misdeéd,
 Gif i saint John, swo Crist me red,
 Yif man be cald of limes or lif,
 Or men chalenges land in strif
 Wit my bodlaik, wit writ of right,
 Y wil saint John have ye might.
 Yat man yat for noght fight in féeld,
 Now yer wit staf no wit shéeld :
 Bot twelve men wil i yat it telle
 Swo sal it be swo héer ibelle.
 And he yat him swo werne may
 Overcomen be he ever and ay.
 Als he in feld war overcomen,
 Ye cravantise of him be nomen.
 Yat yat i God and saint John
 Her befor iow ever ilkon.
 If man be founden slan idrunkend,
 Sterved on sain John rike, his aghen men
 Withouten swike his aghen bailiffs make ye fight,
 Nan oyer coroner have ye might :
 Swa mikel fredom give i ye,
 Swa hert may think or eghe sée.
 Yat have i thought and forbiséen
 I will yat yer ever been
 Samening and mynstre lif
 Last follike witouten strif,
 God help alle thas ilk men
 Yat helpes to ye thowen. *Amen.*

Ripon, or Rippon, Monastery,

IN

YORKSHIRE.



IPON, formerly Inrhy-
pum,^a Hripensis Ecclesia,^b
or Ad Ripam,^c was another
foundation which began as
a Benedictine monastery,
but was changed to a col-
legiate church about four
hundred years after its first
establishment.

Bishop Tanner says,
"Alchfrid king of the
Northumbers gave this
place first to abbat

EATA, to build a mo-
nastery; but, before it was finished, he was sent away,
and

ST. WILFRID made abbat here before A. D. 661."^d
Alchfrid, it appears, had originally intended the dis-
cipline of the monastery to have been after the rule of
Mailros; but, upon maturer deliberation, preferring the
doctrine of Wilfrid, who had been at Rome, and who
had received the ecclesiastical tonsure from Dulfín
archbishop of France, he sent Eata, and, with him, St.
Cuthbert, who had also been appointed a monk of Ri-
pon, away.^e

The reason of their being sent away was that they
refused to celebrate the feast of Easter, and to observe
all other canonical rites according to the usage of the
Roman and apostolical church.^f

By some of our historians, however, Wilfrid is
made the founder, and the king to have given the
ground and the revenues. Omitting all notice whatever
of Eata.^g

In the Life of Wilfrid quoted by Leland, the ear-

liest endowment of Ripon appears to have consisted of
certain lands bordering upon the river Ribble; in Hac-
mundernes, in Gedene, in the territory called Dunuting-
e, or Dunge, and in Aetlevum.^h Peter of Blois, in
another Life of St. Wilfrid, states that, upon the first
construction of the building, certain persons, who were
present at its consecration and dedication to St. Peter,
gave other lands; viz. Ribble and Hasmundesham, and
Marchese, and land in the parts of Dunge: and that
Wilfrid gave a copy of the Gospels; as also a library,
and many other books of the Old and New Testament;
together with certain tablets skilfully wrought with gold
and precious stones.ⁱ

BOTUUNE, BOTWINE, or BOTHWINUS, abbat of Ripon,
is stated in the Saxon Chronicle to have died in 785.^k
Simeon of Durham and the Chronicle of Mailros say in
786.^l He was succeeded by

ALBERHT, or ALBERTUS, who died in 787.^m

SIGRED was appointed the next abbat.ⁿ

Early in the ninth century this religious house was
endowed with great privileges by King Athelstan, who
also made it a sanctuary, extending the circuit of pro-
tection to a mile from the town.^o The poetical version
of his charter, similar to that in the Appendix to Bever-
ley monastery, mentions the grith-stole, or chair of
asylum.

The History of the Church of Ripon printed by
Maynard, as Dugdale's, at the end of the second edition
of the History of St. Paul's Cathedral, says that after-
wards, the church of Ripon, for want of repairs, falling
down, Odo archbishop of Canterbury removed the bones
of St. Wilfrid, who had been buried there, to the church
of his see, about the year 940.^p But, in truth, the
church continued in great repute till it was burnt down

rat. Unde et ille, quia catholicum eum esse comperit, mox donavit
terram decem familiarum in loco qui dicitur Stanford, et non multo
post monasterium triginta familiarum in loco qui vocatur Inrhy-
pum; quem videlicet locum dederat pridem ad construendum inibi mo-
nasterium his qui Scottos sequebantur." Hist. Eccl. lib. v. ca. 19,
edit. Smith, p. 206.

^f Compare Bede, Hist. Eccl. lib. v. ca. 20.

^g Thus Hoveden, in a passage which will be hereafter quoted.
Append. of Instruments, Num. I. Gervase of Canterbury, Script. x.
col. 1636, says, "Dederat autem Alfridus rex cuidam Wilfrido viro
doctissimo locum amplum ad construendum monasterium, videlicet
in Ripun, ubi et ipse postmodum abbas et presbyter factus est."
Compare, also, the Excerpts in the Appendix made by Leland, Num.
II. "ex libro de vita S. Wilfridi."

^h See Num. II.

ⁱ See Num. III.

^k Chron. Sax. edit. Gibs. p. 63.

^l Script. x. Twysd. Sim. Dun. col. 110. Chronica de Mailros,
Rer. Anglic. Vet. Script. p. 139.

^m Ibid.

ⁿ Ibid. In the Chron. of Mailros we read, "Anno dcc.xc.
Ethelredus [Northanhimbrorum] rex filius Moll de exilio liberatus
est, et regno suo restitutus. Qui Eardulfum ducem capiens et ad
Ripum producens ibi eum occidit extra portam monasterii: delato
autem corpore ipsius, in ecclesiam, et psallentibus circa eum et pro
eo fratribus, post mediam noctem vivus inventus est." Rer. Anglic.
Vet. Script. ut. supr.

^o See Num. IV.

^p Hist. of Rip. p. 38.

^a See Bede.

^b See Num. I. ex. Lel. Collect.

^c Ibid.

^d Notit. Mon. Yorksh.

^e So Bede, "Cumque post aliquot annos regi Alchfrido placeret
pro redemptione animæ suæ locum quendam regni sui, qui vocatur
Inrhy-pum ad construendum ibidem monasterium Eatanabbati donare,
tollens idem abbas quosdam e fratribus secum, in quibus et Cudberc-
tum, condidit ibi quod petebatur monasterium, atque eisdem quibus
antea Mailros institutis disciplinæ regularis imbuat." Vit. S. Cuthb.
ca. vii. edit. Smith, p. 234. "Interea quia fragilis est et more freti volu-
bilis omnis sæculi status, instante subito turbine, præfatus abbas Eata
cum Cudbercto et cæteris quos secum adduxerat fratribus domum re-
pulsus est, et locus monasterii quod condiderat aliis ad incolendum
monachis datur." Ibid. cap. viii. p. 235.

And again, in his Ecclesiastical History, A.D. 662, "Porro Alch-
frid magistrum habens eruditionis, Christianæ Vilfridum virum doc-
tissimum: nam et Romam prius propter doctrinam ecclesiasticam
adierat, et apud Dalfinum archiepiscopum Galliarum Lugduni multum
temporis egerat, a quo etiam tonsuræ ecclesiasticæ coronam susceperat,
hujus doctrinam omnibus Scottorum traditionibus jure præferendum
sciebat: unde ei etiam donaverat Monasterium quadraginta familiarum
in loco qui dicitur Inrhy-pum; quem videlicet locum paulo ante eis qui
Scottos sequebantur in possessionem monasterii dederat. Sed quia illi
postmodum data sibi optione, magis loco cedere quam suam mutare
consuetudinem volebant, dedit eum illi qui dignam loco et doctrinam
haberet et vitam." Bedæ Hist. Eccl. lib. iii. ca. 25.

In another passage of his History, A.D. 709, speaking of Wilfrid,
Bede says, "At ille Britanniam veniens, conjunctus est amicitii Alch-
fridi regis, qui catholicas ecclesiæ regulas sequi semper et amare didice-

in the devastation which King Edred made in these parts, about A. D. 950.^a

Archbishop Oswald, and his successors, archbishops of York, assisted in the rebuilding of the church; and Archbishop Aldred, about the time of the Conquest, en-

dowed it with lands, and made it COLLEGIATE, as it continues to this day.^b

With the foundation in the COLLEGIATE form we have nothing to do at present.

Cartae ad Ripponense Coenobium in agro Eboracensi spectantes.

NUM. I.

[Reg. Hoved. fol. 343 a, n. 10.]

ANNO DCCCC.XLVIII. pro infidelitate Northimbrensium egregius rex Angliæ Edredus totam Northimbriam devastat, in qua devastatione monasterium quod dicitur in Hripun, à sancto Wilfrido episcopo quondam constructum, igne est combustum.

NUM. II.

Ex Libro de Vita S. Wilfridi.

[Lelandi Collectan. vol. iii. p. 169.]

TERRÆ datæ S. Wilfrido à regibus juxta Ribel flumen, id est, Hacmundernes, et in Gedene, et in regione Dunutinga, et in Aetleum, in cæterisque locis. Ecfrius rex adhuc juvenis, cum Bernoth quodam subregulo ejus amico, Pictorum ingentem numerum parva manu stravit, et duos fluvios cadaveribus interfectorum replevit. Wilfridus adeptus est locum à regina sancta Ætheldrythe, condendo monasterium Hagustaldun. Berthwaldus frater Ethelredi regis Merciorum, Wilfridum exulem hospicio excepit. Wilfridus misit Bradwinum presbyterum et abbatem, magistrumque Alfridum nuncios ad Alfridum regem Northumbrorum.

Berthwaldus archiepiscopus Cantuar. synodum congregavit in partibus aquilonis juxta flumen Nid ab oriente, ubi rex erat cum principibus et abbatibus, et beata Elfleda.

Berecfridus princeps secundus à rege in synodo. Synodus in campo nomine Tostrefeld.

Berecfridus unà cum regio puero Alfridi obsessus in Bebbanberg, vovit se satisfacturum Wilfrido, si hostes recederent, et regius puer aliquando paterno potiretur solio. Wilfridus designavit Tatbertum comitem suum

individuum præfectum, si ipse fortè moreretur, Ripensi ecclesiæ.

Tibba et Eabba, monitu Ceolredi regis Merciorum, invitabant Wilfridum ut in partes Merciorum veniret. Postremò ad monasterium ejus quod in Undalum positum est, in quo olim Andreæ apostoli dedicavit ecclesiam Wilfridus pervenit, ubi paulo post obiit.

Bacula abbas, inter cæteros, corpus Wilfridi syndone involvit. Vixit Wilfridus in episcopatu annis xlvj.

Tatbertus fit præfectus Ripensis ecclesiæ. Wilfridi corpus perductum ad Ripensem ecclesiam. Nobiles quidam exules combusserunt cœnobium in Undalum ubi Wilfridus obiit, excepta una domo in qua Wilfridus obiit, illam nullis fomitibus adjectis comburere potuerunt. Monasterium de Undalum erat magna sepi spinea circumdatum, quæ etiam conflagravit, sed crux lignea ibi posita ubi Wilfridi corpus ligneo balneo colutum fuit, à trucum labibus intacta permansit.

Erat in sacro vestiario Ripodun liber Petri Blesensis de vita S. Wilfridi dedicatus Galfrido archiepiscopo Eboracensi.

NUM. III.

Ex Libello de Privilegiis ab Æthelstano Rege Ripensi Ecclesiæ concessis.

ÆTHELSTANUS sanctuarium Riponensi ecclesiæ concessit, et terminos hinc inde ad unum milliare extra oppidum sanctuario designavit, quorum unus appellatus crux Athelstani.

Athelstanus dedit ecclesiæ Ripensi easdem libertates quas dedit ecclesiæ Beverlacensi. Qui pacem sanctuarii inter ecclesiam Ripensem violaverit, reus sit bonorum omnium, et vitæ. Athelstanus venit cum omni exercitu ad ecclesiam sancti Wilfridi in Ripon. Voluerat Os-

^a Hoved. Annal. Script. post Bedam. fol. 243. See Num. I. Compare also the Chron. de Mailros, p. 148.

^b Tann. Notit. Mon. from Angl. Sac. tom. ii. p. 205.

Leland, in his Itinerary, edit. Oxf. 1770, tom. i. p. 91, says, "The old towne of Ripon stode much by north and est, as I could gather by veuing of it. The best of the towne now standith by west and southe. The old abbay of Ripon stood where now is a chapelle of our Lady in a botom, one close distant by from the new minstre."

"One Marmaduke abbat of Fountaines, a man familiar with Salvage archbishop of York, obtainid this chapelle of hym and prebendaries of Ripon: and having it given onto hym and to his abbay pullid down the est end of it, a pece of exceding auncient wark, and buildid a fair pece of new werk with squarid stones for it, leving the west ende of very old werk standing."

"He began also and, finished a very fair high waul of squarid ston at the est end of the garth, that this chapel stondith yn: and had thought to have enclosid the hole [building] with a waulle, and to have made there a cell of in the est end of this chapel. And there lyith another of them yn the chapel garthe. And in the chapel singith a cantuarie prest."

"One thing I much notid, that was three crossis standing in row at the est ende of the chapelle garth. They were things antiquissimi operis, and monumentes of some notable men buried there: so that of all the old monasterie of Ripon and the towne I saw no likely tokens left after the depopulation of the Danes in that place, but only the waulles of our Lady chapelle and the crosses."

"The common opinion is that Odo, archbishop of Cantewarbyri, cumming ynto the north partes with King had pitie of the desolation of Ripon chirch, and began or caussid a new work to be edified where the minstre now is."

"Howbeit the hole chirch that now standith indubitably was made sins the Conquest."

In Leland's Itinerary, tom. viii. p. 21, we have

"Inscriptio in novo Muro Capellæ S. Mariæ Ripioni.

'S. Cuthebertus episcopus Lindifarnensis hic fuit monachus.

S. Eata archiepiscopus Ebor. hic fuit monachus.

S. Wilfridus archiepiscopus Ebor. hic fuit monachus et l. abbas.

S. Willebrondus archiepiscopus Walretensis hic fuit monachus.'"

bertus vicecomes Eboracensis vim tulisse libertati Ripensis ecclesiæ anno Domini mcvj. sed Gerardus archiepiscopus rem regi detulit; venerunt igitur, à rege missi, Robertus episcopus Lincoln. Radulphus Basset, Galfri-
dus Ridel, Radulphus le Meschines, et Petrus de Valo-
niis, qui causam ventilarent, et tandem jura Wilfridi libera esse statuerunt.

Habeant omnes pacem in festo Petri et Pentecostes, eundo et redeundo ad ecclesiam Ripensem.

NUM. IV.

Ex Vita Wilfridi, autore Petro Blesensi, quod Opus Galfrido archiepiscopo Eboraci dedicavit.

CONSTRUXIT ecclesiam in Ripis ad honorem Petri. Magnates qui aderant in consecratione terras plurimas in dotem ecclesiæ contulerunt, scilicet Ribble, et Has-
mundesham, et Marchesiæ, et in regione Duninga. Idemque vir Dei quatuor Evangelia et bibliothecam pluresque libros Novi ac Veteris Testamenti cum tabulis tectis auro purissimo et pretiosis gemmis mirabili arti-
ficio fabricatis, ad honorem Dei, et sui nominis memo-
riam præsentavit.

NUM. V.

Carta Adelstani Regis Sancto Wilfrido de Rippon concessa.

[Ex antiquo Registro penes . . . Lindale, sub-decanum Ecclesiæ Ripponensis 1630.]

WYt all that es and es gan
Yat ik King Adelstan
As gyven als frelich as I may
And to ye capitell of seint Wilfrai,
Of my frée devotion
Yair pées at Rippon
On ilke side ye kyrke a mile
For all ill déedes and ylke agyle

And within yair kirke yate
At ye stan yat Grithstole hate.
Within ye kirke dore and ye quare
Yair have pées for les and mare.
Ilkan of yis stedes sal have pées
Of frodmortell and il déedes
Yat yair don is, tol, tem,
With iren and with water deme
And yat ye land of seint Wilfrai
Of alkyn geld fre sal be ay.
At na nan at langes me to
In yair Herpsac^a sal have at do
And for ik will at yai be save
I will at yai alkyn freedom have:
And in al thinges be als free
As hert may thynke or eygh may se
At te power of a kinge
Masts make free any thyng.
And my seale have I sett yerto
For I will at na man it undo.

NUM. VI.

Alia Carta ejusdem Regis.

IN nomine sanctæ et individuæ Trinitatis Adelsta-
nus rex Dei gratia regni Angliæ omnibus hominibus suis Eboraci, et per totam Angliam salutem. Sciatis quod ego confirmo ecclesiæ et capitulo Ripon. pacem suam, et omnes libertates et consuetudines suas, et con-
cedo eis curiam suam de omnibus quærelis et in omnibus curiis de hominibus S. Wilfridi, pro ipsis et hominibus suis, vel contra ipsos, vel inter se ad invicem, vel quæ fieri p et judicium suum pro Frodmortell; et quod homines sint credendi per suum ya, et per suum na, et omnes suas terras habitas, et habendas, et ho-
mines suos ita liberos, quod rex Angliæ, nec ministri ejus, nec archiepiscopus Eboraci, nec ministri ejus, ali-
quid faciant vel habeant quod est ad terras suas vel ad socam capituli. Testibus G. archiepiscopo Eboracensi, et P. Præposito Beverlaci.

^a For *Frithsoke* i. immunitatis locus.

St. Frideswide's Monastery,

NOW

Christ-Church,

OXFORD.



FRIDESWIDE, or FRIDISWIDA, who was anciently honoured as the patroness of Oxford, is said to have been the daughter of Didanus,^a a "sub-regulus," or petty prince, in these parts, who, about the year 727, on the death of his wife Safrida, founded a nunnery here for twelve religious virgins of noble birth, under the government of his daughter.^b Frideswide be-

ing buried here, and afterwards canonized for a saint, this Monastery, in process of time, was dedicated to her memory, and called almost always by her name.^c

The nuns having been dispersed in the Danish wars, this church came into the possession of secular canons, and was burned to the ground A.D. 1004, when Ethelred determined to exterminate the Danes.^d William of Malmesbury, speaking of the council of Danes and English assembled by the king at Oxford, says, that when Sigeferd and Morcard, having been accused of treachery by Edric, were unjustifiably put to death, the dependants

of these noble Danes, attempting to revenge the death of their lords by arms, were worsted, and driven into the tower of St. Frideswide's church, where, as they could not be dislodged, they were consumed by fire. From the tenor of Ethelred's charter it is evident that he both rebuilt and better endowed the monastery. Malmesbury only says, that, shortly after, the foul stain was wiped out by the king's penitence, and the sacred place repaired.^e

Capgrave says, a certain king, before the Norman Conquest, is said to have expelled the canons, and to have given this monastery to the monks of Abingdon for some years, and then to have restored the canons again.^f

After the Conquest, the seculars were again ejected, though Bishop Tanner thinks not till after the compilation of Domesday Book.^g An abbat and monks, he adds, were here for some time. Then the priests got in once more, and continued till A. D. 1111,^h or 1121;ⁱ at which time Roger bishop of Salisbury placed in this church a convent of regular canons of the order of St. Austin, under the care of

GUIMOND, or WIMUND, a learned clerk, and chaplain to King Henry the First, who became the first Prior.^k

^a In Brian Twyne's MS. 2. 4, he is called Didacus. Tann. Notit. Mon.

^b See Numm. I. II.

^c Tanner, ut supr. In some few old Charters, temp. Hen. I. it is called "The Church of the Holy Trinity in Oxford," as Brian Twyne, x. o. p. 115, ex Registro Frideswidæ. The Life of St. Frideswide quoted by Leland (see Num. II.) says this church in the first instance was dedicated to St. Mary and All-Saints.

For the Life of St. Frideswide the reader may consult Capgrave's Nova Legenda Angliæ, fol. Lond. Wynk. de Worde, 1516, fol. clii. b; Britannia Sancta, p. 207; and Butler's Lives of the Saints, edit. 8vo. Dubl. 1779, vol. x. p. 453. See also Alfordi Annal. Eccl.

Algar, a prince of the Mercians, smitten with the beauty and virtues of Frideswide, and not being able to overcome her resolution of chastity, is stated to have given loose to the reins of his criminal passion so far as to lay a snare to carry her off; which was prevented by miraculous interference. The virgin, being warned in a vision, withdrew privately in a boat to a place ten miles from the city, called Benton; where she lay concealed, with two of her companions, in a forsaken hut covered with ivy, which had been originally a hog-stye. Algar, in the mean while, desisting not from his purpose, threatened to destroy the city of Oxford, if the inhabitants did not discover to him where Frideswide was concealed: till, at length, being struck with blindness, near the north gate of the city, he acknowledged the hand of God, implored Frideswide's prayers, and was again restored to his sight: and, going home, ceased to give her any further molestation. From which time, as both our historians and legendists remark, for divers ages, none of our kings durst enter Oxford, upon a notion that the attempt would be dangerous to them. Capgrave says, "Ob cujus equidem tyranni supplicium innatus est horror regibus Angliæ ut nec unus urbem Oxoniæ ut fertur præsumat intrare." St. Frideswide remained three years in her solitude; after which, returning to Oxford, that she might not be hurthensome to her sisters there, she chose a solitary place for her habitation, not far from the city, then called Thornbery, but since Binsey, where she built an oratory, and obtained by her prayers a well, which was long visited by pilgrims, and still exists.

For numerous particulars of this well, by some called St. Frideswide's, and by others St. Margaret's, see Hearn's Textus Roffensis. Compare also Sir John Peshall's Ancient and Present State of the City of Oxford, pp. 321, 322.

St. Frideswide is commemorated in the Roman Martyrology on October the 19th, and has an office of nine lessons in the Sarum Breviary.

^d See Num. III. and Ethelred's Charter in Num. IV.

^e Will. Malmesb. Script. post Bedam, ed. 1596, fol. 40. He adds, "Legi ego scriptum, quod in archivo ejusdem ecclesiæ continetur, index facti."

^f "Antequam juri Normannorum Deus Angliam subdidisset Abendonensi abbati ecclesia sanctæ Frideswidæ cum possessionibus suis a rege quodam donata fuit, et expulsis canonicis per annos aliquot monachorum dispositioni res addicta subjacuit donec mutata tandem voluntate regis cujusdam canonicis cuncta restituta sunt." Nova Legenda Angliæ, ut supr. Bishop Tanner says, "This may perhaps account for that in Leland. Collect. tom. iii. p. 72, out of the Rochester Chronicle, viz. 'A. D. 1049. Institutio canonicorum Frideswidæ.'" Notit. Monast. Sir John Peshall, in his Ancient and Present State of the City of Oxford, without any sort of authority says, p. 121, "1060. These secular canons of St. Frid. being expelled the monastery on account of their having wives, K. Edward ordered a set of regulars to succeed them in their office, at the instance of Pope Nicholas II."

^g The entry in the Domesday Survey respecting the property of the canons is short, and mixed with lands held in capite of the king by individual Priests. See the whole article, Num. V. The canons of St. Frideswide are said to hold four hides of the king near Oxford, valued at forty shillings per annum. One Siward, also, is stated to hold two hides of land of the canons in Codeslam, of the same value.

^h See Num. III. Compare also Matt. Paris, edit. 1684, p. 54.

ⁱ MS. Br. Twyne 2, p. 4, ex Registr. S. Frideswidæ. Bishop Kennett says that Guy de St. Walery, lord of the manor of Ambrosden, gave to the prior and canons of St. Frideswide his manor of Knyttinton in Berkshire as early as the year 1116. Paroch. Antiq. p. 86.

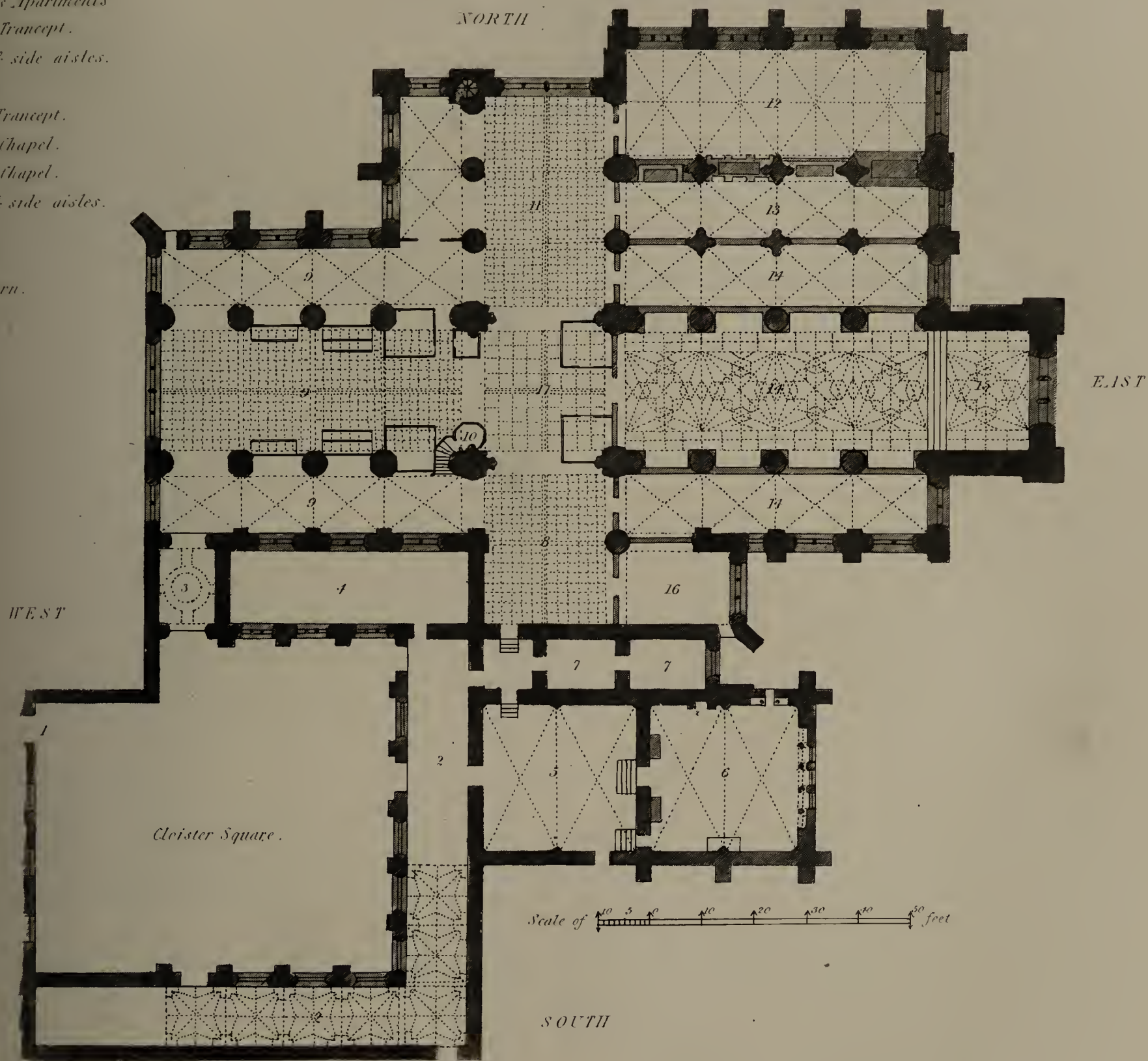
^k The following account of the change in the rule of the monastery,

REFERENCE TO THE PLAN.

1. Entrance to the Cathedral from Hall of Christ Church.
2. Cloisters.
3. Principal Entrance.
4. Record Room.
5. Anti Room to Chapter House.
6. Chapter House.
7. Scoten's Apartments.
8. South Trancept.
9. Nave & side aisles.
10. Pulpit.
11. North Trancept.
12. Latin Chapel.
13. Dean's Chapel.
14. Choir & side aisles.
15. Altar.
16. Vestry.
17. Lanthorn.

REFERENCE TO THE MONTS

- A. Shrine of S^t Frideswide.
- B. Lady Eliz^h Montague's Mon^t.
- C. Prier Gnymonds D^o.
- D. S. Henry Bath's D^o.
- E. Bishop King's D^o.



The dotted lines shew the groining of the Roof.

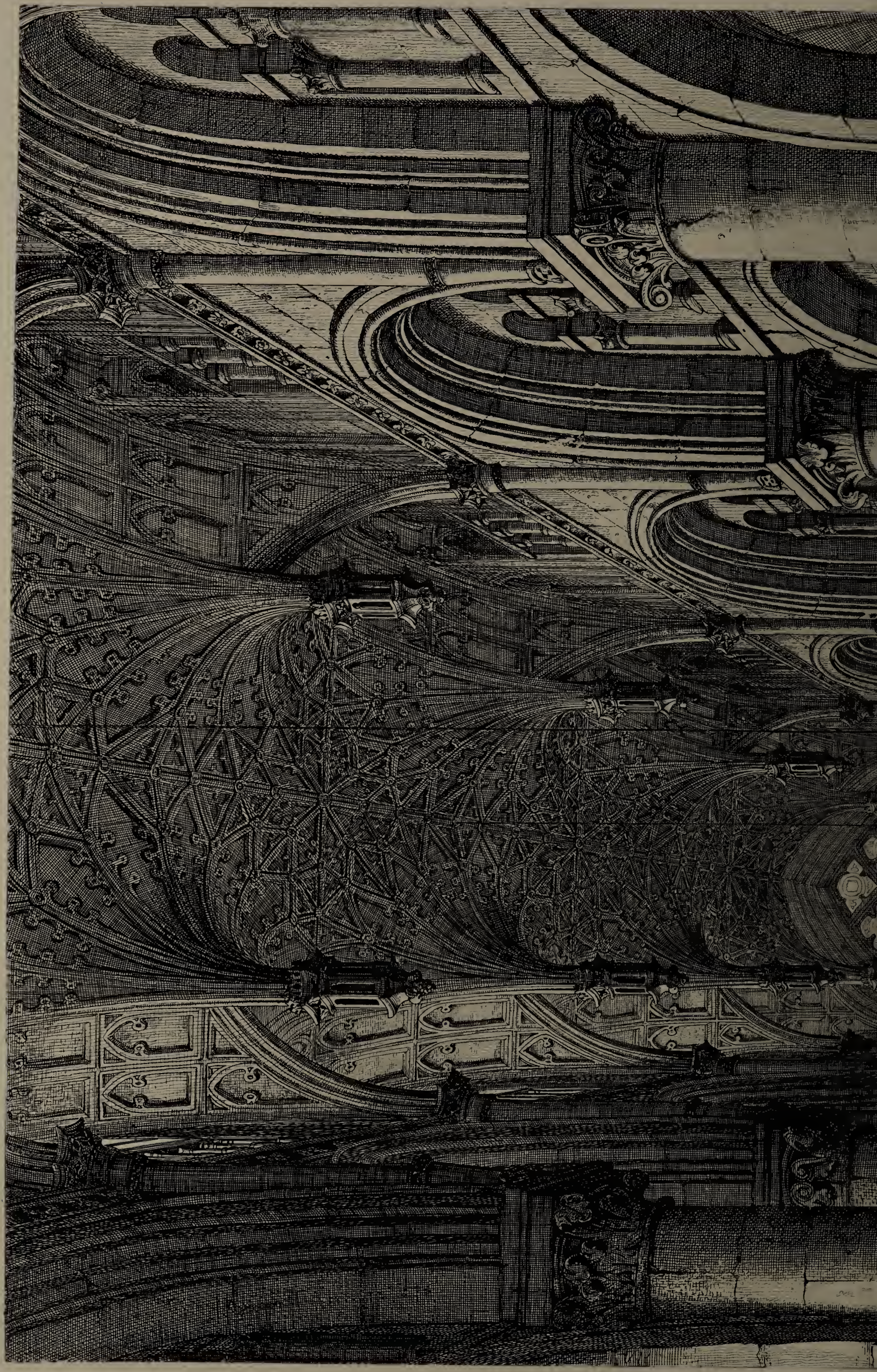
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Second Plan of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford.



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*Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, 1816.
From the Dean's Garden.*





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Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, 1816. The Altar

Willis, taking the earliest date of Guimond's appointment, ascribes to him the building of the present cathedral of Christchurch, which he says was finished under his two immediate successors.^a After the death of Guimond, which happened according to one account in 1130, and according to another in 1141,

ROBERT, surnamed DE CRICKLADE, *alias* CANUTUS, was the next who presided.

In 1142, while King Stephen formed the siege of Oxford, to oblige the monks of St. Frideswide, he gave them the chapel of Brehull, now Brill, in Buckinghamshire. Nigh which time Maud, the empress, to ingratiate herself also with the said monks, gave them a like grant of the mother church of Oakle, with the chapels of Brill, Borstall, and Edingrave.^b So, as in this competition for the crown of England, Bishop Kennett observes, these Religious had the same bribe offered them by both the contending parties; that which side soever they deceived, they might be true to their own interest.^c

The bishop of Lincoln, by another Charter, at the instance of Maud the empress, gave the monks leave to

appropriate to their own use the said church of Oakle, with the chapels of Brehull and Borstall: and K. Stephen sent other letters to Alexander bishop of Lincoln, to advise that he had given and confirmed to the monks the chapel of Brehull, with all tithes and customs of his demesne, as freely as his predecessors had ever enjoyed the same.^d

Two other Charters of the Empress Maud, beside that already referred to, will be found in the Appendix; together with two Charters from King Stephen.^e

Prior Robert occurs in 1157; and was chancellor of the University of Oxford in 1159.

In this last year, Malcolm king of Scotland gave to the monks the manor of Pidington in the parish of Ambrosden,^f which, though confirmed by Charters from King Henry the Second^g and Thomas Becket archbishop of Canterbury, and ratified by Simon St. Liz, the third Earl of Northampton and Huntingdon,^h was still detained from them for near two centuries by injustice and court interest.ⁱ

In 1161, Reginald de St. Walery confirmed his

which is here ascribed to King Henry the First himself, occurs, in a hand of the fourteenth century, in the Harleian manuscript No. 79, fol. 1 b.

"Anno gratiæ millesimo C^{mo}. xxij. et anno regni regis Henrici primi [xxij^o.] magister Gimundus dicti regis Henrici capellanus videns quod rex clericos suos fere illiteratos in episcopos promovere, aliis dignitates aliis redditus non modicos conferens, sibi que cum literatus esset et integre opinionis nihil præter victum et vestitum a rege donari, indignans super hoc, die rogationum, cum rex missam audiret ipse lectionem propheticam, in qua scriptum est, 'non pluit super terram annos iij et menses vj.' sic pronuntiando legit, 'non pluit super terram annos i. i. i. et menses v. j.' clericis omnibus super hoc admirantibus ipsum et deridendo subsannantibus, increpatus post missam a rege quare sic legisset subridendo respondit q^d. vos sic legentibus episcopatus et ecclesiastica beneficia confertis. Idcirco et sciatis me de cætero soli Christo regi regum summo servituum qui sibi servantibus non solum temporalia largiri beneficia novit sed æterna. Ex qua confusus responsione rex ecclesiam sanctæ Frideswidæ Oxon. ad capellam suam spectantem cum omnibus pertinentiis suis ei dedit. Qui mox ejectis inde canonicis secular. qui usque ad id temporis eidem ecclesiæ præfuerant, regulares canonicos congregavit, quorum ipse primus prior extitit dictam feliciter regens ecclesiam annis xix."

Dr. Leonard Hutton, in his Letter on the Antiquities of Oxford, at the end of Hearne's Textus Roffensis, says of St. Frideswide's monastery, "It was given by William the Conqueror to the abbot and monks of St. Mary the Virgin in Abbington, for a cellorgrange, as they pleased to use it. But the abbot and monks of Abbington perceiving it to be very ruinous, and that the charges of repaying it would rather be a burthen, than the church an honour to them, gave it to Roger, the bishop of Salisbury, their ordinary, having first obtained leave of King Henry the First soe to doe. Whereupon the bishop understanding that the king had already (as much as in him lay) given it to Guimundus his chaplaine, a man very religious and excellently learned, gave presently the disposition thereof to the king, and the king to Guimundus."

Two Charters of Confirmation from King Henry the First will be found in the Appendix of Instruments, Numm. VI. VII. together with the Charter for a fair in Oxford, Num. VIII.

^a Mit. Ab. vol. i. p. 283.

^b See Num. XI.

^c Paroch. Antiq. pp. 98, 99, where copies of the original Charters are given from the Register of St. Frideswide's in the chapter-house at Christ-Church.

^d Ibid. p. 99. The church of Oakle was subsequently the source of a tedious contention between the prior and convent and the crown: the particulars of which will perhaps be best given in a connected form.

In 1221, the king having by judgment in his temporal court recovered this church from the prior and canons, they, not willing to stand to the verdict, procured letters from the pope, appointing delegates to examine the cause and give a new determination of it. Which method was thought so prejudicial to the king's court, crown, and dignity, that a memorable Prohibition was issued out against them: (See the Append. of Instr. Num. XXVI.) and within this year, the king, in exercise of his right, presented to the church of Oakle with its appurtenances, which were the chapels of Brill and Borstall. But Pope Honorius the Third was so zealous in defence of the convent's title and the supposed rights of holy church, that in the third, fifth, and sixth years of his pontificate, he sent over three several bulls to assert the claim of the priory to the said church against all appeals and prohibitions of the king. (See Kennett. Paroch. Antiq. p. 192.) In 1223 we find the controversy still going on: (Ibid. p. 196.) but in 1316, 19 Edw. I. the right of patronage was finally adjudged to the prior and canons, when the king gave them seisin by his precept to the sheriff. Ibid. p. 378.

In 1327, having obtained licence from the bishop of Lincoln to appropriate this church and its chapels upon the death or cession of the then incumbent, the prior and canons prevailed upon William de Whytington, the then rector, to make a solemn resignation: the day after which, the 8th of the kal. of April, 1327, the prior and canons were regularly inducted. Ibid. p. 407.

The endowment of the vicarage of Oakle did not take place till

1343, 18 Edw. I. A copy of the Instrument of Ordination is preserved by Bishop Kennett. Ibid. pp. 455, 456.

An agreement between the prior and convent, as appropriators of Oakle, and Edmund Rede, Esq. lord of the manor of Borstall, in 1449, respecting the appointment of a capellane to serve in the chapel of Borstall, will be found in the same work, pp. 660, 661.

^e See Numm. IX. X. XII. XIII.

^f See Num. XVI.

^g See Num. XVII.

^h See Num. XIX.

ⁱ Bishop Kennett, in his Parochial Antiquities, pp. 74, 116, ascribes the primary donation of this manor to Earl Simon, but subsequently corrects the mistake, p. 382.

The particulars of the long detention of this manor from the monks are here brought together from different parts of the Parochial Antiquities. They show that law had its delays at an earlier period than we are usually accustomed to suppose.

Simon de St. Liz himself is stated to have been the first who seized upon the manor; upon which grievance the canons of St. Frideswide made their complaint to Pope Alexander III. who sent letters to the archbishop of Canterbury, then his legate, and the bishop of Chichester, commanding them to see restitution made to the said prior and canons; and till such restitution should be given he forbade all divine offices to be celebrated within the fee, under which the said village of Pidington was contained. Par. Antiq. p. 383.

In 1294, it appears, this manor had been given by the king to Adam de Plugenet. Ibid. p. 324. On whose death, in 1320, reverting to the crown, it was bestowed by King Edward II. on his indulged friend Hugh Despenser the elder, who granted it to his kinsman Sir John de Handlo, of Borstall, to hold during his life. Ibid. p. 382.

In 1330, in Hilary term, we find the first trial for this manor, in the King's Bench at Westminster. The prior of St. Frideswide, by William de Marshton his attorney, now pleaded, that the said manor of Pidington was the right of his church, and that Helias, his predecessor, was seized of the said manor in the time of King Henry the Third. Sir John de Handlo, by William de Coleshall his attorney, answered, that he rightfully held the said manor, being demised to him for the term of his life by Hugh le Despenser the elder, and by the forfeiture of the said Hugh, the manor or fee of it was now escheated to the king, without whose leave he could not further answer. And therefore time was allowed till the beginning of Trinity term, and fifteen days after, that in the mean time he might consult the king. At the beginning of Trinity term both parties appeared by their attorneys, when the defendant, Sir John de Handlo, pleaded that he had not yet obtained the king's consent, and had the hearing deferred to the first day of Michaelmas term; at which time he suffered himself to be nonsuited, and had, by essoin, time allowed till Easter term in the year following; when the prior of St. Frideswide appeared in his own person, and Sir John de Handlo by Thomas de Tychevike his attorney; at which time a breve from the king was delivered to the judges, requiring them no longer to admit the excuses of the defendant, but to proceed in the trial of the cause, yet to give no sentence in it without his knowledge and advice. In pursuance of this precept, Sir John de Handlo was in this Michaelmas term obliged to plead his answer; in which he put himself upon his trial in the King's Court, and desired a recognizance to be made, that, for three marks paid to the king, he might hold the said manor of Pidington for the term of his life, as in right from the king, &c.; and by several pleas and excuses had the process continued till Easter term, 7 Edw. III. Ibid. pp. 413, 414, 415.

In 1333, in Easter term, the suit was further prosecuted, when the sheriff returned the names of four knights, Sir William Harcourt, Sir John de Bampton, Sir Richard de Beaufo, and Sir John Miry, who appeared in court, and upon their oath elected thirteen other knights, Sir Edmund de Cornwall, Sir Richard de Abberbury, Sir John Golafre, Sir John de Wroughton, Sir John de Chetwode, Sir John de Leuknore, Sir Philip de Ailesbury, Sir Roger Fitz-Roand, Sir Thomas de Coudray, Sir John de Oddigesles, and Sir Robert de Sari; who, by the king's precept directed to the sheriff, were obliged to attend at York in Michaelmas term, where no final determination could be given; so that Sir John de Handlo kept possession of the said manor of Pidington. Ibid. p. 421.

In 1335, 9 and 10 Edw. III. the sheriff of Oxfordshire received a precept from the king, to require Sir John de Handlo, of Borstall, to restore the manor of Pidington to the prior of St. Frideswide, or

father's gift of the manor of Kniton, or Knyttinton, in Berkshire. This was soon after ratified by a Charter of King Henry the Second;^a and again confirmed by King Henry the Third, in the 13th year of his reign.^b The original grant of Knyttinton was made about the year 1116.

Bishop Kennett informs us there had been a long controversy depending between the church of St. Frideswide and the cell of Cogges, concerning two parcels of tithe of the demesne of Gilbert Pipard, in Fretwell; which church of Fretwell was dedicated to St. Olave, and the advowson of it given by Ralph Foliot to the priory of St. Frideswide: which controversy, in presence of Richard archdeacon of Oxford and the chapter of the rural deanery of Stoke, was decided in 1166, on this agreement, that the canons of St. Frideswide should pay yearly to the cell of Cogges, in consideration of that tithe, the sum of one besantine, or two shillings, within the octaves of Michaelmas.^c

PHILIP occurs prior A.D. 1180, and again in 1188;^d in the first of which years the reliques of St. Frideswide were translated from an obscure to a more noted place in the church.^e At which solemnity, Wood says, in his Annals, the king, bishops, and nobles being present, divers miracles were wrought both on clerical and laical people, causing thereby the fame of the saint to spread far and near.^f

Wood also informs us, upon the authority of a manuscript copy of Wikes's Chronicle, that in the time of this abbat, in the second year of King Richard the First, A.D. 1190, the most part of the city of Oxford was burnt, together with the sacred edifice of St. Frideswide:^g but this does not appear in the copy of Wikes printed by Gale, nor in any other of our ancient Chronicles: so that the fact is probably to be discredited.

A copy of the work which prior Philip wrote on the

miracles of St. Frideswide, is preserved among the Digby manuscripts in the Bodleian library, num. 177.

JOHN occurs prior A. D. 1191; in whose time the monastery received the confirmation of its possessions from King John.^h

W. is noticed as prior in some of Antony a Wood's Papers, A. D. 1204.ⁱ

SIMON occurs A. D. 1219: again, on the 11th of the kalends of June, 1225: and a third time in 1227.^k Licence to elect, upon his resignation, was granted on July the 6th in the following year.^l

HELYAS, or ELIAS, canon of the convent, was elected and admitted prior, with the king's consent, July 20th, A. D. 1228, 12 Hen. III.^m The next prior, according to Willis, was

E. Scotus, on whose deprivation, in 1235,

WILLIAM DE GLOCESTER, or DE GLOVERNIA, late cellarer of Dunstable, called by Twyne WILLIAM DE SANCTO ALDATO, was advanced to this dignity.ⁿ Dr. Hutton's excerpts from the Patent Rolls, however, name WALTER DE CROKESLEY, a canon of the convent, as having received the royal assent to his election as prior on the 19th of September in this year.^o On the 17th of October following, the royal assent was given to the election of

GILBERT, then sub-prior, in his room.^p

ROBERT DE WESTON, the royal assent to whose election was given on the 3d of June, 1248, is nevertheless stated to have succeeded on the death of prior WILLIAM.^q

ROBERT, or as he is sometimes called, JOHN DE OLNEY, received the king's assent to his election July 28th, 1259. He had previously been sub-prior of the church. It was during his time, and in the barons' wars, that King Henry the Third, in spite of the tradition which represented it as dangerous for any king of England to enter the monastery, paid his memorable

otherwise to answer his contempt before the judges at York, in Midsummer term. Ibid. p. 425.

In 1337, Eleanor widow of Hugh Despenser junior, and afterwards the widow of William Zouch of Mortimer, died on the 2d of the kalends of July, laying claim to the fee of Pidington; and left Hugh Despenser her son and heir, twenty-nine years of age, who doing his homage had livery of the lands of her inheritance, and deceasing this year, he first quitted to Nicholas de la Beche and to John de Handlo knights, and to the heirs of the said Nicholas, all his right in the manor of Pidington. Which Nicholas de la Beche having been, in 9 Edw. III. made constable of the Tower of London, did now obtain from the king a grant in fee of the manor of Whitchurch, co. Oxon. and the reversion of two parts of the manor of Pidington, which John de Handlo held for life, and of the third part held for life by Henry de Pembruge. The great controversy for this manor of Pidington, between the priory of St. Frideswide and Sir John de Handlo, was still depending, and was kept so for many years, the methods of law seeming at this time as tedious as art and interest can ever make them. Ibid. p. 445.

In 1346, Aug. 5th, Sir John de Handlo died possessed of this manor, which after his death was to pass to Sir Nicholas de la Beche; but he dying also within this year, the reversion was to John, son of John de Sutton and Isabel his wife, daughter of John de Cherleton lord of Powys, who did fealty to the king for the said manor of Pidington Sept. 20th. Ibid. p. 461.

In 1350, the prior and convent of St. Frideswide resumed the suit for recovery of their right, and obtained a precept from the king to the sheriff, that John de Peyto junior, who held the said manor for his life from Sir John de Sutton and Isabel his wife, should make restitution, or show reason to the contrary. Ibid. p. 474. In 1352, in Easter term, the prior prosecuted his action. Ibid. p. 476. In 1356, we find, that, at the suit of the prior of St. Frideswide, a precept had been issued to the sheriff to require John de Peyto jun. to appear in Trinity term and answer the said action; who not appearing and making other default, another mandate was directed to the sheriff to seize into the king's hands the manor of Pidington, and to summon the said John de Peyto to appear in Michaelmas term, at which time he made his essoin, and was respited to Easter term in the year following. Ibid. p. 479.

In 1357, the cause depending between the prior of St. Frideswide and John de Peyto for the manor of Pidington was now further prosecuted in Easter term, when Sir John de Sutton and Isabel his wife appeared in court, and pleaded that a fine was levied by which they had granted the said manor to John de Peyto to hold for life, with reversion to them and the heirs of the said John, and desired an assize or trial might be had for the premises, and offered to the king half a mark for an inquisition of right, and four knights were appointed to elect a jury. Ibid. p. 480.

In 1358, in Hilary term, the trial proceeded between the prior of St. Frideswide and Sir John de Sutton and Isabel his wife; at which time the four knights summoned to elect a jury appeared and chose out of themselves and others sixteen knights, who in Trinity term were to

give their verdict. In the Trinity term ensuing the cause was kept depending, and four other knights were summoned to appear in Michaelmas term to elect a new jury. Ibid. pp. 484, 485. In Trinity term 1359, the jury gave their verdict at Westminster before William de Sutton and Robert Thorp, justices, that the said manor did in right belong to the prior and his convent. Upon which judgment, the king issued his precept to the sheriff to give possession of the said manor of Pidington to the prior: and the sheriff sent a writ to his bailiffs to execute the said precept.

In 1360, Sir John Sutton of Duddeley and Isabel his wife, and John de Peyto, made a full and free release of all right and claim to the manor. Ibid. p. 488.

In 1362, the prior and canons, to prove and maintain the rights and privileges of their lately recovered manor, procured an exemplification of a deed of release from the abbot and convent of Missenden in com. Buck. who had quit-claimed all pasturage and other profit within the wood or manor of Pidington, which they might pretend to from the Charters of Alberic earl of Damartin and Joan de Pidinton his wife, who had granted Muswell, within the said manor of Pidington, to the said abbey of Missenden. Which release appears to have been made in the reign of Hen. II.

In 1363, the prior and convent of St. Frideswide had the extent, customs, and privileges, of their manor of Pidington now taken upon oath and recorded. Ibid. p. 494.

^a See Num. XIV.

^b Kennett, Paroch. Antiq. p. 118.

^c Ibid. p. 123, where the archdeacon's notification of the issue is printed at length.

^d Willis, Mit. Ab. vol. i. p. 283.

^e Chron. Tho. Wikes. Gale, Hist. Anglic. Script. tom. ii. p. 33.

^f Wood's Annals, edit. Gutch. 4to. Oxf. 1792-1796, vol. i. p. 166.

Wood, in another part of his work, informs us, under the year 1268, 52-53 Hen. III. that according to a custom had from the time of the translation of the reliques of St. Frideswyde, the chancellor and scholars of the university would in the middle of Lent, and on the day of the Ascension of our Saviour, go in a general procession to her church as to the mother church of university and town, there to pray, preach, and offer oblations to her shrine.

^g Wood's Annals, vol. i. p. 171.

^h Num. XXV.

ⁱ Willis, Mit. Ab. vol. i. p. 283.

^k Ibid.

^l Ibid.

^m Pat. 12 Hen. III. m. 3.

ⁿ Willis, ut supr. See also Kennett's MS. Diptycha, MS. Lansd. Dr. Pegge, in his Life of Bishop Grosseteste, p. 48, says, it was in 1236 that the bishop extended his visitation to the monasteries of his diocese, and was very strict with them and their governors, when, among others, the prior of St. Frideswide was deposed. The Annals of Dunstable say, p. 230. "Et Willielmus de Glovernia substitutus est apud sanctam Frideswidam et W. de Wiltone apud Caldenore, qui ambo fuerunt canonici de Dunstable."

^o Pat. 19 Hen. III. MS. Harl.

^p Pat. 44 Hen. III. m. 8.

^q Willis, Mit. Ab.

visit, A.D. 1264.^a At his departure, he gave the annual sum of ten marks to the prior and convent, to be paid at Michaelmas by the sheriff of Oxford and Berkshire, for the maintenance of four lights to be kept constantly burning, day and night, before St. Frideswide's shrine.^b

On the death of prior Olney, which happened in 1278,

JOHN LEWKOR, or DE LEWKENESHOVERE, was elected his successor: the consent to whose election was given by the king on the 1st of October.^c The cession of John de Lewknor is recorded upon the Patent Rolls in 1284.^d Willis, in the second volume of his *Mitred Abbies*, considers him to have been the same with John Oysyher, who was killed about that year in a tumult by a certain clerk named John de Deryngton.

ROBERT DE EWELM received the temporalities as prior on Feb. 3d, 1284.^e In his time the second translation of St. Frideswide's relics took place. Wood says, "A.D. 1289, 17, 18 Edw. I. on the Sabbath day next after the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin, scil. 4 id. Sept. was the old shrine of St. Frideswide of Oxon translated, and, with all honour that was meet for such a thing, was placed in a new and more precious shrine in the church bearing her name, near to the place where the old one stood; which shrine had been several years before prepared. At this solemnity were present William bishop of Salisbury, Edmund earl of Cornwall, and many other persons as well religious as secular."^f

Willis says, that abbat Ewelme resigned in 1291; but upon the Patent Rolls we find that the licence to elect, upon his cession, was not granted till April 12th, 1294.^g

ALEXANDER DE SUTTON, his successor, was admitted prior on the 3d of the kalends of May following.^h

In the time of this prior a controversy arose, the particulars of which it may not be irrelevant to transcribe from Bishop Kennett.

"Edmund earl of Cornwall in right of his honour of St. Walery was possest of some demesne land in Knyttington in the county of Berks, and his steward used to hold a court in that place, and had by custom been entertained at the charge of the prior of St. Frideswide, to which monastery, as has been already mentioned, the said manor was given by Guy de St. Walery: which charge of reception the prior finding to be a burden, and the stewards pleading to be a custom, the said prior made his complaint to the earl, who sent his mandate to Simon de Grenhull steward of St. Walery, that he should make a special inquisition upon this matter, and return him the full and just account. On receipt of which precept, the steward caused a court for the honour of St. Walery to be held at North Oseney, and there an inquisition was made upon the oath of twelve men, who gave their verdict that the said manor of Knyttinton was formerly in the hands of Guy de St. Walery, who gave the said manor in frank almoigne to the prior and canons of St. Frideswyde, and that one Peter de Asherugge then steward of the honor of St. Walery did appropriate the said manor to the honor of St. Walery, and held there a yearly court, levying twelve pence of the said village; and that the place of keeping the said court was upon an open green within the said village over against the house of Hugh de Gardin, and

in rainy weather by leave of the bailiff of the said prior, the steward held his court in the manor house of the prior, and sometimes in the houses of the other tenants of the said prior, so as the steward had no right to house-room or entertainment or any other claim, but the sum of twelve pence from the said village: and in the time of John de Diggeby formerly steward of the honor of St. Walery, John de Leukenor then prior of St. Frideswydes desired the said John de Diggeby to stay with him on the court day at his manor house, and there entertained him at his own charge; and for two following years the prior made the like invitation; after which the said John de Diggeby for the whole time of his stewardship had there his entertainment by extortion not by right. Upon which return of the jury, the earl of Cornwall directed another precept to Simon de Grenhull, steward of his honor of Walingford, to refrain from such oppression of the said prior, &c. dated July 4th, 26 Edw. I."ⁱ

Wood says, A.D. 1308. "On the Thursday after the feast of the Holy Trinity, in the first year of Edw. II. was St. Frideswide's chest (so called because it had been for about sixty-eight years kept in the church belonging to the priory bearing that name) robbed of twelve marks in silver, by John Sutton the porter, and John Fykeys sub-sacrist thereof. The fact was committed at nine of the clock in the morning, at what time the prior and canons were at dinner, but the theft being soon discovered the malefactors fled, and could not afterward be found to suffer the law. As for the chest itself, it was first appointed by Hugh Walleys, bishop of Lincoln, to contain the money due to the university from the town upon the unlawful hanging of three clerks, an. 1209. which money, with other sums, that amounted to six marks or more, was paid yearly to it. But what the said bishop did further order in relation to this chest, his successor Dr. Grosseteste did supervise and a little alter; for besides divers orders which he made for the disposing of, and lending out the money, he did ordain that the said chest should stand in St. Frideswide's church, and the keys thereof to be kept by certain canons of that place by the appointment of the chancellor &c. Afterwards Mr. John de Aveton gave the said chest forty shillings for the use of the poor scholars, Mr. William de Grey five marks, and Mr. John Mauduit forty shillings, besides others. Therein also were put the mulets paid by those that were perturbors of the peace, the silver cross which the Jews were forced to give for breaking of the old, and other jocalia belonging to the university."^k

Abbat Sutton died in 1316; in which year, on the 3d of the kalends of September,

ROBERT DE DORVESTON was admitted prior:^l whom Willis calls ROBERT DE TORNSTON. In his time, A.D. 1331, the prior and convent had the king's licence to appropriate the church of Churchehull, in the diocese of Lincoln.^m Willis states abbat Dorveston to have died in 1346; but it appears upon the Patent Rolls that

JOHN DE LITTELMORE, or LYTTLEMORE, who had been elected prior on Dorveston's death, had the temporalities of the monastery restored to him on the 2d of February, 1338.ⁿ On Lyttlemore's death,

NICHOLAS DE HUNGERFORD was elected prior; and

^a See Mat. Paris, edit. 1684, pp. 851, 852. "Eo tempore Henricus rex Oxoniæ veniens personaliter orationis gratia, sanctam adiit Frideswidam, quod nullus regum Angliæ ante ipsum audere præsumpsit, non 'veritus superstitiosam opinionem illorum qui putant illicitum Anglorum regibus villam intrare, ultionem in illos virgine exercente.' Ad quem quum advenisset filius ejus Edwardus, coadunato exercitu disposuit barones in manu valida propulsare." See also Chron. Tho. Wikes, Gale, Hist. Anglic. Script. tom. ii. p. 60.

The following is Robert of Gloucester's account of this visit, tom. ii. p. 545, speaking of Prince Edward:

"To Oxenford he wende vorth, as is fader was tho,
And is men bi the weye dude wel mucche wo.
The king sone in Leinte to Oxenford com,
And is in with his folc atte frere prechors nom.
About an thre wouke there he gan a bide,
Vor to gaderi is ost, that isprad was wide.
Suththe Seinte Fretheswithe was me nuste king non,
That withinne the zates of Oxenford dorst ride ne gon.

The king was among the freres, and hii many on
Radde him vor to wenden in, and nameliche frere Jon
Of Balson," &c.—

"And he wende to Seinte Fritheswithe, as no king ne com er,
Suththe Seinte Fritheswithe was, vale hundred zer,
And well vaire is offringe to the heye weved ber.
And suththe ofte, wan he thuder com, he offrede ther."

^b See Num. XXVII.

^c Pat. 6 Edw. I.

^d Pat. 12 Edw. I.

^e Ibid.

^f Wood's Annals, 4to. Oxf. 1792-1796, vol. i. p. 329. See also Chron. Tho. Wikes, Gale, Hist. Angl. Script. tom. ii. p. 118.

^g Pat. 22 Edw. I.

^h Ibid.

ⁱ Kennett, Paroch. Antiq. pp. 331, 332, 333.

^k Wood's Annals, ut supr. vol. i. p. 374.

^l Reg. Dalderby Episc. Linc.

^m Pat. 4 Edw. III.

ⁿ Pat. 11 Edw. II.

admitted on the 5th of the ides of May, 1349.^a He continued prior till 1362; when, in consequence of being accused of great dilapidations,^b as Willis conjectures, he resigned to

JOHN DE WALLINGFORD:^c who likewise quitting this office, the king granted a congè d'elire, dated Nov. 20th, 1373, to the convent, to elect a new prior: in pursuance of which,

JOHN DUDEFORD, or DODEFORD, was elected in the following month.^d

In his time, in 1377, the chapel of Hedingdon, near Oxford, was appropriated to the priory, and a vicarage endowed there, to the value of five marks; the total value of the church being at that time twenty marks.^e

In 1381, a dispute between the vicar of Elsfeld, near Oxford, and the prior and canons, occasioned an exemplification of an agreement made between their respective predecessors in 1295, by which the prior and canons, appropriators of the church of Elsfeld, augmented the portion of the vicar by an additional allowance of one quarter and a half of bread corn, and the like quantity of barley, at three seasons yearly.^f

In 1382, another controversy happened, between the university of Oxford on the one part and the prior and convent of St. Frideswide on the other, concerning jurisdiction in the fair annually kept by the latter in Oxford, which was finally settled by a commission dated at Westminster on the 18th of November.^g

On prior Duford's death,

THOMAS BRADENELL was elected, and his election confirmed May 23d, 1391.^h The time of this prior's death is not noted, but Willis presumes his successor was

RICHARD DE OXENFORD, who occurs in the years 1401 and 1409.ⁱ The election of

EDMUND ANDEVER, or DE ANDOVER, to be prior, was confirmed on the 8th of June, 1434.^k

ROBERT, who is also called ROBERT DOWNHAM, occurs as prior before the year 1441, and again in 1456. He was succeeded by

GEORGE NORTON, who occurs in 1475 and 1479.^l

RICHARD WALKER, canon of St. Augustine's monastery Bristol, was made prior in 1480.^m Upon whose death,

THOMAS WARE was admitted prior January 6th, 1496.ⁿ Upon his death,

WILLIAM CHEDILL was elected, on the 6th of June, 1501.^o He resigned after about twelve years government, and was succeeded by

JOHN BURTON, sub-prior of the convent. He was confirmed in his office April 8th, 1513.^p In 1518 he commenced LL.B. and was afterwards doctor.^q

Wood informs us, that, in the beginning of 1518,

^a Reg. Ginewell Episc. Linc.

^b See Numm. XXXI. XXXII. et Reg. Archiep. Cant. Islip.

^c In the time of this abbat the controversy which had long depended between Sir John Noers knight and the prior and canons, concerning the right of presentation to the church of Cercelle, now Churchill, in Oxfordshire, was determined in favour of the convent. See Kennett, Paroch. Antiq. pp. 504, 505.

^d Kennett, MS. Diptycha.

^e Kennett, Paroch. Antiq. p. 511.

^f Ibid, p. 514.

^g Reg. Bokingham Episc. Linc.

^h Willis, Mit. Ab. tom. i. p. 284.

ⁱ Reg. Gray Episc. Linc.

¹ Willis, ut supr.

^m Kennett, MS. Diptycha.

ⁿ Reg. Smith Episc. Linc.

^o Ibid.

^p Ibid.

^q Willis, Mit. Ab. tom. i. p. 285.

^r Annals, vol. ii. p. 14.

^s Ibid. vol. ii. p. 24.

^t See Numm. XXXIII. XXXIV. XXXV. There were in fact two bulls and two confirmations granted.

^u Tann. Notit. Mon.

^v See Num. XXXVII. The Cotton manuscript Cleop. E. iv. fol. 275, contains the following list of the names and patrons of the monasteries appropriated to the Cardinal's college:

“The kyng ffounder. {
The late monasterie of Dauentre.
The late monasterie of Raueneston.
The late monasterie of Tykforde.
The late monasterie of Frediswide.
The late monasterie of Letlemore.
The late monasterie of Liesnes.
The late monasterie of Tonbridge.
The late monasterie of Wyks.
The late monasterie of Snape.

the king, the queen, and Cardinal Wolsey, “came with a splendid retinue to Abingdon, and there lodged themselves in the abbey. The next day certain persons of the university went to congratulate them, but Queen Katherine being desirous to come to Oxford, was attended in her journey by the cardinal: and being entred within the limits, was received by the scholars with all demonstrations of love and joy. After she had received their courtesies, she retired to St. Frideswide's monastery to do her devotions to the sacred reliques of that virgin saint (being the chief occasion, as it seems, that brought her hither) and after that was done, she vouchsafed to condescend so low as to dine with the Mertonians.”^r

The same writer informs us, that, in 1523, Cardinal Wolsey sent John Longland bishop of Lincoln, as his orator, to the university of Oxford, announcing his intention to found a college for two hundred students and seven lecturers: not long after which the bishop came and made preparations for the cardinal's buildings, and caused the canons of St. Frideswide's to leave their habitations.^s

In short, the priory of St. Frideswide was suppressed by virtue of a bull from Pope Clement VII. bearing date 3 id. Sept. 1524, allowed of, and confirmed, on the 7th of January following by King Henry VIII.^t who, by letters patent dated July 1st, 1525, granted the site and lands to Cardinal Wolsey, who thereupon began the foundation of a noble college for a dean, sub-dean, a hundred canons, thirteen chaplains, professors in divinity, law, physick, and the liberal arts, and for other persons, to the number of a hundred and eighty-six, which was dedicated to the Holy Trinity, the Virgin Mary, St. Frideswide, and All Saints.^u

Cardinal Wolsey obtained leave to enrich his college by suppressing certain priories and nunneries,^x the revenues of which were estimated at nearly two thousand pounds.^y

The king's patent, after a preface paying high compliments to the cardinal's administration, enables him to build his college principally on the site of the priory of St. Frideswide; and the name, originally intended to be “The College of Secular Priests,” was now changed to “Cardinal College.” The secular clergy in it were to be denominated the “Dean and Canons secular of the Cardinal of York,” and to be incorporated into one body, and subsist by perpetual succession.^z By other patents and grants to the dean and canons, various church-livings were bestowed upon them.^a

“With respect to the constitution of this college,” Mr. Chalmers says, “there is a considerable variation between the account given by the historian of Oxford, and that by Leonard Hutten, canon of Christ church in 1599, and many years sub-dean. His manuscript, now

The late monasterie of Sandewell, wherof the lorde Dudley and one Thomas Stanley of Stafford claymen to be ffounders.

The late monasterie of Canwell, wherof the lorde Lizle claymethe to be ffounder, and by ffyne hath released his title in the same.

The late monasterie of Poghley, wherof the abbes of Almesburie claymethe to be ffoundres.

The late monasterie of Thobie, wherof John Mounteney . . . Fitzherberde, and . . . Jermyn claymen to be ffounders.

The late monasterie of Blakamore, wherof the erle of Oxforde claymethe to be ffounder.

The late monasterie of Stanesgate, wherof the priour of Lewes claymethe to be ffounder.

The late monasterie of Typtre, wherof Antony Darcy claymethe to be ffounder.

The late monasterie of Horkisleghe, wherof St. Roger Wentworthe claymethe to be ffounder in the right of his wyfe.

The late monasterie of Dodneshe, wherof the Duke of Norff. claymethe to be ffounder, and by ffyne hathe released his title in the same.

The late monasterie of Begham, wherof Richarde Sakvile claymethe to be ffounder.

The late monasterie of Calceto, wherof therle of Arondell and the busshop of Chichester claymen to be ffounders.”

^y See Num. XXXVIII. Speed states the revenues of St. Frideswide's monastery, before its suppression, to have been only 224*l.* 4*s.* 8*d.*

Previous to Wolsey's foundation, prior Burton surrendered the monastery. On his resignation he obtained a salary of twenty marks per annum during life, and retired to the neighbouring abbey of Oseney, where he became abbat in 1531; about seven years after which, according to Willis, he died, and was there interred.

^z See Num. XXXVI.

^a Compare Numm. XXXIX. XLIII.

in the possession of the college, states, that according to Wolsey's design, it was to be a perpetual foundation for the study of the sciences, divinity, canon and civil law, also the arts, physic, and polite literature, and for the continual performance of divine service. The members were to be a dean, and sixty regular canons, but no canons of the second order, as Wood asserts. It appears, however, by Wolsey's statutes, which are still preserved in the college, that Wood's account was right, and that the first design included, besides the sixty regular canons, forty of the second order.

"Of these Wolsey himself named the dean and eighteen of the canons. The dean was Dr. John Hygden, president of Magdalen college, and the canons first nominated were all taken from the other colleges in Oxford, and were men of acknowledged reputation in their day. He afterwards added others, deliberately, and according as he was able to supply the vacancies by men of talents, whom he determined to seek wherever they could be found."^a

"The society as he planned it, was to consist of one hundred and sixty persons: but no mention could yet be made of the scholars who were to proceed from his school at Ipswich, although, had he lived, these would doubtless have formed a part of the society, as the school was established two years before his fall.

"This constitution continued from 1525 to 1829-30, when he was deprived of his power and property, and for two years after it appears to have been interrupted, if not dissolved. It is to his honour that, in his last correspondence with secretary Cromwell and with the king, when all worldly prospects were about to close upon him, he pleaded with great earnestness, and for nothing so earnestly, as that his majesty would be pleased to suffer his college at Oxford to go on. What effect this had, we know not; but the urgent entreaties of the members of the society, and of the university at large, were at length successful, while at the same time the king determined to deprive Wolsey of all merit in the establishment, and transfer the whole to himself.

"Accordingly, in 1532, the society was refounded by the king, under the title of 'King Henry the Eighth's college in Oxford.' The patent for this is dated July 8th, and orders, that the said college be again founded on the same site, ground, and circuit, dedicated to the Holy Trinity, St. Mary, and St. Frideswide, and endowed with 2000*l.* yearly, for the maintenance of a dean and twelve canons, who should form a chapter, or body corporate. Dr. Hygden was again appointed dean, and on his death, five months after, was succeeded by John Oliver, D.C.L. Doctors Rope, Croke, Corin, Robins, and Wakefield, scholars of great eminence in their day, were among the first appointed canons. This second foundation continued until May 20th, 1545, when the Charter was surrendered by the dean and canons into

the hands of the king, who dismissed them with yearly pensions, to continue until they should be otherwise provided. Among those thus dismissed, we find two names of great celebrity, John Cheke, afterwards Sir John Cheke, of Cambridge, tutor to Prince Edward, and Leland, the very celebrated antiquary. Cheke had a pension of 26*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* and Leland had some preferment elsewhere.^b

"The king then changed the college into a cathedral church, translating the episcopal see from Oseney, where it had been established in 1542."^c

Bishop Tanner, in the *Notitia Monastica*, says, the bishoprick and chapter were twice founded, as appears by the foundation charters in the inner treasury at Christ-Church, No. 5, 6. In the first foundation the church is called "The Cathedral Church of Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary." ROBERT KING is made Bishop, JOHN LONDON, LL.D. dean, and six canons only. In the second foundation, dated Nov. 4th, 1546, the church is called "The Cathedral Church of Christ in Oxford." ROBERT KING is made bishop, RICHARD COX dean, and eight canons; and Dec. 11th following, the king made a new endowment to the value of 2200*l.*^d The canons, or prebendaries, occupied the lodgings of the abbat and monks, but the bishop's residence was in Gloucester hall, now Worcester college.^e

No change afterwards took place in the constitution of the society, except in the addition of one studentship to the number of those which the dean and canons were bound to find and maintain.^f Queen Elizabeth, in 1561, ordered that there should be an annual election from Westminster school, to fill up certain vacancies. The other vacancies are filled up by the dean and chapter. There is no Visitor of the society but the king, or persons commissioned by him.^g

The BISHOPS of Oxford have been

ROBERT KING, D.D., already noticed. He died in 1557.

THOMAS GOLDWELL, bishop of St. Asaph, was designed for this see, and had a patent for restitution of the temporalities, dated Nov. 9th, 1558:^h but before the translation could be perfected, Queen Mary died. He afterwards quitted his bishoprick of St. Asaph, and conveyed himself beyond sea.ⁱ

After a vacancy of ten years,

HUGH COREN, or CURWYN, LL.D., was elected bishop Sept. 26th, 1567. The temporalities of the see were restored to him Dec. 8th following. He gained the favour of King Henry the Eighth by upholding the king's marriage with the lady Anne Boleyn. He was afterwards dean of Hereford. Godwin says he was made archbishop of Dublin in 1555: but no mention of this dignity occurs in the Instruments by which he was translated to the see of Oxford. He died, according to Le Neve, in the

^a Chalmers's Hist. of the Colleges, Halls, &c. of Oxford, 8vo. Oxf. 1810, vol. ii. p. 301.

^b Tanner says, the clear yearly value of the King's college in Oxford, 26 Hen. VIII. was 455*l.* 13*s.* 10*d.* as MS. Valor in Offic. Primit. but in Bryan Twyne. 2. 804, the value is 703*l.* 8*s.* 2*d.* which might be the gross sum.

In the Pension Roll of 2 & 3 Phil. and Mar. we have the following account of the pension still payable:

"COLLEG. REGALE *alias dict.* SANCTÆ FRIDESWIDÆ in Oxon. *Annuit.* Aliciæ Perott per annum xxx*l.* Radulphi Sadeler per annum vj*l.* xiiij*s.* iiiij*d.* Dicti Radulphi Sadeler per annum xxvj*l.* xiiij*s.* iiiij*d.* *Penc.* Ricardi Croke per annum xxvj*l.* xiiij*s.* iiiij*d.* Johannis Powell per annum xxvj*s.* viij*d.* Petri Vayne per annum xxvj*l.* xiiij*s.* iiiij*d.* Jacobi Proctor per annum xx*l.* Henrici Williams per annum xx*l.* Johannis Robynson per annum xx*l.* Owini Oglethorpe per annum xx*l.*"

^c Chalmers, ut supr. pp. 303, 304. See Num. XLIV.

^d The following, probably relating to the first of these foundations, is extracted from the Pension Roll, 2 & 3 Phil. and Mar.

"ECCLESIA CATH. CHRISTI Oxon. *Feod.* Griffini Tindalenuper auditoris omnium possess. dicti nuper eccles. cathedr. per annum x*l.* Johannis Domini Williams Sen*l.* omnium possessionum præd. per script. Cont. constitut. per annum vj*l.* xiiij*s.* iiiij*d.* *Penc.* Johannis Nottinge per annum vj*l.* xiiij*s.* iiiij*d.* Willielmi Foreste per annum vj*l.* Ricardi Stephins per annum c*s.* Ricardi Stoke per annum c*s.*"

^e Of this he was afterwards deprived, and had no residence until Bishop Bancroft, in Charles the First's time, built one at Cuddesden, which was burnt down during the Rebellion. It was afterwards rebuilt by Bishop Fell, and continues to be the residence of the bishops of this see. Chalmers, ut supr. p. 305.

^f There seems a great difference of opinion as to the foundation of this additional studentship. Mr. Chalmers, from Willis's Cathedrals, vol. ii. p. 429, says, "In Queen Elizabeth's reign, the family of Venables in Cheshire giving an estate to this college, on a composition it was agreed, that the nomination of a Student should be in the heirs of that family, which was confirmed by an Act of Parliament, 1601, 43 Elizabeth." Stevens, quoting from Willis's Mitred Abbies, says, "The number of students, by a late agreement with the earl of Abingdon, one of the college tenants, is a hundred and one. The earl being to nominate an additional student." Gutch, in his Notes to Wood's Account of the Colleges and Halls of Oxford, p. 436, noticing the benefaction of William Thurstone, a wealthy citizen of London, says, "Mr. Thurstone having left 900*l.* for the founding a fellowship in Christ-Church, after much dispute it was determined by the king's authority that another studentship should be added to the number of 100 originally established. This took place in the year 1664." The fact is, that these statements are all partly right. In 1663, W. Thurston did certainly found an additional studentship, about which there was some dispute at the time. From him it became the property of the family of Venables, who were previously entitled to nominate one out of the original hundred students, not to add one to that number. From that family it descended, with the name and property, to the Vernons, by whom it is at present possessed; and who, when that particular student makes a vacancy, fill up the place *by right*. The present student on this foundation is a son of Lord Vernon.

^g Chalmers, ut supr.

^h Rym. Fœd. tom. xv. p. 492.

ⁱ Le Neve's Fasti Eccl. Angl. p. 228.

latter end of October, 1568, and was buried at Swinbroke, near Burford, in Oxfordshire. After his death, the see of Oxford continued vacant twenty-one years.

JOHN UNDERHILL, D.D., was elected December 8th, 1589, confirmed the 13th, and consecrated at Lambeth the next day. He died about the beginning of May, 1592, and was buried in his own cathedral. After another vacancy of eleven years,

JOHN BRIDGES, D.D., dean of Sarum, was elected bishop of Oxford Jan. 4th, 1603, confirmed February 10th, and consecrated at Lambeth the 12th of the same month. Wood, in the *Athenæ Oxonienses*, notices his different publications. He died at March-Balden, near Oxford, March 26th, 1618. His successor was

JOHN HOWSON, D.D., who was elected Sept. 12th, 1618, confirmed May 7th, 1619, and consecrated at Lambeth May 9th. He was translated to the bishoprick of Durham in 1628.

RICHARD CORBET, D.D., was elected to this see Sept. 24th, 1628. He was born at Twickenham, in Middlesex, and received his university education at Christ-Church. In 1632, he was translated to the bishoprick of Norwich.

JOHN BANCROFT, D.D., was elected May 12th, 1632, confirmed June 6th, and consecrated at Lambeth June 10th. He died in the month of February, 1640, and was buried in the church of Cuddesden, near his episcopal seat.

ROBERT SKINNER, bishop of Bristol, was translated to this see in the latter end of 1640. He was a sufferer during the great rebellion for the royal cause, but was restored in 1660. In 1663, he was translated to the see of Worcester.

WILLIAM PAUL, D.D., was elected Nov. 14th, 1663, confirmed Dec. 15th, and consecrated at Lambeth Dec. 20th. He died May 24th, 1665, and was buried in the church of Brightwell, in Oxfordshire.

WALTER BLANDFORD, D.D., was elected Nov. 7th, 1665, confirmed in St. Mary's church Oxford on the 28th of the same month, and consecrated in New college chapel the 3d of December following.

NATHANIEL CREW, LL.D., was elected June 16th, 1671, confirmed in the church of St. Mary le Savoy the 27th of the same month, and consecrated at Lambeth July 2d following. He was translated to the see of Durham Oct. 22, 1674.

HENRY COMPTON, D.D., was elected Nov. 20th, 1674, confirmed Dec. 2d, and consecrated on the 6th of the same month. On Dec. 18th, 1675, he was translated to the see of London.

JOHN FELL, D.D., dean of the cathedral, was elected bishop Jan. 8th, 1675, confirmed February 5th, and consecrated the next day. He died in the month of July, 1686.

SAMUEL PARKER, D.D., was consecrated at Lambeth Oct. 17th, 1686. He died March 20th, 1687, and was buried in Magdalen college chapel Oxford.

TIMOTHY HALL, D.D., was consecrated Oct. 7th 1688. He died April 10th, 1690, and was buried in the church of Hackney, near London.

JOHN HOUGH, D.D., was consecrated May 11th, 1690. He was translated to the see of Litchfield and Coventry August 5th, 1699.

WILLIAM TALBOT, D.D., dean of Worcester, was consecrated September 24th, 1699. He was translated to the see of Salisbury in 1714.

JOHN POTTER, D.D., was elected bishop May 9th, 1715, and consecrated at Lambeth on the 15th of the same month. In January, 1737, he was translated to the archbishoprick of Canterbury. He died Oct. 10th, 1747.

THOMAS SECKER, D.D., was translated to the see of Oxford, from Bristol, in the month of March, 1737: whence, in 1758, he succeeded Archbishop Hutton in the see of Canterbury.

JOHN HUME, D.D., was translated to the see of Oxford, from Bristol, June 10th, 1758.

ROBERT LOWTH, D.D., bishop of St. David's, was translated to the see of Oxford Sept. 16th, 1766: whence, on May 3d, 1777, he was preferred to the see of London.

JOHN BUTLER, D.D., succeeded to the bishoprick of Oxford May 3d, 1777. He was translated to Hereford in 1788.

EDWARD SMALLWELL, D.D., was translated to Oxford, from the bishoprick of St. David's, March 11th, 1788.

JOHN RANDOLPH, D.D., canon of Christ-Church, was preferred to the bishoprick of Oxford Aug. 13th, 1799. In 1807, he was translated to the see of Bangor; and, on Bishop Porteus's death, in 1809, to London. He died July 28, 1813.

CHARLES MOSS, D.D., canon residentiary of St. Paul's, succeeded to the bishoprick of Oxford Jan. 13th, 1807. Upon whose death,

WILLIAM JACKSON, D.D., was preferred to the see, Dec. 31st, 1811.

HENRY LEGGE, LL.D., dean of Windsor, succeeded on the death of Bishop Jackson. The *congrè d'elire* for his election passed Dec. 30th, 1815, and he was consecrated at Lambeth March 24th, 1816. In August, 1817, he succeeded to the wardenship of All-Souls college Oxford, vacant by the death of Dr. Isham.

The following are the names of the DEANS of Christ-Church:

JOHN HYGDEN, D.D., appointed in 1524, upon the cardinal's foundation.

JOHN OLIVER succeeded in the month of February, 1533.

RICHARD COXE, D.D., was translated from the deanery of Oseney to this of Christ-Church on Nov. 4th, 1546: being the first dean upon the cathedral foundation.

RICHARD MARTIALI became dean in 1553, upon Coxe's deprivation.

GEORGE CAREW was appointed by the queen in 1559: on whose resignation,

THOMAS SAMPSON succeeded, in 1561.

THOMAS GODWYN, D.D., became dean in the month of June, 1565: afterwards bishop of Bath and Wells.

THOMAS COWPER, D.D., succeeded in Hilary Term, 1567. He quitted this deanery in 1570, on being appointed to the see of Lincoln; and was afterwards bishop of Winchester.

JOHN PIERS, D.D., succeeded in 1570: afterwards archbishop of York.

TOBY MATTHEW, D.D., became dean in 1576. Archbishop of York, 1606.

WILLIAM JAMES, D.D., became dean in 1584. Bishop of Durham, 1606.

THOMAS RAVYS, D.D., succeeded in 1594: afterwards bishop of Gloucester.

JOHN KYNG, D.D., was installed Aug. 4th, 1605. Bishop of London, 1611.

WILLIAM GOODWYN, D.D., installed Sept. 13, 1611.

RICHARD CORBET, D.D., installed June 24th, 1620. Bishop of Oxford in 1628; and in 1632 translated to Norwich.

BRIAN DUPPA, D.D., was installed Nov. 28, 1629: afterwards, successively, bishop of Chichester, Salisbury, and Winchester.

SAMUEL FELL, D.D., was promoted to this deanery June 24th, 1638.

EDWARD REYNOLDS, D.D., succeeded in 1648. He was necessitated to leave his deanery in 1650, refusing to take the Independent engagement; when

JOHN OWEN, M.A., afterwards D.D., was appointed by the parliament to succeed him, in 1651.

EDWARD REYNOLDS, D.D., was restored March 13th, 1659.

GEORGE MORLEY, D.D., was installed dean July 27th, 1660. Bishop of Winchester, 1684.

JOHN FELL, D.D., installed Nov. 30th, 1660. He became bishop of Oxford in 1675; with permission to hold the deanery in commendam.

JOHN MASSEY, M.A., was installed Dec. 29th, 1686.

HENRY ALDRICH, D.D., installed June 17th, 1689.

FRANCIS ATTERBURY, D.D., installed Sept. 27th, 1711. Bishop of Rochester, 1713.

GEORGE SMALRIDGE, D.D., installed July 18th,

1713. Bishop of Bristol, 1714; with leave to hold this deanery in commendam.

HUGH BOULTER, D.D., installed Nov. 6th, 1719. Archbishop of Armagh, 1724.

WILLIAM BRADSHAW, D.D., installed Sept. 17th, 1724; also holding the bishoprick of Bristol.

JOHN CONYBEARE, D.D., installed January 27th, 1732: likewise bishop of Bristol; holding this deanery in commendam.

DAVID GREGORY, D.D., installed May 18th, 1756.

WILLIAM MARKHAM, LL.D., installed October 23d, 1767. Archbishop of York, 1776.

LEWIS BAGOT, LL.D., installed Jan. 25th, 1777. Bishop of Bristol, 1782; with leave to hold the deanery in commendam.

CYRIL JACKSON, D.D., installed June 27th, 1783.

CHARLES HENRY HALL, D.D., was preferred to the deanery October 21, 1809.

The foundation of the present structure of Christ-Church seems properly referred by Dugdale and Browne Willis to the close of the twelfth century. Mr. King, in his *Munimenta Antiqua*, is anxious to refer it to a period more remote; but without sufficient reason. The church itself is in the shape of a cross, with a tower and spire in the centre. The following are its dimensions, as given by Browne Willis. Length, from east to west, a hundred and fifty-four feet. Breadth of body, and side-aisles, fifty-four feet. Length of the cross-aisle, from north to south, a hundred and two feet: excluding the old clock-house, which, if taken in, would make it about a hundred and twenty feet. Height of roof in the western part, forty-one feet and a half. Height of the same in the eastern part, on account of the vaulting, four feet lower. Height of the steeple, a hundred and forty-four feet. The chapter-house is of the time of Henry the Third. The cloister was built in the middle of the fourteenth century. In 1630, the old stalls of the choir of Christ-church were removed, the present erected, and the choir paved with black and white marble, as exhibited in the view; the interior roofing of the nave, of wood, was renewed in 1816.

Bishop King's monument, formerly in the choir, was removed in 1630 to the south aisle. It consists of an altar tomb, with a plain Gothic canopy above. Upon the ledge, this inscription, in the black character:

"Hic jacet Robertus Kyng sacre theologie Professor et primus Ep'us Oxon. qui obiit quarto die Decembris Anno."

The word "Domini," and the date, "M.D.lvij." having been erased since the time of Anthony à Wood.

A tomb beneath the great window in the north aisle, anciently the chapel of the Holy Virgin, is assigned by Willis to James Souch, or Zouch, who, by his will, dated Oct. 16th, 1503, appointed the same to be made.

In the north aisle, beneath the respective arches which divide it from the Divinity or Latin chapel, are the following effigies, upon altar tombs:

1. A figure in armour, reputed to be that of Sir Henry de Bathe, chief justiciary of England, who died in 1261.

2. The figure of an ecclesiastic, usually ascribed to Guymond the first prior, who died in 1149; but sometimes to Philip the third prior of St. Frideswide's, who died about the year 1190. From the style of the ornaments which mark the canopy above the figure, it is probable that this tomb is of a date still later. No

crozier, or pastoral staff, occurs upon it. A lion is represented at the feet of the figure.

3. The figure of Lady Elizabeth Montacute, who was buried here in 1353: she, for the endowment of a chantry, gave to the monastery Stockwell mead, forming about one half of what is now called Christ-Church meadow. The arms of Montacute, which occur three times on the tomb, are also repeated on the vaulting of the cloister of the church, to the building of which this lady appears to have been a benefactress.

Beneath the uppermost or last arch, is the shrine of St. Frideswide: the lower part consists of an elegant structure of stone, built over an altar tomb, on the slab of which are the impressions of brasses for a man and woman. In the upper part is a wooden room, corresponding in its pinnacles and ornaments with the stone-work of the shrine below. The preparation of a new shrine for St. Frideswide in 1289 has been already noticed: but whether the same with this admits of doubt.^a

The foundation of Cardinal college took place March 20th, 1525. It was begun on ground which had been cleared by pulling down the west end of St. Frideswide's church to the extent of fifty feet, with the whole west side of the cloister: London college, which had originally been the synagogue of the Jews, being also removed. The foundation stone had the following inscription:

"REVERENDISSIMUS IN CHRISTO PATER AC DOMINUS, DOMINUS THOMAS WULCY, MISERATIONE DIVINA, TITULO SANCTÆ CECILIÆ, SACRO-SANCTÆ ROMANÆ ECCLESIAE PRESBYTER CARDINALIS, EBORACENSIS ARCHIEPISCOPUS, ANGLIÆ PRIMAS, ET APOSTOLICÆ SEDIS LEGATUS, EPISCOPUS DUNELMENSIS, EXEMPTIQUE MONASTERII SANCTI ALBANI PERPETUUS COMMENDATARIUS, CANCELLARIUS ANGLIÆ, ET DICTÆ SEDIS APOSTOLICÆ AD VITAM SUAM ETIAM DE LATERE LEGATUS, HANC PETRAM POSUIT IN HONOREM SANCTÆ ET INDIVIDUÆ TRINITATIS, GLORIOSISSIMÆQUE VIRGINIS MARIÆ, SANCTÆ FRIDESWIDÆ, ET OMNIUM SANCTORUM, XX^o. DIE MARTII, ANNO DOMINI M.D.XXV."

At the time of Cardinal Wolsey's fall, the Kitchen, the Hall, the east, south, and most part of the west side of the Great Court called Wolsey's Quadrangle, were completed. From the lines on the front of the walls it is supposed that the whole quadrangle was to have had a cloister in the inside; but it does not appear that any progress was made in constructing it. The north side of the quadrangle was finished in 1665, by Dr. John Fell: at which time the parapet of the whole was surrounded with stone rails. The tower over the gate, which was begun by Wolsey, was not finished till 1681, when it was finished by Sir Christopher Wren upon a plan of his own.

What is now called the Chaplain's Quadrangle, was completed in 1672. It stands upon the site of part of the original Priory, where the hall or refectory of the monastery is supposed to have been placed.

Peckwater Square, or court, was rebuilt in 1705, after a plan by Dean Aldrich. The Library, on the south side, was begun in 1716. Peckwater Square was so called from an ancient hostel, or inn, formerly occupying a part of its site, given to the monastery by Ralph the son of Richard Peckwater, about A.D. 1246.

The north and east sides of Canterbury Quadrangle, on the site of Canterbury hall, founded and endowed by Archbishop Islip in 1361, were finished in 1775, chiefly at the expence of Richard Robinson, D.D., the late

^a Wood says, the shrine of St. Frideswide "being adored till the dissolution of the religious houses, it was then, 30 Hen. VIII., amongst others, taken down, and all the offerings were conveyed into the king's treasury; so that the bones left behind were only feigned, which laid there till the beginning of Queen Elizabeth: for we read (Fox's Acts and Mon. vol. ii. and Hist. de Exhumatione Katherinæ nuper Uxoris Petri Martyris, by James Calphill, D.D., 1562, 8vo.) that Peter Martyr's wife, who was buried here 1552, was taken up at the command of the visitors (A.D. 1556) and buried in a dunghill, she being then esteemed a heretic: but when Queen Elizabeth came to the crown she was taken up again, and her bones so mixed with St. Frideswydes, and both buried together, that if it should happen she should hereafter be taken up they should not distinguish her bones from St. Frideswydes: upon which this epitaph was laid:

'Hic requiescit religio cum superstitione.'

See Gutch's Appendix to the Hist. and Antiq. of the Coll. and Halls in Oxford, 4to. Oxf. 1790, pp. 306, 307. Previous to this time the bones of St. Frideswide had been kept in two silk bags, and were upon solemn days laid upon the altar of the church, to receive the reverence of the people.

The shrine was at first placed in a chapel on the south side of the church. Mr. Gough, Sep. Mon. vol. ii. p. clxxxviii. says, "The shrine of St. Frideswide in the north aisle of Christ-Church Oxford is a rich piece of Gothic wood-work; but as the altar tomb under it has on its slab the brassless figures of a man and woman, I cannot help surmising that it has been removed from its own original station. Browne Willis, who notices these figures, does not remove my scruples by observing that 'they were said to be in memory of Didanus and Saffrida her parents.'"

lord primate of Ireland. The south side was rebuilt in 1783.

Bishop Kennett, in his *Parochial Antiquities*, speaking of Oxford in early times, says, "It was then customary for the Religious to have Schools that bore the name of their respective Order. And these were Schools appropriated to the benefit of particular religious houses; as the Dorchester Schools, the Eynsham Schools, the Schools of ST. FRIDESWIDE, of Littlemore, of Oseney, of Stodley, &c."^a Wood says, that those belonging to St. Frideswide's priory were situated near to School street.^b St. Patrick's schools, two in number, were given to St. Frideswide's priory by one master John, the son of Haman a mercer, about the year 1255, being then situated near to the houses which Alice his sometime mother had given to that priory.^c Civil Law School, or Great Civil Law School, in St. Edwards parish, also belonged to St. Frideswide's; it yielded to the canons, by the name of Civil School, three and fifty shillings and four pence, as appears by an inquisition. The donor of this hall to

the priory was unknown.^d The prior and convent of St. Frideswide had also, in early times, Brend Hall, which, with Winchestre, was confirmed to the scholars of Lincoln college in 1438 by the prior and convent.^e Urban Hall and Bekes Inn were purchased of the priory of St. Frideswide by Bishop Fox, for which he covenanted to pay twenty six shillings and eightpence to the prior and convent out of the rectory of Wroughton in Wiltshire. This was to procure a part of the scite for Corpus Christi college.^f

Of the REGISTERS of ST. FRIDESWIDE'S PRIORY, two are still to be found in Oxford; one, a manuscript of the large folio size, written on two hundred and fifty-one leaves of vellum, (besides a few transcripts of Instruments, on the leaves originally left blank,) is preserved in the chapter-house at Christ-Church.^g The other Register, in a smaller size, though imperfect at the end, is preserved with Bryan Twyne's manuscripts (by whom it was given to the society) in the inner library of Corpus Christi college.^h

^a Paroch. Antiq. p. 214.

^b Annals of the Univ. vol. ii. p. 743.

^c Ibid. vol. ii. p. 751.

^d Ibid. vol. ii. p. 768.

^e Gutch's Coll. and Halls of Oxford, p. 244.

^f Ibid. p. 390. It is remarkable that many of the colleges in Oxford were built, or in part erected, on ground originally belonging to St. Frideswide's priory: as in the cases of Merton, Queen's, Lincoln, All Souls, Brasenose, Corpus Christi, Christ-Church, Jesus, Pembroke, and Hertford colleges. See Gutch's Colleges and Halls, pp. 4, 141, 178, 180, 236, 244, 256, 258, 260, 354, 390, 414, 569, 623, 641.

^g The Instruments in this Register are arranged under the following titles, or rubrics:

1. Fundatio, pp. 7, 25, 133.
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 5. Gereswode, *ibid.*
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 31. Gersyngdon,
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 40. Faueloxe, *ibid.*
 41. Walecote, p. 213.
 42. Houton, *ibid.*
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| | | S. Joannis, p. 459. |
| | | S. Egidii, p. 473. |
| S. Mildredæ, p. 482. | | |
| S. Clementis, p. 493. | | |

^h This Register, marked E. iv. 12, consists of a hundred and sixty-five leaves. It contains chiefly the Instruments relating more immediately to St. Frideswide's and the neighbouring churches in Oxford; omitting those which concern the manors and parishes at a distance. The following are the contents of the Register, as originally compiled:

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The "Dimissiones" follow at p. 223, under the different Parishes: and at the close are copies of King Ethelred's and some of the other Royal Charters, with a few transcripts of Papal Bulls.

Both this and the Christ-Church Register, as to the main part of their contents, are of the time of King Edward the Third.

Cartae ad Sanctae Frideswidæ Coenobium Oxoniae spectantes.

NUM. I.

[Will. Malmesb. fol. 166 a, n. 10.]

FUIT antiquitùs in Oxenfordensi civitate monasterium sanctimonialium in quo requiescit Frideswida, virgo sacratissima, regis filia, quæ regis thoros despexit, integritatem suam Domino Christo professa. Sed ille, cum ad virginis nuptias appulisset animum, precibus et blanditiis inaniter consumptis, vi agere intendit. Quo Frideswida cognito, fugæ in silvam consuluit. Nec latibulum latere potuit amantem, nec cordis desidia obfuit, quin persequeretur fugitantem. Iteratò ergo virgo juvenis furore comperto, per occultos tramites, Deo comitante, Oxenfordiam ingressa est nocte intempesta. Illuc cum manè curiosus amator devolasset, puella jam de fuga desperans, simulque pro lassitudine nusquam progredi potens, Dei tutelam sibi, persecutori pœnam, imprecata est. Jamque ille cum comitibus portas subibat urbis, cum cœlesti plaga irruente cæcitatem incurrit. Intellectoque pertinaciæ delicto, et Frideswida per nuncios exorata, eadem celeritate qua perdiderat, lumen accepit. Hinc timor regibus inolevit Angliæ, illius urbis ingressum et hospitium cavere: quod feratur pestifer esse, singulis refugientibus sui damno periculi veritatem rei experiri. Ibi ergo fœmina virginei triumpho compos, statuit monasterium et diebus suis sponso vocante subivit fatum. Tempore verò Egelredi, cum Dani neci adjudicati, in monasterium illud confugissent, pariter cum domibus insatiabili ira Anglorum flammis absumpti sunt. Sed mox regis pœnitentia purgatum sacrarium, restitutum monasterium, veteres terræ redditæ, recentes possessiones additæ. Nostro tempore, paucissimis ibi clericis, qui pro libito viverent residuis, datus ille locus à Rogero Salesberiensis episcopo, Guimundo excellentis literaturæ et non aspernandæ religionis canonico, qui non inoperosè commisso insudans muneri, multos ibi canonicos regulariter victuros Deo exhibuit.

[Ex Historia MS. Johannis Tinemuthensis in Bibliotheca Bodleiana, lib. xvii. cap. 210.]

ANNO DCCXXXV. Frideswida virgo hoc tempore obiit. Hæc enim filia fuit Didani subreguli, et Safridæ, in urbe Oxoniæ moram trahentis, super terram nudam sompno victa recumbebat illam, assiduè prostrata petebat genibus quando orationes fundebat Domino, viliū olerum pulmento modicoque pane ordeaceo famis expugnavit proterviani, aqua verò sitim exinguebat, parentumque assensu habitum monialium suscepit, cujus exemplo xij. nobilibus ortæ natalibus puellæ, relictis omnibus secutæ sunt Dominum. Ex regis itaque munificentia cœnobium construxit, jejuniis, et orationibus instabat continuis, &c.

Sancta autem Frideswida tribus fermè annis in prædicta solitudine, &c. vacavit.

Tandem Oxoniam rediit, et ne sororibus in cœnobio dimissis onerosa esset, in loco quodam juxta urbem multis arboribus consito, Thornbiri nuncupato, oratorium ædificiaque construxit, fontemque usque hodiè manantem precibus impetravit et meritis.

NUM. II.

Ex Libello incerti Authoris de Vita Sanctæ Frideswidæ Virginis.

[Lelandi Collectan. vol. i. p. 342.]

CIRCA annum Do. DCCXXvij. Didanus quidam sub-

regulus, civitatem Oxenfordæ incolatus sui frequentia honestabat. Safrida uxor Didani. Frideswida filia Didani et Safridæ.

Algiva, fœmina religiosissima, eruditæ Frideswidam (Algiva forsā abbatissa monasterii sanctæ Mariæ Winton.).

Frideswida fit sanctimonialis, et xij. nobiles puellæ ejus exemplum secutæ sunt. Ex regis itaque munificentia diversoria religioni aptissima secus ecclesiam construuntur.

Didanus conjugis nuper amissæ dolore percussus, ecclesiam infra urbis ambitum construxit, et in honore sanctæ Mariæ et Omnium Sanctorum dedicatam, filiæ commendavit poscenti.

Rex Algarus inflammatus amore Frideswidæ, eam, quamvis monacham, in uxorem expetit. Frideswida fugit, rapta navicula, per Tamesim ad Bentonam villam, decem millium passibus hinc distantem, et silvam vicinam petit, ubi in derelicto porcorum mapali hædera obducto delituit. Algarus comminatur excidium urbi Oxenfordensi, non inventa Frideswida. Algarus in pœnam tyrannidis superum vi oculorum lumen amisit. Hinc innatus horror regibus Angliæ, ut nec unus profectò successorum ejus Oxenfordiam præsumat intrare. Mansit Frideswida tribus ferè annis in solitudine præfata, sed non ignota incolis. Frideswida conscensa navicula properè venit ad prædium Oxoniensi civitati propinquum, quod Buseneia dicitur, ubi oratorium construxit ac ædificia. Erat in prædicto prædio locus Thornebyri dictus, solitarius ac religioni aptus, ubi oratorium construxit. Frideswidæ precibus fons erupit in Thornebyri. Obiit sancta Frideswida xiiij. kal. Novembris. Sepulta est in ecclesia sanctæ Mariæ Oxon. propè Tamesim.

Ethelredus rex, combustis Danis, qui in ecclesiam sanctæ Mariæ confugerant, ambitum ecclesiæ, sicut ante voverat, ampliavit.

NUM. III.

Ex Cronicis Tinemutensis Cænobij, incerto Autore.

[Ibid. p. 418.]

ANNO Domini MCXj. Rogerus Sarum episcopus, dedit locum in Oxonia, in quo corpus beatæ Frideswidæ virginis requiescit, cuidam canonico nomine Wimundo, qui multos ibi canonicos congregans, vices prioris super eo gerebat. Fuerat enim antiquitùs locus ille sanctimonialibus deputatus, quorum monasterium tempore Ethelredi regis Danis neci adjudicatis et causa salutis in illud confugientibus, omnino cum eis igne consumptum est.

NUM. IV.

[Ex Registro Oseneyen. in Bibl. Cottoniana, Vitellius F. xvi. fol. 4 b.]

NOTANDUM quod Didanus, quondam rex Oxenfordiæ, regnavit anno incarnationis Dominicæ dcc. circiter xxvj. Iste rex Didanus, pater fuit sanctæ Frideswidæ; qui sibi hunc locum dedit optatum, et monacharum habitum dari fecit: ecclesiam, diversoriaque religioni aptissima secus eam construxit, ut patet in vita beatæ virginis. Item patet ibidem, quod locum illum qui tunc dicebatur Thornebirie, nunc autem Benseya, eadem virgo pacificè optinuit; nam ibidem latitando fontem precibus impetravit, et unum à dæmonio vexatum, et alterum cujus manus securi adhæserat liberavit. Post gloriosum beatæ Frideswidæ obitum, per intervalla

temporum, amotis monialibus, introducti sunt canonici sæculares. Postea, anno gratiæ millesimo quarto, Etheldredus rex omnes Danos Angliam incolentes utriusque sexus jussit occidere, et combusti sunt apud Oxoniam omnes qui illuc confugerant, cum ecclesia, libris, et ornamentis, quod patet per cartam Etheldredi regis in hunc modum quæ subsequitur.

Anno Dominicæ incarnationis millesimo quarto, indictione secunda, anno verò imperii mei vicesimo quinto, Dei disponente providentia, ego Adelred, totius Albionis monarchiam gubernans, monasterium quoddam in urbe situm quæ Oxoneforde appellatur, ubi beata requiescit Frideswide, libertate privilegii, auctoritate regali pro cuncti patrantis amore stabilivi, et territoria quæ ipsi adjacent Christi archisterio novi restauratione libelli recuperavi, cunctisque hanc paginam intuentibus, qua ratione id actum sit paucis verborum signis retexam. Omnibus enim in hac patria degentibus sat constat fore notissimum, quoniam dum à me decretum^a cum consilio optimatum satrapumque meorum exivit, ut cuncti Dani qui in hac insula velut lolium inter triticum pullulando emergerant, justissima exinanitione^b necarentur, hocque decretum morte tenus ad effectum perduceretur, ipsi quique in præfata urbe morabantur Dani mortem evadere nitentes, hoc Christi sacrarium, fractis per vim valvis et pessulis, intrantes, asylum sibi propagnaculumque contra urbanos suburbanosque inibi fieri decreverunt: sed cum populus omnis insequens, necessitate compulsus, eos ejicere niteretur nec valeret, igne tabulis injecto, hanc ecclesiam, ut liquet, cum ornamentis^c ac libris combusserunt. Postquam Dei adjutorio à me et à meis constat renovata, et ut præfatus sum, retentis privilegii dignitate cum adjacentibus sibi territoriis in Christi honore^d roboratâ, et omni libertate donatâ, tam in regalibus exactionibus quàm in ecclesiasticis omnino consuetudinibus. Si autem fortuitò aliquo contingeret tempore aliquem vesanæ mentis, quod absit, irretitum desidia, hujusce donationis nostræ munus, satagente diabolo, defraudare, anathema sanctæ Dei ecclesiæ excipiat æternum mortis, nisi ante exitum quæstionem tam calumpniferam ad satisfactionem perducatur exoptabilem. Istis terminis præfati monasterii rura circumcincta clarescunt.

[Ex MS. Codice penes Girardum Langbane S. theol. D. præpositum Colleg. Reginæ Oxon. an. 1652.]

Limites Terræ de Winchendon.

THIS beth the x. hide londe imere into Winchendon, erest of Ashullefeswell into Beri-dyke, of the dyke on Hundredede trwe, of the trwe in twam more, of the more into the hevelonde, of the hevelonde into twamwell y rythie, of the rythie into Bichenbroke, of that broke into Tame-streme and lange Tame-streme to Ebbeslade. Of the slade to Merewell; fro Merewell to Rugslawe; fro the lawe to the foule putte: fro the putte to Rusbroke: fro Rusbroke to Wottesbroke: fro Wottesbroke into Ashulfeswell.

De Wihthull.

THARE beth iij. hide londe ymere into Withull, that is fro Oldhenslade ofre the cliff into Stonylondy wey: fro the wey into the long lowe, fro the lowe into the Port-strete: fro the strete into Charewell; so aftir strem til it shutt eft into Henslade.

De Bolles, Covele, et Hedyndon.

THARE beth hide londe ymere into Covelee, fro Charwell brigge, and long the strete on that rithe ling croft cndlong rithes estward to that cometh to other shet up norward to the furlonges-heved: fro the haved estward into Merehutte: fro the luthe into the bro into Deneacre: fro the

acre into the ockmere: fro that mere fro Restell into broke: fro the broke into Charwell.

. de Cudeslawe.

THARE beth ij. hyde lond ymere into Cudeslawe, erest of Port-strete into Trilliwelle: fro the welle into rithe: fro to Byshopesmore: fro the more into Wyneleslade into the slade into Wyneleshull: fro the hulle on hyme.

De L rii S. Frideswide.

THIS privilege was idith in Hedington myn owne mynster in Oxenford. There seint Frideswide alle that fredome that any fre mynster frelubest mid sake and mid socna, mid tol and mid teme, and with of Hedington, and of all the londe that therto be and in felde and alle other thinge and ryth that y belyueth and byd us for quike and dede, and alle other alle other bennyfeyt, and alle other thinge that ther

Scripta fuit hæc cedula jussu præfati regis in villa regia quæ appellatur, die octavarum beati Andree apostoli hiis consencientibus p qui subtus notati videntur. Ego Ethelredus rex Anglorum hoc privilegium Christi nomine perpetua libertate prædicto donavi. Ego Alfrich Dorou ecclesiæ archipræsul corroboravi, sub anathemate. Ego Wulstan Eboracensis civitatis archipontifex confirmavi. Ego Ethelric Scireburnensis episcopus consensi. Ego Elfgiva thoro consecrata regio hanc donationem sublimavi. Ego Adelstan regium primogenitus filiorum cum fratribus meis testis be interfui. Ego Alfean, Wentanus antistes, consignavi. Ego Alstan Fontanensis ecclesiæ episcopus, consolidavi. Ego Alfun Lundoniensis ecclesiæ episcopus consecravi. Ego Godwine Lychefeldensis ecclesiæ episcopus communivi. Ego Ordbyrht Australium Saxonum episcopus conclusi. Ego Edelbrit Scireburnensis ecclesiæ episcopus consensi. Ego Elfeod Cri-diensis ecclesiæ episcopus vegetavi. Ego Alfric dux. Ego Leofwyne dux. Ego Wulgar abbas. Ego Alsigge abbas. Ego Athelmer comes. Ego Ordulf comes. Ego Æthelmer comes. Ego Aelryc comes. Ego Ælfgar comes. Ego Goda minister. Ego Æthelwerd comes. Ego Athlwyne comes. Ego Ordmere comes. Ego Leofwyne comes. Ego Godwyne comes, &c.

Prædictus verò rex Ethelredus eandem ecclesiam, sicut ante voverat, amplicavit, sicut in cronicis. Et postea antequam viris Normannorum Angliam subdidisset ab cuidam abbati ecclesia ista cum possessionibus suis à quodam rege donata Spoliati igitur bonis suis et sedibus expulsi suis canonici sæculares memorati, et monachis res addicta per annos aliquot eorum dispositionibus servi Postea, sicut se habent res mortalium, regis cujusdam beneficio consilii deliberatione, canonicis præfatis sua sunt restituta et usque ad annum mxxij. eidem ecclesiæ præfuerunt.

Eodem quoque tempore, anno regni regis Henrici primi xxij. Mag. Gwymundus domini regis Henrici capellanus, videns quod rex clericos suos ferè illiteratos in episcopos promoveret, aliis dignitates, aliis redditus non modicos conferens, sique literatus cum esset et integre opinionis, nihil præter victum et vestitum à rege donari, indignans super hoc die rogationum cum rex missam audiret, subsanabat: increpatus igitur à rege post missam, quare sic egisset, Quia vos male legentibus episcopatus et beneficia ecclesiastica confertis, ideo sciatis me, de cætero, soli Christo, regi regum summo, servituum, qui sibi servantibus non solum temporalia largiri beneficia noverit, sed etiam æterna. Ex qua confusus responsione rex, ecclesiam sanctæ Fridiswidæ Oxon. ad capellam suam spectantem, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis dedit. Mox ejectis inde canonicis sæcularibus qui usque ad id tempus eidem ecclesiæ præfuerant regulares

^a notissimum quoddam a me decretum. Inspex. 5 Hen. V.

^b examinatione. Ibid.

^c munimentis. Ibid.

^d onomate. Ibid.

sibi canonicos congregavit, quorum ipse primus prior extitit, dictam feliciter regens ecclesiam annos xix.

NUM. V.

Prædia ad Ecclesiam Sanctæ Frideswidæ Oxon. spectantia tempore Regis Willielmi Conquestoris.

[Ex Libro Censuali vocato *Domesday Book* penes Camerar. Scacc.]

Oxenefscire, fol. 157.

TERRA CANONICORUM DE OXENEFORD ET ALIORUM CLERICORUM.

CANONICI S. FRIDESVIDÆ ten. iiii. hid. de rege juxta OXENEFORD. Ipsi tenuer. tempore Regis Edwardi. Terra v. car. Ibi. xviii. villani habent v. car. et cv. acr. prati. et viii. acras spineti. Valuit et valet xl. sol. Hæc terra nunquam geldavit, nec alicui Hund. pertinet nec pertinuit.

Siuardus ten. de ipsis canonicis ii. hid in CODESLAM. Terra ii. car. quæ modo ibi sunt. Valuit et valet xl. sol. De æcclesia fuit.

Osmundus presbyter ten. de rege i. hid. in CHERTELINTONE. Terra i. car. Hanc habet ibi in dominio. Valuit et valet xx. solid.

Brun presbyter ten. de rege iiii. virg. terræ in CADEWELLE. Terra i. car. Hæc ibi est in dominio. Valuit xx. sol. Modo xxx. solid. Idem tenuit tempore Regis Edwardi.

Edwardus ten. de Rege dimid. hid. Ibi fuit i. car. Valuit xx. sol. modo vi. solid.

Ranulfus Flanbard ten. iiii. hid. de rege in MIDELTONE. Terra iiii. car. Nunc in dominio i. car. et ii. servi. et iiii. villani cum ii. bord. habent i. car. Ibi vi. acr. prati. Pastura ii. quarent. long. et dim. quarent. lat. Valuit et valet iiii. lib.

NUM. VI.

Carta Henrici I. Regis.

[Ex Registro quodam Monasterii S. Fridiswidæ, Oxon. in Bibliotheca Colleg. Corp. Christi remanente An. 1642. p. 271.]

HENRICUS Dei gratia rex Angliæ omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse priori et canonicis regularibus ecclesiæ sanctæ Fridiswidæ de Oxonia monasterium sanctæ Fridiswidæ cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, et capella de Hedindon, et Merston, et Beneseye, de quibus nulla redditur consuetudo episcopis, archidiaconis, vel eorum ministris. Præterea dedi et concessi eisdem priori et canonicis infra civitatem Oxenefordiam ecclesiam Omnium Sanctorum, ecclesiam S. Mildredæ, ecclesiam sancti Michaelis ad portam borealem, ecclesiam sancti Petri ad castrum, medietatem ecclesiæ sancti Aldatis, capellam sancti Michaelis ad portam australem, ecclesiam sancti Edwardi, capellam sanctæ Trinitatis. Extra civitatem capellam sancti Clementis. Ecclesias sanctorum Luciani et Leonardi Walingford, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis. Præterea dedi dictis priori et canonicis totam villam de Winchedon cum pertinentiis suis. Desuper portam orientalem Oxoniæ duas hidas terræ, in Codeslawe duas hidas terræ, et totum locum qui dicitur Beneseye. In Walton unam hidam. In Covele unam dimidiam hidam terræ cum pertinentiis suis. Dedi etiam et concessi prædictis priori et canonicis decimam de toto dominio de Gersindon. In Forsthull duas acras et dimidiam bladi, et de qualibet virgata terræ ejusdem villæ unam travam. In una Horspath duas acras bladi, et de qualibet virgata terræ ejusdem villæ unam travam. In alia Horspath unam acram, et de qualibet virgata terræ ejusdem villæ unam travam. In Codesdon tres acras bladi. In Dentun quatuor acras. In Chibenhust duodecim travas. Quare volo et concedo quod prædictus prior et canonici regulares habeant et teneant imperpetuum prædictam ecclesiam sanctæ Fridiswidæ ad capellam meam spectantem cum omnibus terris, ecclesiis, et capellis prædictis liberam, et ab omni servitio sæculari quietam et solutam imperpetuum.

NUM. VII.

Carta alia Henrici I. Regis.

[Pat. 5 Hen. V. m. 3, per Inspex.]

HENRICUS rex Angliæ vicecomitibus et omnibus civibus Oxeneford, et omnibus fidelibus suis, Francis et Anglis, salutem. Sciatis me dedisse Deo et sanctæ Fritheswithæ et Canonicis regularibus in ecclesia sanctæ Fritheswithæ institutis in perpetuam elemosinam Monasterium sanctæ Fritheswithæ, cum territoriis et clausuris locorum et grangiarum sibi adjacentibus, cum aquis et molendinis, cum prato et Biscopesmor, et omnibus aliis pertinentiis suis, quæ sunt ex jure et dono meo. Præterea do eis viam juxta murum civitatis Oxeneford quantum extenditur terra eorum; et volo quod prædicti canonici eandem viam includant, et concedo quod iidem canonici claudere possint vel obstruere omnes portus totius prioratus ad voluntatem ipsorum sine impedimento et contradictione aliqua imperpetuum. Quare volo et firmiter præcipio quod prædicti canonici et eorum successores habeant et teneant imperpetuum prædictum monasterium, cum libertatibus eis donatum, cum territoriis et rebus prædictis, et omnibus aliis possessionibus suis, ab omni exactione regali et ministrorum regum, et servitio sæculari solut. imperpetuum. Teste Rog. cancell. apud Oxeneford.

NUM. VIII.

Carta de Feria in Civitate Oxon.

[Ibid.]

HENRICUS rex Angliæ vicecomitibus et omnibus baronibus suis, Francis et Anglis, et omnibus ministris et fidelibus suis, salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse priori et canonicis ecclesiæ sanctæ Fritheswithæ de Oxeneford feriam unam in civitate Oxenefordiam et in toto suburbio ejusdem civitatis, tenend. singulis annis septem diebus, videlicet Vigilia et die Translationis sancti Benedicti et per quinque dies sequentes, cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus ad hujusmodi feriam pertinentibus, et ideo præcipio et prohibeo ne aliquis eis super hoc injuriam faciat, aut libertates vel consuetudines eis pertinentes aliquo modo disturbare audeat. Test. Roger. Cancellar. apud Oxeneford.

NUM. IX.

Carta Matildis Imperatricis.

[Ibid.]

M. IMPERATRIX, regis Henrici filia, et Anglorum domina, archiepiscopis, episcopis, abbatibus, comitibus et baronibus, justiciariis, vicecomitibus, et omnibus fidelibus suis, Francis et Anglis, salutem. Sciatis me dedisse, et concessisse Deo et ecclesiæ sanctæ Fritheswithæ Oxeneford, et canonicis regularibus ibidem Deo servientibus, pro salute animæ meæ, et pro anima regis Henrici patris mei, et pro animabus omnium antecessorum meorum monasterium sanctæ Fritheswithæ, cum territoriis sibi adjacentibus, et clausuris locorum et grangiarum, cum capellis de Hedyngdon et Merston, Elsefeld et Beneseye, de quibus nulla redditur consuetudo episcopis, archidiaconis, nec eorum ministris: præterea concessi et confirmavi eisdem canonicis, viam juxta murum civitatis Oxeneford, quantum extenditur terra eorum, ita ut eandem viam, et similiter omnes portas totius monasterii, ad voluntatem ipsorum, includant, sine impedimento seu contradictione aliqua imperpetuum. Præterea concessi et confirmavi eisdem canonicis feriam unam in civitate Oxeneford, et in toto suburbio ejusdem, et infra eandem civitatem ecclesiam Omnium Sanctorum, ecclesiam sanctæ Mildridæ, ecclesiam sancti Michaelis ad portam borealem, ecclesiam Petri ad castrum, medietatem ecclesiæ sancti Aldati, capellam sancti Michaelis ad portam australem, ecclesiam S. Edwardi, capellam S. Trinitatis, et extra civitatem eandem capellam S. Clementis; in Walingford ecclesias sanctorum Luciani et Leonardi cum pertinentiis suis. Præterea concessi et confirmavi

prædictis canonicis totam villam de Wythedon, et de super orientalem Oxeneford duas hidas terræ, et culturam unam quæ vocatur Yrettenacre. In Codeslowe, duas hidas terræ. In Walton unam hidam terræ; totum locum qui dicitur Beneseye; et insulam unam quæ dicitur Langeneis. In Coveleye unam dimidiam hidam terræ. Decimas de toto dominio de Gersynton. In Forsthull, duas acras et dimidiam bladi, et de qualibet virgata terræ ejusdem villæ unam travam. In una Horspathe duas acras, et de qualibet virgata terræ unam travam. In alia Horspathe et unam acram, et de qualibet virgata terræ unam travam. In Cudesdon tres acras bladi. In Denton, quatuor travas. In Chibenherst duodecim travas. Quare volo &c. Testibus, T. cancellario archiepiscopo, R. London. episcopo, R. comite Gloec. R. de Oilli: apud Oxeneford.

NUM. X.

Carta alia Matildis Imperatricis.

[Pat. 5 Hen. V. m. 3, per Inspex.]

M. IMPERATRIX, Henrici regis filia et Anglorum domina, R. de Oilli, et vicecomitibus, et præpositis, et Henrico de sancto Petro, et omnibus civibus de Oxeneford salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse pro salute animæ meæ, et pro anima regis Henrici patris mei, in perpetuam elemosinam, Deo et ecclesiæ sanctæ Fritheswithæ Oxeneford et canonicis regularibus imperpetuum ibidem Deo servientibus, comuniam ad omnia pecora et averia sua in manerio de Hedinton, ita scilicet ut pascant omnia pecora et averia sua libere et quiete in omnibus locis per totum manerium de Hedinton ubi dominica ejusdem manerii pecora et averia pascuntur tam infra forestam de Stawode et Scothore quam extra, et liberum introitum et exitum cum eis ad voluntatem ipsorum canonicorum sine impedimento et contradictione aliqua imperpetuum. Concessi etiam et confirmavi prædictis canonicis in liberam et perpetuam elemosinam totam illam terram quam Alanus de Rosmongere tenuit in parochia beatæ Mariæ Magdalænæ, et omnes alias terras quas prædicti canonici habent infra hundredum extra portam borealem Oxeneford. reddend. annuatim reddit. de eisdem debit. pro omni exactione et servitio sæculari imperpetuum. Test. R. episcopo London. et W. cancell. apud Oxeneford.

NUM. XI.

Carta Matildis Imperatricis de Ecclesia de Acleia.

[Ex Reg. præfat. in Bibl. Coll. Corp. Chr. p. 305.]

M. IMPERATRIX, Henrici regis filia et Anglorum domina, episcopo Lincolnensi et omnibus fidelibus suis, Francis et Anglis, salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse ecclesiæ sanctæ Fridiswidæ Oxoniæ et canonicis ibidem Deo servientibus ecclesiam de Acleia cum capellis et omnibus rebus ad easdem pertinentibus, scilicet capellam de Brehulla et capellam de Borstalle et de Edigrave, pro anima patris mei et matris meæ et omnium prædecessorum meorum, et pro salute mea et filiorum meorum et stabilitate regni mei. Quare volo, &c.

NUM. XII.

Carta Stephani Regis.

[Pat. 5 Hen. V. m. 3, per Inspex.]

STEPHANUS rex Angliæ vicecomitibus et omnibus ministris suis et fidelibus de Oxenefordsh. salutem. Sciatis quod burgenses mei de Oxeneford recognoverunt coram me et coram comitibus et baronibus meis per sacramentum suum quod canonici ecclesiæ sanctæ Frideswidæ habent et percipiunt annuatim infra burgum Oxenefordiæ et extra annum redditum et curiam suam de terris et tenementis pertinentibus ad eandem ecclesiam ab antiquitate, videlicet de terra quam Ailwinus tenuit xxvii. denarios, de terra quam Reiginerus tenuit quatuor solidos, de terra quam Hemung tenuit sex solidos, de terra quam Aldith tenuit duodecim denarios, de

terra quam Ingelry tenuit octo denarios, de terra quam Robertus de Biseleg tenuit quatuor solidos, de terra quam Sawi tenuit quatuor solidos et sex denarios, de terra quam Durant tenuit quatuor denarios, de terris quæ de ara sanctæ Frideswidæ dicuntur triginta novem solidos et decem denarios, de terra cum furno quam Alexander de Abind. tenuit octo solidos, de terra quam Editha vidua tenuit viginti sex denarios, de terris quas Helewis tenuit undecem solidos, de molendino super pontem unam marcam, de terra quam Goldewynethild tenuit duos solidos, de terra quam Hildwine tenuit viginti et octo denarios, de terris quas Garet tenuit sex solidos et decem denarios, de terra quam Wautier tenuit duos solidos, de terra quam Hogeles tenuit duos solidos, de terra quam Anketill tenuit quadraginta denarios, de terra quam Aelfred tenuit duos solidos, de terra quam Balford tenuit duos denarios, de terra quam Tho. Fullo tenuit quinque solidos, de terra quam Ricardus presbiter tenuit tres solidos, de terra quam Willielmus presbiter tenuit duos solidos, de terra quam Malgerus tenuit viginti et octo denarios, de terra quam Philippus pistor tenuit viginti et octo denarios, de terra quam Willielmus pistor tenuit sexdecem denarios, de terris quas Nigellus tenuit novemdecem solidos, de terra quam Rogerus Brodgate tenuit tres solidos, de terra cum furno quam Saul tenuit viginti et octo denarios, de terra quam Snelling tenuit duodecim denarios, de terra quam Nicholaus presbiter tenuit duos solidos, de terra quam Rogerus Popham tenuit decem solidos, de terris quas Thuraldus tenuit viginti denarios, de terra quam Sebrith tenuit duodecim denarios, de terra quam Radulfus Hons tenuit quatuor solidos, de terris quas Golde tenuit viginti et tres solidos, de terra cum molendino quam Godric tenuit octo solidos et octo denarios, de terra quam Tolomen tenuit quinque solidos, de terra cum furno quam Thomas furnarius tenuit sexdecem denarios, de terra quam Rogerus Macon tenuit quatuor denarios, de terra quam Alewi tenuit sexdecem denarios, de terra quam Ailwinus tenuit duodecim denarios, de terra quam Osmundus Pax tenuit duodecim denarios, de terra quam Gilbertus Wautier tenuit duodecim denarios, de terra quam Godwine Hoccote tenuit duodecim denarios, de terra quam Willielmus Houre tenuit octo denarios, de terra juxta venellam quam Johannes Copeham tenuit duos solidos, de terra quam Arnaldus textor tenuit quadraginta et duos denarios, de terra quam Alanus Comangere tenuit extra portam sexdecem solidos, pro qua debent prædicti canonici annuatim domino feodi tresdecem denarios et unam quadrantem pro omni servitio de terra quæ pertinet ad unam hidam in Walton, et de terra quæ pertinet ad Bunnefeit habent prædicti canonici annum redditum et servitium rusticorum suorum et hundredum suum in omnibus; habent etiam feriam unam in quolibet anno in burgo Oxeneford, et in toto ejusdem suburbio septem diebus circa festum sancti Benedicti cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus quæ ad feriam pertinent sine perturbatione. Quare volo et concedo quod prædicti canonici habeant et teneant imperpetuum feriam, terras, et redditus prænominos cum omnibus pertinentiis, libertatibus, et liberis consuetudinibus suis. T. Roberto episcopo Hereford. et P. cancellar. et R. de Fisci, et com. G. de Mell. et Bald. de Richer, et Rogero de Tony.

NUM. XIII.

Carta alia Stephani Regis.

[Ibid.]

STEPHANUS rex Angliæ justiciariis, vicecomitibus, præpositis, et omnibus burgensibus, Francis et Anglis, de Oxeneford. salutem. Sciatis quantum volo et concedo quod prior et canonici sanctæ Fritheswithæ habeant et teneant libere et quiete portam suam in muro ejusdem civitatis infra clausum monasterii sui, ad proprium usum suum ædificatam, necnon aisiamentum ipsius muri ad superædificanda et eorum ædificia sustentanda; ita quod loca per eos superædificata reparent et ad aias suas reficiant pro omni servitio murandi quod pertinet ad præfatum murum, per totum clausum supradictum

sicut burgenses mei de Oxeneford recognoverunt coram me, et coram comitibus et baronibus meis, quod canonici præfati monasterii prædicta possessione, detentione, et prædictæ portæ superædificatione, et aisiamento prædicti muri, sicut prædictum est ab antiquo usi sunt. T. A. de V. apud Oxeneford.

NUM. XIV.

Carta Henrici Regis II.

[Ex Reg. præfat. in Biblioth. Coll. Corp. Christi, p. 280.]

HENRICUS Dei gratia &c. Sciatis nos intuitu Dei &c. confirmasse priori et canonicis sanctæ Fridiswidæ Oxoniæ, omnes donationes &c. videlicet, ex dono Reginaldi de sancto Walerico, filii Guidonis de sancto Walerico, totam villam de Knietetun in Berkesire, cum omnibus pertinentiis &c. Ex dono Willielmi de Stratford, filii Willielmi de Stratford, totam terram de Helsefeld, scilicet quintam partem ejusdem villæ cum pertinentiis &c. Hiis testibus &c.

NUM. XV.

Confirmatio Adriani Papæ.

[Ibid. p. 286.]

ADRIANUS episcopus &c. dilectis filiis Roberto priori ecclesiæ sanctæ Fridiswidæ de Oxonia &c. Infra ipsam civitatem capellam sanctæ Trinitatis super portam orientalem, capellam sancti Michaelis super portam australem, ecclesiam sancti Michaelis juxta portam aquilonis, ecclesiam sancti Petri juxta castrum, ecclesiam sanctæ Mildredæ, ecclesiam sancti Edwardi, ecclesiam Omnium Sanctorum, quicquid habetis in ecclesia sancti Aldati, terram quæ ara sanctæ Frideswidæ vocatur, terram de Socaland, et de octo virgatis. In suburbio, ecclesiam sancti Clementis, capellam de Hedin-dona, capellam de Merstona cum decimis et pertinentiis suis, capellam de Helsefelda cum decimis et reliquo jure parochiali, molendinum supra pontem australem, prædium quod vocatur Biscopesmors cum molendino, terram in qua est orreum, cum terra quæ est ante orreum, pratum de Presteit, pratum juxta Oseneyam. In comitatu prædictæ civitatis ultra portam orientalem duas hidas. In Coveleia, dimidiam hidam et virgatam; totam decimam de dominicatu Gersingdonæ, quæ est de parochiali jure ecclesiæ vestræ; terram datam capellæ Hedendone. In Thumeleia, dimidiam hidam terræ. In Foresthill, duas acras de dominicatu, et de singulis virgatis terræ unam travam cum omni jure parochiali. In una Horspeda, tres acras, et de singulis virgatis unam travam. In alia Horspeda, unam acram, et de singulis virgatis unam travam. In Cudesdune tres acras, unam de frumento, aliam de siligine, tertiam de avena. De Dentona quatuor travas de omni blado. In Cunbehust tres acras. Extra portam quæ spectat ad aquilonem, prædium quod vocatur Buneseia. Unam hidam in Waltona, et duas hidas in Cudeslawe cum pertinentiis suis. Molendinum de Hetune cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, et duos gurgites et aquas quæ ad eosdem gurgites pertinent. De ecclesia de Hamtona xvj. denarios et duos coddos bladi. In Escote capellam cum decimis curiæ, et dimidia hida terræ, et omnibus ad ipsam pertinentibus. In Langechirchilla de dominicatu duas partes decimæ. Redditus quoque et consuetudines de nundinis quæ circa festum beati Benedicti in eadem civitate Oxenford fiunt, sicut vestri monasterii juris esse noscuntur. In Bukingamskira, villam quæ vocatur Uuere-Wincedona cum capella et omnibus ad eandem villam pertinentibus. Ecclesiam de Acleia cum capella de Brehilla, et capella de Borsthalla, et capella de Hedingrave, et omnibus aliis pertinentiis suis. Ecclesiam de Wrmehale cum una virgata terræ, et sex acris, et omnibus aliis pertinentiis suis. In Berchesira, in castro Wallingeford ecclesiam sanctæ Trinitatis minorem. Ecclesiam sancti Luciani cum capella de Sottewelle et omnibus ad eam pertinentibus. Ex dono Ailwini filii Edmundi infra burgum et extra quinquaginta et unam acram. Villam quæ vocatur Edmetona cum tota decima de dominicatu, et

duabus partibus decimæ rusticorum et omnibus aliis pertinentiis suis. Capellam sitam in terra quam dedit Bartholomeus de Denford. Ex dono Johannis de Folia, terram ad reficiendum gurgitem molendini vestri.

Præfatum quoque monasterium beatæ Fridiswidæ, cum capellis suis, sive aliis ad ipsum pertinentibus, in ea libertate quam usque ad hæc tempora justè noscitur habuisse, apostolica auctoritate manere sancimus, et ab omni exactione liberum esse censemus &c.

NUM. XVI.

Carta Malcolmi Scotorum Regis de Pidington.

[Kennett, Par. Antiq. p. 324.]

MALCOLMUS rex Scotorum dapifero suo de Huntingdon, et omnibus probis hominibus suis totius honoris, Francis et Anglis, salutem. Sciatis me dedisse Deo et S. Mariæ et Frideswidæ Oxon. et canonicis ibidem Deo servientibus, in liberam et perpetuam eleemosinam, villam de Pidington in Oxfordscyre pro salute mea et fratrum meorum, et pro anima avi mei, et patris mei, et omnium parentum, in sustentationem canonicorum in perpetuum. Ita scilicet ut Johanna filia Basset dictam villam in vita sua teneat et servitium inde debitum canonicis prædictis reddat, et post decessum ejus canonicis dictis remaneat in perpetuam possessionem et puram eleemosinam, cum omnibus libertatibus, &c. Testibus, Herberto episcopo Glasc. apud Glascov.

NUM. XVII.

Carta Henrici II. Regis de Pydentona.

[Ibid. p. 382, ex Chartul. S. Fridesw. p. 118.]

HENRICUS rex Angliæ et dux Normanniæ et Aquitaniæ et comes Andegaviæ, archiepiscopis, episcopis, &c. salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et præsentî carta confirmasse Deo, et S. Mariæ, et ecclesiæ S. Frideswydæ de Oxon. et canonicis ibidem Deo servientibus villam de Pydentona in Oxenfordscire quam Malcolmus rex Scotiæ eis concessit et dedit in perpetuam eleemosinam, et carta sua confirmavit, ita ut Johanna soror Thomæ Basset eam teneat in vita sua, et quamdiu vixit, servitium inde debitum canonicis prædictis reddat, et post decessum ejus villa prædicta canonicis remaneat, cum pertinentiis suis, in perpetuam eleemosinam et possessionem. Quare volo et firmiter præcipio quod prædicta ecclesia, et canonici ejusdem ecclesiæ, prædictam villam, cum omnibus pertinentiis, habeant et teneant, in bosco et plano, in pratis et pascuis, in aquis et molendinis, in viis et semitis, et in omnibus aliis locis et aliis rebus ad eam pertinentibus, ita bene et in pace, libere, quiete, plenarie, et integre, et honorifice, et rationabiliter, cum omnibus libertatibus ac liberis consuetudinibus suis sicut carta Malcolmi regis Scotiæ testatur. Hiis testibus, &c.

NUM. XVIII.

Literæ Alexandri III. Papæ.

[Ibid. p. 383, ex Chartular. S. Fridesw. p. 117.]

ALEXANDER episcopus, servus servorum Dei, venerabilibus fratribus Cantuariensi archiepiscopo, apostolicæ sedis Legato, et Cicestrensi episcopo, salutem et apostolicam benedictionem. Ex parte prioris et fratrum ecclesiæ S. Frideswydæ ad aures nostras noveritis pervenisse, quod cum bonæ memoriæ Malcolmus quondam Scotiæ rex eidem ecclesiæ villam de Pydentone, cum universis pertinentiis suis, in perpetuam eleemosinam contulisset, et scripti sui munimine confirmasset, ita quidem quod Johanna nobilis mulier in vita sua eandem villam teneret, et servitium quod de prædicta villa eidem regi debuerat præfate ecclesiæ solveret: Willielmus frater ejus qui sibi in regno successit eandem villam præscriptæ ecclesiæ abstulit, et postmodum David frater ejus qui honorem de Huntingdon tenuit, præscriptam villam quæ ad ipsum honorem spectare dignoscitur injuste detinuit, et nunc comes Simon qui præscriptæ ecclesiæ prætexatam villam scripti sui robore confirmave-

rat in suæ salutis periculum detinet occupatam. Quia igitur quod Deo semel offertur non debet ei temeritate qualicunque subtrahi vel auferri, fraternitati vestræ per apostolica scripta præcipiendo mandamus, quatenus inquisita veritate rei, si vobis constiterit eandem villam memoratæ ecclesiæ violenter ablatam fuisse, eidem ecclesiæ villam ipsam auctoritate nostra, contradictione et appellatione cessante, restitui faciatis, et deinde si quis adversus præfatum priorem et fratres exinde agere voluerit, causam audiat et fine debito terminetis. Si vero ad mandatum nostrum prælibata villa eidem ecclesiæ non fuerit restituta, in feodo sub quo eadem continetur (donec ipsa villa dictæ ecclesiæ remota appellatione restitatur) dominica prohibeatis officia celebrari. Dat. apud Ferentium.

NUM. XIX.

Carta Comitis Simonis de Pidentona.

[Ex Rex. præfat. in Bibl. Coll. Corp. Chr. p. 305.]

COMES Simon, omnibus hominibus suis, tam Francis quàm Anglis, tam clericis quàm laicis, salutem. Sciatis me dedisse Deo et sanctæ Mariæ et ecclesiæ sanctæ Fridiswidæ Oxoniæ, et canonicis ibidem Deo servientibus, in liberam et perpetuam elemosinam, villam Pidentonam in Oxenefordsire, pro salute mea et patris et matris meæ et omnium antecessorum et successorum meorum. Ita ut Johanna in vita sua teneat, et servicium inde debitum canonicis prædictis reddat. Post decessum verò præfatæ Johannæ villa prædicta eisdem canonicis remaneat &c.

NUM. XX.

Carta Radulphi Foliot.

[Ibid. p. 306.]

SCIANT &c. Quod ego Radulphus Foliot dedi &c. Deo et ecclesiæ beatæ Fridiswidæ Oxoniæ et canonicis ibidem Deo servientibus ecclesiam de Fretewelle, in puram et perpetuam elemosinam, &c. liberè et quietè, et sicut unquam meliùs et liberiùs tempore patris mei vel meo eam possederunt. Hanc verò concessionem prædictis canonicis pro anima mea et Hawisæ uxoris meæ &c. feci, &c.

NUM. XXI.

Carta Roberti Filii Helix.

[Ibid. p. 307.]

UNIVERSIS &c. Robertus filius Helix salutem. Sciatis me dedisse &c. Deo et sanctæ Fridiswidæ de Oxeneford &c. ecclesiam de Wrmehale cum omnibus ad ipsam pertinentibus in liberam puram et perpetuam elemosinam &c.

NUM. XXII.

Carta Emmæ de Peri.

[Ibid. p. 309.]

NOTUM sit &c. Quod ego Emma de Peri consensi donationi quam Willielmus filius Helix, vir meus et dominus meus, fecit ecclesiæ sanctæ Fridiswidæ de Oxonia &c. de ecclesia de Wrmehale et ejus pertinentiis, &c.

NUM. XXIII.

Carta Roberti Filii Roberti Com. Legrecestre.

[Ibid. p. 313.]

ROBERTUS, filius Roberti comitis Legrecestriæ, omnibus hominibus suis, Francis et Anglis, tam præsentibus quàm futuris, salutem. Sciatis quod ego concedo et præsentem cartam in perpetuam elemosinam confirmo villam Edmetonam cum omnibus pertinentiis suis ecclesiæ sanctæ Fridiswidæ de Oxonia et canonicis ibidem

Deo servientibus, sicut pater meus prædictam villam eidem ecclesiæ concessit, &c.

NUM. XXIV.

Carta Hugonis de Elsefeld.

[Ibid. p. 315.]

OMNIBUS &c. Hugo de Elsefeld, salutem. Sciatis me reddidisse &c. Deo et beatæ Mariæ et sanctæ Fridiswidæ de Oxeneford &c. capellam de Elsefeld quæ ad ecclesiam beatæ Fridiswidæ pertinet &c. et ipsi canonici invenient mihi et capellæ de Elsefeld imperpetuum capellanum qui assiduè ibi sit et capellæ deserviat. Idem etiam canonici concesserunt mihi et capellæ de Elsefeld imperpetuum, ut pauperum quæ in villa de Elsefeld moriuntur corpora in cimiterio capellæ de Elsefeld sepeliantur, et aliorum qui ibi sepeliri voluerint de eadem parochia. T. &c.

NUM. XXV.

Carta Regis Johannis.

[Pat. 5 Hen. V. m. 3, per Inspex.]

JOHANNES Dei gratia rex Angliæ, dominus Hiberniæ, dux Normanniæ et Aquitaniæ, et comes Andegaviæ, archiepiscopis &c. salutem. Sciatis non concessisse et præsentem chartam nostram Deo et ecclesiæ sanctæ Fridiswidæ Oxon, et canonicis ibidem Deo servientibus confirmasse ecclesiam sanctæ Fridiswidæ in Oxon, ubi domus canonicorum prædictorum fundata est, cum capellis et pertinentiis suis et decimis, omnes ecclesias suas alias in Oxon; omnes terras suas in civitate Oxon; et extra villam de Winchedon cum pertinentiis suis, et ecclesiam ejusdem villæ. Duas hidas terræ desuper pontem orientalem Oxon. cum pertinentiis suis. Duas hidas terræ in Cudeslawe cum pertinentiis suis. Edmetonam cum pertinentiis suis. In Tumuleia unam hidam terræ et dimidiam cum pertinentiis suis. Ecclesiam de Wermehale cum pertinentiis suis. Ecclesiam de Fretewell cum pertinentiis suis. Ecclesias de Wallingford cum pertinentiis suis. Terras suas infra burgum de Wallingford, et extra. In Multon, quinque virgatas terræ cum pertinentiis suis. In Hocton, unum molendinum cum pertinentiis suis. In Eton, unum molendinum cum pertinentiis suis. Decimas de dominio de Gersindon. In Drahton unam virgatam terræ cum pertinentiis suis. In Rollanriect tres virgatas terræ et unam cotseclam cum pertinentiis. In Cherchell unam virgatam terræ cum pertinentiis suis, et duas garbas de dominio nomine decimarum, et decimam fœni de eodem dominio. In Coveleia, unam dimidiam hidam terræ cum pertinentiis suis. In Clifton, unam virgatam terræ cum pertinentiis suis. In Elsefeld unam virgatam terræ et tres acras terræ cum pertinentiis suis, et de molendino ejusdem villæ quatuor solidos. Capellam de Eastcot cum pertinentiis suis. Langeleiam, et Wineleseiam, et Hakelingcroft, et Goderichecroft, et Refham, et dimidiam virgatam terræ cum pertinentiis in Hedindon, unam virgatam terræ in Berton, et feriam unam in Oxon. Hæc omnia prædicta et omnes alias donationes quæ prædictis canonicis rationabiliter factæ sunt, eis concedimus et confirmamus in liberam et perpetuam elemosinam, cum omnibus pertinentiis &c. et libertatibus suis, sicut cartæ donatorum rationabiliter testantur. Quare volumus &c. Testibus R. episcopo S. Andreae, Hugone de Gornace, Willielmo de Rupibus, Warino de Glapton, Petro de Pratell, Hugone de Chaucumb. Datum per manum Simonis Wellensis archidiaconi, et Johannis de Grey, apud Cenomaniam, vigesimo nono die Septembris, regni nostri anno primo.

NUM. XXVI.

Prohibitio Regis Henrici III.

[Prynne, Pap. Usurp. tom. ii. p. 381. Pat. 5 Hen. III. m. 4, dorso.]

REX abbatibus de Stanlegge, et de Bordesl', et priori de Stanl. salutem. Sciatis quod venerabilis pater P.

Norwicensis electus publice recognovit coram vener. patribus E. London. P. Wintoniensi, J. Bathoniensi, W. Coventrensi, R. Sarisburiensi, et B. Roffensi episcopis, præsenti etiam domino Linc. et aliis fidelibus de consilio nostro, quod nunquam per ipsum vel mandatum suum, prior et canonici sancti Fritswith Oxon. missi fuerant in possessionem ecclesiæ de Acleya, quam contra nos et iudicium curiæ nostræ injuste detinent occupatam: verum quia, sicut audivimus, prædicti prior et canonici ad tuendum, si possent, intrusionem suam literas domini Papæ ad vos tacita penitus hac veritate impetraverunt, per quas memoratam ecclesiam cum pertinentiis tanquam ipsam canonice fuerint ingressi, retinere nituntur in præjudicium nostrum, et contra possessionem juris nostri quam per iudicium curiæ nostræ contra ipsos dirationabimus, vos rogamus discretioni vestræ mandantes, et in fide qua nobis tenemini firmiter inhibentes, quatenus ad manutenendum prædictorum prioris et conventus malitiam qua nos nituntur exhæredare, nihil statuere velitis unde jus nostrum vel possessio juris nostri nobis adjudicata possit aut debeat retardari: cum suppressa veritate ut diximus literæ prædictæ ad vos sint impetratæ. Nos igitur ne aliquid satuat in præjudicium nostrum, et contra possessionem juris nostri, ut prædictum est, ad dominum Papam, coram prædicto legato, et prædictis episcopis appellavimus et adhuc appellamus. Teste H. apud Westmonasterium, vicesimo die Julii, anno quinto.

NUM. XXVII.

Carta Henrici III. Regis.

[Pat. 5 Hen. V. m. 3, ut supr. per Inspex.]

HENRICUS Dei gratia rex Angliæ, dominus Hiberniæ, et dux Aquitaniæ omnibus ad quos præsentis literæ pervenerint salutem. Sciatis quod pro salute animæ nostræ et animarum antecessorum et successorum nostrorum concessimus pro nobis et hæredibus nostris, dilectis nobis in Christo priori et conventui sanctæ Fritheswidæ Oxon. decem marcas singulis annis percipiendas ad festum sancti Michaelis per manus vicecomitis nostri Oxon. et Berks. qui pro tempore fuerit, de exitibus eorundem comitatum, ad sustentand. quendam capellanum singulis diebus divina celebrantem in prædicta ecclesia in honore beatæ virginis Fretheswidæ, et ad sustentationem quatuor cerarum ardentium de die et nocte circa fere- trum prædictæ virginis in ecclesia supradicta imperpetuum; in cujus rei testimonium has literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste meipso apud Oxon. vicesimo septimo die Martii anno regni nostri quadragesimo octavo.

NUM. XXVIII.

Carta Henrici Lincolniensis Episcopi.

[Kennett, Par. Antiq. p. 374, ex Chartul. S. Fridesw. penes Decanum et Capit. Oxon.]

HENRICUS permissione divina Lincolniensis episcopus dilectis in Christo filiis priori et conventui monasterii S. Frideswidæ Oxon. salutem, gratiam, et benedictionem. Licet super appropriatione ecclesiæ de Acleye, et capellis de Brehull, et Borstall, et Adingrave eidem ut asseritur pertinentibus et annexis, tam diutina quam sumptuosa suborta fuerit quæstio, &c. Nos, ex officii nostri debito, omnem vobis facere justitiam volentes, cum favore volumus juxta appropriationem præfatam quandocunque cedente vel decedente rectore ipsius ecclesiæ nunc incumbente ecclesiam et ipsius possessionem propria auctoritate libere ingredi possitis, et dictam ecclesiam cum suis capellis in usus proprios retinere, et fructus percipere ex iisdem. Proviso tamen quod ecclesia per idoneum canonicum domus vestræ prædictæ prout sede apostolicæ vobis est indultum et antiquitus extitit consuetum deserviat, qui quidem canonicus tanquam vicarius perpetuus a loci diocæsano curam animarum eidem ecclesiæ imminentem percipiet et supportet absque eodem diocæsano nullo modo amovendus, ut ab eadem congrue deserviat in divinis.

Salvis etiam mihi omnibus episcopalibus consuetudinibus et Lincolniensis ecclesiæ dignitate. In cujus rei testimonium præsentibus sigillum nostrum apposuimus.

NUM. XXIX.

Clemens v^{tus}. Papa suscipit Priorem et Conventum Sanctæ Frideswidæ Oxonii sub sua Protectione.

[Rym. Fæd. tom. iii. pp. 214, A.D. 1310, 3 Ed. II.]

CLEMENS episcopus, servus servorum Dei, dilectis filiis . . . priori et conventui monasterii de sancta Frideswyda Oxonii, per priorem soliti gubernari, ordinis sancti Augustini, Lincolniensis diocesis, salutem et apostolicam benedictionem. Cum a nobis petitur quod justum est et honestum, tam vigor æquitatis, quam ordo exigit rationis, ut id, per sollicitudinem officii nostri, ad debitum perducatur effectum. Ea propter, dilecti in Domino filii, vestris justis postulationibus grato concurrentes assensu, personas vestras et locum, in quo estis divino obsequio mancipati, cum omnibus bonis, quæ impræsentiarum rationabiliter possidetis, aut in futurum justis modis, præstante Domino, poteritis adipisci, sub beati Petri et nostra protectione suscipimus. Specialiter autem decimas, terras, domos, ortos, prata, nemora, molendina et alia bona, sicut ea juste et pacifice possidetis, vobis et per vos monasterio vestro auctoritate apostolica confirmamus; salva in prædictis decimis moderatione concilii generalis. Nulli ergo, &c. Dat. Avinion. iiij. nonas Julii, pontificatus nostri anno quinto.

Sub filis sericis flavi, rubeique coloris.

NUM. XXX.

Ordinatio Vicariæ de Acleia.

[Kennett, Paroch. Antiq. p. 455. ex Chartul. S. Frideswidæ Æd. Chr. Oxon.]

UNIVERSIS S. ecclesiæ filiis præsentis literas inspecturis frater Johannes de Litlemore prior domus S. Frideswidæ Oxon. Linc. dioc. et ejusdem loci conventus salutem in omnium Salvatore. Universitati vestræ notum facimus per præsentis quod cum nos præfati prior et conventus ecclesiam de Acleia Linc. dioc. cum capellis suis de Brehull et Borstall, quibus quondam minus juste spoliati fuerunt prædecessores nostri, judicialiter recuperantes, in ejus possessionem canonice reinducti, unum de canonicis nostris, ut olim fuisse dignoscitur, rite electum et ad ejusdem ecclesiæ vicariam præsentatum vicarium legitime institutum accepimus in eadem, de præfata ecclesiæ nostræ et capellarum ejusdem alteragiis ut tenemur congruam portionem reservatam eidem vicario de qua valeat commode sustentari, episcopalia jura solvere, oneraque sibi incumbencia supportare competentius, proportionavimus et in perpetuum rei memoriam scripto mandare curavimus. In primis eidem ordinavimus indifferenter de præfata ecclesia et capellis ejusdem supradictis omnes oblationes quæ quater in anno ab omnibus parochianis, et in nuptiis, purificationibus, sepulturis, anniversariis, in cera, pecunia, ovis, aut fructibus, de jure, consuetudine, aut sponte offeruntur in eisdem: et quartam partem omnium obventionum funeralium dictorum parochianorum alibi quam apud Acleyam sepultorum, quæ de jure veteri vel novo debetur ecclesiæ parochiali. Item decimas lini, canabi, apum, fructuum, et omnium de ortis provenientium, ac universa herieta inanimata. Item omnes decimas animalium quæ aliter quam in pecunia decimari non solent. Item omnes decimas personales in dictis villis provenientes de quæstu eorum qui de mercatura sua vivunt: et prout supradictum de Brehull cum decima aucarum et ovorum. In Aclee et Adyngrave decimam lactis, porcellorum, aucarum et ovorum. In Borstall scilicet lacta et porcellos, aucas, ova tantum de villa non de curia. Ordinavimus eidem vicario nostro tresdecim quarteria bladi boni percipienda de grangiis prædictæ ecclesiæ per annum, videlicet quinque quarteria frumenti, et quinque quarteria ordeï, unum quarterium pisarum de melioribus dicti manerii sui pro potagio suo, et duo quarteria avenarum pro prebenda equi sui,

et decimam fœni de Lathmede pro foragio suo, si vero dictum pratum solitam decimam non reddit aliquo casu, libenter dicto vicario duas carectatas fœni ibidem de manerio nostro illo anno, et carragium ad hæc omnia de manerio ecclesiæ nostræ prædictæ, et duas carectatas straminis singulis annis. Assignavimus et eidem vicario nostro unam placeam contiguam tenemento Willielmi de Medhull latitudine quinquaginta pedum, et extendentem se a placea in longitudine usque ad finem crofti nostri ad ædificandum sibi mansum competentem sump- tibus nostris in eadem. In cujus rei testimonium, &c. Dat. Oxon. in capitulo nostro in festo S. Michaelis, anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo quadragesimo tertio.

NUM. XXXI.

Mandatum Archiepiscopi Cantuar. Querelam Conventus S. Frideswidæ Oxon. continens contra Priorem.

[Ex Reg. Islip. fol. 189 b. Wilk. Concil. tom. iii. p. 51.]

REVERENDISSIMO in Christo patri, ac domino suo, dom. Simoni Dei gratia Cant. archiepiscopo, totius Angliæ primati, et apostolicæ sedis legato suus humilis et devotus . . . Officialis Lincoln. sede vacante, per vos legitime deputatus, reverentiam et honorem debit. tanto patri. Mandatum vestrum recepi xii. cal. Januar. A.D. infrascripto. 'Simon, etc. discreto viro officiali nostro Lincoln. sede episcopali ibidem jam vacante, per nos legitime deputato, salutem, gratiam, et benedictionem. Querelam religiosorum virorum subprioris et conventus prioratus sanctæ Frideswidæ Oxon. dictæ Lincoln. diœc. gravem recepimus; continentem, quod quidam frater Nicolaus de Hungerford priorem dicti prioratus se præ- tendens, bona ejusdem prioratus adeo graviter dilapida- vit et consumpsit continue, ac de diebus in dies dilapidat et consumit, quod nisi celeriter adhibeatur remedium, idem prioratus per ipsum fratrem Nicolaum priorem præ- tensum ejusdem ad irreparabilis dissolutionis oppro- brium in proximo deduceretur: qui non solum rerum, ut præmittitur, verum etiam famæ suæ prodigus, et propriæ salutis immemor existens, vitam duxit diutius enormiter dissolutam, et adhuc ducere non desistit; oc- casioneque præmissorum et alias fuerunt et sunt quam- plurima tam in capite, ut præmittitur, quam aliunde in prioratu prædicto corrigenda, ac debite reformanda; præsertim cum ibidem periclitetur religio, regularis di- minuatur devotio, bonaque et redditus, unde canonici dicti prioratus sustentari, et cætera onera ejusdem sup- portari deberent, temere dissipentur; quodque pars re- ligiosorum virorum prædictorum coram vobis congruis loco et tempore sufficienter comparens, et præmissa vobis seriatim exponens, a vobis, sibi et prioratui præ- dicto, juxta negotii qualitatem et naturam, prout ex officii vestri debito tenebamini, de remedio congruo pro- videri, plenamque justitiam in præmissis fieri cum in- stantia debita postulavit. Vos tamen partem ipsam sic effectualiter petentem exaudire non curastis, sed plus debito distulistis minus juste; unde pars eorundem reli- giosorum virorum ad nos competenter accedens, sibi super hoc de remedio provideri petiit opportuno. No- lentes igitur sibi in sua deesse justitia, sicuti nec debemus, vobis firmiter injungendo mandamus, quatenus, si est ita, parti ipsorum religiosorum virorum infra xv. dierum spatium a tempore receptionis præsentium continue numerand. faciatis in præmissis justitiæ complementum; alioquin citetis, seu citari faciatis peremptorie præfatum fratrem Nicolaum, priorem supradictum, quod compa- reat coram nobis seu nostro commissario, octavo die juridico post lapsum dictorum xv. dierum, ubicunque in nostris civitate, diœc. seu provincia tunc fuerimus, in dictæ querelæ negotio processuri, facturique ulterius et recepturi, juxta ipsius negotii qualitatem et naturam, quod justitia suadebit. De die vero receptionis præsen- tium, et quid in præmissis feceritis, nos vel nostrum commissarium, dictis die et loco certificetis per vestras literas patentes, harum seriem continentes. Dat. apud Maghfeld xviii. cal. Januar. A.D. 1362, et nostræ con- secrat. xiii.' Post cujus mandati receptionem fueram ex parte religiosorum subprioris et conventus cum in-

stantia requisitus, quod partes meas interponerem, justi- tiamque facerem in præmissis, juxta vim, formam, et effectum ejusdem mandati vestri, ac qualitatem negotii et naturam. Verum quia arduis negotiis aliis præpedi- tus huic negotio intendere non valeo quovismodo, præ- dictum fratrem Nicolaum citari feci, quod compareat coram vobis vel vestro commissario, octavo die juridico post lapsum dictorum xv. dierum, ubicunque in vestris civitate et diœc. seu provincia tunc fueritis, in dictæ querelæ negotio processuri, facturique in omnibus et recepturi, quod tenor ejusdem mandati vestri exigit et requirit; volens et consentiens, quod vos per vos, alium seu alios negotium prædictum tam ad instantiam, quam ex officio audiatis, discutiatis, et fine debito terminetis cum omnibus suis emergentibus, contingentibus, et con- nexis, juxta juris exigentiam, ipsiusque negotii qualita- tem et naturam in omnibus et per omnia prout ego pos- sem seu deberem. Dat. Lincoln. xi. cal. Januar. A.D. supradicto.

NUM. XXXII.

Ejusdem Mandatum de Visitatione Conventus S. Frides- widæ.

[Ex Reg. Islip. ut supr. Wilk. Concil. tom. iii. p. 52.]

SIMON, &c. venerabilibus viris magistris Johanni Renham cancellario universitatis Oxon. Linc. diœc. Willielmo Duranitas custodi aulæ seu collegii de Mer- ton in eadem, et officiali archidiaconi Oxon. salutem, gratiam, et benedictionem. Cum frater Nicolaus de Hungerford, prior prioratus monasterii sive ecclesiæ sanctæ Frideswidæ Oxon. Lincoln. diœc. sede episcopali ibidem jam vacante, fuerit et sit tam super dilapidatione bonorum dictæ ecclesiæ, per ipsum, ut dicitur, nequiter consumptorum, quam aliis suis gravibus excessibus et enormibus in suum et sui ordinis scandalum, et dictæ ecclesiæ, sive prioratus prædicti dissolutionem et detri- mentum manifestum, ut asseritur, commissis per eun- dem, penes nos graviter diffamatus; quorum occasione et alias fuerunt et sunt quamplurima tam in capite, ut præmittitur, quam in membris, et aliunde in ipso prio- ratu corrigenda notorie, et debite reformanda; præser- tim cum ibidem periclitetur religio, regularis diminuatur devotio, bonaque et redditus prioratus antedicti, unde idem prioratus et canonici ejusdem sustentari, et onera ejusdem incumbentia supportari deberent, temere, ut accepimus, dissipentur. Nos, ad quem reformatio dicti prioratus tam in capite, quam in membris, ut præfertur, et correctio præmissorum cum suis emergentibus, de- pendentibus, et connexis pertinent, et pertinere noscun- tur ista vice, plenaque potestas atque jurisdictio in hac parte fuerunt, et sunt legitime devolutæ dictum priora- tum tam in capite, quam in membris debite visitari, plenamque veritatem inquiri de præmissis debere, tam ex nostro officio, quam de parte dicti prioris, subprioris, et conventus prioratus antedicti expresso consensu de- crevinus, justitia exigente. Vobis igitur communiter et cuilibet vestrum divisim committimus et mandamus, firmiter injungentes, quatenus præfatos priorem, sub- priorem, et conventum, singularesque personas ejusdem præmuniatis seu citetis, præmuniri seu citari faciatis peremptorie, quod compareant coram nobis seu nostris in hac parte commissariis, secundo die juridico post fes- tum S. Hilarii prox. futurum, cum continuatione et pro- rogatione dierum tunc sequentium, in domo capitulari dicti prioratus, quodque eisdem die et loco personaliter intersint, visitationem nostram hujusmodi, per nos seu commissarios nostros faciendum, juxta juris exigentiam subituri, inquisitionemque in hac parte capiendam vi- suri, facturique ulterius et recepturi in toto hujusmodi visitationis negotio, quod justum fuerit, et canonicis convenit institutis, qualitasque et natura ipsius negotii exigit et requirit. Et quid in præmissis feceritis, nos seu dictos nostros commissarios dictis die et loco certifi- cetis per literas vestras patentes, harum seriem nomina- que et cognomina omnium et singulorum canonicorum dicti prioratus, in hac parte citatorum, serius conti- nentes; seu certificet ille vestrum per suas, qui præsens nostrum mandatum fuerit executus, sigillo autentico vel

signo alicujus notarii publici consignat. Dat. apud Maghfeld, iii. non. Januar. A.D. 1362, et nostræ consecrat. xiv.

NUM. XXXIII.

Bulla Clementis Septimi Papæ de Auctoritate suppressendi Monasteria, ad annum Redditum trium Millium Ducatorum, eademque Collegio Sanctæ Frediswidæ Oxoniæ uniendi.

[Rym. Fæd. tom. xiv. p. 23, A.D. 1524, 16 Hen. VIII. ex originali.]

CLEMENS episcopus, servus servorum Dei, dilecto filio Thomæ tituli sanctæ Cecilie presbytero cardinali in regno Angliæ nostro et apostolicæ sedis legato, salutem et apostolicam benedictionem. Dudum considerantes saluberrimos fructus et Christi fidelibus pernecessarios ex literarum studiis provenire, et quod Universitas Studii generalis Oxoniensis ob penuriam reddituum propemodum extinctum iri videbatur, ac cupientes ut studium ipsum decenter continuari et incrementum suscipere posset, motu proprio et ex certa scientia circumpectioni tuæ in monasterio, per priorem gubernari solito, sanctæ Fridiswidæ ordinis sancti Augustini Lincolniensis diocesis, quod in ipsius universitatis mediotullio existit, si ad hoc carissimi in Christo filii nostri Henrici Angliæ regis illustris accederet assensus, nomen monasterii et dignitatem prioratus, necnon ordinem hujusmodi et dependentiam auctoritate nostra penitus supprimendi et canonicorum inibi degentium personas ad alia loca ejusdem ordinis transferendi, necnon, suppressis monasterii nomine, dignitate, ordine et dependentia hujusmodi nomen Collegii Clericorum Secularium imponendi et collegium hujusmodi instituendi ac illi omnes et singulos ipsius sic tunc suppressi monasterii, fructus, redditus, proventus, et bona, ad effectum ut personæ ydoneæ, pro ratione facultatum dicti loci, in eodem loco instituendæ, partim publicis lectionibus astrictæ liberales artes ad commodum studentium profiterentur et aliis interpretarentur, partim ecclesiæ dicti loci intendentes divinis inservirent perpetuo, applicandi et appropriandi, et alia circa ea necessaria faciendi, plenam auctoritate apostolica concessimus facultatem, prout in nostris desuper confectis Litteris plenius continetur.

Cum autem, sicut accepimus, fructus, redditus, proventus, et bona prædicta pro competenti restauratione et manutentione dictæ Universitatis ac sustentatione doctorum, eruditioni scoliarum insudantium, non sufficiant, nec absque ingenti murmure et indignatione incolarum dicti regni possessiones et prædia emi et isto collegio applicari possint, sintque in partibus illis nonnulla tam virorum quam mulierum monasteria, in quibus vix quinque aut forte sex personæ regularem vitam professæ moram trahunt, ita ut ob raritatem religiosarum personarum inibi degentium divino cultui decenter ut par est in illis vacari non potest, nos, cupientes felici statui dictæ Universitatis et divino cultui in dictis monasteriis salubriter providere, circumpectioni tuæ, de qua pro sui ingenii dignitate et morum integritate plenam in Domino fiduciam obtinemus, motu simili, non ad alicujus nobis super hoc oblata petitionis instantiam, sed de nostra mera deliberatione et ex certa scientia, ac de apostolicæ potestatis plenitudine, in aliis uno duobus vel pluribus et tot tam virorum quam mulierum sancti Benedicti vel sancti Augustini et cujusvis alterius etiam Cluniacensium, Cisterciensium, Grandimontensium vel Præmonstratensium ordinis monasteriis, quorum insimul fructus, redditus, et proventus ultra valorem annum dicti monasterii sanctæ Fridiswidæ trium millium ducatorum auri de camera, secundum communem estimationem valorem annum non excedant, si ad hoc præfati Henrici regis fidei defensoris, et, si extant, fundatorum ipsorum monasteriorum, seu eorum successorum accesserit assensus, nominibus monasteriorum et dignitatibus abbatialibus et abbatissalibus seu aliarum dignitatum superiorum, necnon officiis conventualibus et dependentiis et ordinibus apostolica auctoritate penitus suppressis et extinctis, ac canonicorum et monachorum, necnon monialium et aliorum inibi degentium personis, ad alia monasteria sive loca regularia ejusdem seu alterius ordi-

nis, prout tibi magis expedire videbitur, translatis, omnes et singulos ipsorum tunc sic suppressorum monasteriorum fructus, redditus, proventus, et bona, quæ omnia pro expressis haberi volumus, ad effectus præmissos, perpetuo applicandi et appropriandi, alia quoque augmento, utilitati et conservationi dictæ Universitatis in præmissis et circa ea necessaria seu quomodolibet opportuna faciendi, statuendi, et exequendi plenam et liberam, tenore præsentium, licentiam concedimus et facultatem, ipsasque Litteras ad hoc extendimus et ampliamus, non obstantibus quibusvis apostolicis ac Octonis et Octoboni olim in regno Angliæ apostolicæ sedis legatorum, necnon in provincialibus et synodalibus conciliis editis generalibus vel specialibus constitutionibus et ordinationibus, necnon monasteriorum et ordinum hujusmodi juramento, confirmatione apostolica vel quavis firmitate alia roboratis statutis et consuetudinibus, privilegiis quoque et indultis ac litteris apostolicis et in forma brevis monasteriis et ordinibus hujusmodi sub quibuscumque tenoribus et formis etiam per modum statuti et ordinationis perpetuorum et cum quibusvis etiam derogatoriis derogatoriis fortioribus et insolitis clausulis ac irritantibus et aliis decretis, etiam motu simili et ex certa scientia ac de apostolicæ potestatis plenitudine, etiam per nos et sedem eandem etiam iteratis vicibus concessis, confirmatis, et innovatis etiamsi in illis caveatur expresse quod illis etiam per quascumque litteras apostolicas nullatenus derogari possit, nisi in litteris quæ eis derogare viderentur illorum omnium tenores de verbo ad verbum inserentur et expresse appareret Romanum pontificem illis voluisse derogare, ac causa urgens et sufficiens exprimat, et alias certis modis et formis observatis, quibus omnibus (illorum tenores ac si de verbo ad verbum inserti, et forma in illis tradita observata foret, præsentibus pro expressis habentes) illis alias in suo robore permansuris hac vice dumtaxat, specialiter et expresse motu, scientia, et potestate similibus derogamus, cæterisque contrariis quibuscumque. Datum Romæ apud sanctum Petrum, anno incarnationis Domini millesimo quingentesimo vigesimo quarto, tertio idus Septembris, pontificatus nostri anno primo.

JO. MATTHEUS GIBERTUS.

Super plicam,

A. DE CASTILLO.

Sigillo avulso.

NUM. XXXIV.

Litteræ Regis Henrici Octavi de Assensu suo pro Suppressione Monasteriorum in superiore Bulla Papæ Clementis Septimi designatorum.

[Ibid. tom. xiv. p. 32, A.D. 1525. Pat. 16 H. VIII. p. 2, m. 22, dor.]

REX dilectis sibi, Johanni Aleyn, clerico, Johanni Skewse et Johanni Seynclere, salutem. Cum sanctissimus in Christo pater dominus Clemens, divina providentia papa septimus, pia consideratione motus ut Studium Oxon, quod propter reddituum exilitatem pro doctorum et lectorum, ad juniorum informationem inibi laborantium, sustentatione indies deficere et propemodum extinctum ire videbatur, non modo decentius continuari sed et incrementum aliquod accipere posset, reverendissimo in Christo patri domino Thomæ sacrosanctæ ecclesiæ Romanæ presbytero cardinali Eborum, ipsiusque sanctissimi domini nostri et apostolicæ sedis ad nos et regnum nostrum Angliæ, ac omnes ac singulas provincias illi adjacentes de latere legato, Angliæ primati et cancellario, ac nostro primo et prædilecto consiliario, per suas sub plumbo litteras licentiam et facultatem concesserit non solum monasterium canonicorum regularium sanctæ Fridiswidæ ordinis sancti Augustini Lincolniensi diocese, in ipso oppido Oxoniæ situatum, sed et alia nonnulla, sive virorum sive mulierum, tam ejusdem quam sancti Benedicti et cujusvis alterius, etiam Cluniacensium, Cisterciensium, Grandimontensium, vel Præmonstratensium ordinum, monasteria et loca religiosa, si ad hoc noster accesserit assensus, penitus supprimendi, et quascumque personas religiosas, cujuscumque ordinis inibi degentes, ad alia monasteria sive loca ejusdem ordinis sive alterius cujuscumque transferendi, at-

que, suppresso nomine dicti monasterii sanctæ Frediswidæ, eidem loco nomen *Collegii Secularis* de novo imponendi, hujusmodi monasteriorum et locorum religiosorum, nominibus ac dignitatibus, abbatialibus et abbatissalibus seu aliarum dignitatum, necnon officiis conventualibus et dependentiis ac ipsis ordinibus suppressis et extinctis, necnon canonicorum, monachorum, sive monialium, et aliorum inibi degentium personis ad alia monasteria sive loca religiosa translatis, omnes et singulos fructus, redditus, et proventus, ac bona hujusmodi monasteriorum et locorum suppressorum dicto Collegio Seculari perpetuo applicandi et appropriandi, prout in ipsis literis sanctissimi domini nostri plenius continetur et liquet; cumque nos ad piam intensionem præfati sanctissimi domini nostri mentis nostræ intuitum dirigentes, et eam non solum ad hujus regni nostri decorem sed ad studentium profectum non modicum, ac etiam ad ecclesiæ catholicæ et fidei Christianæ corroboracionem plurimum conferre firmiter opinantes, omnibus et singulis

sanctissimum dominum nostrum in suis hujusmodi literis comprehensis, nostrum pro nobis et hæredibus ac successoribus nostris, per literas nostras patentes, magno sigillo nostro sigillatas, ex certa scientia et mera liberalitate nostris præbuerimus, prout etiam per præsentem, nostrum plenum et liberum præbemus assensum, cupiamusque tam ad plenum, integrum et inviolabilem perducere effectum; vos igitur omnes et singulos et quemlibet vestrum, conjunctim et divisim ad omnia et singula in p et cætera ea ex mandato seu commissione præfati reverendissimi domini cardinalis et legati, faciendum, exequendum, et perimplendum per præsentem habilitamus, approbamus, et auctorizamus, ac plenam et sufficientem auctoritatem, facultatem, et potestatem concedimus, etiamsi majora fuerint hiis quæ superius sunt expressa.

Damus autem universis et singulis majoribus, vicecomitibus, escaetoribus, præpositis, ballivis, ministris, et omnibus aliis officiariis et ligeis nostris, tenore præsentium, firmiter in mandatis, quod vobis in executione præmissorum obedientes sint, assistentes et auxiliantes in omnibus, prout decet. In cujus, &c. Teste rege apud Westmonasterium, septimo die Januarii.

NUM. XXXV.

Litteræ Regis Henrici Octavi pro Suppressione Monasterii Sanctæ Frideswidæ Canonicorum Sancti Augustini in Universitate Oxoniensi; in quibus Bulla Clementis Septimi Papæ recitatur.

[Ibid. p. 15, A.D. 1524. Pat. 16 H. VIII. p. 2, m. 2.]

Rex omnibus ad quos &c. salutem. Inspeximus bullam sanctissimi domini nostri Clementis ejus nominis, divina providentia, papæ septimi, ad reverendissimum in Christo patrem Thomam, miseratione divina, tituli sanctæ Cecilie trans Tiberim sacrosanctæ Romanæ ecclesiæ presbiterum cardinalem, Eborum archiepiscopum, et apostolicæ sedis legatum, necnon felicitis recordationis Leonis nuper papæ decimi et Adriani papæ sexti, ac etiam sanctissimi domini nostri Clementis, divina providentia, hujus nominis papæ septimi moderni, dictæque sedis ad nos, regnumque nostrum Angliæ ac omnes et singulas ipsius regni nostri provincias, civitates, terras, atque loca illi subjecta et alia illi adjacentia ad vitam suam etiam de latere legatum, episcopum Dunelmensem, exemptique monasterii sancti Albani commendatorium perpetuum, Angliæ primatem et Cancellarium nostrum, per nomen dilecti filii Thomæ tituli sanctæ Cecilie presbiteri cardinalis in regno Angliæ sui et apostolicæ sedis legati transmissam plumbo sigillatam et datam Romæ apud sanctum Petrum, anno incarnationis Dominicæ millesimo quingentesimo vicesimo quarto, tertio nonas Aprilis, pontificatus ejusdem anno primo, cujus tenor sequitur in hæc verba:

“CLEMENS episcopus, servus servorum Dei dilecto filio Thomæ tituli sanctæ Cecilie presbitero cardinali in regno Angliæ nostro et apostolicæ sedis legato, salutem

et apostolicam benedictionem. Quoniam per literarum studia viri bonis moribus imbuuntur, humiles extolluntur, studiosi, spiritu sapientiæ et intellectus suffusi, gerendis seriem, ac cæteris opem concilii afferunt sanioris, dignum censemus ut hujusmodi studiis vacantibus favores gratiosos et opportuna commoditatum auxilia liberaliter impendamus. Cum itaque circumspectio tua, in partem sollicitudinis a sede apostolica vocata, sicut in humanis adhuc agens, consilio, prudentia, et auctoritate sedem hanc honorare, ac eandem hæresibus undequaque impetitam illibatam conservare, fidemque Christianam tueri studuisti, honoras^a construas quantumque tueris; ita, quo magis a Domino, ad animæ tuæ salutem, promerearis, literarum et eruditionis, quæ unicum fidei et religionis præsidium sunt, in collegio, per circumspectiōnem tuam in alma Achademia Oxoniensi construendo, sedem perpetuam ponere et constabilire intendis, nos igitur præsentium temporum calamitate edocti quantum religionis et fidei retulerit orthodoxæ sana scientiarum studia constitui, sanctumque proinde animi tui propositum ad effectum perducere cupientes, ac de ingenii tui claritate, providentia, ac morum integritate, aliisque virtutum donis, quibus mirum in modum insignitus es, confidentes, motu proprio, non ad alicujus nobis super hoc oblata petitionis instantiam, sed de nostra mera deliberatione ac certa scientia, circumspeditioni tuæ in monasterio, per priorem gubernari solito, sanctæ Frediswidæ, ordinis sancti Augustini Lincolniensi diocese, quod in ipsius universitatis medietate existit, si ad hoc carissimi in Christo filii nostri Henrici Angliæ regis illustris accesserit assensus, nomen monasterii et dignitatem prioratus necnon ordinem hujusmodi et dependentiam auctoritate nostra supprimendi penitus et extinguendi, ac canonicorum inibi degentium personas ad alia monasteria sive loca ejusdem ordinis transferendi, necnon, suppressis monasterii nomine, dignitate, ordine, et dependentia hujusmodi, nomen collegii clericorum secularium imponendi, et collegium hujusmodi instituendi, ac illi omnes et singulos ipsius tunc sic suppressi monasterii fructus, redditus, proventus et bona, quæ omnia præsentibus pro expressis haberi volumus, ad effectum ut personæ idoneæ pro ratione facultatum dicti loci in eodem loco instituendæ, partim publicis lectionibus astrictæ liberales artes ac commodum studentium profiteantur et aliis interpretentur, partim ecclesiæ dicti loci intendentes divinis inserviant, perpetuo applicandi et appropriandi, aliaque prout tibi commodo dictæ universitatis videbitur, in præmissis et circa ea necessaria faciendi, statuendi, ac etiam sub censuris et pœnis ecclesiasticis exequendi, plenam et liberam auctoritatem tenore præsentium concedimus, non obstantibus apostolicis ac bonæ memoriæ Ottonis et Ottoboni olim in regno Angliæ apostolicæ sedis legatorum ac in provincialibus et sinodalibus conciliis editis generalibus vel specialibus constitutionibus et ordinationibus, necnon monasterii et ordinis prædictorum juramento, confirmatione apostolica et quavis firmitate alia roboratis statutis et consuetudinibus, ac eidem monasterio et ordini sub quibuscumque tenoribus et formis ac cum quibusvis clausulis et decretis concessis privilegiis et indultis apostolicis, quibus illorum tenores præsentibus pro expressis habentes, illis alias in suo robore permansuris, hac vice dumtaxat specialiter et expresse motu simili derogamus, cæterisque contrariis quibuscumque. Dat. Romæ apud sanctum Petrum anno incarnationis Dominicæ millesimo quingentesimo vicesimo quarto, tertio nonas Aprilis pontificatus nostri anno primo.”

Nos vero attentius considerantes piam et sanctam mentem beatissimi domini nostri papæ antedicti ut in bulla prædicta continetur, quod nomen monasterii et dignitas prioratus sanctæ Frediswidæ ordinis sancti Augustini, necnon ordo hujusmodi cum omni ejusdem dependentia, per prædictum reverendum in Christo patrem supprimatur et extinguatur, ac canonicorum inibi degentium personæ ad alia loca sive monasteria ejusdem ordinis transferantur; etiam considerantes concessionem bullæ prædictæ per sanctissimum dominum nos-

trum antedictum non in aliam intentionem factam fuisse quam ut fructus, redditus, proventus, et bona monasterii sic suppressi in meliorem et commodiorem usum convertantur, et omnino cupientes ut tam pius sanctissimi domini nostri affectus suum plenum, integrum, et inviolabilem consequatur effectum, ex mero motu, gratia nostra speciali ac ex certa scientia nostra plenum et integrum assensum nostrum regium dedimus et concessimus, ac per præsentes damus et concedimus ut prædictus reverendissimus in Christo pater, virtute et vigore bullæ prædictæ et ex nostro pleno assensu, nomen monasterii et dignitatem prioratus sanctæ Frideswidæ ordinis sancti Augustini prædictæ, necnon ordinem hujusmodi, cum omni ejusdem dependentia, suppressere, extinguere, et canonicorum ibidem degentium personas ad alia monasteria sive loca ejusdem ordinis transferre possit et valeat, ad intentionem quod idem reverendissimus in Christo pater nomen *Collegii Clericorum Secularium* ibidem, de licentia et auctoritate nostris imponat et hujusmodi collegium inde institui faciat omnibus et singulis quoad institutionem collegii prædicti, necnon ad erectionem et foundationem ejusdem quæ in ea parte requiruntur auctoritate nostra concurrentibus.

Et ulterius sciatis, quod nos, de gratia nostra speciali, tam impetrationem prædictæ bullæ, quam etiam præsentationem, exhibitionem, acceptationem sive receptionem ejusdem et executionem approbamus et ratificamus, omnia grata, rata et firma, ac etiam ut juri nostræ coronæ et prærogativæ nostræ consona habentes et reputantes, quæcumque a quocumque, circa dictæ bullæ impetrationem, exhibitionem, acceptationem, executionem, aut usum, gesta, facta, executata, dicta seu quomodolibet procurata fuerint, declarantes nostræ intentionis esse ne quis justiciariorum escaetorum, ballivorum, vicecomitum, coronatorum, aut ministrorum nostrorum, hæredum aut successorum, seu quævis alia persona deinceps et imposterum, ullo quæsito colore nostræ prærogativæ aut coronæ nostræ, dictæ bullæ impetrationem, exhibitionem, acceptationem, executionem, aut usum ejusdem impugnare aut impedire præsumant, aut hujusmodi vel quocumque alio prætextu seu occasione forisfacturæ, pœnæ, aut commissi nomine, vel quavis alia ex causa, re, vel materia, aliquid nomine nostro, hæredum aut successorum nostrorum, aut alias petere, exigere, aut vendicare, licet idem monasterium de foundatione nostra sive alicujus progenitorum nostrorum, aut cujusvis alterius foundatione existat, eo quod expressa mentio de vero valore annuo, aut de certitudine præmissorum, sive aliquo alio valore vel eorum alicujus, aut aliis donis sive concessionibus, per nos aut aliquem progenitorum nostrorum, præfato reverendissimo domino Cardinali ante hæc tempora factis, in præsentibus minime facta existit, aut aliquo statuto, actu, ordinatione, aut provisione, et specialiter Statuto de terris et teneamentis ad manum mortuam non ponendis, et Statuto de provisionibus inde in contrarium factis, editis, ordinatis, sive provis, aut aliqua alia re, causa et materia quacumque in aliquo non obstantibus. Et quoniam animi id nostri intentionisque sit omnibus quibuscumque modis providere, ut concessionibus nostræ prædictæ, præfato reverendissimo in Christo patri factæ, adversus insidiantium, calumpniantium, tergiversantium et repugnantium conatus, astutias, et calliditates, omnesque objectiones, allegationes, et exceptiones, quacumque ex causa competentes, et per quemcumque deinceps proponendas, firmæ semper maneant et inconcussæ, suamque vim integram conservent et illibatam in jure judiciisque omnino optineant et admittantur, plenissimum denique et validissimum consequantur effectum. Volumus insuper et concedimus quod si præfata literæ nostræ, in aliqua parte earumdem, ratione omissionis, transpositionis, aut immutationis quarumcumque clausularum, sententiarum, verborum, literarum, diversave aut indebita nominum aut locorum nominatione, appellatione aut aliquos defectus in eisdem contigerit aliquo unquam tempore inveniri in futurum, sicque literæ hujusmodi in materia, forma, modo, ordine, scriptura, data, aut alio modo quocumque necesse habeant immutari, corrigi, aut reformari, deque novo fieri, conscribi, et sigillari, ex tunc cancella-

rius noster Angliæ, hæredum et successorum nostrorum qui pro tempore fuerit, harum literarum patentium virtute, mandato, et waranto, potestatem habeat et auctoritatem, ad petitionem, requisitionem, et prosecutionem prædicti reverendissimi in Christo patris, hæredum et successorum suorum aliorumque quorumcumque quos hæc nostra concessio quovismodo tanget, præsentes literas reformare, corrigere, addere, diminueri, detrahere, in melioremque efficaciorum et validiorem modum et formam, prout casus exiget, qui pro parte prædicti reverendissimi in Christo patris, hæredum et successorum suorum aliorumque quos hæc nostra concessio tanget, facere videbuntur et secundum eas judicare erga et contra nos, hæredes et successores nostros, prout melius sciri poterit et intelligi, non obstante aliqua omissione, defectu, negligentia, repugnantia sive contrarietate in eisdem; et insuper de uberiori gratia nostra et liberalitate ac munificentia, singulari affectione propensoque animo quem erga dictum reverendissimum in Christo patrem, ac etiam præfati collegii erectionem, fundationem et stabilimentum gerimus, necnon ob egregia ejus in nos, regnumque nostrum præstita officia, ac alias justas et rationabiles causas nos, animumque nostrum in hac parte moventes, prædicto reverendissimo in Christo patri, omnia et singula feoda, fines, et pecuniarum summas quascumque pro præmissis aut præmissorum aut alicujus eorundem occasione, nobis, hæredibus aut successoribus nostris debita sive debenda, et quæcumque a nobis, hæredibus et successoribus nostris aliisque quibuscumque, eorundem vel alicujus eorum prætextu, in cancellaria nostra, hanaperio, scaccario aut alibi peti, requiri, demandari aut exigi poterunt, libere, plene et integre dedimus et concessimus, damus et concedimus per præsentes, indeque prædictum reverendissimum in Christo patrem, hæredes et successores suos, ac alios quoscumque, quos hæc nostra concessio quovis modo tanget acquietamus et liberamus, quietos et liberos dimittimus per præsentes, nolentes quod prædictus reverendissimus in Christo pater hæredes et successores sui quicumque ea de causa molestentur, inquietentur, aut in aliquo graventur, sed quod cancellarius noster Angliæ, thesaurarius et barones scaccarii nostri, clericus hanaperii, ac cæteri officarii et ministri nostri quicumque, a prædictis feodorum, finium, et aliorum solvi debitorum aut consuetorum pro præmissis aut aliquo præmissorum, petitione, exactione, vel levatione, sint apud nos, hæredes et successores nostros, per has literas nostras penitus et totaliter acquietati et exonerati, absque aliquo alio brevi, mandato, sive waranto nostro, hæredum vel successorum nostrorum, pro præmissis aut aliquo præmissorum proseguendo, fiendo, habendo, aut in hanaperio nostro sive cancellaria nostra aut aliquibus aliis curiis nostris aut alibi exhibendo. Volumusque et mandamus quod super hujusmodi nostris concessionibus præsentes literæ nostræ patentes aliæque deinceps corrigendæ et reformandæ, si quas tales fieri contigerint, fiant, expediantur, sigillantur, et tradantur prædicto reverendissimo in Christo patri, hæredibus, successoribus, executoribus, et assignatis suis, absque aliquo fine sive feodo magno vel parvo nobis in cancellaria nostra sive in hanaperio nostro seu alibi solvendo seu faciendo; eo quod expressa mentio, &c. In cujus, &c. Teste rege apud Westmonasterium decimo die Maii.

NUM. XXXVI.

Literæ Regis Henrici Octavi, de Fundatione Collegii Cardinalis pro Monasterio Sanctæ Frideswidæ Oxoniæ suppresso.

[Ibid. p. 39, A.D. 1525. Pat. 17 H. VIII. p. 2, m. 23.]

REX omnibus ad quos, &c. salutem. Cum reverendissimus in Christo pater Thomas, miseratione divina, tituli sanctæ Cecilie trans Tiberim sacrosanctæ Romanæ ecclesiæ bresbyter cardinalis, Eborum archiepiscopus, apostolicæ sedis legatus, necnon felicis recordationis Leonis nuper papæ decimi, et Adriani papæ sexti, ac etiam sanctissimi domini nostri Clementis, divina provi-

dentia, hujus nominis papæ septimi moderni, dictæque sedis ad nos et regnum Angliæ ac omnes et singulas ipsius regni nostri provincias, civitates, terras, atque loca illis subjecta, atque alia illi adjacentia ad vitam suam etiam de latere legatus, episcopus Dunelmensis, exemptique monasterii sancti Albani commendatarius perpetuus, ipsiusque regni nostri Angliæ primas et cancellarius, ad laudem et honorem individuae Trinitatis et sacratissimæ Mariæ virginis ac beatæ Frediswidæ et Omnium Sanctorum, hæresium errorumque omnium extirpationem, fideique orthodoxæ propagationem multiplicem, bonorum studiorum et morum incrementum non modicum, publicam denique regni nostri utilitatem, ultro et ex propria liberalitate ac munificentia, nec sine gravissimo suo sumptu et impensis, Collegium quoddam bonorum studiorum, tam divini cultus perpetua in eodem et continua observatione, quam viris probis et doctrina præstentibus, insigne, in quodam fundo, terra, situ, circuitu sive præcinctu nuper monasterii sive prioratus sanctæ Frediswidæ, in alma universitate Oxoniensi situati, et jamdudum per eundem reverendissimum in Christo patrem, virtute et vigore cujusdam bullæ sanctissimi domini nostri Clementis antedicti papæ septimi, de data Romæ apud sanctum Petrum anno incarnationis Dominicæ millesimo quingentesimo vicesimo quarto, tertio nonas Aprilis, pontificatus ejusdem anno primo, ac etiam literarum nostrarum patentium regii assensus nostri præfato reverendissimo in Christo patri concessarum, de data apud Westmonasterium, decimo nono die mensis Aprilis, anno regni nostri decimo quinto, suppressi et extincti, ratione cujus suppressionis et extinctionis prædictæ, prætextu bullæ et literarum nostrarum patentium antedictarum factæ, fundus, situs, circuitus, et præcinctus dicti nuper monasterii ad manus nostras inter alia devenerunt, prout per inquisitiones inde factas et in cancellariam nostram retornatas ac ibidem remanentes plenius liquet de recordo, quæ fundum, terram, situm, circuitum, sive præcinctum prædicti nuper monasterii sive prioratus prædicti, cum omni ejusdem dependentia, per alias literas nostras patentes, de data apud Westmonasterium, primo die mensis Julii, anno regni nostri decimo septimo, præfato reverendissimo in Christo patri, hæredibus et assignatis suis, imperpetuum dedimus et concessimus, virtute cujus idem reverendissimus in Christo pater fuit et ad præsens est seisitus in dominico suo ut de feodo instituere, fundare, facere, creare et stabilire, ac erigere conetur et intendat, hoc unum spectans ut, non sine reipublicæ Christianæ commodo maximo, hujus vero regni nostri ornamento et decore futuro, Christiana pubes ab ineunte ætate una cum lacte purum illum, ac sincerum Christum, sanctosque mores mentibus imbibat; denique ut maxima quæque virtus et candidissimum quodque ingenium recta in dicto collegio institutione formetur, doctrina excolatur, et multipharia eruditione reddatur præpolitum. Atque hac in re tam pia, justa et sancta ad suum plenum et integrum et inviolabilem effectum perducenda nostrum ex intimo cordis affectu auxilium imploret et auctoritatem, nos tot et tantis hujus reverendissimi in Christo patris in nos, ac nostram rempublicam meritis provocati, ut qui immensos labores multos hos annos in moderanda republica, illi a nobis credita et commissa, in omnibus fere partibus ejus, unus sustinuit, ut dignissimum merito existimemus, cujus nomen pulcherrimo monumento posteritati consecratur, et nostro elogio commendatum majori et tantis virtutibus debito iminortali apud illam uniat honore, animadvertentes etiam et attentius considerantes optimum illum propositum in nostram, ut prædictum est, maxime et universam Christianorum rempublicam tendere, non potuimus committere ut occasionem negligamus in qua simul et animi nostri in hunc reverendissimum patrem testimonium ad posterum manaturum faciamus et multo maxime mereamur de republica nostra, nec minus de religione Christianorum universa; idcirco, ex certa scientia, et gratia nostra speciali, concedimus et licentiam damus, pro nobis et hæredibus nostris, quantum in nobis est, præfato reverendissimo in Christo patri, hæredibus et assignatis suis, quod idem reverendissimus in Christo pater Thomas antedictus,

hæredes, executores, vel assignati sui, seu eorum aliqui vel aliquis, ad laudem sanctæ et individuae Trinitatis, et beatissimæ Mariæ virginis, ac beatæ Frediswidæ, et Omnium Sanctorum *Unum Collegium perpetuum*, eruditionis scientiarum, sacræ theologiæ, juris canonici et civilis, bonarum artium, medicinæ, humanitatis, vel aliquarum earum vel earum alicujus ac ad cultus Dei perpetuam observantiam, infra prædictum fundum, terram, situm, circuitum, sive præcinctum de scolariis secularibus fundare, instituere, creare, stabilire, ac facere possit et valeat, possintque et valeant perpetuis temporibus duraturum; ac etiam quod ille idem reverendissimus in Christo pater, hæredes, executores, vel assignati sui, aut eorum aliqui seu aliquis, idoneam personam quamcumque ecclesiasticam de dictis scolariis secularibus in decanum et pro decano ipsius collegii, necnon alias personas ecclesiasticas sive sæculares quascumque in scolares ejusdem collegii, ut præfertur, per illum reverendissimum in Christo patrem Thomam antedictum, hæredes, executores, vel assignatos suos, vel eorum aliquem seu aliquos ad hoc eligendas et assumendas, præficere, creare, et ordinare valeat seu valeant, secundum ordinationes et statuta per eundem reverendissimum in Christo patrem, hæredes, executores, et assignatos suos, aut eorum aliquos seu aliquem, pro bona et salubri gubernatione et regimine eorundem faciendas, condendas, et stabiliendas, ac etiam volumus et concedimus per præsentem quod prædictum collegium, sic erectum, factum, fundatum, creatum, et stabilitum, COLLEGIUM THOMÆ WOLSEY CARDINALIS EBORUM, *Anglicè* vero CARDINAL COLLEGE, IN ALMA ACADEMIA SIVE UNIVERSITATE OXONIÆ, appelletur et nuncupetur, et quod prædicti clerici sæculares, in collegio prædicto, per nomen Decani et Canonicorum sæcularium Thomæ Wolsey cardinalis Eborum in alma academia sive universitate Oxoniæ, sint unum corpus re et nomine, et per idem nomen nuncupetur, habeantque successionem perpetuam, quodque idem decanus et canonici, per nomen decani et canonicorum collegii Thomæ Wolsey cardinalis Eborum in alma academia sive universitate Oxoniæ, sint personæ habiles, capaces, aptæ, et perpetuæ in lege ad perquirendum et recipiendum dominia, maneria, terras, tenementa, redditus, servitia, reversiones, patronatus ecclesiarum, abbatiarum, prioratum, hospitalium, et aliorum beneficiorum ecclesiasticorum quorumcumque, portiones, pensiones, annuitates, servitia, possessiones, et alia hereditamenta quæcumque, tam temporalia quam spiritualia, ex concessione, legatione, sive assignatione aliquarum personarum quarumcumque habenda et tenenda eis et eorum successoribus imperpetuum; ac etiam quod idem decanus et canonici et successores sui per nomen decani et canonicorum collegii Thomæ Wolsey cardinalis Eborum in alma academia sive universitate Oxoniæ placitare et implacitari, prosequi, defendere et defendi, respondere et responderi possint et valeant in omnibus et singulis causis, querelis, et actionibus realibus, personalibus, et mixtis, cujuscumque generis fuerint, sive naturæ, in quibuscumque placeis, locis, et curiis nostris, hæredum et successorum nostrorum, ac in placeis, locis, curiis quibuscumque justiciariorum, coram quibuscumque justiciariis et iudicibus, ecclesiasticis et secularibus, infra regnum nostrum Angliæ et alibi, et ad ea ac ad omnia et singula alia faciendum, agendum, et recipiendum, prout et in eodem modo quo cæteri ligei nostri personæ habiles et capaces in lege infra idem regnum nostrum facient et facere poterunt, in curiis, placeis, et locis prædictis, et coram justiciariis et iudicibus supradictis; necnon, quod idem decanus et canonici et eorum successores habeant unum commune sigillum pro negotiis suis agendis perpetuo servitutum. Ac insuper de uberiori gratia nostra concedimus et per præsentem licentiam damus præfato reverendissimo in Christo patri, hæredibus, executoribus et assignatis suis, pro nobis et hæredibus nostris, quantum in nobis est, quod postquam collegium prædictum, ut prædicitur fundatum, erectum, factum, creatum, et stabilitum fuerit, ille idem reverendissimus pater Thomas antedictus, hæredes, executores, vel assignati sui, aut aliæ personæ quæcumque, sive alia persona quæcumque, maneria, terras, te-

nementa, redditus, reversiones, servitia, patronatus ecclesiarum, abbatiarum, prioratum, hospitalium, et aliorum beneficiorum ecclesiasticorum quorumcumque, portiones, apportus, annuitates, pensiones, et advocaciones ecclesiarum, et omnia et omnimoda alia hereditamenta et possessiones quascumque, tam spirituales quam temporales, ad annum valorem duarum millium librarum sterlingorum, ultra omnia onera et reprisas, tam de feodo nostro proprio quam alieno, licet de nobis in capite vel aliter, seu aliquo alio modo, seu de aliquibus aliis personis, seu de aliqua alia persona teneantur, decano et canonicis ejusdem collegii pro tempore existentibus et successoribus suis dare, concedere, assignare, et legare possit et possint, valeat et valeant, habenda, tenenda, et gaudenda eisdem decano et canonicis et successoribus suis, quod ipsi maneria, terras, tenementa, reversiones, servitia, portiones, apportus, pensiones, annuitates, ac omnia et omnimoda hereditamenta et possessiones quascumque, tam spirituales quam temporales, ad annum valorem duarum millium librarum sterlingorum ultra omnia onera et reprisas a præfato reverendissimo in Christo patre, hæredibus, executoribus vel assignatis suis, et quibuscumque aliis personis seu quacumque alia persona ea eis dare vel concedere volenti vel volentibus recipere, habere et tenere possint sibi et successoribus suis imperpetuum sicut prædictum est, per præsentis similiter licentiam damus et concedimus specialem, Statuto de terris et tenementis ad manum mortuam non ponendis edito, aut aliquo alio statuto, actu, ordinatione, provisione, in contrarium inde factis, editis, ordinatis seu provis, aut aliqua alia re, causa vel materia quacumque, in aliquo non obstantibus; et hoc absque aliqua inquisitione seu aliquibus inquisitionibus inde, prætextu alicujus brevis seu mandati nostri vel aliquorum brevium seu mandatorum hæredum vel successorum nostrorum ad quod damnum, seu alicujus alterius brevis, commissionis, mandati, seu præcepti nostri, hæredum vel successorum nostrorum, in hac parte faciendis, prosequendis, seu capiendis, et in cancellariam nostram, hæredum vel successorum nostrorum, seu alibi retornandis, et absque aliquibus aliis literis nostris patentibus, hæredum vel successorum nostrorum de, in, sive pro præmissis seu aliquo præmissorum quovismodo impetrandis, habendis, seu faciendis, aliquibus Statutis sive ordinationibus, in contrarium inde factis, editis sive ordinatis, non obstantibus; nolentes quod prædicti decanus et canonici prædicti collegii qui pro tempore fuerint, aut successores sui, ratione seu occasione præmissorum vel eorum alicujus, per nos, hæredes et successores nostros, justiciarios, escaetores, vicecomites seu alios ballivos seu ministros nostros vel hæredum seu successorum nostrorum quoscumque impetantur, inquietentur, molestentur in aliquo seu graventur. Aliqua alia concessione, præfato reverendissimo in Christo patri per nos sive aliquos alios concessa, seu aliqua re, causa vel materia quacumque, non obstantibus.

Et insuper, de uberiori gratia nostra et liberalitate ac munificentia, singulari affectione propensoque animo quem erga dictum reverendissimum in Christo patrem, præfatumque collegii erectionem, foundationem, et stabilimentum, gerimus, necnon ob egregia ejus in nos regnumque nostrum præstita officia, ac alias justas et rationabiles causas nos animumque nostrum in hac parte moventes, omnia et singula præmissa damus et concedimus, volumusque quod fiant, expédiantur, sigillentur, et tradantur dicto reverendissimo in Christo patri, hæredibus, executoribus vel assignatis suis, absque aliquo fine, feodo magno vel parvo, nobis in cancellaria nostra seu hanaperio nostro seu alibi solvendo seu faciendo, eo quod expressa mentio de certitudine præmissorum, aut de aliis donis sive concessionibus præfato reverendissimo domino cardinali per nos ante hæc tempora factis, in præsentibus minime facta existit, aut aliquo actu, restrictione, ordinatione sive mandato clerico hanaperii nostri ante hæc tempora facto, aut statuto aliquo in contrarium facto sive edito, in aliquo non obstantibus. In cujus &c. Teste rege apud Westmonasterium, decimo tertio die Julii, anno regni sui decimo septimo.

Per breve de privato sigillo.

NUM. XXXVII.

De Monasteriis suppressis et Collegio Cardinalis Eborum concessis.

[Ibid. p. 155. Pat. 18 H. VIII.]

REX omnibus, ad quos, &c. salutem. Inestimabile illud et immensum bonum, quod ex collegio, per reverendissimum in Christo patrem Thomam, miseratione divinâ, tituli sanctæ Cecilie trans Tiberim, sacrosanctæ Romanæ ecclesiæ presbyterum cardinalem, Eboracensem archiepiscopum, apostolicæ sedis legatum, necnon, felicis recordationis, Leonis nuper papæ decimi, et Adriani papæ sexti, ac etiam sanctissimi domini nostri Clementis divinâ providentiâ hujus nominis papæ septimi moderni, dictæque sedis ad nos regnumque nostrum Angliæ ac omnes et singulos ipsius regni provincias, civitates, terra, atque loca illi subjecta et alia illi adjacentia ad vitam suam, etiam de latere legatum, episcopum Dunelmensem, exemptique monasterii sancti Albani commendatarium perpetuum, ipsiusque regni nostri Angliæ primatem, et cancellarium nostrum, in alma academia Oxoniensi, de licentia et auctoritate nostris, per nomen collegii Thomæ Wolsey Cardinalis Eboracensis, vulgo vocati THE CARDINALL COLLEGE, erecto et fundato, in regnum hoc nostrum orbemque Christianum processurum indies et ubertim manaturum, ex institutis ejusdem cernimus et providemus, vehementi et ardenti affectione nos provocat ut, quoad quidem humanitus liceat, nostrâque poterit et valeat auctoritas, perpetuæ ejusdem constitutioni studeamus.

Cum itaque animi id nostri intentionisque sit, ut concessionem nostram omnes et singulæ, tam prædicto reverendissimo in Christo patri quam etiam collegio prædicto per eundem erecto, a nobis factæ et concessæ, adversus insidiantium, calumniantium, tergiversantium, et repugnantium conatus, astutias, et calliditates, omnesque objectiones, allegationes, et exceptiones, quacumque ex causa competentes, per quemcumque deinceps proponendas, objiciendas, aut allegandas, firmæ semper maneant et inconcussæ, suamque vim integrum conservent, et illibatam, in jure judiciisque omnino obtineant et admittantur, plenissimum denique et validissimum consequantur effectum, ex nro motu nostro certa scientia et gratia speciali, volumus et concedimus quod, si præsentis literæ nostræ, aut aliæ literæ patentes, prædicto reverendissimo in Christo patri concessæ; videlicet literæ nostræ patentes de licentia erigendi collegium prædictum de data decimo tertio die Julii, anno regni nostri decimo septimo; et aliæ literæ nostræ patentes, quibus nostrum regium assensum suppressioni et extinctioni monasterii sanctæ Frideswidæ, de data decimo die Maii, anno regni nostri sexto decimo; et aliæ literæ patentes, quibus nostrum regium assensum suppressioni et extinctioni quorundam aliorum monasteriorum præbimus, de data primo die Octobris, anno regni nostri decimo sexto; et aliæ quatuor literæ nostræ patentes, de licentia appropriandi beneficia dicto collegio, in eisdem nominata, ut plenius in eisdem continetur, de data decimo quarto die Maii, anno regni nostri decimo octavo; et aliæ literæ nostræ patentes, quibus prædicto reverendissimo in Christo patri maneria, terras, possessiones, et tenementa monasteriorum nuper suppressorum, de Davenport, Ravenston, Tykeforde, Sandwell, Canwell, Lytlemore, et Poghley, dedimus et concessimus, ut in eisdem continetur, de data octavo die Februarii, anno regni nostri decimo septimo; at aliæ literæ nostræ patentes, quibus prædicto reverendissimo in Christo patri, maneria, terras, possessiones et tenementa monasteriorum nuper suppressorum, de Thoby, Blackamore, Stansgate, Tytre, Wykes, Dodnesh, et Snape, dedimus et concessimus, ut in eisdem continetur, de data vicesimo primo die Decembris, anno regni nostri decimo septimo; et aliæ literæ nostræ patentes, quibus prædicto reverendissimo in Christo patri, maneria, terras, possessiones, et tenementa monasteriorum nuper suppressorum, de Lyesnes, Tonbridg, Begham, et Calcete, dedimus et concessimus, ut in eisdem continetur, de data octavo die Februarii, anno regni nostri decimo septimo; et aliæ literæ nostræ patentes, quibus bullæ unionis ecclesiæ

rum parochialium in dicta bulla specificatarum præfato collegio factæ nostrum regium præbuimus assensum, de data vicesimo octavo die Martii, anno regni nostri decimo septimo; aliæque quæcumque, tam præfato reverendissimo in Christo patri, quàm decano et canonicis collegii prædicti, per nos, de quacunque re factæ et concessæ, aut deinceps fiendæ et concedendæ, in aliqua parte earundem, ratione additionis, transpositionis, aut immutationis quarumcunque clausularum, sententiarum, verborum, literarum, diversave aut indebita nominum aut locorum appellatione, nominatione, aut aliàs quomodocumque, minus validæ, efficaces, et insufficientes in lege existunt, aut aliquos defectus in eisdem aut earum aliqua aliquo unquam tempore invenire contigerit in futurum, sic quod literæ illæ aut earum aliqua in materia, forma, modo, ordine, scriptura, data, aut aliquo modo quocumque immutari, corrigi, et reformari, deque novo conscribi et sigillari necesse habeant aut habeat, extunc cancellarius noster Angliæ, hæredum et successorum nostrorum qui pro tempore fuerit, harum literarum patentium virtute, mandato, et waranto, potestatem habeat et auctoritatem, ad petitionem, requisitionem, et prosecutionem prædicti reverendissimi in Christo patris, hæredum aut successorum suorum, easdem literas reformare, corrigere, addere, diminuire, detrahere, in melioremque efficaciorum et validiorum modum et formam, prout casus exigit, qui pro parte dicti reverendissimi in Christo patris, necnon decani et canonicorum collegii prædicti, facere videbuntur, immutare, aliquasque literas patentes, correctas, et reformatas, magno sigillo nostro, hæredum et successorum nostrorum sigillare, sigillatasque literas hujusmodi prædicto reverendissimo in Christo patri, hæredibus et successoribus aut assignatis suis, ac decano et canonicis collegii prædicti, eorumque successoribus, tradere et deliberare, absque aliqua alia prosecutione, mandato, sive waranto inde a nobis, hæredibus aut successoribus nostris, pro reformatione, correctione, additione, detractatione, immutatione (ut præfertur) dictarum literarum ex causis hujusmodi quovismodo petendo, impetrando, et obtinendo, absque aliquo fine aut feodo magno vel parvo nobis in cancellaria nostra, hanaperio, aut alibi solvendo sive faciundo, et quod literæ nostræ, sic reformatæ, correctæ, et immutatæ, ac per cancellarium sigillatæ et deliberatæ, sint perindè validæ, sufficientes, et efficaces, ac si warantum inde a nobis, hæredibus et successoribus nostris, specialiter impetratum, obtentum, et exhibitum fuisset, et quod in omnibus curiis nostris hæredum aut successorum nostrorum legantur, intelligantur, judicentur, et determinantur pro parte dicti reverendissimi in Christo patris, hæredum et successorum suorum, ac decani et canonicorum collegii prædicti, erga et contra nos, hæredes et successores nostros, nostrosque hæredum et successorum nostrorum ministros et officarios quoscumque, prout melius fieri poterit et intelligi; non obstantibus aliquâ omissione, defectu, negligentiâ, repugnantia, sive contrarietate in eisdem.

Et insuper, de uberiori gratia nostra et liberalitate ac munificentia, singulari affectione, propensoque animo, quem erga dictum reverendissimum in Christo patrem ac etiam præfati collegii erectionem, foundationem, et stabilimentum, idemque collegium gerimus, necnon ob egregia prædicti reverendissimi in Christo patris in nos regnumque nostrum præstita officia, ac alias justas et rationabiles causas nos animumque nostrum in hac parte moventes, prædicto reverendissimo in Christo patri, necnon decano et canonicis collegii prædicti omnia et singula feoda, fines, et pecuniarum summas quascumque, pro prædictis concessionibus nostris, aut earum aliquâ, aliisve concessionibus prædicto reverendissimo in Christo patri, aut decano et canonicis collegii prædicti in futurum per nos fiendis, aliove pretexto et occasione quacumque, nobis, hæredibus, aut successoribus nostris, debitis sive debendis; videlicet, fines et feoda pro licentia concordandi, tam in cancellario, quam coram justiciariis de communi banco, ac fines et feoda in cancellaria nostra, pro brevibus de ingressu super disseissinam in le post, secundum ratam et valorem terrarum et tenementorum in brevibus prædictis specificatorum, necnon fines et feodas pro licentia regia obtinenda ad alienandum terras et tenementa tenta de nobis in capite, ac fines ac

feoda exigenda pro alienatione terrarum et tenementorum de nobis in capite sine licentia nostra, ac fines et feoda pro licentia habenda pro alienatione terrarum et tenementorum in manum mortuam, contra formam statuti, tam de nobis quam de aliis quoquomodo tentorum, ac fines et feoda, pro pardonatione obtinenda pro terris et tenementis alienatis in manum mortuam, absque licentia nostra, necnon fines et feoda in hanaperio nostro vel alibi, nobis debita sive exacta, aut imposterum debenda aut exigenda, pro perquisitione quarumcunque literarum patentium tam ad erigendum, fundandum, et incorporandum quæcumque collegia, cantarias, vel aliquod aliud corpus incorporandum, sive corpora incorporanda, ac omnes et omnimodos fines et feoda, debita sive debenda, pro licentia appropriandi abbatias, prioratus, monasteria, advocaciones, rectorias, vicarias, cantarias, hospitalia, et quæcumque alia beneficia ecclesiastica alicui sive aliquibus corpori sive corporibus incorporatis sive incorporandis, alia quoque feoda et fines, quæcumque quocumque et qualiacumque sint, et quæcumque a nobis hæredibus aut successoribus nostris ab eodem reverendissimo in Christo patre, hæredibus et successoribus suis, decanove et canonicis collegii prædicti, aut eorum successoribus, præmissorum aut alicujus eorum prætextu, in cancellaria nostra, hanaperio, scaccario, aut alibi peti, requiri, demandari, aut exigi poterant, liberè, plenè, et integrè dedimus et concessimus, damus et concedimus per præsentem, indeque prædictum reverendissimum in Christo patrem, hæredes et successores suos, decanum et canonicos collegii prædicti, et successores suos, imperpetuum acquietamus et liberamus, quietos et liberos dimittimus per præsentem.

Concessimus etiam et concedimus præfato reverendissimo in Christo patri, hæredibus et successoribus suis, decano et canonicis collegii prædicti, eorumque successoribus, quod ipsi, et eorum quilibet, ad usum collegii prædicti, habeant et habeat tot, talia, et totidem brevia originalia vel judicialia, et alia brevia quæcumque, tam in cancellaria nostra, quam in quibuscumque curiis nostris et hæredum nostrorum, quot et qualia eis fore viderint necessaria, vel opportuna, prosequenda nomine suo tam in cancellaria nostra hæredum et successorum nostrorum quàm coram nobis hæredibus et successoribus nostris, ac in quibuscumque curiis et placeis nostris hæredum et successorum nostrorum, absque aliquo feodo sigilli seu pro sigillatione eorundem, nobis, hæredibus et successoribus nostris, ad usum nostrum hæredum seu successorum nostrorum, solvendo.

Et quod ipsi et eorum quilibet omnia et singula brevia, cartas, literas patentes, mandata, et warranta quæcumque, sub magno sigillo nostro, seu quocumque alio sigillo nostro hæredum et successorum nostrorum, in cancellaria nostra ac hæredum et successorum nostrorum, et in quacumque alia curia nostra ac hæredum et successorum nostrorum, seu alio quocumque loco, ad usum collegii prædicti confecta, et imposterum conficienda, sigillata, et sigillanda, absque fine aut feodo, ad usum seu opus nostrum vel hæredum et successorum nostrorum, pro eisdem seu aliquo eorundem capiando vel solvendo prosequi possint, et realiter prosequantur, habeant et obtineant; aliquo statuto, ordinatione, sive actu in contrarium editis sive edendis non obstantibus, nolentes quod prædictus reverendissimus in Christo pater, hæredes et successores sui decanus et canonici collegii prædicti, aut sui successores, ea de causa molestentur, inquietentur, aut in aliquo graventur; sed quod tam cancellarius noster Angliæ, thesaurarius, et barones scaccarii nostri, clericus hanaperii, ac cæteri officarii et ministri nostri quicumque a prædictorum feodorum, finium, et aliorum, pro literis patentibus aliisve brevibus obtentis et obtinendis, ut præfertur solvi debitorum aut consuetorum, pro præmissis aut aliquo præmissorum petitione, exactione, levatione, et solutione, quam etiam prædictus reverendissimus in Christo pater hæredes et successores sui, necnon decanus et canonici collegii prædicti et successores sui, sint apud nos hæredes et successores nostros, per has literas nostras, penitus et totaliter exonerati et imperpetuum acquietati, absque aliquo alio brevi mandato sive warranto nostro hæredum vel successorum nostrorum pro præmissis vel aliquo præmissorum prose-

quando, fiendo, habendo, in hanaperio sive cancellaria nostra aut in aliquibus curiis nostris aut alibi ostendendo aut exhibendo.

Volumusque et mandamus quòd super hujusmodi nostris concessionibus præsentes literæ nostræ patentes, aliæque deinceps corrigendæ et reformandæ, si quas tales fieri contigerit, fiant, expediantur, sigillentur, et tradantur dicto reverendissimo in Christo patri, hæredibus et successoribus, executoribus, et assignatis suis, necnon decano et canonicis collegii prædicti, et eorum successoribus, absque aliquo fine, feodo, magno vel parvo, nobis in cancellaria nostra sive in hanaperio nostro, seu alibi,

solvendo aut faciendo; eo quòd expressa mentio de vero valore vel certitudine præmissorum, aut de aliis donis sive concessionibus, præfato reverendissimo in Christo patri aut decano et canonicis collegii prædicti per nos ante hæc tempora factis, in præsentibus minimè facta existit, aut aliquo actu, restrictione, provisione, ordinatione, sive mandato, clerico hanaperii aut quibuscúmque aliis ante hæc tempora factis, statutove aliquo in contrarium facto sive edito, fiendo, vel edendo, aut alia re causâ aut materiâ quacúmque in aliquo non obstantibus. In cujus, &c. Teste Rege apud Westmonasterium primo die Maii.

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Annuus Valor omnium Monasteriorum suppressorum ad Collegium reverendissimi in Christo patris Thomæ Wolsey, Cardinalis Ebor. in Alma Academia sive Universitate Oxon. scituat. pertinen. sive spectan.

[MS. Cotton. Cleop. E. iv. fol. 276.]

Frediswid . . .	valet in	Spiritualibus	lxix ^{li} . xvij ^s . xj ^d .	cciiij ^{xx} . iiij ^{li} . viij ^s . ix ^d .
Dauentre . . .	valet in	Temporalibus	cexiiij ^{li} . x ^s . x ^d .	
Rauenston . . .	valet in	Spiritualibus	cxv ^{li} . xvij ^s . iiij ^d .	ccxxxvj ^{li} . vij ^s . vj ^d .
Tykforde . . .	valet in	Temporalibus	cxx ^{li} . x ^s . ij ^d .	
Pogheley . . .	valet in	Spiritualibus	lxvi ^{li} . xiiij ^s . iiij ^d .	patet.
Letlemore . . .	valet in	Temporalibus	lix ^{li} . iiij ^s . iiij ^d .	
Sandwell . . .	valet in	Spiritualibus	lxvij ^{li} . xiiij ^s . viij ^d .	cxxvj ^{li} . xvij ^s .
Canwell . . .	valet in	Temporalibus	x ^{li} .	lxxj ^{li} . xj ^s . vij ^d .
Liesnes . . .	valet in	Spiritualibus	lxi ^{li} . xj ^s . vij ^d .	
Tonbridge . . .	valet in	Temporalibus	xij ^{li} .	xxxiiij ^{li} . vj ^s . viij ^d .
Begham . . .	valet in	Spiritualibus	xxj ^{li} . vj ^s . viij ^d .	
Snape . . .	valet in	Temporalibus	xij ^{li} .	xxxviij ^{li} . viij ^s . vij ^d .
Dodnesse . . .	valet in	Spiritualibus	xxvj ^{li} . viij ^s . vij ^d .	
Wyks . . .	valet in	Temporalibus	x ^{li} .	xxv ^{li} . x ^s . iiij ^d .
Horkisley parva	valet in	Spiritualibus	xv ^{li} . x ^s . iiij ^d .	
Typtre . . .	valet in	Temporalibus	lxxv ^{li} . iiij ^s . iiij ^d .	clxxxvj ^{li} . ix ^s .
Stanesgate . . .	valet in	Spiritualibus	cxj ^{li} . v ^s . viij ^d .	
Thoby . . .	valet in	Temporalibus	xlviij ^{li} . xiiij ^s . iiij ^d .	clxix ^{li} . x ^s . iiij ^d .
Blakamore . . .	valet in	Spiritualibus	cxx ^{li} . xvj ^s . xj ^d .	
Calceto . . .	valet in	Temporalibus	xxvij ^{li} . vj ^s . viij ^d .	clij ^{li} . xix ^s . iiij ^d . ob.
		Spiritualibus	cxxv ^{li} . xij ^s . viij ^d . ob.	
		Temporalibus	xx ^{li} .	iiij ^{xx} . xjx ^{li} . xxiiij ^d . ob.
		Spiritualibus	lxxix ^{li} . xxiiij ^d . ob.	
		Temporalibus	liij ^s . iiij ^d .	xlj ^{li} . xviiij ^s . viij ^d . ob.
		Spiritualibus	xl ^{li} . v ^s . iiij ^d . ob.	
		Temporalibus	xxvj ^{li} . xvj ^s . viij ^d .	iiij ^{xx} . xij ^{li} . xij ^s . iiij ^d . ob.
		Spiritualibus	lxv ^{li} . xv ^s . vij ^d .	
		Temporalibus	xj ^{li} . vj ^s . viij ^d .	xxvij ^{li} . vij ^s . xj ^d .
		Spiritualibus	xxvj ^{li} . xv ^d .	
		Temporalibus	iiij ^{li} .	xxij ^{li} . xvj ^s . iiij ^d .
		Spiritualibus	xviiij ^{li} . xvj ^s . iiij ^d .	
		Temporalibus	v ^{li} . iiij ^d .	xlviij ^{li} . viij ^s . vj ^d .
		Spiritualibus	xxxviij ^{li} . viij ^s . iiij ^d .	
		Temporalibus	xviij ^{li} . xiiij ^s . iiij ^d .	lxxv ^{li} . vj ^s . x ^d . ob.
		Spiritualibus	lvj ^{li} . xiiij ^s . vj ^d . ob.	
		Temporalibus	xl ^{li} . xiiij ^s . iiij ^d .	
		Spiritualibus	xlviij ^{li} . xj ^s . iiij ^d .	
		Temporalibus	n ^{li} .	patet.
		Spiritualibus	xxxij ^{li} . x ^d .	

Summa totalis Valoris dominiorum, maneriorum, et aliarum possessionum tam spiritualium quam temporal. prædict. MixC.xiiij^{li}. iiij^d. ob.

Spiritual. vC.lxx^{li}. v^s. vj^d.
Temporal. M.iiijC.xliij^{li}. xiiij^s. ix^d.

NUM. XXXIX.

De Concessionibus pro Collegio memorato.

[Rym. Fœd. tom. xiv. p. 158. Pat. 18, H. VIII.]

Rex archiepiscopis, episcopis, &c. salutem. Illam de bonis literis sinceræ scientiarum eruditione opinionem concepimus, quam etiam multa nobis, tùm audita, tùm visa, exempla confirmant atque adaugent, ut regno huic nostro omnibus quidem egregiis naturæ dotibus præter cætera florentissimo, non aliud ornamentum illustrius posse accedere arbitremur quàm ut optima ingenia, agresti juventutis ruditate deteresa, sanis doctrinis perpoliantur, et a teneris imbuantur, artesque illas a primordiis degustent, in illisque diutius enutriantur, quæ virtutis et probitatis sint effectrices.

Cum itaque reverendissimus in Christo pater, Thomas, miseratione divina, tituli Sanctæ Cecilie trans Tyberim sacrosanctæ Romanæ ecclesiæ presbyter cardinalis, Eborum archiepiscopus apostolicæ sedis legatus, necnon, felicis recordationis, Leonis nuper papæ decimi et Adriani papæ sexti, ac etiam sanctissimi domini nostri Clementis, divina providentia, hujus nominis papæ septimi moderni, dictæque sedis ad nos regnumque nostrum Angliæ ac omnes et singulas ipsius regni nostri provincias, civitates, terras, atque loca illi subjecta et alia illi adjacentia ad vitam suam, etiam de latere legatus, episcopus Dunelmensis, exemptique monasterii Sancti Albani commendatarius perpetuus, ipsiusque regni nostri Angliæ primas et cancellarius noster, qui commissam sibi a nobis rerum omnium summam fidelissime

diligentissime et prudentissimè maximè reipublicæ bono et nostro, incredibiles interim labores perpessus administravit, qua est in patriam charitate et pietate non minoribus sumptibus etiam collegium auctoritate et consensu nostris in alma academia Oxoniæ, vulgo vocat' THE CARDINALL COLLEGE, literarum, eruditionis, et virtutum asylum, morum optimorum et Christianæ religionis propagandæ seminarium regno huic nostro ubere proculdubio futurum et fœcundum, erexerit, fundaverit, et dotaverit, commodissimam occasionem oblatam arbitramur, quam etiam negligere nullo pacto possumus, in qua animum nostrum tam in dictum collegium ob literarum amorem quàm etiam in dictum reverendissimum patrem ob tam egregia ejusdem in nos regnumque nostrum præstita officia, præter alias concessionem nostras antehac eidem reverendissimo in Christo patri dictoque collegio factas, amplissimâ etiam privilegiorum, libertatum, et immunitatum concessione, veluti clarissimo quodam testimonio posteris declaremus et attestemur; sciatis igitur quòd nos, de gratia nostra speciali, dedimus et concessimus, et hac nostra cartâ pro nobis et hæredibus nostris confirmavimus, dilectis nobis in Christo, decano et canonicis collegii Thomæ Wolsey cardinalis Eborum in alma academia sive universitate Oxoniensi, vulgariter nuncupato THE CARDINALL COLLEGE, et successoribus suis, quod ipsi et successores sui, ac firmarii, homines, servientes, et tenentes sui, integrè tenentes et non integre tenentes, residentes et non residentes, ac alii residentes quicumque, infra quæcumque dominia, terras, tenementa, feoda, et possessiones eis jam collata et de cætero conferenda, sint quieti et exonerati imperpetuum de omnimodis auxiliis ad primogenitos filios nostros hæredum, et successorum nostrorum milites faciendum, et ad primogenitas filias nostras hæredum et successorum nostrorum maritandum.

Dedimus etiam et concessimus præfatis decano et canonicis et successoribus suis, quod nec ipsi, nec successores sui, ullo modo per nos, hæredes, et successores nostros, seu per metropolitanos regni nostri Angliæ, vel alios episcopos diocesis. seu ordinarios ejusdem regni nostri, aut alios quoscumque, fiant seu deputentur collectores alicujus decimæ sive partis decimæ seu contributionis cujuscumque nobis, hæredibus, vel successoribus nostris a domino summo pontifice per clerum regni nostri concedendarum, sed inde totaliter exonerentur; et quod nec ipsi, nec successores sui, firmarii, homines, servientes, et tenentes sui, residentes et non residentes, nec alii residentes prædicti, de cætero deputentur taxatores, assessores, sive collectores aliquorum auxiliorum, subsidiorum, contributionum, tallagiorum, aut quintarum decimarum, vel cujuscumque quotæ seu tallagii, aut aliquorum auxiliorum, ad primogenitos filios nostros, hæredum et successorum nostrorum, milites faciendum, seu ad primogenitas filias nostras, hæredum vel successorum nostrorum maritandum, aut alterius taxæ seu impositionis cujuscumque per communitatem regni nostri prædicti concedendæ; sed quod ipsi inde totaliter sint quieti et exonerati imperpetuum: et quod statim post exhibitionem sive demonstrationem præsentis cartæ nostræ, superinde factæ, sive irrotulamenti ejusdem, in quibuscumque curiis nostris hæredum et successorum nostrorum iidem decanus et canonici et successores sui, firmarii, homines, servientes, et tenentes sui, residentes et non residentes, et alii residentes prædicti, occasionibus prædictis, seu aliquæ earundem ulterius minime distringantur, sed ab eisdem curiis eâ occasione quieti et exonerati dimittuntur; et quod ipsi de hujusmodi collectionibus, taxationibus, et assessmentibus et qualibet earum omnino exonerentur, et processus quicumque in hac parte fiendus omnino cesset, absque aliquo brevi hæredum seu successorum nostrorum vel aliquo alio processu superinde prosequendo: ac etiam quòd prædicti decanus et canonici et successores sui furcas in solo suo dominiorum, terrarum, tenementorum, feodorum, et possessionum prædictorum, erigere, et judicium de malefactoribus quod ibidem deprehendi contigerit, juxta libertatem de Infangthef, fieri facere possint, sine occasione, vel impedimento nostri vel hæredum seu successorum nostrorum, justiciariorum, escaetorum, vicecomitum, aut aliorum ballivorum, seu ministrorum nostrorum quorumcumque; et quod

præfati decanus et canonici et successores sui, in omnibus et singulis dominiis, maneriis, terris, tenementis, feodis, et possessionibus suis prædictis, habeant et faciant per senescallos et ballivos suos proprios, assisam et assaiam panis vini et cervisiæ et omnimodorum aliorum victualium, mensurarum, et ponderum quorumcumque, et omnium aliorum ad officium clerici mercati hospitii nostri, et hæredum et successorum nostrorum pertinentium, cum punitione eorumdem et quicquid ad officium illud pertinet faciendum et exercendum quotiens et quando-cumque opus fuerit et necesse, adeo plene sicut idem clericus mercati hospitii nostri et hæredum nostrorum aut successorum nostrorum, faceret vel facere deberet in præsentia nostra, hæredum seu successorum nostrorum, si præsens concessio nostra præfatis decano et canonicis et successoribus suis minime facta fuisset: et quod idem decanus et canonici et successores sui habeant omnimoda amerciamenta, fines, et alia proficua inde provenientia, percipienda, levanda, per ipsos et ministros suos, absque impetitione nostri, hæredum vel successorum nostrorum, clerici mercati, aut aliorum ministrorum nostrorum hæredum seu successorum nostrorum quorumcumque; ita quod prædictus clericus mercati hospitii nostri, hæredum vel successorum nostrorum, non ingrediatur dominia, maneria, terras, tenementa, feoda, seu possessiones prædicta, ad aliquid ibidem faciendum seu exercendum quod ad officium suum pertinet quovismodo: et quod præfati decanus et canonici et successores sui, ac firmarii, homines et tenentes sui, residentes et non residentes, et alii residentes, infra dominia, maneria, terras, tenementa, feoda, et possessiones prædictas, habeant communiam pasturæ ad omnia animalia sua (exceptis capris) in quibuscumque forestis nostris, hæredum et successorum nostrorum, eisdem dominiis, maneriis, terris, tenementis, feodis, et possessionibus vicinibus adjacentibus, tam in coopertis quam in discoopertis, tam in mense prohibito quam in quolibet alio tempore anni, cum libero ingressu et libero egressu, absque aliquo inde nobis hæredibus seu successoribus nostris reddendo, et absque calumpnia sive impedimento nostri hæredum vel successorum nostrorum, ac sine impedimento vel perturbatione justiciariorum, custodum, forestariorum, viridariorum, senescallorum, et regardorum, aut aliorum ministrorum nostrorum, hæredum vel successorum nostrorum quorumcumque; et, si fortè, (quod nolumus) dicti decanus seu canonici, eorum successores, aut hujusmodi firmarii, homines vel tenentes sui, residentes et non residentes, ac alii residentes quicumque supradicti infra aliquam forestarum nostrarum et hæredum vel successorum nostrorum, sive infra aliquam chasearum nostrarum, hæredum vel successorum nostrorum, seu aliorum quorumcumque extra dicta dominia, maneria, terras, tenementa, feoda, et possessiones prædictorum decani et canonicorum, aut successorum suorum, aliquam transgressionem de viridi sive venatione fecerint, vel eorum aliquis fecerit, tunc volumus quod hujusmodi transgressio coram capitali justiciario de banco nostro, hæredum et successorum nostrorum, et non alibi audiatur, terminetur, et punietur: et quod dicti decanus et canonici et eorum successores, ac quivis alius vice et nomine suis, in omnibus et singulis dominiis, maneriis, terris, et boscis suis, venari et stabilias facere, ac omnimodam venationem inibi exercere, et quascumque feras capere et asportare licite valeant et impune imperpetuum; licet eadem dominia, maneria, terræ, et bosca fuerint aliquæ parcellæ seu parcella aliquarum forestarum sive chasearum nostrarum, hæredum vel successorum nostrorum, aut aliquorum progenitorum nostrorum, vel aliorum quorumcumque, licet etiam dicta dominia, maneria, terræ, et bosca sint vel fuerint infra metas aliquarum forestarum nostrarum hæredum vel successorum nostrorum, vel infra metas aliquarum chasearum nostri, hæredum vel successorum nostrorum quorumcumque. Dedimus insuper et concessimus præfatis decano et canonicis, et successoribus suis, quod si aliquis natus alicujus infra dominia, maneria, terras, tenementa, feoda, seu possessiones eis ad tunc collata, vel exnunc eis qualitercumque conferenda vel assignanda, manserit et terram ipsorum aliquam ibidem tenuerit, et fuerit infra prædicta dominia, terras, tenementa, feoda, et possessiones cum hominibus et tenentibus ipsorum de-

cani et canonicorum vel successorum suorum per unum annum et unum diem, absque calumpnia domini sui ibidem notificata, deinceps hujusmodi natus non possit repeti nec repetentur a domino suo ullo modo, sed in eisdem dominiis, maneriis, terris, tenementis, feodis et possessionibus, cum tota sequela sua, quamdiu voluerint, permaneat, et eandem libertatem et privilegium habeat quæ haberet si in antiquo dominio nostro hæredum seu successorum nostrorum, vel in civitate nostra Londoniæ per unum annum et unum diem absque calumpnia domini sui permansisset.

Et ulterius de uberiori gratia nostra concessimus, pro nobis, hæredibus et successoribus nostris, præfatis decano et canonicis et successoribus suis quod ipsi habeant et teneant imperpetuum omnia placita, sectas, querelas, et demanda, necnon actiones reales, personales, et mixtas quascumque infra dominia, maneria, terras, tenementa, feoda, et possessiones eis nunc collata vel sibi et successoribus exnunc conferenda; et quod habeant cognitionem omnium placitorum de transgressionibus, conventionibus, debitis, et contractibus quibuscumque infra eadem dominia, maneria, terras, tenementa, feoda et possessiones qualitercumque factis sive emergentibus, tam in præsentia nostra hæredum et successorum nostrorum, quam in absentia nostra hæredum et successorum nostrorum, cum omnibus proficuis de hujusmodi placitis, sectis, querelis, et demandis provenientibus, sine occasione vel impedimento nostri vel hæredum seu successorum aut justiciariorum nostrorum, vel hæredum seu successorum nostrorum quorumcumque, aut senescallorum vel marescallorum hospitii nostri, vel successorum seu escaetorum vicecomitum aut aliorum ballivorum seu ministrorum nostrorum quorumcumque; et quod iidem senescalli et marescalli de aliquibus cognitionibus placitorum de hujusmodi transgressionibus, conventionibus, debitis, aut contractis, infra dominia, maneria, terras, tenementa, feoda, et possessiones prædicti vel eorum aliquam parcellam factis seu emergentibus, se nullatenus intromittant, nec illorum aliquis intromittat; et quod iidem decanus et canonici et successores sui imperpetuum habeant cognitionem omnimodorum placitorum, assissarum novæ disseisinæ et mortis antecessorum de omnibus terris et tenementis infra dominia, maneria, terras, tenementa, feoda, et possessiones quæ dicti decanus et canonici jam habent vel ipsi seu successores sui exnunc sunt habituri, tam coram justiciariis nostris de utroque banco, justiciariis ad assisas capiendas assignatis, ac justiciariis itinerantibus, quam coram quibuscumque aliis justiciariis et militibus nostris, hæredum et successorum nostrorum, ad hujusmodi assisas capiendas arraiand. seu arraiand. coram eorum ballivo pro tempore existente, in curiis suis tenendis et capiendis, unà cum omnibus proficuis de hujusmodi assisis qualitercumque provenientibus, absque impetitione vel impedimento nostri, hæredum vel successorum nostrorum, aut justiciariorum, escaetorum, vicecomitum, ballivorum, aut aliorum ministrorum nostri hæredum vel successorum nostrorum.

Concessimus insuper præfatis nunc decano et canonicis, quod ipsi et successores sui habeant potestatem et plenariam auctoritatem assignandi et constituendi, per commissiones suas separatim fiendas, in omnibus et singulis maneriis, terris, tenementis, feodis, et possessionibus suis sibi jam collatis, et de cætero conferendis, de tempore in tempus, quotiens opus viderit et necesse, justiciarios suos pacis, ac servientes artificum et laborantium, ad omnia et singula in dictis dominiis, maneriis, terris, tenementis, feodis, et possessionibus suis exercendi, faciendi, audiendi, et determinandi, quæ ad hujusmodi justiciarios quovismodo pertinent exercenda, facienda, audienda, et terminanda: et quod iidem justicarii, sic constituendi, vigore commissionum illarum, plenariam habeant potestatem faciendi, exercendi, et exequendi omnia et singula quæ ad hujusmodi justiciarios pertinent facienda, exercenda et exequenda: et quod nullus justiciarius nostri hæredum vel successorum nostrorum ad pacem infra dominia, maneria, terras, tenementa, feoda, possessiones, vel aliquam parcellam eorundem quovismodo ingrediatur, ad aliquod officium ibidem faciendum vel capiendum, nec in aliquibus ne-

gotiis, rebus, materiis, vel causis emergentibus infra eadem seu aliquam parcellam eorundem aliquam cognitionem vel jurisdictionem habeant, nec aliquam se inde intromittant: et quod idem decanus et canonici et successores sui habeant omnia et singula fines, exitus, et amerciamenta coram præfatis justiciariis ipsorum decani et canonicorum et successorum suorum, per eosdem decanum et canonicos et successores suos ut prædicitur assignandis et constituendis, facienda, assidenda, forisfienda et adjudicanda; et quod benè liceat eisdem decano et canonicis et successoribus suis omnia hujusmodi fines, exitus, et amerciamenta, eis prætextu præsentis concessionis nostræ exnunc pertinentia, per ballivos et ministros suos colligere, levare, percipere, et se de seisina in eisdem ponere, prout officarii, ballivi, et ministri nostri, hæredum vel successorum nostrorum, ea in manus nostras hæredum et successorum nostrorum seiscire possent vel deberent ad opus nostrum hæredum vel successorum nostrorum, si ea præfatis decano et canonicis et successoribus suis prædictis per nos concessa non fuissent: et quod cancellarius noster Angliæ, nec thesaurarius, nec barones de scaccario nostro, hæredum seu successorum nostrorum, nec eorum aliqui vel aliquis faciant vel faciat aliquem processum versus hujusmodi justiciarios pacis, per præfatos nunc decanum et canonicos vel successores suos prædictos assignatos pro aliquibus extractibus de cessionibus suis in scaccarium prædictarum liberandis.

Dedimus etiam et concedimus præfatis decano et canonicis et successoribus suis, quod nullus clericorum, scholarium, choristarum, seu servientium ipsorum decani et canonicorum, seu successorum suorum, aut quorumcumque artificum seu operariorum infra idem collegium jam existentium et operantium, vel de cætero ibi existere et operare contingentium, ad aliquod opus seu servitium nostri, seu hæredum vel successorum nostrorum, pro seu in hospitio vel operationibus nostris, hæredum seu successorum nostrorum, aut alibi, nec alicujus procerum vel magnatum regni nostri prædicti, aut aliunde per nos, hæredes seu successores nostros, aut aliquos ministros et officarios nostros, hæredum seu successorum nostrorum, aut aliorum quorumcumque contra assensum et voluntatem ipsorum decani et canonicorum vel successorum suorum, unquam de cætero capiatur, seu compellatur quovismodo, sed quod iidem decanus et canonici et successores sui, capellani, clerici, scholares, choristæ, servientes, artifices et operarii inde totaliter sint quieti, et quilibet eorum sit quietus imperpetuum.

Volumus insuper et concessimus, pro nobis, hæredibus et successoribus nostris, quod præsens carta nostra necnon irrotulamentum et quælibet particula ejusdem cartæ nostræ, per præfatos decanum et canonicos et successores suos, seu alium quemcumque, vice ac nomine eorum coram quibuscumque justiciariis nostris, vel hæredum seu successorum nostrorum, ac coram thesaurario et baronibus scaccarii nostri, hæredum seu successorum nostrorum, et coram baronibus ejusdem scaccarii nostri, hæredum seu successorum nostrorum, ac coram quibuscumque aliis justiciariis nostris, hæredum et successorum nostrorum, in quibuscumque curiis nostris et locis de recordo, ac etiam in quibuscumque aliis curiis et locis et eorum quolibet, per totum regnum nostrum prædictum, exhibita seu demonstrata statim et immediate super exhibitione seu demonstratione cartæ illius sive irrotulamenti omninò valeat et allocetur præfatis decano et canonicis et successoribus suis, ut præmittitur, per nos concessæ.

Et nos, uberiores gratiam præfatis decano et canonicis et successoribus suis fieri volentes, ne bona et catalla eorundem decani et canonicorum firmariorum hominum et tenentium suorum integre tenentium et non integre tenentium, residentium et non residentium, et aliorum residentium quorumcumque tam de et in terris et tenementis quam de et in feodis et in possessionibus eisdem decano et canonicis tam ad nunc collatis quam exnunc eis et successoribus suis quibuscumque ullo modo conferendis per provisores emptores seu captos victualium aut aliarum rerum pro hospitio, usu, vel opere reginæ consortis nostræ, sive pro hospitio aut pro hospitiiis aliquorum filiorum nostrorum, hæredum vel

successorum nostrorum, seu aliquorum magnatum regni nostri Angliæ vel aliunde, sive aliarum quarumcumque personarum, cujuscumque præeminentiæ statûs seu conditionis fuerit, capiantur seu dissipentur, dictos decanum et canonicos et successores suos, ac firmarios, homines, tenentes suos integrè et non integrè, tenentes residentes et non residentes, et alios residentes prædictos, necnon eorum terras, tenementa, feoda, et possessiones supradictas eisdem decano et canonicis jam collata et imposterum eis vel successoribus suis conferenda, danda, vel assignanda, ac bona et catalla collegii illius seu prædictorum decani et canonicorum, firmariorum hominum et tenentium suorum, integrè tenentium et non integrè tenentium, residentium et non residentium, et aliorum residentium prædictorum, ubicumque infra dictum regnum nostrum Angliæ existentium, in nostram protectionem suscepimus specialem; volentes, dantes, et concedentes quòd de bladis, fœnis, equis, bobus, vaccis, ovibus, agnellis, porcellis, pulletis, aut aliis victualibus quibuscumque, caretis, bigis, navibus, batellis, cariagiis, aut aliis bonis, catallis, seu rebus ipsius collegii seu prædictorum decani et canonicorum vel successorum suorum, seu firmariorum hominum et tenentium suorum, integrè tenentium et non integrè tenentium, residentium et non residentium, et aliorum residentium prædictorum, per provisores, emptores, seu captores hujusmodi, aut alios ministros seu ballivos nostros, hæredum vel successorum nostrorum, aut reginæ consortis nostræ, seu reginarum hæredum vel successorum, sive filiorum nostrorum, hæredum vel successorum nostrorum, sive aliquorum magnatum, vel personarum prædictarum, contra voluntatem eorundem decani et canonicorum seu successorum suorum, aut firmariorum hominum seu tenentium suorum, integrè tenentium et non integrè tenentium, residentium et non residentium, et aliorum residentium prædictorum, seu alicujus eorum, quicquam minime capiatur, abducatur, vel aliquid asportetur: et volumus ulterius et concessimus præfatis decano et canonicis et successoribus suis quòd, si hujusmodi emptores seu captores, vel eorum aliquis infra dicta terras, tenementa, feoda, et possessiones ipsorum decani et canonicorum sive successorum suorum aut firmariorum hominum vel tenentium suorum, integrè tenentium et non integrè tenentium, residentium et non residentium, et aliorum residentium prædictorum, aut alibi infra quæcumque loca sive locum quemcumque infra dictum regnum nostrum Angliæ, tam infra libertates quam extra, ad aliquas providentiam seu providentias hujusmodi faciendas de bonis catallis ipsorum decani et canonicorum vel successorum suorum, aut firmariorum hominum vel tenentium suorum, integrè tenentium et non integrè tenentium, residentium et non residentium, et aliorum residentium prædictorum, ingressi fuerint, vel ingressus fuerit, et hujusmodi res contra voluntatem, prædictorum decani et canonicorum vel successorum suorum, aut alicujus firmariorum hominum seu tenentium suorum, integrè tenentium et non integrè tenentium, residentium et non residentium, seu aliorum residentium prædictorum in terris, tenementis, feodis, et possessionibus, aut in aliquibus aliis locis, vel alio loco quocumque in regnum nostrum prædictum ceperint, abduxerint, vel asportaverint, ceperit, abduxerit, vel asportaverit, quod tunc iidem provisores, emptores, sive captores, et eorum quilibet, pro hujusmodi ingressu, captione, abductione, seu asportatione victualium, rerum, et cæterorum præmissorum et eorum alicujus parcellæ, coram nobis in banco nostro vel coram justiciariis de communi banco nostro hæredum vel successorum nostrorum, ad sectam et electionem prædictorum decani et canonicorum, seu successorum suorum, firmariorum hominum vel tenentium suorum, integrè tenentium et non integrè tenentium, residentium et non residentium, et aliorum residentium prædictorum, vel eorum alicujus, a quo vel a quibus victualia, res, seu cætera præmissa aut eorum aliqua parcella, sic capta, abducta, vel asportata fuerint vel fuerit, puniantur et puniatur: et quod processus in hac parte fiat versus ipsos provisores, emptores, et captores, et eorum quemlibet, per breve de transgressione vi et armis facta; proviso semper quod, post primum breve de captione retornatum, si iidem provisores,

emptores, et captores non comparuerint, vel eorum aliquis non comparuerit, in hujusmodi secta statim in exigendum ponantur vel ponatur, et sic pro non apparentiis suis utlagentur: et quod literæ nostræ hæredum seu successorum nostrorum patentes de protectione, cum clausula volumus, aut cum clausula nolumus, hujusmodi provisoribus emptoribus seu captoribus, aut eorum alicui, in hujusmodi secta vel occasionibus minime valeant nec allocentur quovismodo, nec aliquod auxilium a nobis, hæredibus seu successoribus nostris, aut essoin, de servitio nostro, hæredum vel successorum nostrorum, aut aliquid aliud essoin, in hac parte habeant, gaudeant, seu optineant, licet hujusmodi literæ sibi per nos hæredes vel successores nostros concessæ et factæ fuerint, aut hujusmodi auxilium aut essoin, a nobis, hæredibus seu successoribus nostris, per ipsos calumpnietur, petatur, et impetretur, et si hujusmodi provisores, emptores, et captores, vel eorum aliquis, ad hujusmodi sectam et prosecutionem prædictorum decani et canonicorum seu successorum suorum, aut firmariorum hominum seu tenentium suorum, integrè tenentium et non integrè tenentium, residentium et non residentium, et aliorum residentium prædictorum, vel eorum aliquis, debitè convicti fuerint vel convictus fuerit, tunc reddant iidem provisores, emptores, et captores, et eorum quilibet reddat parti gravatæ dampna sua in triplo.

Etiam ulterius volumus, damus, et concedimus præfatis decano et canonicis quod ipsi et successores sui, ac firmarii, homines et tenentes sui, integrè tenentes et non integrè tenentes, residentes et non residentes, et alii residentes prædicti quicumque, habeant et teneant omnia et singula domos, mansiones, et ædificia quæ infra dictum regnum nostrum Angliæ nunc habeant et exnunc eos habere contigerit quietè de liberatione et hospitacione senescalli et marescalli hospitii nostri, et hostiarii et aliorum ministrorum tam nostri, hæredum seu successorum nostrorum, quam reginæ consortis nostræ aut reginarum, vel aliquorum filiorum nostrorum, hæredum seu successorum nostrorum, necnon marescallorum provisorum et ministrorum magnatum regni nostri Angliæ aut aliunde, et aliorum quorumcumque cujuscumque præeminentiæ, gradûs, statûs, seu conditionis fuerint; ita quod senescalli et marescalli vel alii ministri nostri, hæredum seu successorum nostrorum, reginæ consortis nostræ, aut reginarum vel aliquorum filiorum nostrorum, hæredum seu successorum nostrorum, vel hujusmodi magnatum, aut aliorum quorumcumque, in eisdem alicubi hospitacionem, seu liberationem aliquam ad opus nostrum sive alicujus eorundem non faciant contra voluntatem dictorum decani et canonicorum et successorum suorum, seu firmariorum, hominum aut tenentium suorum, integrè tenentium et non integrè tenentium, residentium et non residentium, et aliorum residentium prædictorum vel eorum aliquis; et quod nullus dux, marchio, comes, baro, seu magnas dicti regni nostri Angliæ aut aliunde, nec senescalli, marescalli, seu escaetores, vicecomites, coronatores, aut alii ballivi seu ministri nostri, hæredum seu successorum nostrorum, seu ballivi et ministri eorundem escaetorum, vicecomitum, coronatorum, aut aliorum quorumcumque, vel quivis alius cujuscumque statûs vel conditionis fuerit vel fuerint, contra voluntatem et assensum eorundem decani et canonicorum et successorum suorum, seu firmariorum, hominum et tenentium suorum, integrè tenentium et non integrè tenentium, residentium et non residentium, et aliorum residentium prædictorum, aut alicujus eorundem, colore aliquo, in dictis domibus, mansionibus, et ædificiis hospitetur vel hospitentur, moretur vel morentur.

Concessimus insuper et dedimus, damus, et concedimus per præsentis præfatis decano et canonicis, quod ipsi et successores sui imperpetuùm sint quieti de omnimodis auxiliis, subsidiis, et contributionibus, tallagiis, et quotis quibuscumque, quæ ab ipsis ratione dominiorum, terrarum, tenementorum, reddituum, feodorum, et possessionum suorum, aut bonorum et catallorum suorum, quæ dicti decanus et canonici jam habent, ac ipsi et successores sui exnunc sunt habituri, per nos, hæredes seu successores nostros, aut ballivos seu ministros nostros, hæredum seu successorum nostrorum quoscumque,

ad opus nostrum, hæredum, seu successorum nostrorum exigi deberent, seu possint in futurum, si prædicta concessio eis facta minime exitisset; et quod quodcumque clerus regni nostri Angliæ, aut Cantuariensis provinciæ per se, vel Eborum provinciæ per se, decimam, seu partem decimæ, aut aliam quotam quamcumque sive subsidium de bonis et possessionibus suis ecclesiasticis, spiritualibus et temporalibus, vel temporalibus spiritualibus suis annexis concesserint, vel communitates comitatum dicti regni nostri, aut cives aut burgenses civitatum et burgorum dictorum comitatum ipsius regni decimam, quintamdecimam, seu aliam quotam quamcumque de bonis suis temporalibus, seu mobilibus, aut terris, tenementis, seu redditibus suis, aut de personis suis nobis, hæredibus, seu successoribus nostris qualitercumque concesserint, seu nos, hæredes vel successores nostri, dominia nostra per Angliam fecimus talliari; ac dominus summus pontifex, qui pro tempore fuerit, decimam seu quotam aliam vel subsidium clero regni nostri prædicti aut Cantuariensi vel Eborum provinciis prædictis imposuerit, et ea vel aliquam partem eorumdem nobis vel successoribus nostris concesserit, prædicta dominia, terras, tenementa, feoda, et possessiones, ac dicta bona et catalla ipsorum decani et canonicorum et successorum suorum, necnon quæcumque bona ac catalla firmariorum, hominum, et tenentium suorum infra eadem dominia, terras, tenementa, feoda, et possessiones ipsorum decani et canonicorum et successorum suorum existentia sive existere contingentia, ac etiam tam personæ eorundem decani et canonicorum et successorum suorum, quam firmariorum, hominum, et tenentium suorum prædictorum ad opus nostrum, hæredum, seu successorum nostrorum, non taxentur, nec aliquid de decimis, quintis-decimis, aut aliis quotis, subsidiis, seu tallagiis prædictis quoquomodo ad opus nostrum, hæredum, seu successorum nostrorum, levetur; nec iidem decanus et canonici, nec eorum successores, in terris, tenementis, seu bonis suis prædictis, nec firmarii, homines, seu tenentes sui prædicti, hiis occasionibus distringantur, molestentur in aliquo, seu graventur, sed de omnibus decimis, et quintisdecimis, ac aliis tallagiis, et quotis, subsidiis, seu taxis quibuscumque hujusmodi, nobis ante hæc tempora concessis aut nobis vel hæredibus seu successoribus nostris exnunc concedendis, sint quieti et exonerati imperpetuum; licet ipsi decani et canonici seu eorum successores aut dicti firmarii, homines et tenentes sui prædicti, seu eorum hæredes et successores, aut eorum aliquis hujusmodi concessionis fuerit vel fuerint partes agentes, consentientes, vel concedentes sit vel fuerit pars agens, consentiens, vel concedens; et licet hujusmodi concessio sive concessionis sint vel fuerint aut sit vel fuerit facta vel factæ sub istis verbis et terminis, de locis exemptis et non exemptis quibuscumque, modo, forma, seu aliis verbis sive terminis consimilis vigoris seu effectus hujusmodi concessionis sive concessio factæ fuerint vel facta fuerit, non obstantibus.

Concessimus insuper et dedimus damus etiam et concedimus per præsentis eisdem decano et canonicis et successoribus suis, quod ipsi imperpetuum habeant catalla tam hominum suorum quam omnium tenentium suorum integre tenentium et non integre tenentium, residentium et non residentium, et aliorum residentium quorumcumque, tam de terris et tenementis, quam de feodis et possessionibus eisdem decano et canonicis, tam adnunc per nos collatis quam exnunc eis aut eorum successoribus per nos seu alios quoscumque ullo modo conferendis, dandis, seu assignandis, felonum, fugitivorum, utlagatorum, dampnatorum, attinetorum, convictorum, et cujuslibet eorumdem; ita quod si quis hominum vel tenentium, residentium et non residentium, et aliorum residentium hujusmodi pro delicto suo vitam vel membrum debeat amittere vel fugerit, et iudicio stare noluerit, vel aliud quodcumque delictum fecerit pro quo bona et catalla sua debeat perdere, ubicumque de eo justitia fieri debeat, sive in curia nostra, vel hæredum aut successorum nostrorum, sive in alia curia, ipsa bona et catalla sint ipsorum decani et canonicorum, et successorum suorum; et quod liceat eis seu ministris suis, sine impedimento nostri vel hæredum seu succes-

sorum nostrorum, justiciariorum, escactorum, vicecomitum, coronatorum, aut aliorum ballivorum seu ministrorum nostrorum vel hæredum seu successorum nostrorum quorumcumque, ponere se in seisinam de catallis prædictis, et ea ad opus et usum ipsorum decani et canonicorum et successorum suorum retinere, licet eadem bona et catalla per nos seu ministros nostros, aut hæredum seu successorum nostrorum ante seisa fuerint.

Et ulterius damus et concedimus præfatis decano et canonicis, quod ipsi et successores sui, ac tam omnes homines quam omnes tenentes sui, necnon quicumque residentes, tam de terris et tenementis quam de feodis suis prædictis, quieti sint imperpetuum de theoloneo, pannagio, pontagio, kaiagio, muragio, passagio, paiagio, lestagio, stallagio, tallagio, cariagio, pesagio, picagio, terragio, ac scotto et geldo, hidagio, scutagio, ac de operationibus castrorum, parcorum, et pontium, clausurarum et domorum regalium ædificatione, necnon de secta communitatis hundredorum et wapentachiorum, et omnimodis auxiliis regni et vicecomitis et ballivorum suorum, de vigiliis, finibus, circis, et præstationibus arenatis visu franciplegii, et de ad visum franciplegii pertinentibus, necnon de quibuscumque denariorum summis, redditibus, sive præstationibus pro aliquo præmissorum nobis, hæredibus, vel successoribus nostris solvendis, ac de murthero, et de quando contigerit com. sive villat. coram nobis, hæredibus seu successoribus nostris, in cancellaria nostra, hæredum et successorum nostrorum, vel aliquibus aliis justiciariis nostris, hæredum seu successorum nostrorum, de banco, vel itinerantibus, seu ad placita forestæ, seu coram senescallo et marescallo, seu clerico mercati hospitii nostri, vel hæredum seu successorum nostrorum, seu coram quibuscumque aliis justiciariis, officiariis, seu ministris nostris, hæredum seu successorum nostrorum, in manum nostram, seu hæredum vel successorum nostrorum incidere, et de omni alia hujusmodi consuetudine per totum regnum et potestatem nostra.

Et etiam dedimus et concessimus, damusque et concedimus per præsentis eisdem decano et canonicis et successoribus suis, quod ipsi imperpetuum habeant visum franciplegii et quicquid ad hujusmodi visum pertinet, ac omnia bona et catalla quæ dicitur wayfs, et etiam omnia bona et catalla quæ vocantur strays, necnon thesaurum inventum de et in dominiis, maneriis, terris, tenementis, et feodis suis prædictis, quæ jam habent et exnunc sint habituri, ac bona et catalla vocata manuopera capta seu capienda cum aliqua persona ubicumque infra dominia, maneria, terras, tenementa, et feoda prædicta coram quocumque iudice per eandem personam advocata; et quod iidem decanus et canonici et eorum successores habeant catalla felonum qualitercumque dampnatorum seu convictorum, felonum de se, escapia felonum, ac fines quoscumque pro eisdem escapiis, in quibuscumque curiis nostri, hæredum vel successorum nostrorum, tam coram nobis, hæredibus, et successoribus nostris, quam aliis justiciariis nostris hæredum et successorum nostrorum quibuscumque ascendend. vel faciend. ac etiam catalla quarumcumque personarum in exigendum pro felonis positarum, necnon catalla utlagatarum et waivatarum et catalla qualitercumque confiscata, tam omnium hujusmodi felonum quam omnium hujusmodi suorum integre tenentium, et non integre tenentium, residentium et non residentium, et aliorum residentium quorumcumque, tam infra dominia, terras, tenementa, et possessiones, quam feoda prædicta, quamquam dicti tenentes non sunt integre tenentes ipsorum decani et canonicorum, aut successorum suorum, seu idem tenentes aut dicti homines, sive dicti residentes, officiarii, seu ministri nostri, hæredum seu successorum nostrorum existant, seu aliquis eorum existat; et quod iidem decanus et canonici et eorum successores habeant imperpetuum wreccum maris in quibuscumque costeriis et brachiis maris, dominiis, maneriis, terris, et possessionibus suis, spiritualibus et temporalibus, tam adnunc eis datis, quam exnunc eis conferendis adjacentibus, qualitercumque contingens, ac omnia et singula ad hujusmodi wreccum pertinentia sive spectantia; et quod iidem decanus et canonici et eorum successores, per se, vel per ministros suos, hujus-

modi catalla vocata wayf, stray, thesaurarium inventum, catalla vocata manuopera, catalla felonum qualitercumque dampnatorum seu convictorum, catalla quarumque personarum in exigendum positarum pro feloniis, catalla deodandarum utlagatarum et waiviarum, et catalla qualitercumque confiscata, ac huiusmodi wreccum et omnia ad huiusmodi wreccum pertinentia sive spectantia, seiscire et capere possint ad opus eorum, absque perturbatione, molestatione, seu impedimento nostri, hæredum seu successorum nostrorum, justiciariorum, escaetorum, vicecomitum, coronatorum, seu aliorum ballivorum nostri, hæredum seu successorum nostrorum, occasione elemosinarii nostri, hæredum vel successorum nostrorum, aut admiralli Angliæ, aut aliorum quorumcumque, licet ea antea per nos hæredes vel successores nostros, aut aliquos ballivos, officarios, seu ministros, hæredum seu successorum nostrorum seiscita fuerint.

Et insuper quod præfati decanus et canonici et successores sui habeant retorum omnium brevium, præceptorum, mandatorum, et billarum nostrorum, et executiones eorundem per eorum ballivum proprium tam infra dominia, maneria, terras, tenementa, et possessiones, quam feoda prædicta, præfatis decano et canonicis et successoribus suis jam collata, seu imposterum per quoscumque conferenda, licet nos tangunt hæredes vel successores nostros, vel prædictos decanum et canonicos et eorum successoribus, et quod nullus vicecomes, coronator, seu aliquis minister noster, hæredum seu successorum nostrorum, de huiusmodi retorno sive executione ullo modo se intromittat, seu dicta dominia, maneria, terras, tenementa, possessiones, et feoda, ea occasione quovis modo ingrediatur sub gravi forisfactura nostra, nec clericus mercati hospitii nostri, hæredum seu successorum nostrorum, dominia, maneria, terras, tenementa, possessiones et feoda illa, seu aliquam parcellam eorundem, ad aliquod quod ad officium suum pertinet inibi exercendum, quovis modo ingrediatur, nec de se aliquo infra eadem seu aliquam parcellam eorundem colore officii sui prædicti aliquo modo intromittat.

Uterius, de gratia nostra speciali, pardonavimus, remisimus, et relaxavimus, tam dilectis nobis in Christo decano et canonicis prædictis, quam aliis personis quibuscumque, omnimodas transgressionibus, offensas, misiones, impetitiones, et contemptus, per ipsos seu eorum aliquos vel aliquem in seu pro prosecutione, receptione, acceptatione, lectione, publicatione, notificatione, seu quacumque executione aliquarum literarum quarumcumque domini summi pontificis ad usum vel quodcumque interesse collegii aut decani et canonicorum prædictorum, contra formam statuti de provisoribus ante hæc tempora editi, aut aliqua alia statuta, constitutiones, sive provisiones, aut consuetudines et prærogativa coronæ regni nostri vel juris ejusdem qualitercumque factis sive perpetratis; et insuper, concessimus et licentiam dedimus, pro nobis et hæredibus nostris, eisdem decano et canonicis et successoribus suis, quod ipsi omnes et omnimodas literas bullatas, ac alias literas quascumque, eis juxta eorum seu consilii sui discretionem necessarias et oportunas, tam per se quam per alios, a summo pontifice moderno et successoribus suis prosequi, aut eas recipere, acceptare, legere, publicare, notificare, et exequi valeant, et quilibet eorum valeat licite et impune absque occasione, impetitione, perturbatione, molestatione, impedimento, seu gravamine nostri, hæredum seu successorum nostrorum, justiciariorum, vicecomitum, coronatorum, aut aliorum ballivorum seu ministrorum nostrorum, hæredum seu successorum nostrorum quorumcumque imperpetuum; nolentes quod iidem decanus et canonici, seu successores sui, aut aliquæ aliæ personæ, seu aliqua alia persona, pro seu in prosecutione, receptione, acceptatione, lectione, publicatione, notificatione, seu executione literarum illarum per nos vel hæredes nostros aut alios quoscumque de cætero occasionentur, impetantur, perturbentur, molestentur, impediuntur in aliquo, seu graventur, occasionentur, impetantur, perturbentur, molestentur, impediuntur in aliquo, seu graventur, aliquibus statutis sive ordinationibus, ante hæc tempora superinde editis sive ordinatis, non obstantibus.

Et ulterius dedimus et concessimus, ac damus et concedimus per præfatos præfatis decano et canonicis

quod ipsi et successores sui imperpetuum habeant et teneant omnia terras, tenementa, feoda, et possessiones suas eis jam collatas et de cætero conferenda, tam in bosco quam in plano, tam de feodis nostris quam de alienis, deafforestat. et extra potestatem omnium justiciariorum, senescallorum, custodum, forestariorum, viridariorum, regardorum, ballivorum, et aliorum officiariorum seu ministrorum nostrorum, hæredum vel successorum nostrorum, forestarum sive chacearum nostrarum, hæredum vel successorum nostrorum quorumcumque; et quod prædicti decanus et canonici et successores sui, et eorum ministri, necnon tenentes sui residentes, infra dominia, terras, tenementa, feoda, et possessiones ipsorum decani et canonicorum et successorum suorum coram quibuscumque justiciariis aut custodibus forestarum nostrarum, hæredum vel successorum nostrorum, sive chacearum, aliorum quorumcumque forestariorum, viridariorum, senescallorum, et regardorum, aut aliis ministris, hæredum seu successorum nostrorum, forestarum sive chacearum prædictarum capiendis, aut summonitionibus suis quibuscumque ponantur seu eorum aliquis ponatur, nec ea occasione perturbentur, molestentur in aliquo, seu graventur, nec eorum aliquis molestetur, perturbetur in aliquo, seu gravetur, nec ea de causa dampnum aliquod seu perditionem incurrant quovis modo nec incurrat; et quod ipsi et eorum quilibet inde totaliter sint quieti et exonerati, quietus et exoneratus imperpetuum; et quod ipsi et successores sui et ministri, tenentes, et residentes prædicti erga nos et hæredes et successores nostros exonerati sint imperpetuum et quieti de chiminagio, expeditatione canum, et de sustentatione, et putura forestariorum et aliorum ministrorum nostrorum, hæredum seu successorum nostrorum, forestarum nostrarum sive chacearum quarumcumque, ac de usu et ministerio, necnon de omnibus aliis oneribus, feodis, et curialitatibus, gallinis, ovis, et aliis quæ ad forestarum sive chacearum forestarios, viridarios, et eorum ministros, aliquo modo pertinent seu ipsis pertinere clamant quovis modo, et quæ huiusmodi forestarii seu alii ministri forestarum nostrarum sive chacearum quarumcumque ante hæc tempora exigere vel vindicare potuerint seu consueverint, aut imposterum potuerint ullo modo.

Et quod præfati decanus et canonici et successores sui, homines, tenentes sui, ac residentes quicumque infra dominia, terras, tenementa, feoda, et possessiones, quæ iidem nunc decanus et canonici jam habent, seu ipsi et successores sui de cætero sint habituri, ad intendendum sive obediendum aliquibus præceptis sive mandatis admiralli Angliæ, seu aliorum officiariorum seu ministrorum suorum, seu coram eis aliquo modo comparere pro aliquibus officium suum tangentibus aut officio suo pertinentibus sive spectantibus, in aliquo loco non teneantur; sed inde sint omnino quieti et exonerati imperpetuum; ita quod admirallus noster hæredum et successorum nostrorum pro tempore existens, aut aliquis officiariorum seu ministrorum nostrorum, dominia, terras, tenementa, feoda, et possessiones prædictis decano et canonicis jam collata, seu ipsis et successoribus suis ex nunc conferenda, aut aliquam parcellam earundem ad aliqua placita ibidem tenenda, aut quicquid aliud quod ad officium suum admirallitatis pertinet seu pertinere poterit in futurum faciendum, nullatenus ingrediatur; sed habeant et teneant præfati nunc decanus et canonici et successores sui, omnia et omnimoda huiusmodi placita ac alia quæcumque, quæ ad officium et curiam admirallitatis qualitercumque pertinent sive spectant, de omnimodis et singulis causis, querelis, actionibus, et demandis, dictos nunc decanum et canonicos et successores suos terras, tenementa, feoda et possessiones suas, homines et tenentes suos residentes tangentibus et emergentibus, et ea adeo plenarie in eorum curiis per senescallos et bal-

livos suos, una cum finibus amerciamentis exitibus et aliis proficuis quibuscumque inde provenientius sive emergentibus, habeant, percipiant, et exequantur, prout admiralli nostri, hæredum seu successorum nostrorum, et ministri sui haberent, perciperent, et exequerentur si præsens concessio nostra inde præfatis decano et canonicis facta non fuisset.

Dedimus etiam et concessimus ulterius eisdem decano et canonicis quod nec ipsi nec successores sui, homines, et tenentes suos, aut alii residentes infra dominia, terras, tenementa, feoda, et possessiones eisdem decano et canonicis jam collata aut eis aut eorum successoribus de cætero conferenda, per vicecomites, ballivos, seu alios ministros nostri, hæredum seu successorum nostrorum quoscumque, vel eorum aliquem extra dominia, terras, tenementa, feoda, et possessiones prædictas, virtute alicujus brevis, præcepti, warranti, seu mandati nostri, hæredum seu successorum nostrorum, summoneantur, distringantur, attachientur, nec capiantur, nec eorum aliquis summoneatur, distringatur, attachietur, nec capiatur, nec aliqua executio hujusmodi brevis prætextu, warranti, sive mandati versus prædictos decanum et canonicos seu successores suos homines tenentes seu alios residentes prædictos vel eorum aliquem extra dicta dominia, terras, tenementa, feoda et possessiones fiat, dummodo aliàs executio hujusmodi brevis, præcepti, warranti, seu mandati infra dominia, terras, tenementa, feoda, et possessiones prædicta per proprios ballivos eorundem decani et canonicorum et successorum suorum fieri poterit, licet aliqui vicecomites, ballivi, seu alii ministri prædicti præfatos decanum et canonicos seu successores suos aut homines, tenentes, seu alios residentes extra dominia, terras, tenementa, feoda, et possessiones prædicta inveniant infra comitatum ubi sic sunt residentes, sed mandetur ballivis dictorum decani et canonicorum et successorum suorum ad executionem inde faciendam, si non fuerit in defectu ipsorum decani et canonicorum seu successorum suorum aut ministrorum eorum; et quod præfati decanus et canonici et successores sui habeant imperpetuum omnimoda escapia felonum et murdrorum in dominiis, terris, tenementis, feodis, et possessionibus eisdem decano et canonicis jam collatis et exnunc eis et eorum successoribus conferendis, et omnia alia quæ ad nos, hæredes vel successores nostros, pertinere possent vel deberent, tam de hujusmodi escapiis felonum, murdrorum, quam de omnibus et singulis hominibus, tenentibus suis, integre tenentibus et non integre tenentibus, residentibus et non residentibus, et aliis residentibus quibuscumque, tam de et in terris et tenementis quam de et in feodis et possessionibus suis prædictis, et tam omnium ministrorum et officiorum nostrorum vel hæredum et successorum nostrorum quam aliorum quorumcumque, at etiam villatarum et hundredorum de et in villis, dominiis, terris, tenementis, feodis, et possessionibus prædictis, licet tales homines, tenentes, residentes et non residentes, et alii residentes alibi teneant de nobis vel hæredibus nostris seu de aliis quibuscumque; et quod nec præfati decanus et canonici seu successores sui, nec officarii et ministri homines seu tenentes sui et alii residentes infra dominia, terras, tenementa, feoda, et possessiones sua eis jam collata et de cætero conferenda in placitum quodcumque coram senescallis et marescallis hospitii nostri hæredum seu successorum nostrorum vel eorum alterum, licet nos seu personam nostram hæredes seu successores nostros tangunt, ullo modo deducantur seu trahantur; nec quod ipsi seu eorum aliquis per præfatos senescallos et marescallos nostros seu ministros eorundem arestetur, attachietur, molestetur in aliquo vel gravetur; et quod prædicti decanus et canonici seu successores sui aut officarii, ministri, homines, tenentes, vel residentes prædicti, ratione alicujus præsentationis sive querelæ, coram dictis senescallis et marescallis factarum vel captarum, seu imposterum fiendarum vel capiendarum, ad comparandum coram eisdem senescallis et marescallis, virtute alicujus brevis, præcepti, seu mandati nostri comparere, respondere, vel quovismodo obedire minime teneatur; et quod prædicti decanus et canonici et successores sui imperpetuum constituent sibi coronatores in omnibus et singulis dominiis, terris, feodis, et possessionibus suis sibi collatis et de cætero conferen-

dis; et quod iidem coronatores et eorum quilibet habeat et habeant plenariam potestatem et auctoritatem exercendi in dictis dominiis, terris, tenementis, feodis, et possessionibus prædictorum decani et canonicorum et successorum suorum, omnia et singula quæ ad officia alicujus coronatoris nostri, hæredum et successorum nostrorum pertinent facienda et exercenda; ita quod nullus coronator nostri, hæredum seu successorum nostrorum, ad aliquod quod ad hujusmodi officium coronatoris pertinet faciendum in dicta dominia, terras, tenementa, et possessiones seu eorum aliquod aliquammodo ingrediatur vel se in aliquo inde intromittat: et quod prædicti nunc decanus et canonici et successores sui imperpetuum habeant warrennam in omnibus dominiis et terris suis dominicalibus sibi jam collatis et de cætero conferendis, ubicumque fuerint, ac etiam liberam chaseam in omnibus dominicis et boscis suis quæ ipsi jam habeant aut ipsi et successores sui exnunc sunt habituri, licet eadem dominia, terræ, dominicalia, et bosci sint vel fuerint infra metas forestarum nostrarum, ita quod nullus forestarius, officarius, vel ministri nostri hæredum vel successorum nostrorum, nec aliquis alius intret dominia et terras seu boscos illa, ad fugandum in eis vel ad aliquid capiendum quod ad warrennam vel chaseam pertinet, seu aliquid quod ad officium forestarii vel alicujus alterius officarii seu ministri nostri, hæredum seu successorum nostrorum, forestarum sive chasearum nostrarum seu hæredum vel successorum nostrorum pertinet seu pertinere poterit ullo modo, sine licentia ipsorum decani et canonicorum et successorum suorum; et quod præfati nunc decanus et canonici et successores sui imperpetuum habeant wardas et custodiam terrarum et tenementorum omnium et singulorum tenentium suorum, de ipsis per servitium militare tentorum, hæredibus suis infra ætatem existentibus, ac cum releviis, escaetis, forisfacturis, et aliis proficuis, exitibus, et emolumentis quibuscumque, licet iidem tenentes de nobis in capite ut de corona, vel de aliis alibi teneant quoquomodo.

Dedimus etiam et concessimus pro nobis et hæredibus nostris præfatis nunc decano et canonicis et successoribus suis quod, si quis canonicorum primi aut secundi ordinis, presbiterorum, conductorum, ministrorum sacelli, clericorum, scolarium, choristarum, vel aliquis alius serviens vel minister ipsorum decani et canonicorum, seu successorum suorum, seu alicujus eorundem, infra limites seu septa dicti collegii vel habitationis eorundem decani et canonicorum et successorum suorum, manus violentes in alterum ejusdem collegii canonicorum primi et secundi ordinis, presbiterorum, conductorum, ministrorum sacelli, clericorum, scolarium, choristarum, servientium, seu ministrorum prædictorum injecerit, ita quod non sit mahemium, ipse decanus collegii prædicti et successores sui inde habeat et habeant plenariam cognitionem, correctionem, et punitionem coram eodem decano et successoribus suis vel eorum locumtenente, ita quod nullus officiariorum seu ministrorum nostrorum, hæredum vel successorum nostrorum, ullo modo se inde intromittat; et quod iidem decanus et canonici et eorum successores de cætero habeant processus suos, recuperationes, et executiones suas versus quoscumque abbates, priores, decanos, rectores, et vicarios abbatiarum, prioratum, decanatum, ecclesiarum, vicariorum, ac alias personas quascumque et eorum quemlibet, pro quibuscumque annuitatibus, pensionibus, portionibus, et apportibus, et qualibet parcella eorundem decano et canonicis et eorum successoribus debitis, solvendis, pertinentibus, sive spectantibus, tam per breviam de debitis vel annuitatibus in quibuscumque curiis nostris, hæredum et successorum nostrorum, quam per breve de scire facias vel scire faciatis in scaccario nostro, hæredum et successorum nostrorum, ad libitum et electionem ipsorum decani et canonicorum et successorum suorum, quotiens et quandocumque contigerit hujusmodi annuitates, pensiones, portiones, et apportus, aut eorum aliquam parcellam aretro fore, in parte vel in toto, post aliquem terminum quo solvi debeant aut debeant, non solutam vel non solutas; et habeant etiam iidem decanus et canonici et successores sui super hujusmodi recuperationes dampna sua, tam pro injusta detentione annuitatum, pensionum, portionum, et apportuum prædictorum, et cujuslibet parcellæ eorundem, quam pro

mis, expensis, et costagiis suis circa hujusmodi recuperationes factis, habitis, rationabiliter adjudicanda; et quod iidem decanus et canonici et successores sui ab omnibus et omnimodis oneribus et demandis versus ipsos contra libertates, franchises, quietantias, immunitates prædictas, in hujusmodi curiis et locis exactis, ab eisdem curiis et locis, virtute exhibitionis sive demonstrationis dictæ cartæ, erga nos, hæredes, et successores nostros et alios quoscumque, statim et immediate exonerati, recedant absque aliquo brevi seu mandato nostri hæredum, seu successorum nostrorum, at aliquo brevi processu superinde ulterius proseguendo.

Et pro majori securitate et stabilimento libertatum, franchisesiarum, quietantiarum, et immunitatum prædictarum dictis decano et canonicis et successoribus suis ut præmittitur per nos concessarum, et ut iidem decanus et canonici et eorum successores, temporibus futuris, libertatibus, franchisesiis, et immunitatibus prædictis quietè et magis secure uti valeant et gaudere, de gratia nostra uberiori, concessimus pro nobis, hæredibus et successoribus nostris, ac cartâ nostrâ confirmavimus eisdem nunc decano et canonicis et successoribus suis quod, licet ipsi vel eorum successores aliquibus libertatibus, franchisesiis, quietantiis, et immunitatibus prædictis de cætero aliquo casu emergente non usi vel abusi fuerint, bene tamen licebit eisdem libertatibus, franchisesiis, quietantiis, et immunitatibus postmodum uti et gaudere, absque impetitione, impedimento, perturbatione, molestatione, seu gravamine nostri vel hæredum nostrorum, justiciariorum, escaetorum, aut aliorum ballivorum seu ministrorum nostrorum, et successorum nostrorum quorumcumque, quare volumus et firmiter præcipimus, pro nobis, hæredibus et successoribus nostris, quod præfati nunc decanus et canonici et successores sui imperpetuum habeant et teneant omnes et singulas donationes, concessionem, libertates, quietantias, franchisesias, et immunitates prædictas, et eas et earum qualibet plene gaudeant et utantur, sicut prædictum est, sine impedimento nostri hæredum seu successorum nostrorum, justiciariorum, escaetorum, senescallorum, marescallorum, coronatorum, aut aliorum ballivorum seu ministrorum nostrorum, hæredum seu successorum nostrorum, eo quod expressa mentio de vero valore annuo aut certitudine præmissorum seu alicujus eorumdem, aut de aliis donis et concessionibus præfatis decano et canonicis et successoribus suis ante hæc tempora factis in præsentibus minime facta existit, juxta formam statutorum inde editorum, aut quibuscumque aliis statutis sive ordinationibus, ante hæc tempora factis seu impostum fiendis non obstantibus.

Et cum, per alias literas nostras patentes, de data tertiodecimo die Julii anno regni nostri decimo septimo, prædictis decano et canonicis licentiam dedimus quod ipsi et successores sui maneria, terras, tenementa, redditus, reversiones, servitia, patronatus ecclesiarum, abbatiarum, prioratum, hospitalium, et aliorum beneficiorum ecclesiasticorum quorumcumque, portiones, apportus, annuitates, pensiones et advocaciones ecclesiarum, ac omnia et omnimoda alia hæreditamenta et possessiones quascumque, tam spirituales quam temporales, ad annum valorem duarum millium librarum sterlingorum ultra omnia onera et reprisas, tam de feodo nostro proprio quam alieno, licet de nobis in capite vel aliter seu aliquo alio modo seu de aliquibus aliis personis seu de aliqua alia persona teneantur, recipere, habere, et tenere possint, statuto de terris et tenementis ad manum mortuam non ponendis, aut aliquo alio statuto, re, causa, aut materia non obstante, prout in eisdem literis nostris de data prædicta plenius continetur; nos autem, prædictis decano et canonicis gratiam volentes facere uberiores, ex certa scientia et mero motu nostris concedimus et per præsentem licentiam damus quod ipsi et successores sui maneria, terras, tenementa, redditus, reversiones, servitia, patronatus ecclesiarum, abbatiarum, prioratum, hospitalium, et aliorum beneficiorum ecclesiasticorum quorumcumque, portiones, apportus, annuitates, pensiones, et advocaciones ecclesiarum, ac omnia et omnimoda alia hæreditamenta et possessiones quascumque, tam spirituales quam temporales, ad annum valorem trescentarum librarum sterlingorum, ultra omnia onera et reprisas, tam de feodo nostro proprio quam alieno, licet de

nobis in capite vel aliter seu aliquo modo seu de aliquibus aliis personis seu de aliqua alia persona teneantur, ac ultra summam illam duarum millium librarum in prædictis literis specificatarum de quacumque persona vel quibuscumque personis, ea eis dare, assignare, vel concedere volenti vel volentibus, perquirere, et de eadem persona vel eisdem personis conjunctim vel divisim recipere, et ea sibi et successoribus suis tenere possint; ita quod in toto, virtute prædictarum literarum nostrarum et præsentis concessionis nostræ, prædicti decanus et canonici et successores sui in maneria, terras, tenementa, redditus, reversiones, servitia, patronatus ecclesiarum, abbatiarum, prioratum, hospitalium, et aliorum beneficiorum ecclesiasticorum quorumcumque, portiones, apportus, annuitates, pensiones, et advocaciones ecclesiarum, ac omnia et omnimoda alia hæreditamenta et possessiones quascumque, tam spirituales quam temporales, ad annum valorem duarum millium et trescentarum librarum, ultra omnia onera et reprisas, tam de feodo nostro proprio quam alieno, licet de nobis in capite vel aliter aut aliquo alio modo, seu de aliquibus aliis personis seu de aliqua alia persona teneantur, habenda et tenenda dicta maneria, terras, tenementa, redditus, reversiones, servitia, patronatus ecclesiarum, abbatiarum, prioratum, hospitalium, et aliorum beneficiorum ecclesiasticorum quorumcumque, portiones, apportus, annuitates, pensiones, et advocaciones ecclesiarum, ac omnia et omnimoda alia hæreditamenta, possessiones quascumque, tam spirituales quam temporales, ad valorem annum duarum millium et trescentarum librarum ultra omnia onera et reprisas, tam de feodo nostro proprio quam de alieno, licet de nobis in capite vel aliter aut aliquo alio modo seu de aliquibus aliis personis vel de aliqua alia persona ut præfertur teneantur, dictis decano et canonicis collegii prædicti et eorum successoribus in liberam puram et perpetuam elemosinam imperpetuum, statutis de terris et tenementis ad manum mortuam non ponendis editis, aut aliquo alio statuto ordinatione provisione seu restrictione in contrarium inde factis, editis, ordinatis, seu provisitis, aut aliqua alia re, causa, vel materia quacumque, in aliquo non obstantibus, et hoc absque aliqua inquisitione sive aliquibus inquisitionibus inde, prætextu alicujus brevis seu mandati nostri vel aliquorum brevium seu mandatorum hæredum vel successorum nostrorum de 'ad quod dampnum' seu alicujus alterius brevis, commissionis, mandati, seu præcepti nostri, hæredum vel successorum nostrorum in hac parte faciendi, proseguendis seu capiendis, et in cancellariam nostram hæredum vel successorum nostrorum seu alibi retornandis, et absque aliquibus aliis literis patentibus hæredum vel successorum nostrorum de et in, sive pro præmissis seu aliquo præmissorum quovismodo impetrandis, habendis, sive faciendis, aliquibus statutis sive ordinationibus in contrarium inde factis editis vel ordinatis non obstantibus, nolentes quod prædicti decano et canonici dicti collegii qui pro tempore fuerint, aut successores sui, ratione seu occasione præmissorum vel eorum alicujus, per nos, hæredes vel successores nostros, justiciarios, escaetores, vicecomites, seu alios ballivos seu ministros nostros vel hæredum seu successorum nostrorum quoscumque impendantur, inquietentur, molestentur in aliquo, seu graventur; aliqua alia concessione præfatis decano et canonicis per nos sive alios progenitores nostros concessa, seu aliqua alia re, causa, vel materia non obstante.

Et quoniam, per alias literas nostras patentes omnia feoda, fines, magna et parva, tam pro concessionibus præteritis quam etiam futuris, prædicto collegio per nos aut successores nostros prædictis decano et canonicis faciendis, eisdem plene et integre remisimus, ut in eisdem datis prima die Maii, anno regni nostri decimo octavo continetur, volumus ut prædictis feodis et summæ remissio nostra ad præsentem concessionem in omnibus et per omnia extendatur, ita etiam ut juxta vim, formam, et effectum eorumdem præsentem literæ nostræ corrigi, reformari, deque novo conscribi et sigillari possint quotiens et quando opus videbitur, ut in præfatis literis nostris plenius expressimus et declaravimus; eo quod prædictarum literarum nostrarum integrè tenor de verbo ad verbum non exprimatur, aut quod expressa mentio de aliqua certa summa, feodo et prædictorum aut de aliquo

alio valore sive concessione, per nos aut progenitores nostros prædictis decano et canonicis ante hæc tempora facta, in præsentibus minime facta existit, aut aliqua alia re causa aut materia quacumque in aliquo non obstante.

Hiis testibus, reverendissimis in Christo patribus T. Eborum cardinale, legato de latere, cancellario nostro, et W. Cantuariensi, archiepiscopis; ac venerabilibus patribus, C. London. custode privati sigilli nostri, et J. Bathon. et Wellen. episcopis; nec non carissimis consanguineis nostris Henrico Richemondiae et Somersetiae custode marchiarum nostrarum versus Scotiam, Thoma Norfolkiae thesaurario Angliæ, et Carolo Suffolciæ, ducibus; Thoma Dorsetiae et Henrico Exoniæ, marchionibus; Johanne Oxoniæ camerario Angliæ, et Georgio Salopiæ senescallo hospitii nostri, comitibus; ac dilectis et fidelibus nostris Willielmo Sandys de Vyne milite, et Edwardo Devereux de Ferrers milite, baronibus; Willielmo Fitz William thesaurario hospitii nostri, et Henrico Guldeford contrarotulatore ejusdem hospitii nostri et Thoma More militibus; et aliis.

Dat. per manum nostram apud Westm. quinto die Maii.

Per breve de privato sigillo.

NUM. XL.

Bulla Confirmationis Collegii Cardinalis Eboracensis in Oxonia.

[Rym. Fæd. tom. xiv. p. 255. An. 20 H. VIII. ex orig.]

Registrata in camera apostolica de mandato reverendissimi cardinalis sanctorum quatuor.

B. MOTTA.

CLEMENS episcopus, servus servorum Dei, ad perpetuam rei memoriam.

Romanus pontifex, pii patris et summi rectoris vices divinâ providentiâ in terris gerens, nonnunquam ea quæ apostolica auctoritate litterarum studio operam dare volentibus, præsertim contemplatione sanctæ Romanæ ecclesiæ cardinalium, concessa fuerunt, ut eo firmiter inconcussa permaneant, quo sæpius fuerint apostolicæ sedis præsidio circumfulta, approbat et innovat prout id conspicit in Domino salubriter expedire. Sane, pro parte dilectorum filiorum moderni decani et canonicorum collegii Thomæ Wolsey cardinalis Eboracensis in alma academia sive universitate Oxoniensi, Lincolnensis diocesis, per dilectum filium Thomam tituli sanctæ Cecilie presbyterum cardinalem Eboracensem nuncupatum in regno Angliæ, nostrum et apostolicæ sedis legatum de latere instituti, nobis nuper exhibita petitio continebat quod eidem collegio et illius decano ac canonicis, tam circa appellationem fructuum reddituum et possessionum quorundam monasteriorum de nostra auctoritate suppressorum, quam etiam certarum ecclesiarum parochialium unionem, ac aliis etiam de causis quamplura et diversa privilegia ac indulta gratiæ et litteræ apostolicæ a sede apostolica concessæ, illorumque vigore statuta nonnulla edita aliaque facta fuerunt, quæ ad dicti collegii constitutionem et diuturniorem ejusdem conservationem pertinerent, quare, pro parte ipsorum decani et canonicorum, nobis fuit humiliter supplicatum ut omnia prædicta innovare et approbare, ac potiori pro cautela ea omnia de novo concedere, eorundemque virtute facta et executâ confirmare de benignitate apostolica dignaremur; nos itaque, hujusmodi supplicationibus inclinati, omnia et singula privilegia, exemptiones, libertates, immunitates, gratias, tam spirituales quam temporales indulta et litteras apostolicas præfato collegio illiusque decano et canonicis tam a dicta sede, quam quibuscumque aliis concessa, hujusmodi statuta quoque et ordinationes, virtute eorundem facta et promulgata (quorum omnium tenores præsentibus pro sufficienter expressis et insertis habentes) auctoritate apostolica, tenore præsentium, approbamus et innovamus, illaque inviolabiliter observari debere decernimus atque mandamus, ac potiori pro cautela eisdem modis et formis, quibus concessa fuerunt etiam de novo concedimus, suppletes omnes et singulos tam juris quam facti defectus, si qui forsitan in litteris et conces-

sionibus hujusmodi intervenerint, et præsertim in litteris unionum ecclesiarum parochialium et monasteriorum, in quibus regulæ nostræ cancellariæ, qua volumus quod in unionibus ecclesiarum et aliorum beneficiorum declarari deberet verus annuus valor beneficii uniendi et alterius cui uniretur, et quod commissio fieret ad partes vocatis quorum interesset, expressis verbis derogatum non sit, ac prohibentes sub interminatione divini judicii ne quis litteras et concessionem nostras hujusmodi hiis et aliis de causis contra effectum earundem impugnare præsumat, decernentes exnunc irritum et inane si secus super hiis a quoquam quavis auctoritate scienter vel ignoranter contigerit attemptari; quocirca venerabilibus fratribus nostris Cantuariensi et Eboracensi archiepiscopis Angliæ primatibus et dictæ sedis legatis natis, per apostolica scripta mandamus quatinus ipsi, vel alter eorum per se, vel alium, seu alios, præmissa, ubi quando et quotiens opus fuerit, et pro parte decani pro tempore existentis et canonicorum collegii hujusmodi fuerint requisiti, solenniter publicantes, eisque in præmissis opportunæ defensionis præsidio assistentes, faciant auctoritate nostra approbationis, innovationis, concessionis, suppletionis, prohibitionis, et decreti prædictorum effectum illos pacifice frui et gaudere; non permittentes eos desuper per quoscumque quavis auctoritate contra præsentium tenorem quomodolibet molestari aut inquietari, contradictores quoslibet, cujuscunque dignitatis, status, gradus, et conditionis fuerint, per censuras ecclesiasticas et alia opportuna juris remedia, appellatione postposita, compescendo, ac pœnas et censuras hujusmodi contra contradictores et rebelles hujusmodi etiam excommunicationis, quas iteratis vicibus aggravare possint, infligendo, invocato etiam ad hoc, si opus fuerit, auxilio brachii secularis, non obstantibus præmissis, ac apostolicis, necnon, bonæ memoriæ, Ottonis et Ottoboni olim in dicto regno Angliæ dictæ sedis legatorum ac in provincialibus et sinodalibus conciliis editis specialibus vel generalibus constitutionibus et ordinationibus, necnon privilegiis, indultis, et litteris apostolicis quomodolibet concessis, confirmatis, et innovatis, quibus, illorum tenores præsentibus pro sufficienter expressis habentes, illis alias in sua robore permansuris, hac vice duntaxat specialiter et expresse derogamus, cæterisque contrariis quibuscunque, aut si aliquibus communiter vel divisim ab eadem sit sede indultum quod interdicti, suspendi, vel excommunicari non possint per litteras apostolicas non facientes plenam et expressam, ac de verbo ad verbum de indulto hujusmodi mentionem. Nulli ergo omnino hominum liceat hanc paginam nostræ approbationis, innovationis, decreti, mandati, concessionis, suppletionis, decreti, prohibitionis, et derogationis infringere, vel ei ausu temerario contraire. Si quis autem hoc attemptare præsumpserit, indignationem omnipotentis Dei ac beatorum Petri et Pauli apostolorum ejus se noverit incursurum.

Dat. Viterbo, anno incarnationis Dominicæ millesimo quingentesimo vigesimo octavo, pridie id. Junii, pontificatus nostri anno quinto.

HEN. DE BUSSEYO.

Sub plumbeo sigillo pendente a filis sericis flavi rubique coloris.

NUM. XLI.

Carta Decani et Canonicorum Cardinalis Collegii Oxoniæ facta Domino Regi.

[Rym. Fæd. tom. xiv. p. 409, claus. 22 H. VIII.]

SCIANT præsentibus et futuri quod nos Johannes Higdon sacræ theologiæ professor, decanus collegii Thomæ Wolsey cardinalis Eboracensis in alma academia sive universitate Oxoniensi, et ejusdem collegii canonici, dedimus, concessimus, et per hanc cartam nostram confirmavimus serenissimo et invictissimo principi domino nostro Henrico octavo, Dei gratia, Angliæ et Franciæ regi, fidei defensori et domino Hiberniæ, manerium sive dominium de Sampforde cum pertinentiis in comitatu Oxoniæ; videlicet, totum illud capitale mesuagium manerii de Sampforde, quatuor mesuagia, quadringentas sexaginta et novem acras terræ, quadra-

ginta sex acras prati, viginti unam acras pasturæ ac viginti denariatos redditus in Saundforde in comitatu prædicto; ac etiam manerium de Horsepath cum pertinentiis, quæ se extendunt tam in comitatu Oxoniæ quam in comitatu Berks, videlicet, capitale mesuagium sive mansionem manerii de Horsepath, tresdecim mesuagia, duo cotagia, quingenta octoginta tres acras et dimidium terræ, viginti duas acras dimidium prati, viginti septem acras bosci, et centum septuaginta acras pasturæ in Horsepath in com. prædicto; necnon manerium sive dominium de Litlemore cum pertinentiis in comitatu Oxoniæ, videlicet, capitale mesuagium sive mansionem prædicti manerii de Litlemore, ac duodecim mesuagia, unum cotagium, quadringenta quadraginta et sex acras terræ, viginti et novem acras et unam rodam prati, septuaginta acras pasturæ, et duodecim denariatos redditus in Lytlemore in eodem comitatu; ac etiam manerium sive dominium de Temple Cowley, cum pertinentiis, videlicet, capitale mesuagium sive mansionem prædicti manerii de Temple Cowley, septem mesuagia, tria cotagia, quadringenta et decem acras terræ, et dimidium viginti sex acras prati, sex acras pasturæ, quatuor denariatos redditus ac communem pasturæ pro trescentis ovibus in Temple Cowley in eodem comitatu; una cum omnibus et singulis mesuagiis, terris, tenementis, boscis, subboscis, aquis, molendinis, redditibus, reversionibus, servitiis, advocacionibus ecclesiarum, præbendarum, cantariarum, capellarum, feodis militum, wardis, maritagii, releviis, escaetis, curiis letis, vis. franc. pleg. villanis nativis cum eorum sequelis procreatis et procreandis, ac cum omnibus et singulis suis pertinentiis, franchisesiis, libertatibus, immunitatibus, et commoditatibus quibuscunque in Saundforde, Horsepath, Litlemore, et Temple Cowley in comitatibus Oxoniæ et Berks prædictis, eisdem maneriis de Sampforde, Horsepath, Litlemore et Temple Cowley prædictis, seu eorum alicui, sive aliquibus pertinentibus spectantibus seu quoquo modo appendentibus.

Dedimus et concessimus præfato serenissimo principi domino nostro, regi, advocacionem patronatum et præsentationem præbendæ de Blewbery in comitatu Berks unius præbendarum ecclesiæ cathedralis Sarum, cum omnibus et singulis suis juribus et pertinentiis universis, prædictæ præbendæ de Blewbery pertinentibus seu spectantibus; necnon totum illud mesuagium nostrum cum gardino eidem adjacente scituatum in venella vocata Chaunceler lane in suburbiis civitatis Londoniæ, ac in comitatu Middlesexiæ, jacens inter quoddam mesuagium nunc in tenura sex clericorum cancellariæ ejusdem domini nostri regis ex parte boreali, et venellam vocatam Ballardès lane ex parte australi, abutans super viam regiam vocatam Chaunceler lane prædictam versus orientem et quendam canpū vocatum Tickheth felde versus occidentem, quæ quidem dominia, maneria, mesuagia, terras, tenementa, advocaciones, et cætera præmissa nuper hujusmodi nobis præfatis decano et canonicis et successoribus nostris, ex dono et concessione Willielmi Weston militis prioris hospitalis sancti Johannis Jerusalem in Anglia et ejusdem prioris confratrum, prout per quandam cartam suam indentatam, sigillo suo communi sigillatam, nobis præfatis decano et canonicis de prædictis dominiis, maneriis, mesuagiis, terris, tenementis, et cæteris præmissis confectam et habitam plene liquet et apparet; ac insuper dedimus et concessimus et per hanc cartam nostram confirmavimus præfato domino nostro regi omnia terras et tenementa nostra in villa sive universitate Oxoniæ in com. Oxon. prædicto, ac unam acram terræ in Skelton in com. Eborum nuper parcellam manerii de Skelton in eodem comitatu, una cum advocacione et patronatu ecclesiæ de Rudby in Cleveland in eodem comitatu Eborum, necnon advocacionem patronatum et præsentationem præbendæ de Wetwange in eodem comitatu Eborum unius præbendarum ecclesiæ metropolitice Eborum in eodem comitatu, cum omnibus et singulis suis juribus et pertinentiis universis, ac etiam manerium nostrum de Ravenston alias Raunston cum pertinentiis in comitatu Bucks, necnon omnia mesuagia, terras, tenementa, prata, pasturas, pascua, boscos, moras, stagna, aquas, vivaria, redditus, reversiones, et servitia, ac cætera hære-

ditamenta nostra quæcumque cum suis pertinentiis in Ravenston alias Raunston prædicta, seu alibi in eodem comitatu Bucks, habenda et tenenda omnia et singula prædicta dominia, maneria, mesuagia, terras, tenementa, prata, pascua, pasturas, boscos, subboscos, molendina, stagna, aquas, vivaria, piscarias, redditus, servitia, reversiones, advocaciones, franchisesias, libertates, privilegia, commoditates, feoda militum, wardas, maritagia, relevia, escaetias, curias letas, vis. franc. pleg. villanos nativos cum eorum sequelis procreatis et procreandis, necnon omnia et singula cætera præmissa, cum omnibus et singulis suis pertinentiis, præfato domino nostro regi, hæredibus et assignatis suis, imperpetuum.

In cujus rei testimonium huic præsentī cartæ nostræ sigillum nostrum commune apposuimus.

Dat. in sacello collegii nostri prædicti quintodecimo die Januarii, anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo tricesimo, et anno regni Henrici octavi, Dei gratia, Angliæ et Franciæ regis, fidei defensoris, et domini HiBerniæ, vicesimo secundo.

Et memorandum quod sextodecimo die Januarii anno præsentī prædicti decanus et canonici coram Willielmo Cleyburgh clerico uno clericorum cancellariæ dicti domini regis apud villam Oxoniæ venerunt et recognoverunt cartam prædictam ac omnia et singula in eadem contenta in forma prædicta.

NUM. XLII.

Inventory of the Ornaments, Plate, &c. belonging to St. Frideswide's Monastery.

[Chartæ Antiquæ Offic. Augment. E. 106.]

HEREAFTER folowith an Inventory of all the ornamentes, cattalles, plate, and jewells belonging to the late colege of saincte Ffrideswyde in Oxforthe, called King Henry the Eightes colege, taken and made the xixth. daye of Maye in the xxxvijth. yere of the raigne of our soueraigne lorde Henry the Eight, by the grace of Godd, king of Englund, Ffraunce, and Irlonde, defendor of the faithe, and in erthe of the church of Englonde and Irlonde the supreme head, by Thomas Legh knight, Willm Ffarmor. esquier, and John Doyly esquire, the kings ma^{ts}. co^missioners in that behalfe, in the presence of John Oliver dean, Richard Croke and John Laylond cannons, and valewed by John Payne, Willm Plommer, Willm Spenser, Richard Whittington, John Dobson, and Thomas Willms, swhoren for the same purpose, and delivered to Richard Coxe late dean of the late cathedrall church of Criste and or. blessed lady Mary the Virgin of Oxford, according to the kings co^mission safly to be kepte to his ma^{ts}. use, vntill his highnes pleaso^r. be farder knowen. In witnes wherof, as well the saide co^missioners, as the saide dean and cannōs, haith to this present interchaungeably sette y^{er}. sealls and subscribed their names the daye and yere aboue wrytten.

IN THE QUERE, vppon thighe alter a here clothe 40s. Itm two alter cloths one of olde diaper, and thother of fine lining clowth. Itm a mesboke, and a deske. Itm a great sacring bell. Itm 4 high latten candelstickes. Itm a canoby with a pixe of coper. Itm 4 deskes, wth. two clothes of olde sylke. Itm a paire of organce, wth. a torned chanc to the same. Itm 2 formes. Itm a canoby ouer the Deans head of olde sylke. Itm 15 antiphoners and 9 grayells. Itm 2 grayells for the coristers. Itm 13 processioners and a colett bok wth. bosses. Itm . . . prickeson bokes for men and childerne, and a legent boke. Itm a fote clothe [for] thighe alter of olde tapstre.

THILE IN THE SOUTHE SIDE OF YE. QUERE, 4 hangings for aboue and benethe thalter, whereof two of whitt satten bridges, [of Bruges?] and thother two of yelow and redd of the same 6s. 8d. Itm a here cloth. Itm two alter clothes of lynying clothe. Itm a deske and masse boke. Itm a candelsticke of latten, a sacring bell, and a torned stole.

THE SECONDE ILLE IN THE SOUTHE SIDE; two alter clothes of olde diaper, two hangings for th'alter for aboue and beneth, thone of olde nedellworke, and thother

of buckerum 3s. 4d. Iīm a candelstick of lattyn. Iīm a crosse and a staffe of coper. Iīm a single vestment, wth. albe and armes of whitt sattyn, olde. Iīm a borde, and a paire of trestills. Iīm a coffer, and 10 surplices for the coristers.

THE FFIRSTE ALTER IN THE NORTHE ILLE; two hangings to thalter of dornaxe, olde, for aboue and benethe 2s. Iīm a herecloth, and two alterclothes of lyning clothe. Iīm a deske and a masse bok, wth. a lattyn candelsticke.

THE SECONDE ALTER IN THE NORTHE ILLES; a hereclothe, and an olde altor clothe 2s. Iīm two hangings, for aboue and benethe for the same alter, of yolow baundkin. Iīm a desk, and a candelstick of lattyn.

THE THIRD ALTER IN THE NORTHE SYDE; a hereclothe 2s. Iīm an alterclothe of olde diaper. The hangings of thalter benethe of whit olde baundkin. Iīm a desk and a messe boke, a candelsticke, and a sacring bell.

THE FOURTH ALTER IN THE NORTH SYDE; a hereclothe, and an alterclothe of olde diaper, the hangings of the alter of baundkin for aboue and benethe 2s. Iīm a candelsticke of latten.

TWO ALTERS IN THE BODY OF THE CHURCHE two hereclothes, and two alter clothes of lyning clothe. Four hangings for thalters, aboue and benethe, of baunde, two latten candelsticks 5s. Iīm barres of yeron to the same alter to lene on.

IN THE VESTRE fourteen copes of golde baundekin, 30l. Iīm a cope wth. a sute of fyne baundekin, of whitt and redd flowers, and bordered wth. clowdes 7l. Iīm a sute of redd baundkin, 40s. Iīm 11 copes of redd sylk, woven wth. sonbeams of golde 9l. Iīm one cope of blew sylk, woven wth. flower deluces, roses, and crownes of golde; and a hole sute to the same. Memorandum the st'les be olde 4l. Iīm two copes of purple and redd branched wth. golde, and a sute to the same of vestmentts 5l. Iīm a cope of grene and redd, wth. a sute of vestments to the same, 4l. Iīm 2 copes of black velvett laide wth. skalopshells of golde, and a sute to the same 3l. Iīm one cope of blew velvett wth. braunches of golde, and a sute to the same 26s. 8d. Iīm one cope of vnwaterd chamlet, laid wth. strokes of Venis golde and a sute to the same 20s. Iīm 3 copes of whytt damaske wth. a sute to the same 40s. Iīm a sute of redd and blew velvett braunched wth. golde 20s. Iīm a sute of vestmentts of redd velvett laide wth. syluer and perell, braunched wth. golde; the deacon and subdeacon of velvett wth. starres of golde 26s. 8d. Iīm a cope of redd sylke woven wth. lyons of golde, and a sute to the same 20s. Iīm 3. copes of redd vnwatered chamlet, and a sute to the same, 13s. 4d. Iīm 4 covers single vestments of redd velvett 13s. 4d. Iīm an olde cope of counterfett baundekin, whitt, and a sute sutable to the same, 6s. 8d. Iīm a sute of whitt damaske alterclothes, for the side alters, being 14 peces for aboue and benethe 46s. 8d. Iīm one alter clothe for thigh alter of redd and blew velvett and the grounde of yolow, for aboue and be-

nethe, 40s. Iīm 12. peces of hangings for aboue and benethe thalter of red and blewe damaske 40s. Iīm a single vestment of whitt damask wth. flowers of golde 5s. Iīm a veall of new whitt sercenett for Lentt 20s. Iīm hangings for the highe alter, for aboue and benethe, of new whit sercenett wth. redd crosses, called alterclothes for Lentt 10s. Iīm 3. paire of yolow whitt and tawny curtians of damask and cercenet 10s. Iīm 2 patentt clothes, thone of blacke taffeta, and thother of whitt sylk, 2s. Iīm 4 desk clothes wherof two of black damask and two of redd damask braunched wth. blewe, 8s. Iīm 4 coshings of velvet fugere wherof two redd and two blewe, 13s. 4d. Iīm two palles of sylk for the polpett.

VESTMENTTS FOR CORISTERS, 2s. Iīm 3 tunicles of redd damaske woven wth. golde, wth. 3 albes, and 3 amesses to the same 10s. Iīm 3 albes, 3 amesses of redd counterfett baundkin 2s. Iīm 2 tunicles of whitt damask, woven wth. golde, wth. 2 albes and 2 amesses to y^e. same, 10s. Iīm 4 albes, and 2 amesses, of whitt counterfett baundekin, 4s. Iīm 3 albes, and 3 amesses, chekered wth. redd sylk and golde 3s. Iīm 3. albes, and 3 amesses of blew clothe baundekin, 4s. Iīm 2 tunicles of whitt sylke 3s. 4d.

CHURCHE PLATE. Iīm a pixe of thymage of God, gilte, weing 33 ounces. Iīm a highe standing pixe wth. a cover gilte, weing 23 ounces dim. Iīm a crosse wth. Mary and John, and a fote to the same gilte, weing 114 ounces. Iīm a ship and a spone gilte, weing 13. ounces dim. Iīm two bassings parcell gilte, weing 92 ounces. Iīm a halliwater bokett, and a sprinkell, whitt syluer, weing 33 ounces. Iīm 2. greatt sensors, and a litle sensor, whit syluer, weing 170 ounces. Iīm two crowetts of whit syluer, weing 8 ounces. Iīm a litle paxe gilte, weing 3 ounces. Iīm 4 chalesses gilte, wth. patentts, weing 95 ounces. Iīm 3 chalesses, wth. patentt, whit syluer, weing 50 ounces. Iīm a litle cros, parcell gilte, weing 51 ounces. Iīm a crismatory gilte, not weighted. Iīm 2 gospells, plated wth. syluer of thonesyde, not weighted. Iīm two maces for the preuelege, plated wth. syluer vppon yeron, not weighted. Iīm two virge rodde, plated wth. syluer vppon yeron, not weighted. Iīm 4 rectoris staves, the haadds of syluer wherof two gilte, not weighted. Iīm two stavis for the crosse, plated wth. syluer, not weighted.

THE HOWSE PLATE. Iīm a great boll gilte, wth. a cover, weing 68 ounces. Iīm a staunding cupp, gilte, wth. a cover, weing 41 ounces. Iīm a saulte, gilte, wth. a cover, weing 20 ounces dim. Iīm a bassing and ewer, parcell gilte, weing 67 ounces. Iīm 6 whitt cuppes and a cover gilte, weing 41 ounces. Iīm a whitt booll pounsed, weing 26 ounces. Iīm 12 spones wth. mayden heads, weing 22 ounces dim.

Per me JOANNEM OLYVER decanum.

Per me RICHARDUM CROKE sub-decanum.

Per me JOANNEM LELANDUM.

NUM. XLIII.

Lands assigned by His Matie. unto his Newe Colledge in Oxeforde.

[Harl. MS. Brit. Mus. num. 4316, fol. 56 b.]

AN^o. primo Octob. & in the xxxvijth. year of Kinge Henrye the viijth. for lands gevine by his Matie. to his Newe Coledege in Oxeford.

Oxon.

The scite of the late Colledge at St. Frideswids within the cittie of Oxeforde withe all the buldings and waste grounds, and a kitchen, stables, and backhouses ther; and with two closses lienge one the easte parte of the Deanes Orcherd, contenyng by estemacion vj. acres, and with an orcherde called the Deane's Orcherde conteninge hallfe an acre, is rented yearly at . . .

Nothing by cause it is appointed vnto the deane and cannons for their mansyon.

A percelle of a certene bruhouse within the said citie fallen doune to the grounde, containinge in lengthe and bredthe one roode of ground appointed for the newe makinge of a stone wale, and of a little lane late parcelle of Friswids by yeare

canc. for the cause above written.

<i>Oxon.</i>		One tenement with the appurtenaunces in the parishe of St. Aldate in the same cittie in the tenure of Richard Beverley, parcell of the possessione of the late college of St. Frisewithes	
		One other tenemente in the tenure of Thomas Benbowe adjoyninge to the tenemente afforesaid, of the same possessione by yeare	
		One voyd plot of grounde caled a Gardene plot lienge in the north end of the stable of Orielle colledge, containinge one roode, parcell of the same possessione by yeare	
		A colledge called Canterburye colledge with the hall, chappelle, chamberes, kitchene, and other buildings to the same belonginge in the tenuere of Richard Master by the yeare	
		The circuite of Vine Halle otherwise called the Peckewateres Inne with certene old buildings and other the appurtenances, containinge by estemacion iij. acres and halfe, rented yearlie at	
		A stable with a litle close called a Tymbere yearde containinge by estemacion iij. roodes of grounde, parcell of Orielle colledge and adjoyninge to Canturburye coledge rented yearlie at above iij ^{li} . vj ^s . viij ^d . for a yearlie rente goinge out of the same to Orielle colledge.	
		A house caled Edward halle within the cittie of Oxeford by yeare	
		A house called the Almes house with the appurtenaunces in the parishe of Saincte Aldat within the said cittie of Oxeford rentede yearlie	
		The parsonage of Chippenham in the countie of Wilteshir parselle of the possessione of the late monasterye of Farleighe by yeare	xxvij ^{li} . xvj ^s . x ^d . The x th . xxxvij ^s . viij ^d . ob.
		The parsonage of Charleton in the same countie, parcell of Ivecherche	xj ^{li} . The x th . xxij ^s .
<i>Wilts.</i>	Vicaridge per an		
	xix ^s . iiij ^d .		
	Vicare ib'm		
	vj ^{li} . xv ^s . vj ^d .		
	Vicare ib'm		
	xiiij ^{li} . ijs. vj ^d .		
<i>Berks.</i>			
<i>Cestr'.</i>	Vicare x ^{li} . iiij ^s . x ^d .		
	Vickere vj ^{li} . x ^s .		
<i>Oxon.</i>			
	Vickere xvij ^{li} . ix ^s . viij ^d . ob.		
<i>Cestr'.</i>			
	The vicker of Frodsham		
	xxij ^{li} . xiijs. vj ^d .		
<i>Somers.</i>			
	Vickere, ix ^{li} . vjs. v ^d .		
<i>Dors.</i>			
	Vicker xv ^{li} . xiijs. iiij ^d .		
<i>Oxon.</i>			
	Vickere xij ^{li} . xvjs.		
	Vicker xiiij ^{li} . xv ^s . vj ^d .		
<i>Berk.</i>			
<i>Buck.</i>			
	Vicker v ^{li} . vjs. viij ^d .		
<i>Ebor.</i>			
	Vickere xv ^{li} . x ^s . ijd.		
	Vicker v ^{li} . viijs. vj ^d .		
	Vicker vj ^{li} . vjs. iiij ^d .		
<i>Glouc.</i>			
	Vicker xxxvj ^{li} . viijs. iiid.		

<i>Oxon.</i>	The collage caled Bernard colledge within the citie of Oxforde	xx ^s .
	A parcelle of lands with in Brodyats in the same cittie, parcelle of the possessione of the late colledge of Frideswids	xiiij ^s . iiij ^d .
	One medowe lienge one the southe side of the said late colledge of Frideswids, parcelle of the [same.] . . .	vj ^{li} . vj ^s .
	The manor and parsonage of Bynsege in the countie of Oxforde parcelle of the same possessione	xviiij ^{li} .
	Certene chamberes within Brodyats in the said cittie of Oxford latlie belonginge to the late monasterye of Abendon	vj ^s . viij ^d .
	The cite of the late cathedrall church of Osneye in the same cittie	xiiij ^s . iiij ^d .
	The demeanes of the said late church	vj ^{li} . xij ^d .
	Certene mesuages, cottages, lands, and tenements with the said cite latelie belonginge to the said late chorche by yeare	xliiiij ^{li} . ix ^s . iiij ^d .
	The manore of Worton in the said countie, parcelle of the said possessyone	vj ^{li} . xvij ^s . viij ^d .
	One tenthe in Shipton in the said countie and of the same possession	xvj ^d .
	The manore of Chorche Couleye in the said countie, parcelle of the same possessione	xj ^{li} . ij ^s . iiij ^d . qr.
	One mesuage in Garsington in the same countie, and of the said possessiones	viiij ^s .
	One mesuage with a milne in Ipwelle in the said countie, and of the same possessione	x ^s . j ^d . ob.
	The manore of Sibforde in the said countie and of the said possessiones	liiiij ^s . iiij ^d .
	The manor of Burtone in the same countie and of the same possession	x ^{li} . xvj ^s .
	The manore of Lewe ^a in the same countie of the same possessione	xxxij ^s . x ^d .
	Certene lands in Clanfelde in the said countie of said possessione	xj ^s .
	The manore of Welde in the said countie of the said possessiones	xx ^s .
	Certene lands in Dunstewe in the said countie of the said possessione	viiij ^s .
<i>Buck.</i>	Lands in Northe Marston in the countie of Buckingham, of the same possessyon	xx ^s .
	One medowe in Waterstrafforde in the sam countie and of the same possessione	iiij ^s .
	The manore of Made Morton in the said countie and of the said possessione	v ^{li} . ij ^s . iiij ^d .
<i>North.</i>	Certene lands in Asthorpe in the countie of Northe, of the said possession	iiij ^{li} .
<i>Glouc.</i>	The parsonage of Turkedene, with certene lands, medowes, pastures and rents in Turkedene in the countie of Glosestore and of the said possessione	xij ^{li} .
Vicker x ^{li} .	The parsonage of Aylesworthe in the said countie, and of the like possessyone	ix ^{li} . xiiij ^s . iiij ^d .
	One mesuage with the apportenances in Winstone in the said countie, and of like possessione	viiij ^s .
	Certene lands in Breames Norton in the countie of Oxeford, of like possessione	iiij ^{li} .
<i>Oxon.</i>	Diveres lands and tenements in Sanderton in the countie of Buckingham, of like possession	iiij ^{li} . vj ^s . viij ^d .
<i>Buck.</i>	Certene rents in Kingston in the countie of Oxeforde, of like possessione	iiij ^{li} . v ^s .
<i>Oxon.</i>	A porcione of tythe in Culham in the countie of Midlesexe, parcelle of the same possession	xx ^s .
<i>Midd.</i>	The parsonage of Chalgrave in the countie of Oxenforde of like possession	xv ^{li} . ix ^s .
	The parsonage of Caversham in the said countie, and of the said possessione	xviiij ^{li} .
	The parsonage of Durtone in the countie of Buckingham of like possessione	ix ^{li} . vj ^s . viij ^d .
	The parsonage of Ashendone in the same countie, of like possessiones	xvj ^{li} . xiiij ^s . iiij ^d .
	The parsonage of Helcsdone in the same countie, and of like possession	xiiij ^{li} . vj ^s . viij ^d .
<i>Wilts.</i>	The parsonage of Maydene Bradleye in the countie of Wiltshir of like possession	xvj ^{li} .
<i>Glouc.</i>	The parsonage of Netherwelle in the countie of Glostere of the same possessione	vj ^{li} . xiiij ^s . iiij ^d .

^a Qu. Tewe.

<i>Berk.</i>	A porcione of tythe in Lydforde in the countie of Barke of like possessione	xxvj ^s . viij ^d .
<i>Buck.</i>	One mesuage with certene lands in Claidon in the countie of Buckingham, parcelle of the said possessione .	xvj ^s .
<i>Oxon.</i>	The parsonage of Bensington in the countie of Oxeforde of like possession	xv ^{li} .
	The parsonage of Drayton in the said countie and of the said possession	v ^{li} . xiijs. iiij ^d .
	The parsonage of Overeye in the said countie and of the said possessiones	liijs. ij ^d .
<i>Berk.</i>	The parsonage of Ardington in the countie of Barkeshir of like possession	xiiij ^{li} .
	A pencione paialbe by the fermore of the said parsonage to the afforsaid chorchē	liijs. iiij ^d .
<i>Oxon.</i>	The parsonage of Stretton Audley in com. Oxeford .	iiij ^{li} .
	The parsonage of Casington in the said countie of the like possessione	xij ^{li} .
Vicare ix ^{li} . xiijs. iiij ^d . qr.	The parsonage of Enstone in the same countie of like possessione	xviiij ^{li} .
<i>Ebor.</i>	The parsonage of Preston in Cravene in the countie of Yorke	xxiiij ^{li} .
Vickere x ^{li} . xviijs. x ^d .	The parsonage of Broughton in the said countie of like possessione	ix ^{li} . xiijs.
Vicker v ^{li} . xvjs.	The parsonage of Carleton in the said countie and of the same possessione	viiij ^{li} . vs. vj ^d .
Vickere v ^{li} . viij ^d .	The parsonage of Skipton in the said countie of like possession, with the tithe corne in Sorthes, Heselwoode, and Derestones by yeare	xxix ^{li} .
Vickere xj ^{li} . xijs. vj ^d .	The parsonage of Kildewicke in the said countie of like possession	xxix ^{li} .
Vicker x ^{li} . xviijs.	The chorchē or chappell of Bolton in the said countie of like possession	xiijs. iiij ^d .
Vicker vj ^{li} . xv ^s . v ^d .	A pencion paialbe by the parsonē of Kigheleye in the said countie, of like possessione	xiijs. iiij ^d .
	The parsonage of Leeds in the said countie of the said possessiones	xlviij ^{li} .
Vickere xxxviij ^{li} . ij ^d .	A pencion payable by the vickere of Leeds in the said countie, of like possessione	x ^{li} .
	A pencion goinge oute of the parsonage of Addell in the said countie of like possesseione	vj ^{li} . xiijs. iiij ^d .
<i>Leic.</i>	The parsonage of Bowdon Magna in the countie of Lester by yeare	xj ^{li} . ijs. ij ^d . ob.
Vicker, xv ^{li} . xiijs.	The parsonage of Emwood ^a within the bushopricke of St. Assaphe by yeare	xv ^{li} . xiijs. iiij ^d .
Vicker, xiiij ^{li} . v ^s . ij ^d .	The parsonage of Poole in the same bushoprick . .	xxx ^{li} .
Vickere, xj ^{li} .	The parsonage of Gilesfeelde in the same bushopricke	xxj ^{li} .
<i>North.</i>	The parsonage of Gildesboroughe and Ravenesthorpe in com. North'ton	xix ^{li} . xiijs. iiij ^d .
Vickere of Gilesboro xvij ^{li} . ijs. iiij ^d . Vicker of Ravensthorp xj ^{li} . xiijs. iiij ^d .	A fee-farme goinge oute of the manere of Wigington and Comberford in the countie of Stafford by yeare	xxix ^{li} .
<i>Staff.</i>	The parsonage of Twinninge in the countie of Glostere parcelle of the possessione of the late monasterye of Winchecombe	xvj ^{li} . x ^s . xj ^d .
<i>Glouc.</i>	The parsonage of Bladington in the countie of Glostere, parselle of the same possessione by yeare cleare	xij ^{li} . xix ^s . iiij ^d . ob.
Vycker vij ^{li} . ix ^s . vij ^d .	The parsonage of Compton Parva in the countie of Glostere, parcelle of Tewkesburye	viiij ^{li} .
	The parsonage of Thorneburye in the same countie, of like possession	xxiiij ^{li} . vij ^s .
Vicker, xxv ^{li} . xv ^s . viij ^d .	The parsonage of Wotton onder Edge in the said countie, of like possessione	xxxiiij ^{li} .
Vicker, xix ^{li} . xijs. iiij ^d .	The parsonage of Prestone uppone Stowere in the countie of Warwicke of like possessione	viiij ^{li} .
<i>Warr.</i>	The parsonage of Temple Gwittinge in the countie of Gloster, parcelle of the comaundrie of Quenington .	xx ^{li} .
Vicker, xiiij ^{li} . xix ^s . v ^d .	The parsonage of Dounampneye in the same countie .	viiij ^{li} .
Vicker, x ^{li} . v ^s . viij ^d .	The manore of Ellerbeckes with the apportenances in the countie of Yorke with the parsonage of Thorneton in Fabis, Northotringham, Thorneton in the More, Northe Kilvington, and Thornton in Strata, and the graunge called Nonne House, with certen lands, tenements, and hereditaments in the townes, parishes, and hamlets of Osmonderleye, Thorneton in Strata, Twis-	
<i>Ebor.</i>		
Northestringtone		
Vicker iiij ^{li} .		
Thornton in Strata		
Vicker iiij ^{li} .		
Northe Kilvington		
Vicker ix ^{li} . viijs. x ^d .		

	selles, Bromholme, Alverton, Longe Newton, Romonby, Thilton, and Thorneton in Fabis in the countie of Yorke, parcelle of the possessione which the kings matie. had latelie by exchange of Richard Morrison esquire beinge altogethere of the cleare yearlie vallue over and above liijs. iiij ^d . for a bayliffes fee	xij ^{li} . ix ^s . vij ^d .
Wigorn.	The manore of Chadeswicke and Purve otherwise called Purve Courte in the countie of Worcestre, with the parsonage of Claims and diveres lands, pastures, and medowes in the parishe of St. Martines neare the cittie of Worsetore in the tenuere of Katherine Horneholde, and with certen mesuages, lands, and tenementes in Cliston, Severstocke, and Wittington in the said countie of Worcestre, and in Byghleye in the countie of Sallope, beinge alle parcelle of the said possessione, and amountinge in the holle to the clear yearlie vallue . . .	lj ^{li} . ij ^s .
Oxon.	The manore of Dodington with the appertenances in the countie of Oxeford, latelie purchased by the kings matie. of Sr. Thomas Pope knighte by yeare	liiij ^{li} . vs.
	The parsonage of Wroxston and Baldescote in the said countie latelie purchased by the kings matie. of the said Sr. Thomas Pope by year	x ^{li} .
	Two closes caled the Horsecloses in the parishe of St. Nicolas in the countie of Oxeforde lately purchased by the kings matie. of George Owene esquire	xl ^s .
	The scite of the late monasterye of Rewley in the countie of Oxeford with certene houses, orchards, gardenes, medowes, and tithes lettene with the same unto Nicolas latelie purchased by the king's majestie of the saide George Owene of the yearlie value . . .	vij ^{li} . xiijs. iiij ^d .
Vicker ix ^{li} . vij ^s . x ^d .	The parsonage of Norton Broynne in the countie of Oxeford, parcelle of the possessione of the late monasterye of Eynsham by year cleare above vij ^s . viij ^d . allowed for summage and proxes	x ^h .
Northt.	The parsonage of Flowere in the countie of Northeton, parcelle of Merton in the countie of Surreye . . .	xvij ^{li} .
Vicker xvij ^{li} .	The parsonage of Midsomer Norton in the countie of Somersete, parcelle of the same possessione by yeare . .	xxij ^{li} . xiijs. iiij ^d .
Somerset.	The parsonage of Copulle in the countie of Bedford latelie belonginge to the late monasterye of Chickesand in the countie of Bedforde	xij ^{li} .
Vicker v ^{li} . xjs. ij ^d . Bedd.	The parsonage of Fleete and Silveshow in the countie of Bedforde, parcelle of the possessione of the late monasterye of Elnestowe above xl ^s . allowed for the vickeres pension ther, by yeare cleare	xiiij ^{li} . vjs. viij ^d .
Vicare xj ^{li} . vij ^s . viij ^d .	The parsonage of Haringworthe in the countie of Northt. parcelle of the same possession by yeare cleare .	xiiij ^{li} .
Northt.	The parsonage of Hawkehurst in the countie of Kente late parcelle of the possession of Sir William Peetore knighte above xij ^{li} . xs. x ^d . for the vickeres salarye by yeare	xxj ^{li} .
Vicare xj ^{li} . xv ^s . x ^d .	The parsonage of Toritone Magna cum St. Egidio in the countie of Devone, parcelle of the same possession above xx ^{li} . for the vickeres stipendarye, by yeare cleare	xliiij ^{li} . xvjs. x ^d .
Kanc.	Certene possessiones in the counties of Oxforde and Warwicke latelie belonginge to the late priory of Slatercote, ^a which the kings matie. had by waye of exchange of the saide Sir William Peetore above diveres reprises alowede in the particuleres by yeare cleare	xlj ^{li} . xv ^s . xj ^d .
Vicare, xij ^{li} . xs. x ^d .	The manor of Westewelle in the countie of Oxford latelie belonginge to the said Sr. William, above the reprises allowed in the particulers, by yeare cleere . . .	xxxiiij ^{li} . vjs. viij ^d .
Devon.	The parsonages of Hampton, Offenham, Badseye, Aldington, and Wikanford, with the parsonage of Lytleton, Midleton, and Southelitleton in the countie of Worsetore somtimes parcelle of the possessione of the late monasterye of Evesham and latelic belonginge to the cathederall chorche of Westemestere by yeare, cleare over and above certene reprises allowed in the particuleres	lxxiiij ^{li} . vs. ix ^d . ob.
Vicker xx ^{li} .	The manore of Uptone with the appurtenances in the countie of Norforke late parcelle of the possessione of Sir Richard Southewelle knight by yeare	xxvj ^{li} . xvjs. viij ^d . ob.
Oxon & Warw.	The moyetie of the manore of Wendlinge in the same countie and of the same possession	xvij ^{li} . iij ^s . iiij ^d . ob. qr.
Wigorn.	The manore of Swantone Newares, and Cardestone in the same countie, of the said possessiones	xxix ^{li} . iiij ^s . vij ^d . ob. qr.
Norff.		

^a Clattercote.

	The manor of Woodnorton in the same countie and of the said possessiones	xlvj ^{li} . viij ^s . iiij ^d . ob. qr.
	The manor of Est Walton, with two closes in Sahame in the said countie of the said possessione by yeare	xxvj ^{li} . xvij ^s . iiij ^d . qr.
Northampt.	The manore of Deventre in the countie of Northampton parcelle of the possession of the late colege called Kinge Henryes the Eightes colledge in Oxeford above the reprises allowed in the particuleres by yeare cleere	xxxix ^{li} . xiiij ^s . vj ^d . qr.
	The parsonage of Badby in the countie of Northampton, late parcelle of Euesham by yeare	v ^{li} . ix ^d . ob.
Oxon.	The parsonage of Spillesburye in the countie of Oxeford, late parcelle of Warwick colledge, by yeare . .	xviij ^{li} .
	A gardene lienge behinde the late colledge called Kinge Henrye the 8 th . colledge in the cittie of Oxeford lat parcelle of the possession of the maiere, aldermene, and cittisenes of the said cittie by yeare	vj ^s . viij ^d .
	Certene houses and cottages within the said cittie late belonginge to Nicolas Masone clerke by yeare . .	xlijs.
Midd.	The parsonage of Harrowe in the countie of Midesexe the x th . yearlie payable into the courte of x th . and firste fruts discharged by the year, late parcelle of the lord chaunselores possessiones, cleare	lxxxviij ^{li} . iijs. iiij ^d .
London.	One tenemente in the parishe of St. Sepurchers without Newgate in London in the tenuere of the Lord Mordante, parcelle of the possessione of Sr. Edward Northe knighte by the yeare	v ^{li} .
	The somme totale of the possessions appointed by the kings matie. unto his highnes cathederall chorche in Oxeford is mm.cc.lxxxiiij ^{li} . xvij ^s . vij ^d . ob. qr.	
Oxforde.	Deduct for a rente to be paid yearlie to the mastere and fellowes of Orialle colledge in Oxeforde for the foresaide stable and close called the Tymber close or yeard, adjoininge unto Canterburye colledge	lxvj ^s . viij ^d .
	Item for a rente to be paid yearlie unto John Masone clarke for certene houses adjoininge to the walles of St. Frideswids	xlijs.
	Item moar for a like rente to be paid unto the maire and aldermene of the cittie of Oxenford for a house adjoininge unto the said walle also	vj ^s . viij ^d .
	Item moare for a rente to be payd yearlie vnto Sr. Edward Northe knighte for the afforesaid tenemente in the parishe of St. Sepurchers in London	v ^{li} .
	Some is x ^{li} . xv ^s . iiij ^d .	
	And then remaineth mm.cc.lxxiiij ^{li} . iijs. iiij ^d . ob. qr.	
	Whereof is to be deducted for the x th . of the parsonages of Chippenham, Charleby, Runcorne, Budworthe, Pireton, Latheburye, and Estone as is afforesaid by yeare	xx ^{li} . xiiij ^s . x ^d .
	And for an yearlie rente to be reserved out of the premises over and above the x th . affoaresaid	ij ^{li} . viij ^s . v ^d . ob. qr.
	And so then remainethe cleere by the yeare the some of mm.cc ^{li} .	
	All which premises with their appertenanses the kings matie. of his moste bountifulle goodnes is pleased and contente to geve and graunte unto the said deane and prebendaryes and to their successors for evere togedere with the woods growinge and beinge in and uppone the same.	
	MEMORANDUM that the said deane and prebendarys muste covenant for them and their successors with the revenues afforesaid to fulfill and performe the severall articles underwrittene accordinge to the porcion therunto annexed and according to the statuts and ordinances as shall be devised for the same, and to contente and paye yearlie all the reprises allowed in the particuleres aswelle to the scolmastere of Rotherstone as to any other persone or persones, and all suche other charges as the fermors are bounde to beare and paye by force of there indentures.	
	MEMORANDUM that all other charges what soever, goinge out or to be demaunded of or uppon any part of the premisses for anye mattere or cause due befor this daye are to be payd and borne by the kings matie. his heires and successores.	

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The said deane and prebendaryes muste covenant to fynd within the said cathederall chorche viij pettie canones, gevinge yearlie to everie of them for ther sallarye x^{li}. One gospelere gevinge yearlie to him viij^{li}. One pistoler gevinge yearlie unto him for his stipende vj^{li}. xiijs. iiij^d. Eight clerks gevinge yearlie unto everie of them for theire stipends vj^{li}. xiijs. iiij^d. One mastere for the schorestores, gevinge yearlie unto him for his sallarye or stipende x^{li}. Eight choresteres, allowinge yearlie for the findinge of them and two sexstones, gevinge yearlie unto everie of them for their sallarye vj^{li}. xiijs. iiij^d.

Theye muste also covenant to paye yearlie to thre comone readeres to be from tyme to tyme named and appointed within the unevsity of Oxeford by the kings matie. his heares and successores thes severall somes of moneyes ensuinge that is to saye to a reder of devinety xl^{li}. To a reder of Hebrue xl^{li}. and to a reder of Greeke xl^{li}.

They muste covenante also to fynd within the said cathederall chorche lx. scollere or students gevinge yearlie unto every of them for there stipends the some of viij^{li}.

Also they muste covenante to fynd ther on scol-mastere gevinge yearlie unto him for his stipend xx^{li}. One ushere who shall have yearlie for his sallarye x^{li}. and xl. childrene allowinge yearlie for findinge of everie of them.

And muste forether covenant to finde ther forever xxiiij^{tie}. pore mene suche as shalbe from tyme to tyme named and appointed by the kings matie. his heires and successores, or suche as he or theye shall assigne for the same porpos veninge yearlie to everie of them vj^{li}.

And also theye muste covenante to distrubute yearlie for evere in almes amongeste the povertie within the toune and universetye of Oxeford the some of xx^{li}. unlese theye shalbe comaunded and appointed to the contrarye by the kings matie. or suche his highnes comissioneres as shalbe at any tyme appointed for that porpos.

They muste also covenante to geve yearlie towards the reparationes of the moste decayed highwayes within the countie of Oxeford the some of xx^{li}. Excepte the same shall be otherwise appointed as is afforsaid.

And it is to be remembred that all private rederes and all officeres and minesteres of the said cathederall chorche and colledge shalbe founde and have ther sallaryes and stypends accordinge as is limited in the porporcion and as the statuts and ordinances shalbe ordene and provid in that behalfe.

MEMORANDUM that the said deane and prebendaryes muste be dischargede of the paymente of anye firste frutes and tenthes into the courte of Firste Fruts and Tenthes, for anie parte or parcelle of the premeses; and have licence to take to ferm lands, woods, and pastures for terme of yeaeres or otherwise, for the better sustentacion of ther houses, anye estatute made to the contrarye notwithstandinge.

It is also to be remembred that the said deane and the said prebendaryes muste have all advousones belonginge to the manores afforesaid, and all viccarages belonginge to soche personages as are gevene unto them in thes particuleres, with the nomenacion of the scoolemastere ate Rotherston afforesaid, and the advousone of the parsonage of the parishe of Westewelle latelie belonginge to Sir William Peetore knighte.

They muste also have the issues and profuts of alle the premises from the feaste of St. Michelle the Archeangelle w^{ch}. was in the xxxviijth. yeare of his mats. raigne.

The kings matie. is also pleased and contented that the said deane and prebendaryes shall have all the ornaments, plate, and juelles, and all stone, tymbere, glas, ironne, belles, and leade which remained at the late cathederalle chorche of Osneye and colledge of Fridswids, or ethere of theme, at the tyme of the dissolution of the same, together with suche somes of moneye as weare due and owinge unto the said late cathe-

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dralle churche of Oseneye at the tyme of theire sur-
rendore therof.

And for asmuche as the holle yeares revenewe of
the premesies assigned by the king's matie. unto the said
cathederalle chorche due at the feaste of St. Michelle
the Archangelle laste paste is, and by his highenes
receaveres is like to be colected and levied to his mat^s.
use before the ensealinge of the lettores pattents of the
dotacion of the same cathedrall chorche; his highenes
pleasure therfor is that the said deane and prebendaryes
shalle have of his hieghnes tresure remaininge in the
hands and costodie of the tresorore of the augmentacion
or revenues for the tyme beinge the some of ^{MMM}.CC^{li}.
starlings in full recompence of the said holle yeares
revenewes: and that the sighte of the said letteres
pattents of dotacione, or the enrolemente of the same
shalbe unto the said tresorore a sufficiente warrante and
discharge for the paymente thereof.

And the kings matie. is forther pleased and con-
tented that ther shalbe avickere indowed at Bowdone
Magna afforsaid whoe shalle have yearlie for his pen-
cion xiiij^{li}. x^s. x^d. and one other vicker at Sorriton
Magna cum Sancto Egidio afforesaid, who shalle have
yearelie for his pencion xx^{li}. with three vickeres shall
have libertie to doe in alle things as other vickeres
have.

NUM. XLIV.

*Pro Roberto Episcopo Oxon. De Ratificatione Liber-
tatum.*

[Rym. Fœd. tom. xv. p. 75. Pat. 37 H. VIII.]

HENRY the Eight, &c. to the right reverende father
in God, our right trustie and welbeloved Robert bishoppe
of Oxforde, greating.

Whereas in the late surrender of the Cathedralle
Church of Oxforde made by you and the deane and
chapiter of the same at our request and commaunde-
ment, uppon certeyne causes us moving to translate the
same into a more convenient place within our citie of
Oxford, you emongs other things have also yeldyde
uppe and surrendred into our hands all your jurisdiction
apperteinginge to you by reason of the same, we never-
theles, not minding therby to abolish or abridge your
jurisdiction in any parte grauntede by us to you and
your successours in the first erectyon of your bishoppe-

ricke ther, have gyven and graunted, and by thes pre-
sentes do gyve and graunte unto you full power and
auctoritie, aswell to practyse, exercise, and execute, either
by yourself or any other your officer or officers, all
maner of jurisdiction, power, and auctoritie appertienyng
to your bishoppericke, within the diocesis of Oxforde,
as also to procede to the deliveraunce of suche convicte
persone or persones as are nowe committed or hereafter
shall be committed to your warde and custodye, and to
the consecration of churches and church yards within
the said diocesis, as the cause and necessitie therein
shall requere, in as ample wyse and maner as you here-
tofore have done, or any other bishoppe in his diocesis
wythin this our realme may do, by vertue of any
graunte or grauntes made by us unto them, or any of
them in that behalfe; the statute of Mortmayne, or any
other statute or statutes made to the contrarye therof
in any wyse notwithstandynge. In witness whereof, &c.
Witnes the king at Westm. the ninth day of June.

Per ipsum regem.

VALOR ECCLESIASTICUS TEMP. HEN. VIII.

(Abstract of Return, 26 Hen. VIII. First Fruits Office.)

COLLEGIUM REGIS HENRICI OCTAVI IN OXONIA
TERR' NUP' PERTIN' MONAST' SANCTE FREDESWIDE.

Oxon' Com'			ℓ.	s.	d.
Oxon. Villa	. . . . .	Redd' et Firm' in Villa	. . . . .	43	10 0
-	- - - - -	Exit' Nundin'	. . . . .	4	0 0
Cuddeslow	. . . . .	Manerium	. . . . .	14	2 8
Byndsey	. . . . .	Maner' cum Rector'	. . . . .	18	0 0
Ascott	. . . . .	Mes' Gardin' et Decim'	. . . . .	2	13 4
Church Hill	. . . . .	Rectoria	. . . . .	10	13 4
Fritwell	. . . . .	Rectoria	. . . . .	4	13 4
Elfelde	. . . . .	Rectoria	. . . . .	6	0 0
Hedynghon	. . . . .	Rectoria	. . . . .	12	0 0
Hedynghon	. . . . .	Vicaria	. . . . .	3	0 0

Oxon' Com'		£	s.	d.
Merston	Rectoria	2	0	0
Hedynghon	Un' Tenement'	0	13	4
Pedyngton	Redd' Assis' &c.	21	0	11
- - - - -	Com' Fin' Ten'	0	6	8
Cowley	Un' Claus'	0	1	8
Coldnorton	Redd' sive Firm' Terr' et Ten'	1	7	0
Cuddesdon	Terr'	0	13	4
Bolshipton	Manerium	7	0	0
Buck' Com'				
Wurnall	Rectoria	10	0	0
Over Wynchynon	Maner'	27	0	0
Okeley et Borstall	Rectoria	9	13	4
Bryll	Redd' Assis'	0	18	7
- - - - -	Rectoria	7	6	8
- - - - -	Decim' Minor'	3	0	0
- - - - -	Com' Fin' Ten'	0	2	0
Berk' Com'				
Huddon et Edington	Manerium	22	0	0
Knyghtington	Manerium	6	0	0
Isbury, Edwiston, et Musbury	Redd' Assis'	2	11	6
Oxon' Com'				
Elemosin' recipiend' de Vic' Oxon' 6l. 13s. 4d.				
nihil eo quod Vic' Oxon' in tanto oneratur				
et solvi non potest ideo nihil sed salvo semper				
jure Collegij	Penc' et Porc' in Sulshorne 2s. Bekeley 5s.	0	7	0
Summa Clar' Valor' Terr' pred' nuper pertin' dicto Monasterio				
Sancte Frideswide		£222.	5s.	9d.

Monastery of East Dereham,

IN

NORFOLK.



AST Dereham Monastery, according to Parkins's Continuation of Blomefield, was founded in the year 650, by Anna king of the East Angles, for Withburga, his youngest daughter, whom he made prioress.^a The History of Ely, however, in the Cotton library, informs us that she did not become a nun till after her father's death,^b which was in 654.^c Bishop Tanner,

who, with Leland, ascribes the foundation of the monastery entirely to Withburga, conjectures that it did not take place till after the foundation of Ely by her elder sister Ethelreda in 673.^d

Withburga was buried in the church-yard of her monastery A.D. 743: fifty-five years after which, A.D. 798, her remains, being found uncorrupted, were removed into the church at Dereham;^e and thence, upon the destruction of the monastery by the Danes, in 974, translated to Ely, where her sisters had been buried.^f In 1106 her bones were again removed, with those of Etheldreda, Sexburga, and Ermenilda, into the new church of Ely by abbat Richard.^g

Withburga's obit was kept upon the 17th of March.

The memory of Withburga continued to be preserved at Dereham till a late period, in a chapel-gild-light; and more particularly by a famous well, which, as it is said, sprung up in the church-yard in the place where she was first buried. Bishop Tanner says this last is now corruptly called St. Winifred's well.^h

The gild, or fraternity of St. Withburga, in later times, according to Blomefield, had a strong brick house called the Guild-hall, where their feasts were kept, and other ceremonies performed. This gild was dissolved by King Henry the Eighth; and in the second year of King Edward the Sixth was granted to Thomas Wodehouse, of Waxham, Esq. and his heirs for ever. He, the next year, granted it to William Skarlett and William Atle, both of East Dereham, who, the same year, granted it to John Cane, clerk, of the same place, with all the appurtenances which it had before the dissolution, consisting of five tenements, twenty acres of land, and a rent charge of 2s. 2d. out of lands called the Headborough lands; all which were the maintenance of the fraternity belonging to the gild, and were originally given to pray for the souls of certain persons deceased, and for the souls of the faithful in general.

Reyner says, the monastery of East Dereham was annexed by Bishop Ethelwold in Edgar's time to the church of Ely, without giving his authority.ⁱ The Village of East Dereham was certainly added to the first endowment of Ely by King Edgar.^k

Derehamense Coenobium in agro Norfolkiciensi.

NUM. I.

Ex Vita Withburgæ, filiae Annæ, Regis Orientalium Anglorum.

[Lelandi Collectan. tom. ii. p. 154.]

EST in provincia Nordfolca villa quæ dicitur Dereham, ubi silva et fluvius loci habitationem fecit apricam. Hic monasterium condere satagebat Withburga, sepelitur in cœmeterio Derhamensi.

Illud virginale monasterium in Derham, irruptione paganorum, ac tempestate bellorum, fugato choro sacerarum virginum, in vulgarem parochiam est destitutum.

Ut Edewoldus Episcopus Ventanus curaverit Withburgæ Corpus transferendum ad Monasterium Eliense.

INTER alia vero magnifica, expetitur à rege Edgaro monasterium Dereham, cum pretiosissimo thesauro

^a Hist. Norf. edit. fol. vol. v. p. 1191.

^b Num. III.

^c Chron. Sax. edit. Gibs. p. 33.

^d Notit. Mon. Norf. xx.

^e See the App. Numm. II. III. The Saxon Chronicle, p. 68, says, in the year 799.

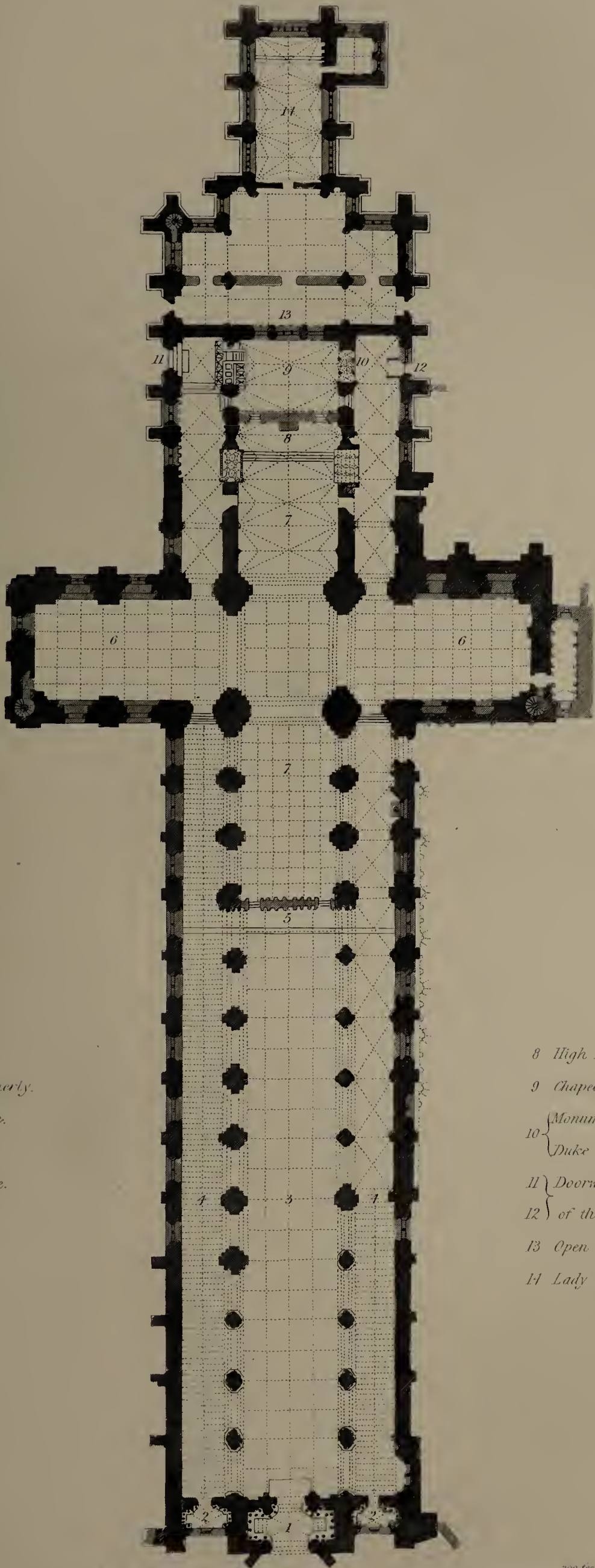
^f See Tann.

^g See before in the Account of Ely, vol. i. p. 462. Angl. Sacr. tom. i. p. 613.

^h Tann. ut supr.

ⁱ Apostolat. Benedictinorum in Anglia. Tractat. i. p. 37.

^k See before, Vol. i. p. 462.



- 1 Western Entrance.
 2 { Lumber Rooms formerly.
 { Porches of Entrance.
 3 Nave.
 4 Side Aisles of Nave.
 5 S^t Cuthbert's Altar.
 6 Transept.
 7 Choir.

- 8 High Altar.
 9 Chapel of S^t Alban's Shrine.
 10 { Monumental Chapel of Humphrey
 { Duke of Gloucester.
 11 { Doorways into N. & S. aisles
 { of the Choir.
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 13 Open Passage.
 14 Lady Chapel now a School-room.

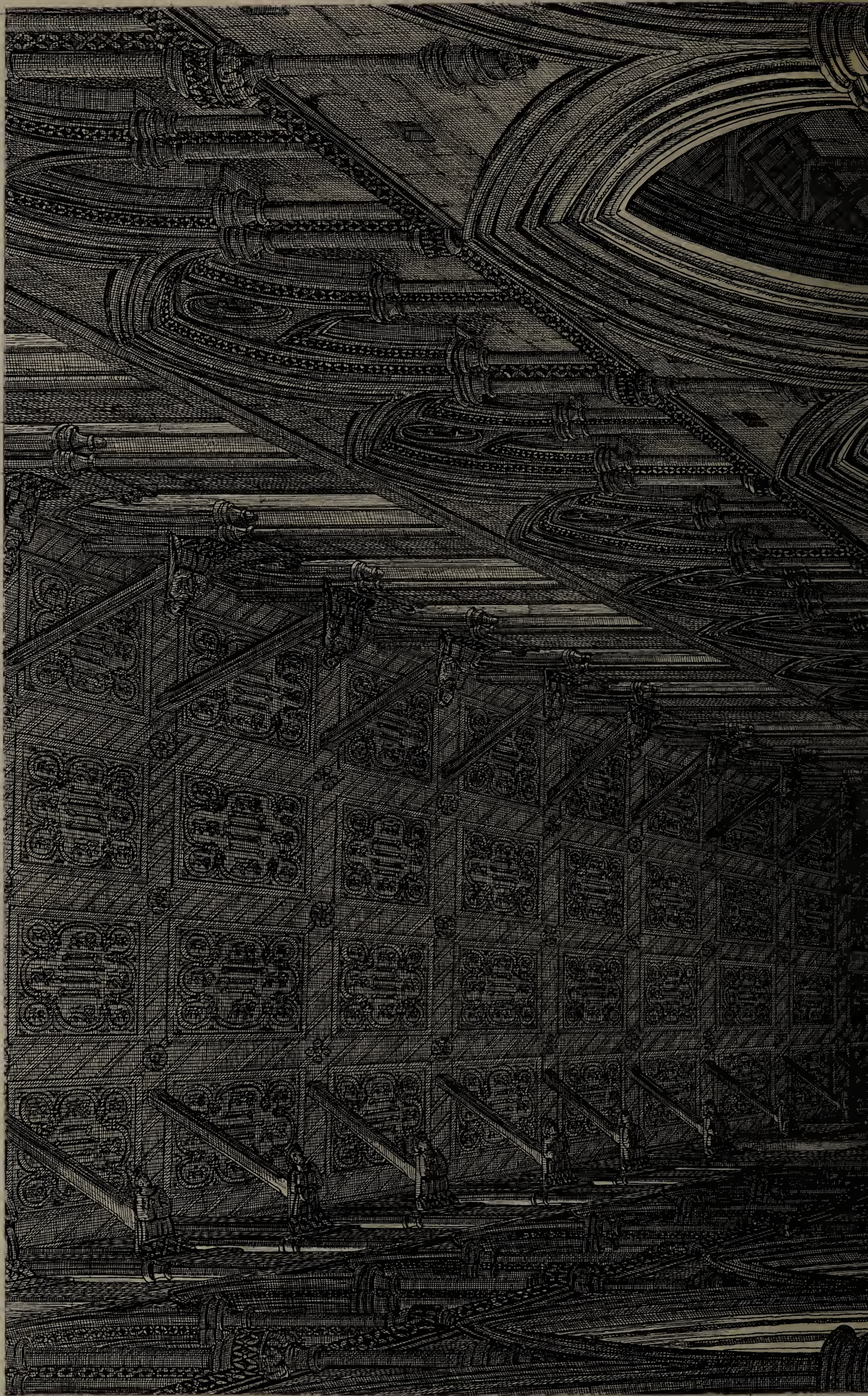
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General Plan of the Abbey Church of S^t Alban Hertfordshire









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*Abbey Church of St. Alban, Hertfordshire
View from the Western Entrance.*

suo, Withburga adjecit, cui nimirum in omnibus his gratia transferendi parabatur.

Anno Domini dcccxviij. Corpus sanctæ Withburgæ sine corruptione inventum est, post annos ferè quinquaginta quinque in Dereham.

NUM. II.

[Chron. Joh. Brompton. Twysd. Script. x. col. 747.]

Post reges Sigebertum et Egnice cognatum suum successit in regno Estangliæ Anna filius Egnice: vir quidem bonus et bonæ sobolis pater. Nam iste Anna nobiles et sanctas habuit filias, sanctam videlicet Edelburgam, quam cum filia uxoris suæ Secrid ad monasterium de Brugg Deo serviendam destinavit, ubi dicta Edelburga, merito virtutum, Brugensis abbatissa facta est, et ibi in Domino quiescit. Aliam etiam habuit filiam, sanctam videlicet Sexburgam quam Christi-anissimo regi Canciæ Ercomberto nobilissime maritavit, de qua superius inter reges Canciæ plenius est notatum. Tertiam etiam habuit filiam, sanctam scilicet Etheldredam. Harum etiam soror, secundum quosdam, fuit sancta Withburga, quæ apud Derham in Northefolchia per longum tempus in ecclesia jacuit tumultata. Sed postea regnante glorioso rege Edgari Brithnotus primus abbas monasterii Eliensis de consensu ejusdem regis, et instigatione ac consilio beati Ethelwoldi, tunc temporis Wintoniensis ecclesiæ episcopi, illam virgineam glebam sanctæ Withburgæ integram et incorruptam repertam clamculo ab ecclesia de Derham cum suis hominibus et ministris ad hoc ibi adductis sub noctis silentio, populo illius loci ignorante, cum tumba abstulit qua jacebat, et tumbam precioso corpore infra illam contento vehiculo præparato impositam armatorum cuneis hinc inde munivit, et sic viginti miliaris terrestri via decursis, usque ad fluvium in villa quæ dicitur Branduna, cum illo cœlesti thesauro prospere pervenit, ubi navem cum preciosa præda dictus abbas et sui ingressi, remis et armamentis navalibus incumbunt. Et licet post modicum intervallum Derhamenses veritate rei gestæ deprehensa, illos cum multitudine armatorum velociter insequentes ripas dicti fluvii hinc inde occupabant, et in abbatem et suos obprobria et tela jacebant, Dei tamen adiutorio et virginis favore illæsi ab illis evadunt. Applicantes itaque ad insulam quæ dicitur Tidbritheseye, gloriosum Virginis corpus vehiculo simul cum tumba impositum ad Eliense monasterium, occurrente et plaudente ejusdem loci tam clero quam populo, monachis quoque obviam præcedentibus et festive canentibus deportarunt, ac ibidem cum veneratione qua decuit collocarunt.

NUM. III.

De prima Fundatione Derehamensis Cænobii; et de Brithnodo, primo Eliensis Cænobii Abbate.

[Ex Hist. Eliens. Ecclesiæ in Bibl. Cotton. sub effigie Titi A. i. fol. 81 a.]

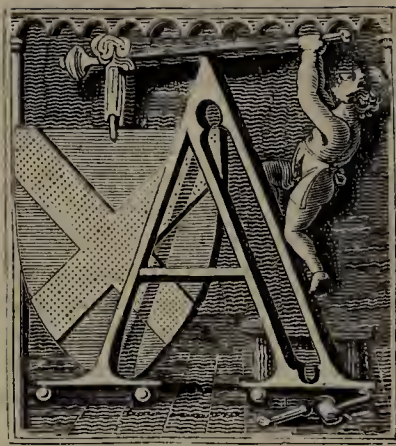
IDEM abbas transtulit corpus S. Wythburgæ, de Derham apud Ely; de cujus origine et integritate legitur, quod Withburga, adolescentior filiarum Annæ sublimiter est nata, et ad regnum cœleste consequendum,

et juxta mare, cum suâ nutrice, in quodam vico paterni juris nutrienda tradebatur, Holkham vocitato, ubi processu temporis, in memoriam ipsius, ecclesia est constructa, quæ Anglicè Withburgstowe dicitur. Præfata autem virgo, audito patris sui interitu, ad sanctimoniam confugit professionem, ubi in umbra alarum Dei sperans, suaviter requievit. Sed indè, ubi nutrita fuit, recedens, quasi xx. miliaribus, apud Derham, in humilem locum paterni juris devenit, illic solitariè volens vivere, elegit ubi monasterium condere satagebat. Cumque Domino suo templum conderet, contigit ut nichil victualium, præter sutum panem haberet, quod operariis ædificii opponeret; ob quod ad Dei genitricem confugit, eamque querulis precibus, pro instanti urgere cepit nutrimento, cui inter preces paululum dormitanti, astitit virgo Maria, docens eam non sollicitari de victu corporali, nec cogitare de crastino: "Mitte," inquit, "diluculo puellas ministras ad proximum pontem silvestris fluvii, ibi observantibus illis diatim occurrent duæ feræ lactifluæ, quas tractabiliter mulgentes solacium victui vestro interim administrabunt." Sic ancilla Domini, cœlitûs edocta, mittit manè multrices ad pontem præmonstratum, qui ferè uno stadio distat à monasterio, quæ stans silva, grato irrigatur fluvio: undè continuò duæ assiliunt cervæ, quæ se familiariùs quàm domestica animalia, præbebant multuræ: has singillatim astantes, vel succedentes, mulgebant manus virgineæ, tantamque lactis ubertatem in vasa sua expressere, ut indriam plenam duo viri injecto per ansas vectæ, humeris ejus efferrent, et omnibus domi convivis hæc copia sufficeret, quæ supernæ pietatis beneficia, cum cotidiano usu, per aliquod tempus habundanter proficerent. Præpositus ipsius villæ, vir pravi ingenii, cepit tanta miracula, aut parvi pendere, aut irridere; dehinc livore, cupiditate, ac superbîâ, indignatione agitatus, adducens canibus, nitebatur insontes feras captare; contemptis scil. commodis, quæ dominicæ exhibebant familiæ; at illæ exacerbatae et absterritæ, procul in suas silvas aufugere. Villicus verò, non tam bestiis, quàm Dei domesticis gratuito noxius, suæ malivolentiæ sine dilatione pœnas solvit; nam eadem hora dum emissario equo feras insectatur fugaces, equus in obstantem sepem, urgentibus calcari-bus incurrit; sepiisque acuta sude transfixus ilia dum resiliendo tergiversaretur, sessor superbus supino capite excutitur, fractâque cervice exanimatur. Ablato autem lacte ferino, non defuit Dominus gregi suo, sed rediit qui defuerat victus tempore oportuno. Commendatis demùm pupillis suis æterno regi, de hoc seculo migravit xvi. kal. Aprilis, et in cimiterio ecclesiæ Deramensis sepelitur; et post annos ferè quinquaginta quinque sine corruptione corpus ejus inventum est, et in ecclesiâ, quam ipsa ibidem condiderat, translatum anno Domini dcccxcviii. ubi usque ad tempora regis Edgari servabatur; et usque ad annum Domini dccccclxxiv. et ita requievit in prædicta ecclesiâ clxxvi. annis. A. agitur Domini dccccclxxiv. Abbas Brithnodus, consensu regis Edgari, et episcopi Ethelwoldi, sanctam Withburgam de Derham in Ely fecit transferri, viii. id. Julii, et juxta sororos suas sepeliri, ibique requievit cxxxii. annis, hoc et usque ad annum Domini mcv. in quo quidem anno abbas Ricardus, in novum monasterium eam transtulit. De loco autem illo, in quo primò sepulta fuit, apud Derham, fons aquæ lucidissimus manat.

Abbey of St. Alban,

IN

HERTFORDSHIRE.



At a place called Holmhurst, near the ancient Roman city of Verulam, known after, in the Saxon times, by the name of Verlamceaster, or Watlingceaster, Offa king of Mercia, A.D. 793, founded a noble abbey for one hundred Benedictine monks, to the honour of St. Alban, the protomartyr among the first Christian Britons who suffered here.^a

To procure absolution for his sins, and more particularly for the murder of Ethelbert king of the East

^a See Tann. Notit. Mon. ST. ALBAN, as the protomartyr of Britain, deserves particular notice. The collections for his Life have been numerous. He was a native of Verulam, which, it need not be added, was for ages one of the strongest and most populous cities of Britain. In his youth he travelled to Rome, but, returning, settled as a citizen at his native place. Here, in the time of Diocletian, though himself a Pagan, he gave shelter to a certain priest, called by some writers Amphibalus, who sought by flight to escape the persecution of the Romans. Alban was soon converted by him, and, exchanging clothes with his guest, enabled him to complete his escape: presenting himself to the soldiers who sought his visitor, in Amphibalus's long robe, or caracalla. The magistrate before whom he was taken, finding himself unable to shake the constancy of Alban to his newly embraced faith, ordered him to be beheaded.

The following is Bede's account of his death. Hist. Eccl. Gent. Angl. lib. i. capp. 6, 7. "Interea Diocletianus in oriente, Maximianus Herculus in occidente, vastari ecclesias, affligi interficique Christianos, decimo post Neronem loco præceperunt; quæ persecutio omnibus fere ante actis diuturnior atque immanior fuit; nam per decem annos, incendiis ecclesiarum, proscriptionibus innocentum, cædibus martyrum incessabiliter acta est. Denique etiam Britanniam tum plurima confessionis Deo devotæ gloria sublimavit. Siquidem in ea passus est sanctus Albanus, de quo presbyter Fortunatus in laude Virginum, cum beatorum martyrum qui de toto orbe ad Dominum venirent mentionem faceret, ait: 'Albanum egregium fecunda Britannia profert.' Qui videlicet Albanus paganus adhuc, cum perfidorum principum mandata adversum Christianos sævirent, clericum quendam persecutores fugientem hospitio recepit: quem dum orationibus continuis ac vigiliis die noctuque studere conspiceret, subito divina gratia respectus exemplum fidei ac pietatis illius cœpit æmulari, ac salutaribus ejus exhortationibus paulatim edoctus, relictis idolatriæ tenebris Christianus integro ex corde factus est. Cumque præfatus clericus aliquot diebus apud eum hospitaretur, pervenit ad aures nefandi principis confessorem Christi cui necdum fuerat locus martyrii deputatus, penes Albanum latere. Unde statim jussit milites eum diligentius inquirere. Qui cum ad tugurium martyris pervenissent, mox se sanctus Albanus pro hospite ac magistro suo, ipsius habitu, id est caracalla qua vestiebatur indutus, militibus exhibuit, atque ad judicem vinctus perductus est.

"Contigit autem judicem ea hora qua ad eum Albanus adducebatur, aris assistere ac dæmonibus hostias offerre. Cumque vidisset Albanum, mox ira succensus nimia quod se ille ultro pro hospite quem susceperat militibus offerre ac discrimini dare præsumpsisset, ad simulacra dæmonum quibus adsistebat eum jussit pertrahi: quia rebellem, inquiens, ac sacrilegum celare quam militibus reddere maluisti, ut contemptor divum meritam blasphemiam suam pœnam lueret, quæcumque illi debebantur supplicia tu solvere habes, si a cultu nostræ religionis discedere tentas. At sanctus Albanus qui se ultro persecutoribus fidei Christianum esse prodiderat, nequaquam minas principis metuit; sed accinctus armis militiæ spiritualis, palam jussis illius parere nolle pronuntiabat. Tum judex: 'Cujus,' inquit, 'familiæ vel generis es?' Albanus respondit: 'Quid ad te pertinet

Angles, Offa is stated to have vowed the foundation of a monastery. Matthew Paris represents him to have been perplexed as to the spot upon which to fix his intended foundation. Nevertheless, being directed in a vision to raise out of the earth the body of the first British martyr, Alban, he, with divers friends and bishops, proceeded, on a certain day, to Verulam: the exact spot of Alban's interment, which had long been unknown, being pointed out by a supernatural light.

About a hundred years after the martyrdom of St. Alban, which happened about the end of the third or beginning of the fourth century, Germanus bishop of Auxerre (who, with Lupus bishop of Troyes, was sent to suppress the Pelagian heresy in Britain), A.D. 401, caused the grave in which the body of Alban had been buried, to be opened, and deposited therein close to the

qua sim stirpe genitus? sed si veritatem religionis audire desideras, Christianum jam me esse, Christianisque officiis vacare cognosce.' Ait judex: 'Nomen tuum quæro, quod sine mora mihi insinua. Et ille: Albanus, inquit, a parentibus vocor, et Deum verum ac vivum qui universa creavit adoro semper et colo.' Tum judex, repletus iracundia, dixit: 'Si vis perennis vitæ felicitate perfrui, diis magnis sacrificare ne differas.' Albanus respondit: 'Sacrificia hæc quæ a vobis redduntur dæmonibus, nec auxiliari subjectis possunt, nec supplicantium sibi desideria vel vota complere. Quinimmo quicumque his sacrificia simulacris obtulerit, æternas inferni pœnas pro mercede recipiet.' His auditis judex nimio furore commotus, cædi sanctum Dei confessorem a tortoribus præcepit, autumans se verberibus, quam verbis non poterat, cordis ejus emollire constantiam. Qui cum tormentis afficeretur acerrimis, patienter hæc pro Domino, immo gaudenter ferebat. At ubi judex tormentis illum superari vel a cultu Christianæ religionis revocari non posse persensit, capite eum plecti jussit.

"Cumque ad mortem duceretur, pervenit ad flumen quod muro et harena ubi feriendus erat, meatu rapidissimo dividebatur: viditque ibi non parvam hominum multitudinem utriusque sexus, conditionis diversæ, et ætatis, quæ sine dubio, divinitatis instinctu ad obsequium beatissimi confessoris ac martyris vocabatur, et ita fluminis ipsius occupabat pontem ut intra vesperam transire vix posset. Denique cunctis pene egressis, judex sine obsequio in civitate substiterat. Igitur sanctus Albanus cui ardens inerat devotio mentis ad martyrium ocus pervenire, accessit ad torrentem, et dirigens ad cælum oculos, illico siccato alveo, vidit undam suis cecidisse ac viam dedisse vestigiis. Quod cum inter alios etiam ipse carnifex qui eum percussurus erat, vidisset, festinavit et ubi ad locum destinatum morti venerat occurrere: divino nimirum admonitus instinctu, projectoque ense quem strictum tenuerat, pedibus ejus advolvitur, multum desiderans ut cum martyre vel pro martyre quem percutere jubebatur, ipse potius mereretur percuti. Dum ergo is ex persecutore factus esset collega veritatis et fidei, ac jacente ferro esset inter carnifices justa cunctatio, montem cum turbis reverentissimus Dei confessor ascendit: qui opportune lætus, gratia decentissima, quingentis fere passibus ab harena situs est, variis herbarum floribus depictus, immo usquequaque vestitus, in quo nihil repente arduum, nihil præceps, nihil abruptum, quem lateribus longe lateque deductum in modum æquoris natura complanat, dignum videlicet eum, pro insita sibi specie venustatis, jam olim reddens qui beati martyris cruore dicaretur. In hujus ergo vertice sanctus Albanus dari sibi a Deo aquam rogavit, statimque incluso meatu ante pedes ejus fons perennis exortus est, ut omnes agnoscerent etiam torrentem martyri obsequium detulisse: neque enim fieri poterat ut in arduo montis cacumine martyr aquam quam in fluvio non reliquerat, peteret, si hoc opportunum esse non videret. Qui videlicet fluvius ministerio persoluto, devotione completa officii testimonium relinquens, reversus est ad naturam. Decollatus itaque martyr fortissimus ibidem accepit coronam vitæ quam repromisit Deus diligentibus se. Sed ille qui piis cervicibus impias intulit manus gaudere super mortuum non est permissus: namque oculi ejus in terram una cum beati martyris capite deciderunt. Decollatus est ibi tum etiam miles ille, qui antea superno nutu correptus sanctum Dei con-

body of the martyr, the relics of many saints, which he had brought over with him. To this very spot Offa was directed by the supernatural light; and, accordingly, the body of Alban was found deposited, together with some relics, in a coffin of wood, in the same situation in which they had been placed by Germanus.

The more minute details of Offa's discovery are given in the Appendix, from Matthew Paris's History.^a

For the fact of a church having been built upon the spot where Alban suffered, and that within a short period of the time of his martyrdom, we have the testimony of Bede, in the passage already quoted in a Note. To this spot, upon Offa's discovery, Humbert archbishop of Mercia and his attendant prelates removed the body of St. Alban. Offa himself is recorded to have placed round St. Alban's skull a circle of gold, with an inscription signifying his name and title: he also caused the chapel to be enriched with plates of gold and silver, and to be decorated with pictures, hangings, and other ornaments, till a structure of greater magnificence could be erected. This was in the year of our Lord 791.

The next step taken by Offa, was, to assemble together his nobles, prelates, and the chief personages of his kingdom, to advise on the further execution of his design: when it was determined that he should proceed in person to Rome, to solicit the approbation of the pope, and to procure the requisite privileges for his foundation. The king accordingly proceeded on his mission. He offered to Pope Adrian to maintain a college of English youths at his own expence; and confirmed the payment of the tax called Peter pence, an impost of one penny upon every house yielding thirty pence a year. Upon his return from Rome, Offa again assembled his nobles and prelates at Verulam; and, having obtained from the pope the canonization of Alban, determined on taking fresh steps toward the complete accomplishment of his design.

The chapel noticed by Bede, which had been built by the early converts to Christianity, appears to have been appropriated by Offa as the church of his new monastery: the officinal buildings, in addition, being completed by him within four or five years.^b

Having finished his monastery, he made a selection of monks to inhabit it from other religious houses, and especially from that of Bec in Normandy; placing them under an abbat, or superior, named

WILLEGOD, one of the persons who had been present at the discovery of St. Alban's body; who was also of a noble family, and related to the king.

Offa granted to his new monastery most ample privileges, endowing it with numerous manors, among which was his manor and palace of Winslow in Buckinghamshire. The former, Matthew Paris assures us, was twenty miles in circumference, and he had procured for it an exemption from the payment of the Peter pence. He established his foundation for the perpetual maintenance of a hundred monks of the Benedictine order, and for the entertainment of all travellers who should seek relief within its precincts. Finding his dissolution approach, he offered his Charter of donation to the monastery upon the high altar of the church; soon after which, he retired to his palace at Offley in the county of Hertford, where he died, A. D. 796: being buried in a chapel on the banks of the river Ouse, near Bedford.

Abbat Willegod is stated to have died of grief within two months after Offa; principally on account of Egfrid, the son of Offa, refusing to let his father be buried at St. Alban's: although Egfrid is expressly named as an especial benefactor to the monastery, bestowing upon it ten manses in Thyrefeld, and five manses, "terram quinque manentium," in Pynesfeld.^c

EADRIC, a monk of the monastery, was unanimously elected abbat by the convent A. D. 796. Matthew Paris

fessorem ferire recusavit: de quo nimirum constat, quia etsi fonte baptismatis non est ablutus, sui tamen est sanguinis lavacro mundatus ac regni cœlestis dignus factus est ingressu. Tum judex tanta miraculorum cœlestium novitate percussus, cessari mox persecutione præcepit, honorem referre incipiens cœdi sanctorum, per quam eos opinabatur prius a Christianæ fidei posse devotione cessare. Passus est autem beatus Albanus die decimo kalendarum Juliarum, juxta civitatem Verolanium, quæ nunc a gente Anglorum Verlamacaestir sive Vætlingecaestir appellatur, ubi postea redeunte temporum Christianorum serenitate ecclesia est mirandi operis atque ejus martyrio condigna extracta. In quo videlicet loco usque ad hanc diem curatio infirmorum et frequentium operatio virtutum celebrari non desinit."

This martyrdom of St. Alban is supposed to have taken place sometime between the years 286 and 305. The precise year of Diocletian's reign, in which the persecution in Britain began, being unsettled.

The name of the soldier who refused to imbrue his hands in the blood of St. Alban, is stated by Capgrave to have been Heraclius.

The priest who converted St. Alban, whom Geoffrey of Monmouth and other writers call ST. AMPHIBALUS, fled to Redburn, three miles from St. Alban's, in Hertfordshire, where he is said to have been stoned to death. His reliques, with those of his companions in martyrdom, were affirmed to have been found at Redburn in 1178; whence they were afterwards translated to St. Alban's monastery. See the Cotton MS. Claud. E. iv.

Matthew Paris gives the following account of the translation of these reliques, in the year 1186:

"Anno Dominicæ incarnationis millesimo centesimo octogesimo sexto, ex præcepto domini Gwarini abbatis ecclesiæ sancti Albani, per subpriorem ejusdem ecclesiæ, et Adam cantorem, et Gilebertum et Baldwinum sacristas, et Rogerum de Hospitali, custodem reliquiarum sancti Amphibali sociorumque ejus, octavo kalendas Julii translatae sunt reliquiae prædictæ de locello in quo primum conditæ fuerant sub domino Simone abbate, in feretrum novum ad hoc specialiter adaptatum, et ad honorem eorumdem martyrorum, et decorem domus Dei, auro et argento arte exclusoria splendide adornatum; quod nimirum, feretrum medius quidem paries intersectat interius, et in ea parte cujus frons intrinsecus passionem S. Amphibali exprimit, repositæ sunt reliquiae ipsius martyris et trium sociorum ejusdem, (qui simul consepulti inventi sunt,) singulæ in singulis ligaturis. In reliqua vero parte, reliquiae sex reliquorum sociorum ejusdem, quorum sepultura seorsum inventæ sunt; singulæ in singulis ligaturis colligatæ; in locello autem millo qui præfatas reliquias continebat, aliquantula portio earundem reliquiarum remansit, simul cum multa numerositate corporalium venustorum, quæ ob sui reverentiam honestè ibi collocata sunt. Ille quoque locellus, cum alio consimili, in dextra parte majoris altaris in Presbyterio super murum collocatus est. In primo, sunt prædicta. In alio, pulvis et ossium particulæ minutissimæ (in quem pulverem, carnes sanctorum martyrum creditur fuisse resolutas, nam in eorum sepulchris cum

ossibus inventus est) reponitur." Mat. Par. Vit. viginti trium Abb. p. 1042.

Archbishop Usher laid little stress on the existence of this saint Amphibalus, the name in Greek indicating itself to have been borrowed from the cloak or garment of St. Alban, called by our historians caracalla. Even in the work entitled "Britannia Sancta; or the Lives of the most celebrated British, English, Scottish, and Irish Saints," it is acknowledged that "the acts of St. Amphibalus's martyrdom are to be found in Capgrave, and others; but these, as they have no testimony from antiquity, are of small authority."

Such readers as may be desirous of searching more minutely into the history of St. Alban, are referred to the Acta Sanctorum of the Bollandists, Month of June, tom. iv. p. 146. See also Britannia Sancta, 4to. Lond. 1745, p. 374, and Butler's Lives of the Saints, edit. Dubl. 1780, vol. vi. p. 314. The Cotton manuscript already referred to in the mention of St. Amphibalus, contains numerous articles illustrative of the legendary history of St. Alban.

Walsingham notices two miracles, attributed to St. Alban at a late period:

A.D. 1344. "Eodem anno quædam puella quinquennis, apud molendinum de Bettlespole juxta Redburnam cadens in aquam, subito submersa est, et cum eodem tempore molendinum moleret, et rota vehementius per aquæ abundantis decursum volveretur, ejusdem puellæ corpus pertransivit rotam, sed quod credebatur sub rota contritum vel conquassatum, integrum permansit, et illæsum, saltem ab ipsius rotæ oppressione. Cumque plurimi occurrissent ad spectaculum, ut viderent matrem puellæ vehementius lugere, et compati natæ suæ, fundentes unanimiter orationem ad beatum prothomartyrem Albanum, et mensurantes corpus puellæ, idemque plicantes, quod mirum dictum est, cœpit puella reviviscere, et post modicum temporis perfectæ se vitæ redditam demonstrare." Tho. Walsingh. Hist. edit. 1574, p. 154.

A.D. 1389. "Eo tempore mulier quædam, Agnes nomine, de Londoniis, quam tristitia amentem effecerat, ita ut pene nulli qui solebat frequentare Londonias incognita foret ejus dementia, præ famositatem sui clamoris et operum: admonita erat per visum, sanctum adire Albanum Anglorum prothomartyrem, apud eum consecutura sanitatem et sensum. Quæ mox ut paruit visioni, perfecte pristinae est restituta saluti." Ibid. p. 374.

^a See Num. II.

^b "Ferè omnia officinalia ædificia laudabiliter in cœnobio suo, quod a fundamentis inchoaverat, ædificaverat, infra quantum quintumve annum postquam pium opus illud inchoaverat." Compare also Whitaker's Cathedral of Cornwall, vol. ii. p. 164.

^c Matt. Parr. edit. 1684, pp. 990, 991. See his Charters, App. Numm. VII. VIII. Matthew Paris reads "terram quinque maneriorum." Mr. Clutterbuck, Hist. of Hertfordshire, vol. i. p. 8, says, "The true name of Offa's son and successor was Eggerht, not Egfride, as is evident from two very rare coins of that prince, which are preserved in the collection of the late Doctor William Hunter, at Glasgow."

calls him "regibus Offæ et filio ejus Egfrido sanguine propinquus, et fœdere dilectionis amicissimus."^a Of the acts of his abbacy no details are preserved.

VULSIG, or ULSINUS, the third abbat, was also of royal origin. Matthew Paris notices him as deviating far from the strict sobriety of his rank and office. He used vestments of silk; hunted; was dainty in his feeding; and courted the favour of the great. He drew some odium down also upon the convent, as well as himself, by the crowds of ladies of rank whom he invited to his table. "Vasa," the historian adds, "quæ rex Offa contulerat concupiscibilia, pallas, et monilia (quorum jactura erat irrestaurabilis) alienavit." He united his female relations in marriage to the nobles and great men, enriching them with grants at the expence of the abbey. Upon his death, which happened from excess of drinking, the members of the monastery obtained restitution of a great part of the wealth acquired from them by the abbat's relations: leaving the spoilers in a state of poverty.^b

WLNOTH, or WULNOTH, was the next abbat. From the ordinances which he made upon his election to the abbacy, he appears to have been sincere in endeavouring to reform the errors of his predecessor. With this view he removed the habitation of some nuns, who had been placed near the convent by Vulsig, to a more distant situation; and ordained certain strict rules, by which they were bound to the observance of appointed hours in the offices of devotion, their meals, and their repose. In process of time, however, he fell into the irregularities of Vulsig; and adopted similar caprices in altering the shape and colour of the monks' dresses.^c He kept hawks, dogs, and huntsmen; and, laying aside the monastic habit himself, he assumed the dress and manners of a sportsman. He likewise dilapidated the goods of the church with players: "mimis et inhonestis."^d

During the time of this abbat, A. D. 930, the Danes reaching St. Alban's in their ravages, broke open the repository which contained St. Alban's bones, and carried away some of them into their own country, where they deposited them in a house of black monks, and built a shrine expressly for their reception. But Matthew Paris adds, "Sed quia non placuit sancto ibi commorari, sed potius ubi sanguinem suum pro Christo fudit, suam procuravit repatriationem."

Having ruled the church eleven years, abbat Wlnoth was struck with palsy, which speedily put an end to his existence.^e

EADFRITH, or EADFRIDUS, the successor of Wlnoth, was another abbat of noble descent; principally remarkable for the elegance of his personal deportment. In his conduct he was vain and despicable. When preferred from the office of prior to be abbat, he threw off the austerity of the cloister, giving himself up to ease and revelry. "In camera assiduus, in claustris rarus, in choro nunquam apparere dignabatur. In tuendis ecclesiæ suæ possessionibus tepidus, in acquirendis pusillanimus." He purchased, however, at considerable expence, a cup much admired for its workmanship and elegance, which he dedicated to St. Alban, and ordained to hold the eucharist.^f

In this abbat's time, Ulpho the prior of the monastery, with Eadfrith's permission, rebuilt the chapel of St. Germanus; whither, having erected some additional buildings to it, and resigned his pastoral staff, Eadfrith himself retired, to pass the rest of his days in solitude.^g

The abbey was now destitute of a pastor for a whole

year, during which time, a schism arising in the convent, the goods of the church were squandered: but the bishops interposing, the contest ceased and the monks chose

ULSIN, or ULSIG, for their abbat; a man remarkable for piety and regularity of life. The rise of the present town of St. Alban is almost entirely to be ascribed to him. He established a market in it, and also built the three churches of St. Stephen, St. Michael, and St. Peter, on the north, south, and west sides of the monastery. This was in the reign of Edred.

This abbat testified great regard to the memory of his predecessor, and caused his funeral obsequies to be solemnized with great splendour: burying him among the abbats of the monastery, and often causing mass to be celebrated in the house in which he had lived and died: not far from which he also caused a chapel to be built to the honour of St. Mary Magdalen.^h

At the time of his death, Ulsin is said by Matthew Paris to have been "plenus dierum."

ÆLFRIC, or ALFRIC, was the seventh abbat. He had been bred a monk in the abbey of Abingdon, under Æthelwold then abbat, and afterwards bishop of Winchester: and was made abbat of St. Alban's A.D. 969.ⁱ The most memorable of his acts was, that he gave the cup which Eadfrith had conferred upon the monastery, together with some other valuables, to the king, in exchange for the pool belonging to the royal palace at Kingsbury, called the Fish-pool; which, from its vicinity to the abbey, and the negligence of the persons employed in its management, had become a constant source of annoyance to the monks. In order to secure them from this inconvenience in future, he drained it of its waters, by cutting through the head, and converted great part of the land so drained into gardens.^k

Ælfric was in high repute for his learning. He drew up a Latin and Saxon glossary, one manuscript of which was printed at the end of Somner's Saxon dictionary.^l His translation into Saxon of some of the historical books of the Old Testament, together with a fragment of Judith, was printed at Oxford by Mr. Thwaites in 1698. He also drew up what are called his "Canons;" which are printed in the first volume of Spelman's Councils: and translated numerous homilies from the Latin fathers.

In 983, Ælfric went, at the request of Alphege bishop of Winchester, to regulate the monastery of Cerne in Dorsetshire. In 989, he succeeded Sigeric in the bishoprick of Wilton; and in 994, or 995, became archbishop of Canterbury. He died Nov. 15th, A.D. 1006.^m He was buried at Abingdon, where he first embraced the profession of a monk; whence his remains were afterwards transferred to Canterbury, in the reign of Canute. Ælfric's will has been already given in the Appendix to the account of Abingdon monastery, in which his legacies to the abbey of St. Alban are enumerated.ⁿ

EALDRED was the name of the next abbat. He is represented by Matthew Paris to have made a laborious and extensive search into the ruins of the city of Verulam: destroying the subterraneous ways and passages. Such tiles and bricks as he found whole, and such stones as appeared fit for building, he preserved, proposing, when his revenues would permit, to take down the old church of St. Alban, and build a new one. He had also stored up timber for the purpose: but was prevented by death from carrying his plans into execution.^o

EADMER, or EADMARUS, the ninth abbat, was a

^a Mat. Par. p. 991.

^b Ibid. p. 992.

^c "Postea vero pejor priore effectus, tam formam cuculli et frocci quam colorem transmutavit primitivum." Ibid. p. 992.

^d Ibid.

^e Ibid.

^f "Veruntamen cyphum quendam desiderabilem, tam artificio quam materia admirabilem, adquisivit, et beato Albano obtulit, ad corpus dominicum reponendum." Ibid. p. 993.

^g Ibid.

^h Ibid.

ⁱ Compare Edw. Rowe Moresi de Ælfrico Commentarius, p. xv. Dissert. de Ælfrico, Whart. Anglia Sacra, tom i. p. 125.

^k Mat. Par. p. 993. See also Clutterbuck's Hist. of Hertf. vol. i. p. 9.

^l A very curious and ancient manuscript of this glossary, enlarged by Elfric Bata, the pupil of our Ælfric, is preserved in the inner library of St. John's college Oxford.

^m Edw. Rowe Moresi Commentar. pp. xviii. xix.

ⁿ See vol. i. pp. 517, 518.

^o "Iste antiquas scripturas subterraneas veteris civitatis, quæ Werlamcestre dicebatur, perscrutatas, evertit omnia et implevit, trabes vero et vias cum meatibus subterraneis, et solidè per artificium arcuatis, quorum quidam sub tusaquam Warlamie, quæ quondam maxima civitati fuit circumflua, transierunt, diruit, implevit, aut obturavit. Erant enim latibulatronum, vespillonum, et meretricum. Fossata verocivitatis, et quasdam speluncas, ad quas quasi ad refugia redeunt

man of piety and learning. He increased the stores which had been prepared by his predecessor toward the rebuilding of the monastery; and also continued his researches among the ruins of the ancient city. In the progress of this latter work he discovered the foundations of an ancient palace, in a hollow of one of the walls of which a number of books and rolls were concealed; together with a book which had been singularly preserved from the ravages of time. It was written in letters of gold, bound in oaken boards, and fastened with silk strings: but the language was unknown. At length an aged priest, by name Unwona, discovered it to be written in the tongue which was in use among the ancient inhabitants of Verulam; and to be a History of the Life and Passion of St. Alban. The other works which were discovered were written in Latin: they related to the heathen worship of the ancient inhabitants of the city, and were consigned to the flames. The Life of St. Alban, translated into Latin, continued to be read in the monastery in the time of Matthew Paris, who informs us that, as soon as the translation was completed, the original manuscript mouldered into dust.^a Numerous urns, altars, vessels of glass, coins, and other remains, which the workmen discovered at Verulam, abbat Eadmer ordered to be destroyed. Having, like his predecessor Ealdred, employed several years in preparations for a new monastery, he died without fulfilling his intentions.^b

LEOFRIC, a man of considerable elegance both in person and manners, was the next abbat. He was the son of the earl of Kent, and had relinquished his inheritance in favour of a younger brother. He was afterwards, for his merit, chosen archbishop of Canterbury, but refused the primacy, affirming that his brother Alfric was more worthy of it.^c

In the time of this abbat, a famine prevailing throughout England, he expended the whole of the treasure which had been laid up for rebuilding the church, selling the pillars and stones which had been found, with other materials, and all the gold and silver plate belonging both to the church and to his own table, to relieve the poor; only reserving some jewels of great value, and some cameos, intended for the decoration of a shrine.

This dispersion of the treasures of the monastery caused much discontent in the convent; which was, however, overawed, partly by the authority, and partly by the powerful connections of the abbat.

Abbat Leofric wore costly garments, but black; and would receive no persons to be monks unless they were well born, or at least born in lawful wedlock. Notwithstanding his first refusal, he was finally exalted to the archbishoprick of Canterbury. He died A.D. 1006.

ÆLFRIC, or ALFRIC, the second of that name, brother of Leofric, was the next abbat. He had been chancellor to King Ethelred; and possessed the same generosity of temper, united to personal accomplishments, as his brother. While chanter of the monastery he wrote a Life of St. Alban, which was put to music. This abbat, in his own right, possessed the royal mansion at Kingsbury, with its demesnes, which he had purchased of King Ethelred during his chancellorship. He is said afterwards to have caused the mansion itself to be de-

stroyed, with the exception of one small tower, which Canute, who then reigned, would not suffer to be taken down.^d Mr. Newcome erroneously supposed this tower to be what is now called the clock-house at St. Alban's; a structure certainly not older than the beginning of the fifteenth century.^e

This abbat lived in the reigns of Canute, Harold the First, Hardicanute, and Edward the Confessor, in the reign of the last of which sovereigns the Danes renewed their predatory incursions in the island. Abbat Ælfric, alarmed for the security of his monastery, caused the relics and shrine of St. Alban to be secreted beneath the altar of St. Nicholas, in one of the walls of the monastery; while, to do away suspicion, he sent to the abbat and convent of Ely, requesting permission to deposit the relics of the saint with them till peace should be restored, as their island, being encompassed by impassable marshes, was inaccessible to the public enemy: taking care, at the same time, to send them the relics only of a deceased monk, but, to cloak his deception, accompanied them with numerous ornaments of the church, and an old coat, pretended to be that of St. Amphibalus. Upon the failure of the great invasion projected by the Danes, in consequence of the death of their king, Ælfric demanded restitution of the relics from Ely, but was at first refused: till the abbat and convent there, fearing to be compelled to do justice, restored the chest, having introduced into it other bones in exchange for those which they considered to be the real relics of St. Alban. Ælfric, however, discovered to them, and proved by the testimony of twelve grave religious men, the manner in which he had retained the true relics of St. Alban within his monastery. Edward the Confessor, it is added, was highly incensed when informed of the great duplicity of the monks of Ely.^f

Abbat Ælfric purchased of the king, for a thousand marks, Oxonage and Adulfinton, by way of mortgage: and Northon, Upton, and Becchesworth, for ever, "perpetuo jure tenendas," for five hundred marks.^g

While meditating punishment for the monks of Ely abbat Ælfric died; and was succeeded by

LEOFSTAN, or LEFSTANUS, the twelfth abbat; also called Plumstan; the friend, confessor, and counsellor of King Edward and his queen Editha. He obtained for his monastery the estate called Stodham from Oswulph and his wife Adelitha; and the estates of Redburnham, Langele, Gbeneburga, and Thwareton, from Egelwine Niger and his wife Winefleda, with other donations, rents, and ornaments.^h

Abbat Leofstan, to render the approaches to the monastery safe and commodious to travellers, caused the woods which extended from the edge of the Chiltern, southward, between that part of the country and London, along the course of the Roman road called Watling-street, to be cut down; and, the more effectually to clear this tract from the depredations of robbers who had infested it, granted the manor of Flamsted to a valiant knight called Thurnot, and his fellow soldiers Waldef and Thurman: in compensation for which gift Thurnot gave privately to the abbat five ounces of gold, a palfrey, and a greyhound; covenanting to protect, by himself and his retinue, the western district from the incursions of robbers and beasts of

malefici et fugitivi, à densis silvis vicinis fugerunt; in quantum potuit, explanavit. Tegulas vero integras, et lapides quos invenit, aptas ad ædificia seponens, ad fabricam ecclesiæ reservavit. Proposuit enim si facultates suppeterent, dirutæ veteris ecclesiæ, novam construere. Propter quod, terram in profunditate evertit, ut lapideas structuras inveniret. Quod cum fecissent fossores, juxta ripam asseres quernos cum clavis infixis, pice navali delinitos (quales solent esse in carinis) invenerunt. Necnon et quædam navalia armamenta, utpote anchoras rubigine semirosas, et remos habiennos in certum et manifestum signum aquæ marinæ, quæ quondam Warlamcestrense vexit navigium, repperunt. Quæ unda, quomodo in parvum rivulum nunc contrahatur, et quo miraculo, Historia de Sancto Albano explanat evidenter. Conchilia vero et conchas, quales litus maris solet educare vel projicere cum arenis æquoreis (quas insolito vestigio cives Verolamniæ properantes ad martyrium novi martyris quondam calcarunt) non sine admiratione invenerunt. Unde nomina locis ubi talia repperunt, incolæ hæc videntes vel imposuerunt, vel retulerunt se a veteribus relata meminisse. Utpote Oistrehulle, Selleford, Ancropol, Fispol, nomen vivarii regii, ex reliquiis aquæ diminutæ." Ibid. p. 994.

^a Mat. Par. p. 994. "Abjectis igitur et combustis libris, in quibus commenta diaboli continebantur, solus ille liber in quo Historia Sancti Albani continebatur, in thesauro charissime reponebatur. Et sicut prædictus presbyter, illum antiquo Anglico vel Britannico idiomate conscriptum, in quo peritus extitit legerat, abbas iste Eadmarus, per prudentiores fratrum in conventu fecit fideliter ac diligenter exponi, et plenius in publico prædicando, edoceri. Cum autem conscripta Historia in Latino, pluribus ut jam dictum est innotuisset, exemplar primitivum ac originale (quod mirum est dictu) irrestaurabiliter in pulverem subito redactum, cecidit annulatum."

^b Ibid. pp. 994, 995.

^c "Asserens fratrem suum Alfricum, ad hoc esse digniorem." Ibid. p. 995.

^d Ibid. p. 996.

^e Newcome's Hist. of the Abbey of St. Alban, p. 37.

^f Mat. Par. p. 997.

^g Ibid. p. 996.

^h Ibid. p. 998. He is mentioned as abbat in 1047 by Rad. de Diceto. Abbr. Chron. Twysd. Script. x. col. 475.

prey, and, in case of war, to assist in protecting the church to the utmost of his power.

These stipulations were punctually complied with by Thurnot and his companions till the time of King William, when, upon their refusal of submission to the Norman yoke, they were deprived of Flamsted, which was given to Roger de Thoni.^a

Abbat Leofstan died soon after King Edward the Confessor. His successor was

FREDERIC, or FREThERICUS, a relation of King Canute; who was elected A.D. 1066. In the turbulent times which immediately succeeded abbat Frederic's election, the woods between St. Alban's and London were again infested by robbers; whereupon he leased the manor of Aldenham to the abbat of Westminster for twenty years, upon condition that he should protect the roads in the neighbourhood of the place. At the expiration, however, of this period, for the purpose of keeping possession of a wood called Bruteite, or Prudeitti, the abbat of Westminster refused to surrender the manor so granted, and abbat Frederic was unable to dispossess him on account of his great interest at court.

Previous to the complete conquest of England by King William, abbat Frederic had given refuge, assistance, and countenance, to the refractory nobles. He caused the trees which grew on the road side to be cut down and laid across the way, in order to impede the Conqueror's march to Berkhamstead; and when, at a subsequent meeting, the Conqueror enquired the reason, he replied, that he had only done his duty, and that if all the ecclesiastics in the kingdom had performed theirs in like manner, it would not have been in the power of the Normans to advance so far. He was also a principal instrument in extorting an oath from the king at Berkhamstead, by which he swore upon the relics of the church, that he would observe and keep inviolate all the ancient laws of the realm, which his predecessors, and particularly King Edward, had established.^b Abbat Frederic himself administered the oath. When William, however, was more firmly fixed in his authority, he disregarded the engagements he had made; and abbat Frederic, fearing, from his opposition to the king, that he should be deprived of his dignity, fled to Ely, where he died after a few days' illness. King William kept the abbey in his hands for a considerable time, that he might enjoy its revenues during the vacancy; but at last gave it to

PAUL, a Norman, and relative of Archbishop Lanfranc, who had previously been a monk of Caen. Abbat Paul was preferred to this monastery on the 4th of the kalends of July, A. D. 1077.^c

It was during the time of this abbat that the General Survey of the kingdom was undertaken by the Conqueror, in which the following are the possessions of St. Alban's monastery recorded.

In *Berkshire*, four hides at Henret. In *Hertfordshire*, twenty hides at Henamestede, with pannage for a thousand hogs: six hides in Scenlai, with pannage for four hundred hogs: ten hides in Sandridge, with pannage for three hundred hogs: ten hides in Waldene: in the vill of St. Alban ten hides, with forty-six burgesses, the tolls and other rents of the town, amounting to eleven pounds thirteen shillings per year; beside which there was pannage for a thousand hogs, a park of deer, and a fish-pool: Codicote and Oxewiche in the hundred of Bradwatre, which had existed as two manors in the time of King Edward the Confessor, were rated as one in the Survey, paying geld for ten hides: in Nortone four hides: three hides in Escepehale: in Langelai five hides, with pannage for three hundred hogs: in Red-

borne seven hides and one virgate, with pannage for three hundred hogs: in Absa three hides, with pannage for three hundred hogs: in Wenrige a hide and a half, with pannage for three hundred hogs: in Titebersth half a hide: in Redborne three virgates and a half more, with pannage for two hundred hogs: in Prichemareworde fifteen hides, with pannage for twelve hundred hogs: in Caissov twenty hides, with pannage for a thousand hogs: in Eldeham one hide, with pannage for a hundred hogs: in Nevham three hides and three virgates: in Hegæstanestone eight hides and three virgates: and in Benedis one hide. In *Buckinghamshire*, at Grenesberge five hides: in Estone ten hides: and in Weneslai fifteen hides. The total number of hides amounted to a hundred and seventy-two, beside ten virgates and a half. The produce of these lands in the time of King Edward the Confessor appears to have amounted to the annual sum of 263*l.* 19*s.* 4*d.*: and though in two or three manors it had been lessened, the gross income at the time of forming the Survey had increased to 278*l.* 11*s.* 4*d.*^d

Matthew Paris informs us that abbat Paul rebuilt the church and the other buildings of the monastery, all but the bake-house and mill-house, from the stones and tiles of Verulam and the materials of wood which his predecessors had collected; Archbishop Lanfranc supplying him, at the same time, with abundance of treasure.^e

Abbat Paul is represented to have been a man of piety and learning, rigid in his observance of the monastic rule, and temperate in reforming the irregularities which had crept into his convent. He is said to have introduced what are called the 'Constitutions of Lanfranc.' By his diligence and address he procured the restitution to his monastery of a wood called Eiwood, with the three small estates, "prædiola," of Tiwa, Aspa, and Cnicumb, which had been alienated from the church in the time of King Edward the Confessor. He also recovered the vill of Redburn, with the manor of Childewic.

In his time, also, the following possessions are recorded by Matthew Paris as having been added to the endowments of the monastery: two hides of land in Sepehal; three virgates in Potton; a carucate of land called Letinge; land in Talinton; three manses, with as many gardens, at Glaston in Rutlandshire; and the manor of Henreth; the churches of St. Benedict and All Saints in Cambridge; and some churches in London, the donation of one of which (the church of St. Alban Wood-street) he exchanged with the abbat of Westminster.^f

Beside these, there were given one church in Stamford, with eleven acres of land withoutside the town; the church of Glaston, with a carucate of land, which was afterwards assigned to the cell of St. Mary Belvoir; the tithes of Cundell, Ringeton, Roinges, Bretheham, Herlaga, Thamisford, Clifton, Huntleslege, Gertheham, Brunfeld, and Reedlag; two parts of the tithes of Sedinton and Bocton; the whole tithe of Trumpinton; two parts of the tithe of Wacerleia; and in Hertfordshire, two parts of the tithes of Esenden, Beiford, and Hartfordensbiri; together with the church of the Holy Trinity in Walingford, half the right of the church of St. Mary in the same place, and half a hide of land without the town. To the church of the Holy Trinity at Walingford abbat Paul afterwards sent some monks to form a cell. During abbat Paul's administration, also, Robert de Mumbray, or Mowbray, earl of Northumberland, placed certain monks in the church of St. Mary at Tynemouth. The cells of Belvoir, Hertford,

^a Mat. Par. p. 998.

^b "Occurrerunt igitur Angli memorati, nil mali cogitantes, in regimine et ducatu abbatibus Fretherici, apud Berkhamstude, ubi post multas deceptiones, præsente archiepiscopo Lanfranco, rex, pro bono pacis, juravit super omnes reliquias ecclesiæ sancti Albani, tactisque sacrosanctis evangeliiis (minante juramentum abbate Fretherico) bonas et approbatas antiquas regni leges, quas sancti ac pii Angliæ reges ejus antecessores, et maxime rex Edwardus, statuit, inviolabiliter observare. Et sic pacificati, ad propria læti recesserunt." Mat. Par. p. 1000.

^c Mat. Par. p. 1001. Abbr. Chron. Rad. de Dic. Script. x. col. 487.

^d See Num. XIII.

^e Matthew Paris, in his account of Archbishop Lanfranc in the *Historia Major*, A.D. 1091, says, "Abbatiam beati Albani, Anglorum prothomartyris, ad pristinum statum reduxit." p. 13.

^f Of the church of St. Alban Wood-street Mat. Paris observes: "Fuit autem capella regis Offæ, fundatoris: cui fuit continuum suum regale palatium. Sed incuria sequacium et desidia, omnis locus ille, improba occupatione civium vicinorum, in parvum mansum (libertatem tamen antiquam retinentem) coarctatur." Mat. Par. p. 1002.

and Binham, were also about this time conferred upon the church.

Many other estates, rents, and benefices, were also given, and subsequently lost, if we may believe the testimony of Matthew Paris: "Multa autem alia prædia, redditus, et beneficia, huic ecclesiæ, prudentia hujus abbatis Pauli, sunt collata, quæ quia scripta non sunt et propter hominum simplicitatem solo usu possessa, ablata sunt et à memoria hominum elapsa."

It was in the time of this abbat that a *Scriptorium* appears to have been first established at St. Alban's: one Robert, a Norman knight, bestowing two parts of the tithe of his demesne at Hatfield for this purpose; to which the tithes of Redburn were also appropriated.^a

The congregation of nuns, at this time resident in the monastery, he restrained to certain holy and decent rules, placing them in the almonry and its vicinity, and ordaining that they should be present at divine service both by night and day: further appointing them an orderly habit, viz. a black mantle, and other things suitable; regulating also their times of sleeping, watching, and exercise, as well as their diet.

In the monastery of the monks, also, when abbat Paul had completed the construction of the Offices, he introduced a system of reform in the monastic manners. He restrained the immoderate use of flesh meat, occasionally substituting herrings in the form which the Normans called karpie, or karenpie. He bestowed a silver basin upon the church, ordering a wax candle to be placed in it, to burn constantly before the high altar: and appointed three candlesticks of silver, gilt, to be placed before the same altar, with tapers in them, to be lighted at proper times: beside two silver candlesticks of exquisite workmanship, gilt, to be carried on prime festivals with tapers, before the body of St. Alban. He ordained that a lantern, with a light, should be carried about the choir at night by one of the monks, to rouse such of the brethren as were drowsy: and that a lantern of a larger size should be borne by persons in the act of doing penance. He also constructed a prison for the incorrigible. He increased the number of bells in the church tower; and decorated the recess beyond the high altar with painting.

Matthew Paris charges abbat Paul with losing, by his negligence, from the possessions of the monastery, the manor of Baston; and also with letting numerous lands belonging to the abbey to disadvantage. He likewise charges him with destroying the tombs of the abbats his predecessors, calling them rude and ignorant men: "vel contemnendo eos quia Anglicos, vel invadendo quia ferè omnes stirpe regali, vel magnatum præclaro sanguine fuerant procreati." He leased out to Peter de Valoniis, or Valoignes, for the term of his life, the wood of Northawe, for the annual rent of twenty-five shillings and two hawks; receiving also a hundred shillings "in gersoma," to the prejudice of the church. Matthew Paris further notices some minor instances of detriment to the church revenues.

Having governed the monastery commendably for sixteen years, abbat Paul died at Colewich, having been

upon a pastoral visitation to the cell of Tynemouth, on the 3d of the ides of November, 1093, in the fifth year of William Rufus.^b

After his death, a contention appears to have arisen in the convent between the Norman and the English monks; advantage of which was so far taken by the king, that the abbey remained vacant in his hands four years, during which time its woods were cut down, and its revenues impoverished. In the fifth year of the vacancy, A.D. 1097,

RICHARD DE ALBINI, or ALBENEIO, a Norman of noble extraction, was appointed abbat: being honoured with the friendship not only of King William the Second, but of King Henry the First. Matthew Paris represents him to have been a man of singular address, surpassing all the abbats of England in eloquence: by the exercise of which accomplishment he is stated to have procured for his monastery the church of St. Mary Wymondham as a cell. The church of Hatfield Peverel, also, in Essex, with the church of Melebroc, or Millbrook, in Bedfordshire, were likewise appropriated in his time, for another cell.

Other grants to the church during his abbacy were, the manor of Tinghurst, with the church and tithes; the vill named Wilbaldestude; land to the value of thirty shillings in Wallingford; the manor of Estwale in Kent; and numerous parcels of lands and tithes in places of lesser note.

Matthew Paris, who enumerates the gifts of various kinds which he bestowed upon his monastery, also relates his miraculous recovery from a withered arm, by the assistance of St. Cuthbert.^c

The principal event of his time was the dedication of the new church which had been erected by abbat Paul; at the ceremonial of which, on the 5th of the kalends of June, A.D. 1115, King Henry the First, with his queen and principal nobles, accompanied by numerous churchmen, were present: the consecration being performed by Geoffrey archbishop of Rouen, Richard bishop of London, Ralph bishop of Durham, Robert bishop of Lincoln, Roger bishop of Salisbury, and many abbats: the king taking occasion at this time to bestow the manor of Bissopescote upon the monastery.^d

The historian, however, has recorded a few of abbat de Albin's failings. He is stated to have been the first abbat who subjected the monastery of St. Alban to the bishops of Lincoln, "ut sic monachos suos rigidius, ut dicitur, gubernaret:" his predecessors having professed obedience to the archbishops of Canterbury only. He is stated to have lost the manor of Tiwe, and the church of Flamsted, which had been a chapel belonging to the church of Redburn; and this, as was believed, by collusion, that he might make the better temporal provision for his friends. He granted the manor of Stanmore in fee-farm, for the annual sum of sixty shillings, to Serlo, the brother of Thurtin Dapifer, and his heirs: the land of Sopwelle to Robert, styled Cementarius, for eight shillings: Themislage, and Archimores, in fee-farm, for ten shillings a year, to Gospatric the son of Earl Gospatric, and his son Waldeve, for their lives: land in Karleb to William the chaplain of Wido de Bacloil, for

^a "Ibique fecit abbas, ab electis et procul quæsitis scriptoribus, scribi nobilia volumina ecclesiæ necessaria. Solâque civilitate quâ affluebat, contulit præfato militi Roberto, ad capellam suam in curia de Hædfel, duo paria vestimentorum; unum calicem argenteum; missale, cum aliis libris necessariis. Prohibuitque uterque, ne amplius occasione donationis illarum decimarum Scriptorio collatarum, vel doni abbatis aliqua ad opus illius militis, deinceps scriberentur vel darentur. Postquam autem præfato militi librarium suum primò paratum, liberaliter contulerat, continuo in ipso quod construxit Scriptorio, libros præelectos scribi fecit Lanfranco exemplaria ministrante. Dedit igitur huic ecclesiæ viginti octo volumina notabilia, et octo Psalteria, Collectarium, Epistolarium, et librum in quo continentur Evangelia legenda per annum; duos Textus, auro et argento et gemmis ornatos; sine Ordinalibus, Consuetudinariis, Missalibus, Tropariis, Collectariis, et aliis libris qui in almariolis habentur." Mat. Par. p. 1003.

^b Mat. Par. pp. 13, 1001-1004. See also Sim. Dunelm. Script. Dec. col. 218.

^c Mat. Par. pp. 1006, 1007. "Porro, iste abbas Ricardus fecit thecam unam, quam feretrum appellamus, aureis imaginibus redimitam, in qua, recondidit duodecem apostolorum reliquias, et martyrum plurimorum, quas sanctus Germanus Antissiodorensis præsul, in sepulchro sancti Albani reverenter collocavit. Fecitque aliam thecam, ex

una parte deauratam, ex alia vero, ebore coopertam; in qua posuit reliquias plurimorum martyrum et aliorum sanctorum. Dedit etiam casulam unam, auro, tassellis, ac gemmis pretiosis adornatam. Stolas binas pretiosas cum manipulo, capam unam purpuream, morsu et tassellis charissimis redimitam. Albas duas, cum paraturis brudatis. Textum unum, et dossale unum, sive tapesium, in quo passio sancti Albani figuratur, et multa alia ornamenta, cum voluminibus pretiosis, quorum unum est missale in quo canitur missa matutinalis. Unde in principio missæ pingitur ejus imago ad pedes majestatis, quæ aureis literis et penna scriptis, intitulatur.

"Istius itaque brachium abbatis Richardi, emarcuerat: sed beneficio beati Cuthberti cujus translationi intererat, sanitati restitutum est hoc modo. Dumsacrum corpus illibatum dicti confessoris levaretur, per caput et pedes transferendum, et ipsum in medio arcuatum ruinam minaretur; abbas Ricardus, qui prope astabat, admirans quòd quasi dormientis flexibile fuit, assiluit, et projecto baculo, illud per medium illicò brachiis sublevavit; et statim brachium quod ante inutile erat, per tactum sancti corporis, sanum penitus reddebatur. Unde domum rediens capellam in honorem sancti Cuthberti fabricavit."

^d Ibid. pp. 1005, 1006. Ralph de Diceto, Abbrev. Chron. Script. x. col. 1502, says, the dedication was in A. D. 1116. Compare also Jo. Brompt. Script. x. col. 1005.

an annual mark of silver: and land in Syret to Peter the butler of William earl of Moretaine.

Having ruled the monastery twenty-one years, abbat Richard de Albini died on the 17th of the kalends of June, A.D. 1119.^a He was buried in the chapel which he had himself dedicated to St. Cuthbert in consequence of the restoration of his withered arm. His epitaph is preserved in Weever's Funeral Monuments.^b

Geoffrey de Gorram, or Gorham, was the next abbat; of a good family in Normandy; elected by the unanimous consent of the monks. He came originally from Maine, at the invitation of abbat Richard, while a layman, to take upon him the charge of the school at St. Alban's; but not arriving in time, he found the school given to another. Upon this he read lectures at Dunstable, waiting till another vacancy should occur at St. Alban's. During his stay at Dunstable he invented what was then usually called a 'Miracle,' or Play of St. Katherine, for the performance of which he borrowed the choral copes from the sacrist of St. Alban's: but, on the night following the representation, the house in which he resided, together with his books, and the copes which had been borrowed, were burnt by an accidental fire. In atonement for his misfortune he assumed the religious habit in St. Alban's monastery; and this, Matthew Paris says, was the reason why he afterwards took such care, when abbat, to provide rich copes for the choir of his church.^c

The economical regulations which abbat Gorham framed for his monastery, together with his assignment of its revenues, are detailed in a note in the words of Matthew Paris.^d

^a Mat. Par. pp. 1006, 1007. Abbrev. Chron. Rad. de Diceto, Script. x. col. 503. In an early page of Matthew Paris's History this abbat is called Ricardus de EXAQUIO. edit. 1684, p. 29.

^b Pag. 559. See also Clutterbuck's Hist. Hertf. vol. i. p. 15.

^c Mat. Par. p. 1007.

^d "Hic semper filiorum et fratrum suorum spiritualium paci et quieti prospiciens eisque semper cum vultu serenitate tribuendo, simul alacriter et pacifice fecit cohabitare. Ad incrementum quippe redditus coquinae monachorum, adjecit v. solidos qualibet septimana, videlicet annuas xiii. libras. Et licet sciamus quæ de novo ad coquinam nostram adquisita sint, tamen quæ eidem antiquitus sunt assignata, non debemus ignorare. Hæc igitur de maneriis nostris, quinquaginta et tres firmas. Firmam vocamus, Quadraginta et sex solidos. Tot ergo habemus firmas, quot sunt septimanæ in anno, et unam in antecessum. Quæ hoc modo proveniunt. Qualibet hebdomada, quadraginta sex solidos, recipiunt cellarii nostri, scilicet monachorum et curiæ, tredecim vero ex hiis, recipit cellarius curiæ. Noster vero triginta tres. Tres autem solidi, pro novem sarcinariis, qui victum nostrum a Londonia vel aliunde debent afferre, statuti sunt, triginta vero, pro victu nostro. His vero triginta solidos per hebdomadam, adjecit Dominus abbas Gaufridus: quinque solidos, qualibet septimana, scilicet annuas xiii. libras. Ita ut quotidie ad coquinam nostram quinque solidos haberemus. Dedit itaque prædictus abbas Gaufridus Estwale pro xii. libris, sed et xii. solidos de terra Roberti de Eiwoda, et viii. solidos de terra Wimundi de Barnet. Habemus etiam ex antiqua statutione, qualibet hebdomada annuatim duas summas frumenti ad coquinam nostram, et quolibet anno, sexaginta solidos de Aspa, ad lac emendum. Præterea quinquagesimam tertiam firmam, quæ super hebdomadas anni abundat, integram vel debet cellarius noster recipere, quæ ad vasorum coquinae provisionem, assignata est. Hæc autem firma de Estona provenit, quæ tres facit in anno. Dominus quoque abbas Gaufridus dedit conventui et coquinae monachorum et assignavit omnem summam caseorum quæ annuatim provenit de dominico de Langele, Sandrum, Waldene. Xenia autem de maneriis annuatim proveniunt, sic inter cellarium monachorum, et cellarium curiæ, portiones usibus monachorum proficiant. Tertia vero hospitum et familiæ sustentationi applicetur. Nomine igitur xenii de Northona, et de Newham, ad tres terminos scilicet, ad Natale, ad Pascha, et ad festum Sancti Albani, xv. annui solidi proveniunt. De Exstantano, sex similiter. De Kaiso ad Natale, duos solidos, et viginti quatuor gallinæ. Ad Pascha duos solidos, et dc. ova. Ad Passionem Sancti Albani ii. solidos et viginti quatuor casei, modo præscripto. De Ricamarow, ad Natale Domini, xlviii. gallinæ et unus porcus. Ad Pascha m. ova et unus porcus de Cudicote et Waldenæ, ad Natale quinquaginta gallinæ et unus porcus. Ad Pascha m. ova et unus porcus, modo præscripto.

"Hæc omnia, inter duos cellarios distribuenda sunt. De quatuor molendinis, scilicet Stopwelle, Stunkefeld. Et de duobus de parco, millenarium bonarum anguillarum, singulis annis habere debet cellarius monachorum. Præterea, singulis hebdomadibus anni, debet abbas duas summas frumenti puri, coquinae monachorum; hæc, debet abbas dare singulis annis, emptor monachorum xiii. summas: scilicet quatuor de frumento, et quatuor desiligine, et sex de avenis. Concessit insuper dictus abbas Gaufridus secretario sancti Albani ecclesiam sanctæ Mariæ de Rikemansworth, cum omnibus pertinentiis, ad ornamenta ecclesiæ sancti Albani et diruta restauranda.

"Secretarius autem, debet ea ostendere conventui, singulis annis, quid fecerit, vel quid faciendum sit: in anniversario ordinationis ipsius abbatis Gaufridi, id est, die sanctæ Katharinæ. In qua, idem secreta-

Abbat Geoffrey purchased of King Henry the First land of the value of twenty shillings at Bissopescote, giving for the same, and its appurtenances, to the said king, a hundred grass oxen. There was also, in his time, given to this church a certain salt-pit at Vik, with the person managing it, and his land; one hide at Meindelton, with the tithe of the church of that town; and the hermitage of Modri, which had belonged to Ralph the anchorite, with its appurtenances. Be it also known that the said abbat translated the monks from Mulebroc to the aforesaid hermitage of Modri, and having erected a church and officinal buildings, caused them to live there regularly. It was in his time, likewise, that Emma de Bradeweia and her son Hugh quitted all claim in Bradewey to the monastery, in full convent, laying a knife upon the altar in token of their donation; abbat Geoffrey at the same time paying to them forty shillings.

Abbat Geoffrey built a large hall within the monastery, with a double roof, expressly for the entertainment of guests; near which he built a room called the queen's bed-chamber, because it was assigned for the queen, except whom it was not lawful for any woman to be lodged in the monastery. He also built another house like the hall, with a chapel towards the east, for an infirmary; the regulations of which will be found below.^e And a third hall, like the two former, for the use of a certain friend and relation of his at Westwick, who had been a benefactor to the church.

He also began a sumptuous shrine for the reception of St. Alban's body; but when he had expended upon it the sum of sixty pounds, a year of great scarcity inter-

rius habet reficere conventum splendide; et conventus solemniter in obsequiis divinis, diem solemnizando peragere. Præterea donavit ecclesiam sancti Petri quæ est in villa Sancti Albani, cum omnibus pertinentiis, infirmariæ, in jus perpetuum. Ita scilicet, ut per monachum qui præfuit infirmariæ, tanquam magister et procurator, omnia in ecclesia illa ordinentur, in refectioibus infirmorum et senum, et eorum medicinis et medico, et in refectorio inveniret caritatem vini vel medi omni sabbato vel una feriarum pro sabbato, quando sit commemoratio de sancta Maria, quam idem abbas Gaufridus statuit fieri in albis. Hanc autem donationem solemniter in capitulo recitavit, approbavit, et irrefragabiliter confirmavit. Statimque post capitulum, assumpto secum conventu, obtulit manibus junctis super majus altare, et omnes infractores terribiliter excommunicavit, vindictam beato martyri, cum lachrymis committendo. Hæc autem ut in vinum conventui et alias consolationes cederet munificentia, factum est ei ad commodum. Solebat enim ipse antehac, et omnes ejus successores [antecessores] quolibet festo præcipuo, vinum dare conventui, quæ consuetudo tunc cessavit ampliatio hoc beneficio.

"Eleemosynæ autem ecclesiæ sancti Albani contulit duas partes decimarum pene omnium ecclesiarum privilegiatarum, ad jus ecclesiæ sancti Albani pertinentium, in usus pauperum distribuendas: quas prius prædecessor suus Richardus abbas domui Scriptoris donaverat. Postea vero commutavit iste Gaufridus eas, pro tribus diariis, singulis diebus ab eleemosynario de reliquiis mensæ conventuali, honorifice percipendis, ne scriptores in escis emendis impedirentur.

"Fundavit quoque et construxit, consilio et consensu conventus, in honorem Dei et sancti Juliani, ecclesiam secus viam quæ ducit Londoniam, Congregavitque pauperes misellos, providens eis et assignans hæc. Decima redditus villæ Sancti Albani, id est lx. solidos. Idem triginta solid. quos Petrus de Syret reddidit de Redinges, de Syreth. Item totam decimam bladi domini de Hamstude: et totam decimam domini de Kingsbury. Et duas partes decimarum tantummodo bladi parochianorum sancti Michaelis et sancti Stephani, exceptis illis, quas capellanus ipsorum Leprosorum habet, sicut in charta scribitur eorundem. Item duas partes decimæ bladi domini de Estona. Item duas partes decimæ bladi domini sancti Albani de Bratewike. Item duas partes decimæ bladi domini Rogeri de Limes in Bratewike. Item duas partes decimæ bladi domini Richardi de Hou. Item duas partes bladi domini Willielmi filii Anketilli de Cudcote. Item decimam partem bladi domini de Stratle. Item dimidiam partem decimæ Stephani de Lege, de suo dominio de Hanelawa. Item duas partes decimæ Rogeri de Chandos de suo dominio de Sivelisho. Item duas partes decimæ Simonis de Bellocampo, de suo dominio de Stanford. Sic quoque prædictus abbas Gaufridus unanimi consilio et voluntate totius capituli sui, donavit et confirmavit, et inconcussè stabilivit; ut supradictorum Leprosorum hæc sint, jure perpetuo. Condemnans anathematis sententia, omnes qui alio tempore hæc quomodolibet infirmabunt. Eleemosyna ista stabilita est et concessa pio conferentis affectu, pro animabus Offæ fundatoris nostri, Merciorum regis gloriosi, Pauli, Richardi, et Gaufridi hujus beneficii auctoris, abbatum. Et pro occultis et negligentis, et solutione debitorum spiritualium, tam rationum quam eleemosynarum, quæ per impossibilitatem monachorum occupatorum, quandoque contingunt hujus ecclesiæ." Mat. Par. p. 1008.

^e "In qua Infirmaria et Capella, jussit (ut prius,) silentium strictè observari, et valetudinarios ad majorem mensam, ubi campana dependet, sub silentio more refici quotidianam, quos etiam sicut in refectorio, jussit (ut prius) per eandem campanam convocari. Claustralibus veterem consuetudinem non mutavit, ut scilicet postquam per triduum

vened, when he sold the materials and ornaments of which it was constructed for the relief of the poor.^a The next year, however, he was enabled, by the productiveness of the season, to recommence his labours; employing one Anketill, a monk of the monastery, who had been mint-master to the king of Denmark, upon the goldsmith's work. The principal material of the shrine was silver, ornamented with precious stones selected from the treasury of the monastery. One of these was so large that a man could not grasp it in his hand; it was said to help women in labour, and therefore was not fixed to the shrine, that it might more easily be carried where it was needed. Upon it was carved a figure, as of one in ragged clothes, holding a spear in one hand, with a snake winding itself up it, and in the other hand a boy bearing a buckler. This stone was given to the monastery by King Ethelred. The Cotton manuscript Nero D. vii. calls it an onyx.^b Upon the completion of the shrine, on the 4th of the nones of August in the 29th year of Henry the First, the bones of St. Alban were transferred from their ancient tomb to the new repository, in the presence of Alexander bishop of Lincoln, Walter abbat of Eynsham, who had formerly been prior of St. Alban's, Elias abbat of the church of the Holy Trinity at Rouen, and others.^c On this occasion no fewer than three hundred poor persons were entertained by the abbat in the court of the monastery.^d

Abbat Geoffrey de Gorham ordered six festivals in the year to be kept at St. Alban's with peculiar solemnity; these were the Ascension, St. Matthew, St. John Port-Latin, St. Giles, the Conception of the Virgin Mary, and St. Katherine. Matthew Paris presents us with a long list of his donations to the monastery, in the form of copes, ornaments, books, &c.:^e but nevertheless supplies us with the counterpart of his character in the enumeration of certain instances of negligence and misconduct. He perpetuated several contracts made to the prejudice of the monastery by his predecessor. He moreover twice rebuilt from the foundations the church of the Holy Trinity in the Wood, "de bosco," for nuns,^f which had been burnt; and endowed it not only with the tithes of the domain of Caisho, but with two parts of the tithe of the whole parish of Watford; and this without the consent of the convent. He also granted the wood of Northaw to Roger de Valoines; and the whole territory of Westwick, which appertained to the support of the monks table, and which had been granted for his life only to Humbald, to Hugh the son of Humbald, together with his (the abbat's) sister in marriage. Having ruled the monastery twenty-six years and some months, abbat Geoffrey died on the 5th of the kalends of March, A.D. 1146.^g

extra chorum infirmantes et commorantes non meliorarentur, licentia intrarent infirmariam, nisi fortè accelerante morbo citius, pausare cogerentur. Et tunc cibis regularibus contenti essent, donec si ingravescente morbo, carnibus refici cogerentur; et cum sibi restaurarentur meliorati, secundum regulam sancti Benedicti, more solito ab omnesu carniū penitus absterent. Et hæc per ipsum abbatem, more quotidiano (nisi rationabilibus causis impediretur) infirmos visitavit, vel per infirmarium, qui in verbo veritatis super hoc abbatem certificavit, definiebantur. Et si aliquis qui convaluerat, impudenter diutius commorabatur, præcepto urgebatur claustrum reintroire." Mat. Par. p. 1009.

^a — "laminas argenteas, sed nondum deauratas, cum quibusdam gemmis incastonatis, fecit avelli, et omnia redegit in numisma. Et emi exinde jussit victualia, ut pauperes inde sustentarentur, fame tabescentes." Ibid.

^b See Append. Num. III.

^c Mat. Par. p. 1010.

^d Ibid. p. 1012.

^e "Fecit etiam vij. cappas, quarum una auro et lapidibus obducta est tota. Alia vero preciosis tassellis, auro et margaritis antierius et in circuitu parabatur. Alia quatuor, optimo aurifrigio; septima purpurea, tassellis decenter adornatur: casulas quoque quinque, quarum una tota auro, videlicet sex marcis auri et dimidia, præter aurifrigium preciosissimum latum valdè, subtus, et ante, et retro, consimiliter, nec non et gemmis preciosis et tassellis optimis est obducta, panno, rutilante, colore corruscante. Quæ postea, ipso abbate defuncto, tempore Radulphi abbatis successoris ipsius, quorundam pusillanimatorum cupidorum instinctu, igne concremata est, ut aurum (quo nimis, ut dicebant, onerabatur,) eliquaretur. Alia vero optimo aurifrigio paratæ: alia autem duæ absque aurifrigio, sed tassellis æquipollentibus decorantur. Orarium cum fanone, auro et gemmis adornatum. Dalmaticam unam, quæ tota auro superducta est. Tunicam unam, quæ similiter tota auro orbiculatur. Albas quoque tres, habentes paruras auro et aurifrigio, acu plumario decoratas. Calicem etiam unum, cum pa-

His epitaph is given, as follows, by Weever: ^h

"Abbas Galfridus, papa cui fuit ipse molestus,
Hic jacet innocuus, prudens, pius, atque modestus."

RALPH DE GUBIUM, or GOBION, was the next, and seventeenth abbat: elected after a short vacancy. While a layman he had acted as treasurer to Alexander bishop of Lincoln, by whose interest he was chosen a monk at St. Alban's. Even after he had taken upon him the monastic habit he remained in the service of the bishop, who promised, should he survive Geoffrey, that he would procure for him the abbacy. "Episcopi enim," Matthew Paris adds, "pro voluntate omnia in ecclesia sancti Albani ordinabant et disponebant, aliquando, contra honestatem et ejus utilitatem."

Abbat Gubium was a man of a literary turn, a lover and collector of books, and is said to have managed the affairs of his monastery with so much economy, that at the time of his death it was completely discharged of debt. He built the abbat's apartments adjoining the church, of solid workmanship. After which, going into France, he obtained from Pope Eugenius III., at Auxerre, a Charter of privileges. He appointed a procession to be made every week, in white, in his church, in commemoration of the Virgin Mary, at her altar. He also gave to the kitchen of the convent, for ever, the manor of Sepehale, which his predecessor Geoffrey had of his own authority granted to Adam the cellarer for two farms, that is 4*l.* 12*s.* This donation abbat Gubium confirmed in the chapter. Matthew Paris says, he deposed his prior Alquin wrongfully, who fled, on account of the abbat's implacable dislike, to Westminster, in which monastery he also held a monk's place, and where he afterwards became prior. In other respects, the historian informs us, abbat Gubium was not entirely blameless. He stripped the shrine of St. Alban, which his predecessor had constructed, of its rich plates of silver, to purchase the vill of Brantefeld for eighty marks. He likewise sold many of the gems or jewels of the monastery, at a time when the sale of the gold and silver vessels of his sideboard would have amply provided for the purchase. When Brantefeld was purchased, however, he gave it to the monastery, in the first instance for the completion of the shrine which he had despoiled, and afterwards for the repair of the church for ever.ⁱ

About the beginning of the fifth year of his abbacy, being seized with an incurable disorder, and sensible of the impossibility of his recovery, he resigned his office in favour of Robert de Gorham, the prior of the monastery, whose promotion he survived but twenty-nine days.^k

ROBERT DE GORHAM, the nephew of the former

tena, ex octo marcis auri, quam postea ipse abbas Gaufridus misit Romam, Papæ Cœlestino, ut ipsius sedaret avaritiam, volentis ecclesiam hanc appropriare. Tabulam quoque unam, ex auro et argento et gemmis electis, artificiosè constructam ad longitudinem et latitudinem altaris sancti Albani, quam deinde, ingruente maxima necessitate, idem abbas in igne conflagavit, et in massam redegit: quam dedit comiti de Warenna, et Willielmo de Ippe, et comiti de Harundell, et Willielmo Martell, temporibus regis Stephani, villam sancti Albani volentibus concremare. Et sic dictus abbas Gaufridus, super afflictos pia gestans viscera, debacchantium furorem compescuit. Jamjam enim, pietate antiquorum eliminata, grassabatur alienigenarum improbitas. Fecitque thuribulum argenteum, et acerram de argento: utrinque scilicet deauratum. Dedit quoque huic ecclesiæ ampullas tres argenteas, et unam chrysellinam; candelabra quoque argentea deaurata; et brachium unum argenteum, in quo has reliquias recondidit, sanctorum scilicet Bartholomæi apostoli, Ignatii, Laurentii, Nigasi, martyrum. Fecit etiam unum missale, auro redimitum: et aliud in duobus voluminibus, totum auro incomparabiliter illuminatum, et apertè et legibiliter scriptum. Et unum psalterium preciosum, totum similiter auro illuminatum. Et unum librum, in quo continentur benedictiones et episcopalia sacramenta. Et unum librum exorcismorum, et unum collectarium. Dedit quoque dossale magnum, in quo intexitur Inventio sancti Albani, cujus campus est ærius. Et aliud minus, ubi effigiatur evangelium de sauciato qui incidit in latrones. Et tertium, ubi historia de filio prodigo figuratur. Hæc et alia beneficia, immortalis recordatione digna, contulit ecclesiæ sancti Albani gloriæ memoriæ pius abbas Gaufridus." Ibid. pp. 1012, 1013.

^f Otherwise called MERKYATE Cell, now MARKET STREET.

^g Mat. Par. pp. 67, 1013.

^h Fun. Mon. p. 559.

ⁱ Mat. Par. pp. 1014, 1015.

^k Ibid. pp. 71, 1015.

abbat of that name, received the benediction on the 14th of the kalends of July, A. D. 1151. Matthew Paris says, he was called the reformer of the liberties of St. Alban's church. He first assumed the monastic habit abroad; but, upon his uncle's elevation, obtained permission of the abbat under whose rule he lived to pay a visit to his relation. Pleased with the order and regularity of the convent of St. Alban, he solicited to become a member, and was received, after he had obtained letters dimissory from the abbat of his foreign convent. At St. Alban's he was made "secretarius," or, as Stevens calls him, sacrist, during his continuance in which office he superintended the repairs of the monastery, and covered the greater part of the roof of the church with lead. Not long after, he was chosen prior; and within two years abbat. At his first promotion to the latter dignity he gave to the church a cope of ten marks value, which, with the consent of the convent, he afterwards transferred to the church of St. Oswin at Tynemouth.

In the economical part of his government abbat Robert de Gorham appears to have been of great service to the interests of his monastery: nor was he wanting in liberality to persons beyond the precincts of his convent. He assisted Laurence abbat of Westminster, who was left destitute by the dilapidations of his predecessor, in a way that enabled him to support his rank and situation till the revenues of his monastery came round: in return for which abbat Gorham received ingratitude only: more particularly in the detention of the manor of Aldenham.

It was in the time of this abbat that a certain clerk named Nicholas Brekespere, born in a village belonging to the abbat named Langele, or Langley, (being negligent in his duty as a clergyman, but young, and of a handsome person,) sought to be admitted to the habit of the order; being examined, however, as to his qualifications, and found deficient, the abbat said to him in a civil manner, "*Expecta, fili, et adhuc scholam exerce, ut aptior habearis.*" Out of countenance, and considering the delay as a refusal, the clerk went away to Paris, where, becoming

diligent in his studies, he exceeded all his companions in learning. At length, being made a canon of St. Rufus near Valence, he was sent to Rome to transact some business of importance; repeating his visits a second and a third time, he was recommended by his abilities to the notice of the conclave, was elected Cardinal, and finally elevated to the popedom by the name of Adrian the Fourth.^a

Abbat Robert de Gorham purchased of Gilbert earl of Gloucester, at the price of eighty marks, the advowson of the church of Luiton, with all its appurtenances, which he gave to the cellarer of the Strangers, or Guests, with the church of Hocton, for the entertainment of guests, the rebuilding and repairing the houses of the abbey court, and the celebration of his anniversary.^b From King Stephen, also, he obtained the complete possession of the remaining property at Kingsbury, which had been unjustly held by certain officers of the king, of servile condition, to the annoyance of the monastery.^c

After the accession of King Henry the Second, and the elevation of Pope Adrian the Fourth, abbat Gorham sate out for Rome, taking with him from the king particular letters of recommendation in respect of his abbey. He found the pope at Benevento: but Adrian's recollection of the refusal he had endured when desirous of becoming a monk of St. Alban's prevented abbat Gorham, at first, from being received with the complacency he had expected. The account of the interview will be found in the Notes in the words of Matthew Paris. The pope, however, became in a short time both better pleased and reconciled: and, finally, abbat Gorham obtained from him for his monastery a grant of more extensive privileges than any other abbey had before received. St. Alban's became exempt from episcopal jurisdiction, as well in its cells as in the parent monastery; being subject to no ecclesiastical power but that of the pope himself.^d

Soon after abbat Gorham's return, a synod of lords spiritual and temporal was held at London, in which the

^a Mat. Par. p. 1016. See also Ibid. p. 1019.

^b Ibid. pp. 1016-1018.

^c "Ipsis quoque temporibus, rex Stephanus transitum faciens per nos, in hac domo honorificè hospitatus; et decentibus respectus est muneribus, abbate Roberto prudenter procurante. Rex autem cum in crastino missam audiret ad altare sancti Stephani, abbas allato sancti martyris, et statuto ante pedes regis feretro, cecidit prostratus ante ipsum regem et magnates ejus, petiit instantissime, ut ipse, pro amore Dei et martyris, cujus reliquiæ apportabantur, dignaretur reliquias Castri regalis quod Kingsbury appellabatur, penitus delere. 'Latebant enim in eodem fere loco, ubi castrum regis fuerat ab antiquis temporibus dirutum, quidam æditui regales, servi conditione, sed abbatiae nocivi et damnosi, habentes in medio ferè vici seorsum versùs orientem, unum propugnaculum vel municipiolum, pro refugio et mansione, et se dicentes regis fideles servientes, et custodes pacis et patriæ, potiùs pacem et patriam perturbabant, et emolumentis, et turpibus inhiabant quæstibus quàm pacis commoditatibus intendentes.' Rex autem piissimus Stephanus, quasi attonitus, à circumsedentibus interrogabat, quid hoc esset? Cui statim quidam magnatum de assessoribus abbati amicissimus, respondit, 'Domine mi rex, non procul hinc, imò, sub alis hujus Cænobii, spelunca quorundam latrunculorum est, qui toti patriæ sunt nocivi, et vobis non minus damnosi, quam petunt hii vobis devoti sancti viri, quibus est quasi spina in oculo, penitus aboleri.' Rex igitur precibus abbatibus, ac fratrum, ac magnatum obtemperans, jussit illas veteris castri reliquias, cum suis habitatoribus penitus deleri, ad abbatibus piam voluntatem et desiderium. Quod statim fecit abbas, solo tenùs; ut nec vestigia comparerent complanari, arari, et seminari, suis dispersis satellitibus." Ibid. p. 1018.

^d "Obtulit igitur abbas domino papæ aurum et argentum non nimis ponderis, et alia munera pretiosa. Mitras etiam tres, et sandalia operis mirifici, quæ domina Christina priorissa de Markgate diligentissime fecerat. Et cum omnia serenissimo vultu intuitus est dominus papa, omnia acceptavit, sed non accepit, præter mitras et sandalia, quia admirabilis operis. Multum autem devotionem et urbanitatem ipsius commendavit, et jocose ait, 'Abnuo recipere munera tua, quia me aliquando ad alas religionis domus tuæ confugientem, et habitum Monasticum charitative postulantem, recipere renuisti.' Cui abbas: 'Domine, vos nequaquam potuimus recipere, voluntas enim Domini repugnavit, cujus prudentia vitam vestram direxit ad altiora.' Et respondit dominus papa, 'Eleganter et civiliter respondisti,' et complacuit ei responsionis verbum. Et addidit, 'Abbas charissime, audacter pete quod vis, non poterit beato Albano deesse suos Albanensis.' Tunc abbas in bonam spem erectus, circumspectus et prudens, de licentia domini papæ, omnia illa auri et argenti munera (quæ ferè ad duas marcas æstimabantur) cardinalibus et familiaribus domini papæ, jo-

cundos amiscendo sermones et sociales, liberaliter distribuit. Et propter hæc, jocalia desiderabilia, quæ Londoniis et Parisiis comparaverat, munificentissimè donavit: sciens ipsos Romanos esse insatiabiles sanguisugæ filios pecuniæ sitibundos. Quid plura? Extollitur nomen ejus ad sidera, omnium adepto favore Romanorum. Cum igitur una dierum familiariter, et secreto colloquerentur dominus papa et abbas, intimavit abbas, quasi abortis lachrymis et singultibus sermonem prorumpentibus, varias oppressiones Lincolniensis episcopi, insidias, irruptiones, preces imperiosas, repulsas damnosas episcopaliū, etiam vilium personarum superbiam intollerabilem. Dominus igitur papa misertus et misertus, concessit ecclesiæ sancti Albani insigne privilegium, sic incipiens, 'Incomprehensibilis, &c.' In quo nos ab omni episcoporum subjectione, tam in corpore monasterii degentes, quàm in cellis seu in custodiis villarum habitantes, ita liberos effecit, et nullum episcopum (præter Romanorum Pontificem) in posterum habeamus. Et præter hoc, privilegia nobilia alia plura, aded ut non sit aliud cænobium in Anglia ipsi ecclesiæ sancti Albani in privilegiis comparabile. Et cum aliquandiu in curia cum domino papa moram protaxisset abbas, et familiare colloquium sæpe commiscerent, retulit abbas quasdam consuetudines hospitalis charitatis, cænobii sancti Albani: et quomodo per unam diætam competentem, ita ut omnibus tam pedes quam eques itinerantibus, nec minima nec magna indicetur; distat a Londoniis, ubi totius regni concursus est populorum. Et illac omnium aquilonarium meantium et remeantium, frequens hospitatio. Interseruit quoque, quasi occasionaliter abbas, qui ipse et episcopi prædicti Romam tendentes, cum ad monasteriorum sancti Benedicti super Liger. gratia hospitandi declinassent, abbas eis, tam procurationem quàm tectum, procaciter denegavit. Unde papa commotus, scripsit ejusdem ecclesiæ abbati, epistolam acrem, comminationem, et paternam correptionem continentem, sic incipientem: 'Si religiosæ professionis,' &c. Unde Abbas memoratus confusus, correptus, et correctus, statuta hospitalitatis cænobii sui, salubriter ampliavit; papalem metuens severitatem. Expeditis quidem negotiis, pro quibus abbas Robertus Romam adierat, literisque acceptis a domino papa specialibus regi atque legato, pro se et ecclesia sua directis, cum benedictione apostolica et omnium peccatorum suorum absolutione, omniumque fratrum benevolentia, remeavit. Jamque consumptis expensis omnibus, insuper lxxx. marcis (quas more Romano a quodam mercatore mutuo acceperat) domum sanus et incolumis octavo die Ascensionis Dominicæ, pervenit; et cum solemniprocessionem susceptus, singulos fratres deosculatus est, et obtulit ad altare majus pallium optimum, duodecim marcis comparatum. Et intrans capitulum, eventus varios itineris et periculorum in mari et in terra, seriatim conventui enarravit: deinde clausulam laborum explanavit. Quomodo, scilicet, propositum suum ad plenum in omnibus foeliciter consummavit. Lætati sunt audientes, Deo sanctoque martyri gratias persolventes." Ibid. p. 1020.

archbishop of Canterbury, legate of the apostolic See, presided. The bishop of Lincoln, Robert de Querceto, or Du Chesne, finding that abbat Robert had procured his authority to be set aside, excused his attendance at the meeting.^a The dissension, however, between the bishop and the abbat continued, although the privileges granted by Adrian were confirmed by his successor, Pope Alexander the Third.^b At last, in the twelfth year of K. Henry the Second, in the presence of the king and a large assembly both of bishops and nobility, the whole affair was amicably adjusted; the abbat giving the bishop the farm of Tynhurst in Buckinghamshire, worth ten pounds, and the bishop renouncing his claim of superiority over the monastery.^c On the Easter-day following this adjustment, the abbat went in procession, for the first time, to mass, mitred, and in his other pontifical ornaments: thenceforward holding a synod of the clergy within the jurisdiction of his office, twice a year, mitred.^d

Matthew Paris gives an extended account of a dispute in abbat Robert de Gorham's time concerning the wood of Northaw. This wood had been granted by Paul, the fourteenth abbat, to Peter de Valoniis, or Valoines, the elder, for the term of his life: afterwards to Roger, the son of Peter de Valoines, by abbat Geoffrey: and to Peter, the grandson, by abbat Ralph: giving rise to a belief that, as the property had been possessed for three generations, it was held not by grant but by hereditary right. Peter, the grandson, falling sick, confessed to two monks of the monastery who were sent to visit him, that he held the land alone by the good will of the convent. Dying, however, before he had made the surrender of the property, his brother Robert claimed it as an inheritance; and was subsequently put into possession by authority. Finally, however, restitution was made to the abbat; and Robert de Valoines was compelled to make compensation for spoil and damage which he had wantonly made upon the estate.^e

Abbat Robert de Gorham had also a long and difficult contest with the earl of Arundel respecting the cell of Wimondham; in which he was at length victorious.^f

He appears to have encouraged the transcription of books for the abbey library. He repaired the shrine of St. Alban, and replaced the plates and ornaments of which it had been despoiled by abbat Ralph. He likewise rebuilt the chapter-house, the "regale locutorium" or king's parlour, the chapel of St. Nicholas, that part of the cloister opposite to the chapter-house, the lavatory, and a stable of considerable extent for the horses of the convent.^g

Having ruled the monastery fifteen years, four months, and a few days, he died on the 20th of the kalends of November, 1166; having received extreme unction from Laurence abbat of Westminster, who, with Gilbert Foliot bishop of London attended his

funeral. He was buried in the chapter-house, at the feet of abbat Paul, who, according to the historian, was the first of the abbats of St. Alban's who wore the pontifical dress.^h

Upon his death the revenues of the monastery were confiscated by precept from the king's justiciary, the earl of Leicester; the debts of the house at that time amounting to six hundred and sixty marks.ⁱ

The king, who is said deeply to have lamented abbat Gorham's death, was immediately solicited for a licence to elect a successor, but kept the abbey vacant for more than four months. Being much importuned, however, he directed Gilbert bishop of London to go down to St. Alban's and have three persons nominated from whom he might choose an abbat. This was done: when

SIMON, the prior of the church,^k was constituted abbat Gorham's successor: a man of high repute both for moral character and learning: "Scripturarum et librorum amator specialis."^l He received the benediction, and was installed by the bishop of London on the day of his institution, 3 kal. June, 1167.

It was in the time of this abbat that the quarrel which had arisen between King Henry the Second and Archbishop Becket terminated in the death of the latter. Abbat Simon appears to have been the archbishop's intimate friend; and was sent by him to Henry the son of K. Henry the Second to try to negotiate a reconciliation. Matthew Paris has given a minute account of the interview between the abbat and the archbishop at Harrow.^m

Abbat Simon completed the shrine of St. Alban which had been so long constructing.ⁿ He procured the chapel of St. Cuthbert near the cloister, which had been built by abbat Richard, to be dedicated to that same St. Cuthbert and St. John Baptist by the bishop of Durham. He gave numerous rich cups and ornaments, also, for the service of the church: and is expressly mentioned constantly to have maintained two or three scribes in his own chamber, who were employed in copying Books.^o

In another part of his work, under the year 1178, while Simon was abbat, Matthew Paris has given us a long history of the supposed finding of the body of St. Amphibalus, whose relics were in that year translated to St. Alban's.^p

The faults laid to the charge of abbat Simon were, that at his death he left the abbey indebted above six hundred marks to the Jews, beside other debts amounting to two hundred marks; ^q and that, as had been usual with many of his predecessors, he bestowed too much of the property of the monastery upon his kindred.

Having governed the monastery fifteen years, abbat Simon died, A. D. 1188.^r

It is somewhat singular that the annals of Waverley and Ralph de Diceto should place the death of

^a "Timens ne in illo concilio, privilegiis hujus ecclesie ostensis et auditis, aut clericorum suorum iram eis assensum præbendo incurreret (et sic libertati suæ et ecclesie suæ derogaret) aut suis contradicendo, domini papæ offensam subiret." Ibid. p. 1021.

^b Ibid. pp. 1022, 1023.

^c Ibid. p. 1023-1029.

^d Ibid. p. 1029.

^e Ibid. p. 1029-1031.

^f Ibid. p. 1032-1034.

^g Ibid. p. 1035.

^h "Sepultus est in capitulo, quod a fundamentis decenter extruxerat, ante pedes Pauli abbatis; qui primus pontificalibus redimitus, (prout in sarcophago suo marmoreo testatur ipsius imago) dignoscitur in hac ecclesia." Ibid. p. 1036.

ⁱ Ibid.

^k He had been elected prior in 1151.

^l Matthew Paris adds, "Iste postquam feliciter in curam pastorem est assumptus, non desiit libros optimos et volumina authentica et glossata, tam Novi quam Veteris Testamenti, (quibus non vidimus nobiliora) scribere, et ad unguem irreprehensibiliter præparare; quorum numerum, longum foret explicare. Sed qui eosdem libros videre desiderat, in Almariolo picto, quod est in ecclesia contra tumbam sancti Rogeri Eremitæ, (quod et ipse præcepit ad hoc specialiter fieri) repositos poterit reperire; et qualis amator scripturarum idem abbas extiterit, per ipos perpendere." Ibid. p. 1036.

^m Ibid. pp. 1036, 1037.

ⁿ "Iste piæ memoriæ abbas Simon ex eo tempore cœpit providè ac sapienter thesaurum non modicum auri et argenti, et gemmarum pretiosarum, diligentissime coadunare, et thecam exteriorum quam nos feretrum appellamus (qua ipso tempore nullum vidimus nobiliorem)

cœpit per manum præcellentissimi artificis magistri Johannis Aurifabri, fabricari; et tam laboriosum, sumptuosum, et artificiosum opus, infra paucos annos fœliciter celebrantis collocavit, ut in facie et in corde habeat quilibet celebrans missam super idem altare martyris memoriam. Et idcirco in objectu visus celebrantis martyrium ejusdem, scilicet decollatio, figuratur. In circuitu autem feretri, videlicet duobus lateribus, fecit vitæ beati Martyris seriem, quæ fuit arra et præparatio passionis suæ, eminentibus imaginibus de argento et auro, opere propulsato (quod vulgariter *Levatura* dicitur) evidenter effigiari. In capite vero quod respicit orientem, imaginem Crucifixi cum Mariæ et Johannis iconibus, cum diversarum gemmarum ordine decentissimo, veneranter collocavit. In fronte vero occidentem respiciente, imaginem beatæ Virginis puerum suum tenentis in gremio, eminente opere inter gemmas et pretiosa monilia aurea, in throno sedentem incathedravit. Et sic ordine martyrii in tecto utrobique disposito, theca in crispam et artificiosam cristam consurgit; in quatuor angulis turribus fenestratis, tholis chrySTALLINIS cum suis mirabilibus, quadratur venusta. In ipsa igitur, quæ miræ magnitudinis est, ipsius Martyris theca (quæ quasi ejus conclave est, et in qua ipsius secreta ossa recondi dignoscuntur) ab abbate Gaufrido fabricata, convenienter reconditur." Ibid. p. 1037.

^o Ibid. p. 1038. Compare also the Cotton MS. Nero D. vii. fol. 16.

^p Mat. Par. Hist. Maj. p. 111-114.

^q "Unde Aaron Judæus," says Matthew Paris, "qui nos tenuit sibi obligatos, ad domum sancti Albani in superbiâ magna et jactantia cum minis veniens, jactabat se feretrum nostri Albano fecisse, et ipsi de hospitato, hospitium de pecunia sua præparasse." Ibid. p. 1039.

^r Ibid.

abbat Simon in 1183;^a and the Annals of Winton as early as 1170.^b

GARINUS, or WARIN, the twentieth abbat, was descended of a family in moderate circumstances at Cambridge. Long before he took the monastic habit upon him, he was remarkable for the goodness of his life, a propensity to literature, and gracefulness of person. He became a monk of St. Alban's with his brother Matthew, and was soon after chosen Prior. On the death of abbat Simon, with the exception of the vote of William Martel the sacrist, he had the unanimous consent of the convent to his election.^c His brother Matthew, soon after, succeeded him in the office of prior.

The most remarkable circumstance recorded by Matthew Paris during the abbacy of Warin, was his resistance to the bishop of Lincoln's attempt, at the time King Henry the Second visited St. Alban's, again to subject the monastery to the jurisdiction of his see. The detail is too curious to be omitted. It is given in the Note in the words of Matthew Paris.^d The abbat's success on this occasion appears to have inspired him with greater confidence in the ruling of his monastery than he before possessed: and he in consequence framed some new ordinances for the regulation of the convent.^e One of the most remarkable of these related to a change in the mode of burial of the monks, by which he determined, that the bodies of those who died should no longer be interred in the mere grave, but placed in coffins of stone.

This abbat founded the Monastery or Hospital of St. Mary de Pratis, endowing it with a part of the ancient possessions of St. Alban's.

His translation of the relics of St. Amphibalus from the case in which they had been laid up by abbat Simon to a new and more sumptuous shrine, in the year 1186, has been already detailed.^f

Other acts of munificence are also mentioned of him by the historians of the monastery. When King Richard the First was detained a prisoner in Germany, and had demanded all the chalices in England to pay the ransom required of him, our abbat laid down two hundred marks to redeem those belonging to his church. He bestowed a chasuble upon his monastery of extraordinary value, of a purple colour, wrought with figures of birds and embroidered with pearls. Finding his end also drawing near, he bequeathed a hundred marks to his successor to renew the front of the Church.^g

Abbat Warin died on the 3d of the kalends of May, A.D. 1195.^h

JOHN DE CELLA was the next abbat. Newcome says, he was so called from the place of his birth, Merkgate Cell, not far from Studham in Bedfordshire; and therefore sometimes called John of Studham.ⁱ Matthew Paris, however, merely names Studham as his birth-

place. The name *de Cella* was more probably obtained in later life from the cell of Walingford, over which he presided at the time he was chosen abbat of St. Alban's.

He is represented to have been a man of exemplary piety, and rigid in the observance of monastic discipline. In early life he had been a frequenter of the schools of Paris: retaining in more advanced life a high character for skill in grammar, poetry, and physic.^k Having taken upon him the religious habit, it was not long before he was chosen to preside over the cell already mentioned.

Matthew Paris says, that being, as is usual with scholars, unacquainted with the management of household affairs, abbat John de Cella, when at St. Alban's, gave himself up to study, contemplation, and continual prayer: preserving to himself the authority of a ruler, but in fact committing the management of the temporal concerns of the monastery within doors to Reymund his prior, and those without doors to Roger de Parc the cellarer. Relying on the advice and assistance of these two persons, he pulled down the front of the church, which had been composed of tiles strongly compacted in mortar. For the renewal of the work he brought together large quantities of materials, consisting of timber, stones, and columns; employing as the master-builder one Hugh de Goldclif, an excellent workman, but a knave.^l The hundred marks which had been bequeathed by his predecessor toward the new erection, and many more, were expended before the foundation was brought above the ground. Matthew Paris enlarges much upon the expensive and unnecessary ornaments with which Hugh de Goldclif decorated his work before he had raised it to half its intended height. The abbat himself at last grew weary of the undertaking. The walls being laid open in frosty weather, the stones, which were soft, mouldered away, and the building fell under its own weight. The workmen upon this withdrew; nor were they paid their wages. The abbat, however, did not despair: he now entrusted the work to one of the brethren of the monastery, named Gilbert de Eversolt, ordering one sheaf of corn to be contributed toward the work from every acre sown of the abbey estates. This tax (begun in the third year of abbat John de Cella's rule) was continued through the remainder of his life, about seventeen years, and for ten years of the abbacy of his successor. Upon the death of Gilbert de Eversholt, the care of the work devolved on another of the monks, named Gilbert de Sisseverne, who continued in the direction of it for about thirty years.

Abbat John de Cella finding the work to go on very slowly, and despairing of ever completing what he had begun, turned his thoughts to other objects of repair. He pulled down the old refectory, which was not only ruinous but dark, and rebuilt it in a handsomer

^a "1183. Obit Simon abbas ecclesie sancti Albani decimus nonus." Ymag. Hist. Rad. de Diceto, Script. x. Twysd. col. 615.

^b "Anno MCLXX. Obit Symeon abbas S. Albani." Ann. Winton. Angl. Sac. tom. i. p. 301.

^c "In cujus electionem, totus conventus unanimiter consentit, præter dominum Gulielmum Martel sacristam, ad eandem dignitatem, secus quam deceret, aspirantem. Asserebat enim, quod idem Garinus (strabo fere) penitus visu privabatur: natalia trahens ex vulgaribus burgensibus, solis emolumentis denariorum, qualitercunque inhiantibus. Quos enim probrosè in propatulo, salinarios, appellavit. Præconizabat etiam eum cum fratre suo Mathæo, totum conventum miserabiliter conculcatum, si in abbatem eligeretur atque dispersum, nec audiret quisquam mutire contra eos. Nec omnino suam sententiam in posterum hæc fefellit opinio, sicut sequens sermo declarabit." Mat. Par. p. 1039.

^d "Contigit autem una dierum, quod dominus rex Henricus secundus venit ad sanctum Albanum hospitaturus; cui occurrens abbas ipsum cum omni gaudio et reverentia suscepit. Erat autem regi acceptissimus, et propter sui liberalitatem et dapsilitatem charissimus. Postulavit igitur in crastino rex, ut intrans capitulum fratres suos visitaret; fatebatur enim se esse confratrem conventus et monachum S. Albani. Et cum more suo demissa facie humiliter ingrederetur; sequebatur eum multorum series nobilium. Inter quos fuit proximior Lincolnensis episcopus, Walterus de Constantiis, citò posthac creatus in archiepiscopum Rothomagensis. Et cum sedisset rex in sede media, ubi moris est abbati sedere; inclinans hinc indeque, conventum salutavit, instanter deprecando, ut pro ipso et regina et liberis suis, necnon pro statu regni, Deum indefessis precibus postularent. Quod et conventus devotè concessit, et se multiplici merito hoc debere facere contestaba-

tur. Et ait Walterus Lincolnensis episcopus (qui juxta latus regis immediatè consedit sinistram, abbate verò a dextris proximò collato) 'Domine mi rex, derogatum est mihi in emancipatione hujus nobilis Abbatie: multum et enormiter mutilatur ecclesia Lincolnensis, mihi a vobis commissæ, in abscissione tam nobilis membri. Habeo arduam (ex permissione vestra) adversum Abbatem hunc movere quæstionem. Quicquid egerit prædecessor meus, qui simplex nimis fuit, et benignus circumventus; novit mundus, quod hæc ecclesia subjecta est Lincolnensi; et quod erratum est, expedit ut revocetur.' Abbas verò hæc audiens, collecta ad se manica manum denudatam exposuit; et ponens eam super genu regis, ait, 'Ecce pax mea,' ac si diceret Ecce testis et mediator pacificæ compositionis inter nos initæ et confirmatæ. Et Rex, 'Per oculos Dei, verum est: interfui Compositioni. Quid est quod attemptas machinando suscitare, domine Lincolnensis episcope? Credisne hæc facta fuisse sub capa? Ego et electissimi de regno interfui. Et quod super hoc factum est, scriptis irrefragabilibus roboratum est, et magnatum testimonio confirmatum. Stat sententia. Quicunque huic abbati et conventui adversabitur, et mihi adversari constituitur. Quid quæris? Tangere pupillam oculi?' Quibus verbis episcopus quasi fulgure percussus, obmutuit: nec est ausus postea (sicut nec jure potuit aut debuit) conceptam litem aliquatenus suscitare." Ibid. p. 1040.

^e See Num. XVI.

^f See p. 179.

^g Mat. Par. p. 1045

^h Ibid. p. 1046.

ⁱ Newcome's Hist. St. Alb. p. 92.

^k "Unde cum virilis esset ætatis, in grammatica Priscianus, in metrico Ovidius, in physica censerî potuit Galenus." Mat. Par. p. 1046.

^l "Vir quidem fallax et falsidicus, sed artifex præelectus." Ibid. p. 1047.

form. This work he lived to complete; and not only finished it, but dined in it with his monks. He also pulled down and rebuilt the old dormitory and its offices.^a

It was during his time that Robert Fitzwalter, one of the most powerful barons of the realm, set up a claim to the wood of Northaw. The abbat, taking advice of his officers, resisted it, and finally overthrew Fitzwalter in a suit at law. The claim, however, was in a short time renewed. Fitzwalter procured a grant of the land from the monastery to himself to be forged, to which one William Pigun, a monk of the house, clandestinely affixed the abbey-seal. The forgery was discovered, and the monk punished;^b but the convent thought it most prudent to make a compromise with Fitzwalter, who, upon relinquishing his claim, and giving up the forged deed, received lands in Bissopescote belonging to the abbey, of the annual value of ten pounds, as an indemnity for the expences he had incurred.^c

The same Fitzwalter also assumed a claim to the patronage of the Cell of Binham, in Norfolk; the prior of which, one Thomas, a particular friend of his, had been removed from his situation. Fitzwalter moreover pretended that the removal could not be made without his consent; affecting to possess a grant of patronage from the parent abbey, which expressly stated "quod non licuit Abbati Priorem amovere inconsulto Patrono vel invito:" and assembling his adherents, he beset the cell so closely, that the monks who were resident in it, for a considerable time, could get nothing to drink but rain-water, and nothing to eat but bread made of bran. This outrage being made known to King John, he sent an armed force to Binham, swearing, as was his usual oath, 'by the feet of God,' that either he or Fitzwalter should be king of England. At this time the kingdom was under an interdict from Pope Innocent III. Fitzwalter fled, and escaped the effects of the king's resentment. At length, many years after, in the reign of Henry the Third, he died: but refused ever to restore the forged deed respecting Binham. Upon his death, however, Adam Fitz-William, his friend and fellow-soldier, having learned where he had hid the deed, gave it up to the abbey; presenting also to the altar of the church, in expiation of his own crime, as being privy to the transaction, a silver cup, gilt.^d

Abbat John enacted several useful statutes and ordinances for his monastery, the particulars of which may be seen at length in Matthew Paris. By one of these he enacted that there should not be above the number of a hundred monks at one time in the house.^e

During the time of the interdict, in which there was

a general suspension of divine worship, King John sent his mandate to the abbat to renew the performance of the church service; which the Convent refusing, the king, in his rage, seized upon the abbey: appointing secular officers to the care of it, at the head of whom was one Robert London. The abbat, however, applying himself to the king, at length procured the restoration of his abbey for a fine of six hundred marks.

In the same year, Richard de Marisco, who had been appointed bishop of Durham, made a further demand upon the abbat, for the king, of five hundred marks. "Et sic compulsus est abbas," says Matthew Paris, "ipso anno, mille marcas regi Johanni, (semper hianti, semper exigenti) in maximum hujus ecclesiæ gravamen numerare."^f

Of the circumstances which attended the last hours of abbat John, the historian has given a full detail. Having caused himself to be assisted to the chapter-house, he there entreated pardon of the convent for all his transgressions, and for any wrongs he had done them. He next received the discipline from the convent: and was afterwards carried to the Infirmary, where, upon a stone used for the purpose, he received extreme unction and the Viaticum. After this, he exclaimed "Consummatum est:" and, kissing the members of the convent singly, he added, "Recedo a vobis irrediturus; vos me Deo commendastis, et ego vos Deo recomendo. Quod meum est complevi." He was then taken to his chamber: two days after which, when a friend enquired how he did, he answered,

"Non video purè, mihi nil sapit, audio durè,
Deficit olfactus, sum segnis ad omnia factus."

He died on the day of St. Kenelm, king and martyr, A. D. 1214. Matthew Paris mentions as his chief faults, his practice of sending monks, who had been guilty of trifling or even no crimes, to banishment in distant cells; and his giving the sum of a hundred and forty marks of the church-treasure to one John de Hide, his kinsman. Of this last fault, however, the pope's legate, to whom he had been accused by some of the more turbulent monks, absolved him.^g

The king being at this time in Poictou, Robert de Brithewelle and William de Trumpinton, two brethren of the monastery, were sent to him to obtain his licence for a new election: but the king, it is said, knowing that during a vacancy the abbey must remain in his own hands, at first refused. On his return, however, to England, on the 14th of the kalends of November, he recommended for election

WILLIAM DE TRUMPINTON, OR TRUMPINGTON, one

gore correptus, sed potiùs (ut credi potest) divina percussus ultione. Nam cum cessasset per tracheam ebulliendo, perstrepere, audita est in cloaca ubi moriens sedebat hæc vox manifestè reboare, 'Cape Sathan, cape Sathan;' quod manifestè audierunt qui tunc in dormitorio fratres extra chorum ob causam remanserunt."—"Ex tunc igitur sapienter constitutum est apud sanctum Albanum, ut SIGILLUM ECCLESIAE sub clavibus pluribus à pluribus fratribus senioribus vel sanioribus custoditum in Capitulum proferatur, quotiescunque scripta inde aliqua consignanda fuerunt, ut coram omnibus et proferatur et inde sigilletur, et in loco suo (scilicet forti scrinio) reponatur, et ipsum scrinium in loco tutissimo reservetur." Ibid. p. 1048.

^c Ibid. pp. 1048, 1049.

^d Ibid. p. 1049.

^e Ibid. p. 1043.

^f The conversation which passed at this time between the bishop and the abbat is worth preserving. Matthew Paris says, "Eodemque anno, cum esset Richardus de Marisco (qui non per electionem, sed per regem intrusus, in episcopatum Dunelmensem sublimatus est) summus regis Consiliarius, vir veneno Sathanæ deebriatus, et Rex utpote avarissimus thesauro indiguisset, et Abbatem armatis pulsasset precibus ut eum juvaret; et Abbas justissimas suæ impotentiae causas exposuisset, vocavit eum regia autoritate dictus Richardus. Qui, cum ad eum Abbas accessisset, ait Richardus 'Domine abbas, quo non major, ut bene novimus, in Anglia: in quo, et quanto, dominum nostrum et vestrum juvabis indigentem? Scimus quod das ei sexcentas marcas; sed pro liberatione abbatiae vestrae, quam justè occupavit. Sed nunc mera liberalitate ut grates recipias, eidem conferas postulantiquingentas.' Et cum Abbas super tanta exactione obstupisset, ait Richardus, 'Quid mussitas? Stat sententia. Scriptum sic est. Et quod scripsi, indelibiliter scripsi. Dico enim in amicitia; melius et civilius est tibi, dare quingentas marcas ut grates recipias, quàm ducentas vel trecentas, et ingratus.' Et repenti, quasi raptus, inde recessit, quamvis cum precibus revocaretur."

^g Mat. Par. pp. 1045-1047.

^a Mat. Par. p. 1047.

^b Matthew Paris gives the following account of this monk's fraud, punishment, and death:

"Perpendebat igitur abbas satis sagaciter, aliquem falsarium inter fratres latuisse, et falsam chartam in nocumentum ecclesiæ, fraudulenter confecisse. Revelante igitur ipso qui ait, 'Nichil opertum quod non reveletur,' compertus est dolus, et convictus est dolosus; ut de dolosomerito fieret dolorosus. Inflicta igitur non tantum propter scandalum condigna pœna, quasi exul et indignus ut amplius in domo præsenti quam polluit conversaretur, missus est ad cellam de Thinemua, pœnitentiam super commissio flagitio perpetuam peracturus. Sed ille miser nec miserabilis, Deo odibilis et hominibus, odium quoddam contra abbatem à multo tempore conceptum et inveteratum, adhuc reservavit in corde obstinato. Et hoc fuit illius odii seminarium. Iste Gulielmus Pigun quendam habuit nepotem, quam in villa sancti Albani scholas exercentem quæstu suo educavit; utpote bonæ indolis adolescentem et libenter addiscentem, qui postea apud Burgum receptus, in tantum virtutibus diatim profecit, ut prior in conventu fieri miretetur. Hic igitur Gulielmus petiit abbatem Johannem, ut ipsum Robertulum adhuc adolescentulum in monachum susciperet; qui quia impuber erat, nec adhuc tantæ ætatis ut esset idoneus et acceptabilis, et non penitus negans, distulit postulatum. Sed Gulielmus impatiens et superbus statim efficaciter procuravit, ut dictus Robertus nepos suus apud Burgum in monachum favorabiliter reciperetur. Unde sæpeditus semper extunc Gulielmus abbatem Johannem oderat, et prænotatam ultionis argutionem facilius machinabatur, et antiqui odii venenum adhuc apud Thinemue reservans, crebrò abbatem maledicens terribiliter imprecabatur. Sed omnes super caput proprium congestit maledictiones, sicut finalis ejus vitæ clausula comprobavit. Contigit enim una nocturnum, ut idem flebilis memoriæ Gulielmus, super sedile in secretiori dormitorio matutinarum oblitus sederet, referto ventre, potibus inebriatus, et cibariis ingurgitatus; inclinato capite igitur cœpit dormire, et dormitando strepitu stertere tædioso. Et sic de ebrietate in soporem, de sopore in mortem subitam gradatim transmigravit; fortè fri-

of the monks who had been sent out to him; who was accordingly chosen, and installed upon the feast of St. Edmund the Martyr, A. D. 1214: receiving the benediction on St. Andrew's day following, from Eustace bishop of Ely.^a

Within a very short time after his election, abbat William began to shun the society of his brethren, associating with seculars and laymen only; disappointing the hopes of those who thought they had known him when they voted for his election. He had been the principal contriver, while a monk only, in procuring the convent seal to be affixed to an Instrument, intended to disable future abbats from sending away the monks of the monastery to remote cells: contrary, however, to the Charter so sealed, he banished several of the brethren who remonstrated with him upon his conduct, and, among them, Reimond, the prior, to Tinemouth.^b

Soon after this, A. D. 1215, upon the sentence of excommunication being pronounced by the pope against the barons who opposed King John, the king came to St. Alban's, where he laid his plans for the reduction of his adversaries.^c

In the next year Lewis the dauphin came to St. Alban's, requiring abbat William to do homage to him; which the abbat refused to do, unless first discharged from his homage to King John. Lewis, being enraged at this, threatened to burn both the abbey and the town; but Saier earl of Winchester interfering, the execution of the threat was delayed upon the payment of eighty marks: upon which Lewis returned to London.^d

The abbat, says Matthew Paris, was thus pillaged and infested on both sides. "Sustinuit igitur dum uni satisfaceret, alterius deprædationes, dum uni obsecundaret, alterius infestationes. Unde contigit, dum ut contigit, in alterutrum postea sermocinarentur, inter fratres secretiùs, juravit idem abbas Gulielmus, se centum equos uno anno in diversis partibus abbatie [perdidisse], quorum alii erant manni, alii vero runcini, alii summarii, alii varedarii, alii vero averii, sine aliis jacturis quarum non decet impræsentiarum facere mentionem."^e

The conduct of abbat William, when at Rome, attending the Lateran council, is also minutely detailed by Matthew Paris. He went there accompanied by two brethren of his house, Alexander de Appeltun and Roger Porretan: having likewise the abbat of Westminster for the companion of his journey. Upon his return, as was usual toward an abbat who had

visited foreign parts, he was received by the convent with procession.^f

The civil war, however, even after abbat William's return from Rome, was very far from extinguished. The town and monastery of St. Alban were still pillaged and oppressed, sometimes by the barons and sometimes by the royal party.

Under the year 1217, in his *Historia Major*, Matthew Paris has given a minute account of the spoil committed at St. Alban's by one Falco, or Falcasius;^g whose violent death he also notices under the year 1226.^h

Upon the restoration of tranquillity in the reign of Henry the Third, abbat William visited the different cells of his monastery: receiving complaints against different priors, and removing several; but still using great moderation in his reform. The old prior of Tyne-mouth, who, with much difficulty, obtained leave to quit his dignity, was for the rest of his life maintained by our abbat as his counsellor, and constantly sate at his table.ⁱ

Matthew Paris is copious in his account of the buildings and repairs which abbat William undertook at St. Alban's when quieter times enabled him to carry them on. He completed the dormitory, and furnished it with beds of oak: put the roof of the ailes of the church into good repair: raised the steeple considerably higher, and covered it with lead: he finished, too, the building of the west front, covered it with lead, and furnished it with glass windows, which he also set up in other parts of the church. He likewise removed the shrine of St. Amphibalus from the spot where it was before placed, by the high altar, to a situation in the middle of the church; protecting it by an iron grating. Among the workmen he employed, he was fortunate in having a sacrist, one Walter de Colchester, who excelled in the arts both of painting and sculpture; and gave material assistance to the abbat in the decoration of his church.^k Other of this abbat's good deeds will be found enumerated in the extract given below from the Cotton manuscript Nero D. vii.^l in a more compact form than they are detailed by Matthew Paris.^m

It redounds much to the praise of this abbat, that, notwithstanding the difficult course which he had to steer at a time when the kingdom was torn by civil dissensions, he preserved the inward tranquillity of his house; and, in spite of the heavy exactions which were made upon him,ⁿ found means not only to devote

^a Ibid. pp. 212, 213, 1047.

^b Ibid. pp. 1048, 1049.

^c Ibid. p. 230.

^d Ibid. pp. 244, 1049.

^e Ibid. p. 1049.

^f Ibid. pp. 1050, 1051.

^g Ibid. p. 245; see also p. 1051.

^h Ibid. pp. 282, 383.

ⁱ Ibid. p. 1053.

^k Ibid. pp. 1054, 1055.

^l "Willielmus abbas vicesimussecundus magnam turrim ecclesie plumbo fecit cooperiri decenter, et ipsam turrim fortificando octo elevationibus venustavit. Opus quoque frontale nostre ecclesie quod tam tediosam moram traxerat, cum tecto, lignis, trabibus, et laquearibus, vitreisque fenestris, plumbo coopertum perfecit. Fenestras etiam quæ jam diruuntur supra librum minutorum fecit ad ecclesie magnum decus. Fecit et alias fenestras in australi et aquilonali partibus ecclesie, ita ut Ecclesia, novi beneficio luminis illustrata, videretur quasi renovata. Præterea adquisivit huic ecclesie unam costarum sancti Wulstani, quam inclusit argento, et fecit honorificas structuras circa majus altare, cum trabe quæ supereminet, sancti Albani historiam continente. Fecit et celaturam in australi parte ecclesie supra pulchram ymaginem beatæ Mariæ: construxitque capellam sancti Cuthberti, cujus ruina tunc temporis imminebat, et dedicari eam fecit in honorem sanctorum Cuthberti, Johannis Baptistæ, et sanctæ Agnetis virginis, unde versus,

'Confessor Cuthberte Dei, Baptista Johannes
Agnes virgo, tribus nobis hæc ara sacrat.'

Ad perpetuandam etiam memoriam suam, hospitium abbatis comparavit Londoniis centum marcis, et aliam domum apud Gernem. ad allec. reponendum tempore opportuno. Claustra quoque plurima fecit ne conventus molestaretur stillicidio, unum scilicet inter capitulum et capellam sancti Cuthberti, aliud trilaterum a coquina usque ad ostium claustrum regularis, et ab illo loco usque ad sartrinum, alterum vero claustrum fecit quadrilaterum, per quod patet via ad infirmarium. Adquisivit etiam quandam crucem huic domui quæ crux de Josaphat appellatur, cum brachio sancti Jeronimi quod inclusit argento, cum multis aliis reliquiis. Præterea crucem sancti Amphibali quæ diuturno tempore Londoniis latuit abscondita, et quæ in possessiones multorum, videlicet patrum in filios, transmigraverat, nobis prudenter adquisivit.

Et appropriavit ecclesiam de Herstanton. Psalterium quoque nobilissimum dedit ecclesie de Redburna cum quodam ordinali. Et huic ecclesie multas possessiones adquisivit quas qui scire desiderat, in majori archa cartarum poterit invenire." fol. 17.

The verses given in this extract are said by Weever, p. 560, to have been insculped over the high altar of St. Cuthbert's chapel.

^m One anecdote, however, detailed by Matthew Paris in the time of this abbat, must not be forgotten. It appears that in 1228, an Armenian archbishop came into England to visit the shrines and reliques in our churches; who, being entertained with great ceremony at St. Alban's, was asked numerous questions relating to his country; and, among others, if he had ever seen or heard of the person named JOSEPH, who was present at our Lord's crucifixion and conversed with him, and who was still alive in confirmation of the Christian faith. The archbishop answered that the fact was true: and a knight of Antioch who was in his suite related numerous particulars of Joseph as known to his lord. It was hence that the story of "*The Wandering Jew*" first obtained credit in England. Hist. Maj. pp. 296, 297.

ⁿ "Et ut causâ succinctæ brevitatis de aliis gravaminibus unius anni spatii damnnum quod sustinuit; certissime protestamur. Regis utique Johannis tempore (quo non surrexit inter natos mulierum tyrannior) diversis argumentis tempora interdicti, in uno solo anno mille marcas ab eodem truculenter extorsit."—"Consimili quoque modo in tempore guerræ, omnia suæ commissa custodiæ, tam in spiritualibus quam in temporalibus, non sine maximis expensis et sollicitudinibus, in pace sustinuit sine destructione, per tensesias. Apud Berchamstude, c. libras. Falconi, c. marcas apud Wancres. Item eidem iterum c. libras Lodowico apud Doveriam, lx. marcas. Comiti Wintoniensi et baronibus l. marcas apud London. Item Lodowico l. marcas, in ecclesia sancti Pauli London. Ingelardo de Rickemaesworthe, sexaginta marcas. Item eidem Ingelardo de Watefordia, et pertinentiis c. libras, et unum palefridum de x. marcis. Item iterum Ingelardo de Watefordia, c. marcas. Item eidem Ingelardo de burgo Sancti Albani, c. marcas. Item Lodowico, per manum Baldwini de Turboyle, cc. marcas. Item iterum eidem Lodowico, pro respectu cædis et incendii et homagii faciendi eidem Lodowico, quater viginti marcas. Waltero de Goddard villa l. marcas, et unam cuppam argenteam; et Willielmo de Goddard

large sums to the repairs of the monastery, but even augmented its revenues.

Twice during his time the church of St. Alban was near being destroyed by lightning.^a

In the early part of his History, Matthew Paris incidentally mentions the death of abbat William de Trumpington under the year 1233.^b In the lives of the Abbats of St. Alban's, however, he distinctly and correctly states him to have died on St. Matthew's day, 1235. He was buried on the 3d of the kalends of March, by the abbat of Waltham. Immediately after which, three of the brethren were sent to the king, to obtain his licence for choosing another abbat; and, that they might have the house quietly in their hands (besides escheats

villa unum palefridum de quinque marcis. Roberto de la Mare, xiiij. marcas de Sanrugge. Item eidem c. sol. de Walduna. Thomæ de Blankmuster xxx. marcas, pro Radulpho filio Adæ de Hecstant xiiij. marcas. Roberto de la Mare de Wynest. xiv. marcas apud Oxoniam. Damna equorum et boum, præter porcos, oves, et gallinas, de maneriis etaliis rebus, c. marcas. Exceptis etiam irrestaurabilibus damnis de silvarum abscissionibus." Mat. Par. p. 1059.

^a Ibid. p. 1062.

^b Ibid. p. 324.

^c Abbat William de Trumpington's body, it appears, having been laid out in the room in which he died, was stript and washed. Then, not all, but the elder and more discreet only of the brethren, with the sacrist's assistant, who was to perform the anatomical part, being present, the body had an incision made in it, from the throat to the lower parts; when the bowels were taken out, and laid in a vessel with salt, and decently buried in the church-yard, not far from St. Stephen's altar, with benedictions and singing of psalms; where afterwards a little marble tomb, "tumbula marmorea," was erected. The inner part of the body was washed with vinegar, and much salt strewed upon it, and then sewed up. This was done with great care, lest the body, which was to be kept three days or longer, should smell ill or give offence: and it was then so light and clean, and the face so full and ruddy, that it became an object of astonishment: so that many handled it, and even bore it on their shoulders as holy. The body was at length carried from the abbat's chamber, where he died, into the infirmary, and there clad in the pontifical robes, the mitre on his head, gloves on his hands, with the ring on his finger, and his staff under his right arm; sandals on his feet, and his hands knit together: "manibus cancellatis." Then the cover of the bier being taken off, the body was laid upon it, and carefully fastened with swathes, lest it should fall off when carried. Being brought forth to the door of the infirmary, and set down as other dead bodies, and in the same place, till such time as the usual collects were said for him, as for any other brother departed, with the Penitential psalms, and all other which were usually said.

Then the great bell being rung, the body was carried to the church, the convent following and singing as usual. Then, in the sight of the convent, the abbat's Seal was broken, with a hammer, upon one of the stone steps before the high altar; so as to deface the engraving as well of the figure as of the inscription. From that time there was singing of psalms both by day and night, and every day a solemn mass at the high altar. Thus the obsequies were performed daily: all who desired it being permitted to come into the presbytery in the day time to see the body. In the mean time plentiful alms were distributed. Henry abbat of Waltham, as has been already noticed, performed the service at the funeral.

^d Stevens, in his Continuation of the Monasticon, has given the Form of proceeding at the election of a new abbat, here laid down, in English. In the present edition of the Monasticon, it has been thought best to present the details in the original shape. They were planned, Matthew Paris assures us, by some of the discreetest and best lawyers of the time.

"*Literæ missæ Domino Regi, de Obitu Abbatis Willielmi.*

'Excellentissimo domino et in Christo reverendissimo, Henrico Dei gratia illustri regi Angliæ, domino Hiberniæ, duci Normanniæ et Aquitanniæ, comiti Andegavensi: devoti sui et semper humiles, prior sancti Albani et ejusdem loci conventus, cum omni humilitate et devotione æternam in Domino salutem. Vestræ innotescimus excellentiæ, quod venerabilis pater noster Willielmus quondam abbas ecclesiæ nostræ, in fata decessit; ideoque dilectos fratres nostros N. et N. latores præsentium ad vos destinamus. Excellentiæ vestræ omni qua possumus devotione, et lachrymarum effusione, flexisque genibus supplicantes, quatenus divinæ pietatis intuitu, nobis gratiam dignanter impertientes, eligendi pastorem liberam nobis concedatis facultatem; statui domus nostræ misericorditer, si placet, compatiens, juxta necessitates, quas dicti fratres nostri vobis duxerint exprimendas. Valeat regia dignitas in æternum.'

Misimus insuper literas amicis nostris in Curia, sub hac forma: ut ipsi negotium nostrum expedirent.

Cancellario.

'Urgentibus negotiis novis, et inopinatis emergentibus, piorum amicorum auxilium familiare et consilium evidens; suadet honestas, et compellit instans necessitas. Ideoque sinceræ paternitati vestræ omni qua possumus devotione supplicamus, quatenus divinæ pietatis intuitu, statui domus nostræ juxta necessitates quas fratres nostri N. et N. latores præsentium vobis duxerint exprimendas, misericorditer, et paterno subveniatis affectu, eo quod venerabilis pater noster Willielmus quon-

and collations of churches), they gave the king three hundred marks

Matthew Paris is exceedingly minute, not only as to the particulars of abbat William's interment, but also in regard to the Election of his successor: this being the first election after the Lateran Council held by Pope Innocent III., in which it had been decreed, that the exempted abbats should be confirmed by the pope himself. The former he gives as the ceremonial usual at the funeral of an abbat of St. Alban's: the latter as the best received form for proceeding in an election. That they may occupy as small a space as possible, the one is abridged,^c and the other given necessarily in its details, in the original Latin, in the Notes.^d

damabbas monasterii nostri, divino nutu diem clausit extremum. Nos monachos, suos quasi orphanos, piorum consilio relinquens et auxilio. Quorum indigentia sic vestra dignetur consulere miseratio, ut Deus pater pupillorum, digna mercede vestram remuneret pietatem.'

Ut convenient Priores Cellarum ad Electionem.

'Fratr E. prior ecclesiæ sancti Albani ejusdemque loci conventus, dilecto sibi in Christo, tali vel tali priori, salutem in Domino sempiternam. Quum venerabilis pater noster Willielmus quondam abbas monasterii nostri, divino nutu diem clausit extremum, et oportet quatenus in crastino Annunciationis Dominicæ proximo affuturæ, compareas personaliter apud sanctum Albanum, una nobiscum tractaturus super electione abbatis. Quod si forte non potueris justa ex causa præpeditus, te sub hac forma excuses per literas suas patentes. Viris venerabilibus domino E. priori de sancto Albano ejusdemque loci conventui, frater N. Prior talis vel talis loci, tali vel tali, salutem. Præpeditus negotio certo, videlicet assignato vel gravi detentus infirmitate, in crastino Annunciationis Dominicæ apud sanctum Albanum personaliter interesse non possum una vobiscum super electione abbatis tractaturus. Ideo non expectata præsentia mea, in dicto negotio, quod vestrum est exequamini. Valet.'

De progressu Electionis.

Congregatis igitur fratribus die statuto et præfixo; videlicet die Dominicæ; non potuimus pro solemnitate illius diei tractare de electione. Et cantavimus ea die de Dominica procrastinantes solemnitatem de Annunciatione faciendâ: unde nec in crastino, scilicet die lunæ, nequivimus tractare de tam arduo negotio, quod tanta et tam morosa deliberatione indiguit. Die igitur Martis, convenientibus in unum tam prioribus quam aliis, qui debuerunt et voluerunt commode in capitulo interesse; elegerunt solemniter Johannem de Hartfordia, priorem de Hertford, monachum suum professum, in pastorem animarum suarum; virum pium, et monachum ordinatum; qui domino regi præsentatus; ab eo favorabiliter dominica in ramis Palmarum (tum quia elegans et venerabilis extitit statura, tum quia audierat quod dapilis et civilis ac socialis fuerat, dum prior Hertfordiæ fuerat) est susceptus; et idcirco promptius, quia rex semper domum sancti Albani dilexerat: cui literas petitorias, a priore et conventu sub hac forma transmisimus.

Literæ missæ Domino Regi pro præsentatione Electi.

'Illustri domino suo et magnifico Henrico Dei gratia regi Angliæ. &c. devoti sui semper et humiles E. prior sancti Albani, et ejusdem loci conventus, cum omni humilitate et devotione, æternam in Domino salutem. Regiæ excellentiæ vestræ, dominum Johannem priorem de Hertfordia, virum idoneum et honestum, quem de benignitate et licentia vestra nobis concessa, in patrem nobis elegimus et Pastorem, præsentamus. Cum omni humilitate et devotione supplicantes, quatenus ex innata vobis benignitate, solitaque clementia erga nos et ecclesiam nostram concepta et habita, dictum Johannem electum nostrum, in gratiam recipiatis: vestrum eidem consilium, auxilium, et favorem, divinæ, si placet, intuitu pietatis impendentes. Valeat, &c.'

Scribit Dominus Rex, Domino Papæ, pro nobis in hoc negotio.

Dominus autem rex cum hoc audisset, et perpenderit progressum nostrum ordinatum et humilem, non tantum nobis suum favorem impertivit, et juvamen, imò domino papæ et amicis suis in curia Romana, pro nobis scripsit sic:

'Reverendo domino et patri et in Christo charissimo, Gregorio Dei gratia summo pontifici, Henricus eadem gratia rex Angliæ, &c. salutem: et tam devotam quam debitam in omnibus, tanto domino et patri reverentiam. Noverit sancta paternitas vestra, nos electioni factæ de fratre Johanne de Hertford monacho de sancto Albano, in abbatem sancti Albani, regium adhibuisse favorem et assensum. Et quia ad sedem apostolicam immediatè spectat electionis prædictæ confirmatio, hoc sanctæ paternitati vestræ duximus præsentium tenore significandum, devote supplicantes, quatenus eidem electioni munus confirmationis dignemini, si placet, favorabiliter impendere. Teste memetipso apud Abendon: primo die Aprilis: anno regni mei xix.'

Item, Literæ Domini Regis ad amicos suos in Curia Romana pro Electo.

'Venerabili in Christo patri et amico specialiter dilecto, I. Dei gratia GG. sanctæ prædis presbytero cardinali: Henricus Dei gratia

JOHN, the twenty-third abbat, the second of that name, was surnamed DE HERTFORD, from the place of

his birth: in the Cell of which place he was first sacrist and afterwards prior, being promoted in both instances

rex Angliæ, &c. Quoties ingruente necessitate nos contingit, pro nostris vel alienis negotiis apostolicæ sedis implorare subsidium, ad eorundem negotiorum expeditionem, vestra nobis necessaria est diligentia: quam in omnibus vestri gratia nobis recolimus subvenisse. Cùm igitur electioni factæ de fratre Johanne monacho S. Albani in abbatem ejusdem loci, regium adhibuerimus assensum, et favorem, et immediatè subjecta sit ecclesia S. Albani sanctæ Romanæ ecclesiæ: paternitati vestræ duximus attentè supplicandum, quatenus cum nuncii et procuratores dicti electi ad obtinendum à sede apostolica confirmationem dictæ electionis, ad curiam venerunt; ad assecutionem sui propositi in hac parte, vestra dignetur eis paternitas auxilio et consilio subvenire. Per quam subventionem, multiplicetur vobis gratia nostra, quam ex diversorum negotiorum promotione non dubitamus, eis vos comparasse. Testo me ipso, primo, &c.'

Injunctum est igitur duobus fratribus monachis hujus ecclesiæ videlicet domino Reginaldo de Bocking physico, et domino Nicholao de sancto Albano, et cuidam clerico nostro, magistro scilicet Galfrido de Langeleia, et curiam Romanam protinus adirent: et electionem ritè factum, impetrarent à sede apostolica confirmari: qui se precibus conventus commendantes, illicò perrexerunt. Et statutum est in capitulo quædam specialia fieri pro eisdem missarum et orationum suffragia. Et cum ad curiam Romanam (quæ tunc Perusii fuerat) pervenisset; ut promptiorem à domino papa gratiam obtinerent, pecuniæ quandam summam papalibus pedibus obtulerunt: quam statim gratanter receptum, jussit dominus papa cuidam fratri minori, thesaurario ab cubiculario suo, illam pecuniam in gazophilacium suum deportare. Et accumulatis illis denariis, aliis candidis esterlingis, noluit frater vel etiam forulum nuntiis resignare, nec dominus papa (quem civilem et dapsilem fore deceret) ad prandiolium invitare. Respectis igitur janitoribus et ministris papalibus, in muneribus (quia sic oportuit, cum patulis rictibus ipsis donis inhiarent) recesserunt, in crastinum (prout eis dictum erat) redituri. Et cùm tunc advenissent, ostendentes regios apices domino papæ, tum propter ipsos, tum propter serotinum xenium, (aliis etiam epistolis, quas secum amicis domini regis detulerant adminiculantibus) gratiam ab illa venali curia obtinuerunt. Respexerant enim amicos regis quibus ejus literas attulerant, donis uberrimis, qui solas literas steriles et infructuosas, sine muneribus concurrentibus parvi pendunt. Electione igitur confirmata, cum benedictione apostolica (quam satis comparaverant) gaudenter sunt reversi, nec unquam postea, ipsam curiam diligere aut commendare potuerunt.

Approbata verò quamplurimum fuit ab ipso domino papa et a cunctis fratribus cardinalibus (et maxime a domino Ottone, qui verba optima fecit pro domo sancti Albani) forma electionis et totius progressus negotii, admirantibus universis, quòd inter tot capita fuit tum indilata sententia, et consensus uniformis. Et addidit Otto memoratus coram papa, et cunctis assidentibus, 'Domine, semper religio, unitas, et concordia in illa domo vignerunt. Unde ab universis dictum est, quod non sine nutu Spiritus Sancti illud negotium fuerat prosecutum. Multitudinis enim credentium fuit cor unum, et anima una.' Et ut audientes non lateat, hæc est consuetudo eligendi abbatem, in ecclesia sancti Albani.

Consuetudo in Ecclesia Sancti Albani, eligendi Abbatem.

Confessores, scilicet, tres vel quatuor, jubentur districtè in virtute Spiritus Sancti (utpote qui cognoscit corda et renes singulorum) ut ipsi eligunt duodecim de conventu fratres electos, fideles, et peritos, ut ipsi vel de seipsis, vel de ipso conventu ecclesiæ, vel de cellis, unum idoneum eligant in abbatem. De ipsis (inquam) quia sic non consueverunt antiquitus, imo de aliis quàm seipsis, quod absurdum fuit et dissonum rationi. Et in hoc variata est antiqua consuetudo, et in melius commutata. Ut autem electio et labor tantæ deliberationis super hoc negotio, nullatenus irritus habeatur et inanis, literas habent de conventu penes se sigillo conventus roboratas, ut ipse conventus illum quem ipsi duodecim eligant in abbatem, sine contradictione aut difficultate unanimiter in pastorem suscipiant, et gratanter. Unde series negotii sic prosecuta, a summopontifice (ut præactum est) palam coram omnibus est commendata. Et facta examinatione auctoritate apostolica, illicò confirmata. Veruntamen quia de persona electi, domino papæ non constabat, dedit in mandatis Eliensi et Londoniensi episcopis, ut ritè facta examinatione ex persona electi, eundem in abbatem confirmatum benedicerent, plenè in omnem tam spiritualium quàm temporalium administrationem instituentes.

Cum autem redissent nuntii de curia, ostendebant literas domini papæ episcopis memoratis, qui electo scripserunt sub hac forma:

Literæ Episcoporum ad Electum.

'Hugo Dei gratia Elyensis, et Rogerus eadem gratia Londoniensis episcopi, Johanni de Hertford Electo sancti Albani salutem. Mandatum domini papæ suscepimus in hæc verba:

"Gregorius episcopus, &c. Hujus igitur auctoritate mandati nobis transmissi vobis mandamus, quod die lunæ proxima post festum sancti Laurentii, in ecclesia conventuali apud crucem Roisiæ compareatis coram nobis, parati examinationem subire, et electionis (Deo dante) confirmationem suscipere, secundum formam mandati apostolici.'

Quod et abbas sub omni fecit maturitate. Affirmabant utique tam episcopi memorati postquam audierant, quam nuntii nostri, quod prudenter processum est in hoc negotio. Et literas postulabant ad inspiciendum quas conventus sancti Albani domino papæ transmisit sub transcripto. Quas si quis inspicere desiderat, in hoc volumine, ubi scilicet pingitur Avicula, poterit invenire; cujus rubrica et titulus, talis est.

"Literæ missæ domino papæ de morte abbatis Gulielmi, de forma electionis alterius abbatis substituendi, jam electi; scilicet Johannis. Londoniensis vero episcopus, variis et arduis negotiis præpeditus, ne ad locum veniret memoratum, se excusavit: episcopo Elyensi sic scribens."*

Literæ excusatoriæ Episcopi Londoniensis.

'Venerabili fratri, et amico in Christo charissimo H. Dei gratia Elyensi episcopo R. divina miseratione London. ecclesiæ minister humilis salutem et sinceram in Domino charitatem. In negotio examinationis Electi sancti Albani et confirmationis ejusdem, vobis et nobis à domino papa commissio, variis præpediti negotiis, die lunæ proxima post festum sancti Laurentii, apud crucem Roisiæ et ecclesiæ conventuali interesse non possumus. Ideo non expectata præsentia nostra, quod vestrum est in dicto negotio exequamini. Valeat paternitas vestra, semper in Domino.'

Confirmatio Electi.

Confirmatus est igitur Electus facta examinatione, sub tali scripto: 'In nomine Patris, et Filii, et Spiritus Sancti. Inquisitis secundum formam literarum domini papæ, quæ circa personam Johannis electi sancti Albani sunt inquirenda, tum per testes juratos, tum per propriæ personæ examinationem invenimus ipsum ad regimen dictæ ecclesiæ sufficientem. Unde electionem de ipso factam, auctoritate apostolica confirmamus.'

Quo facto, misit Elyensis conventui sancti Albani ad majorem certificationem literas, sub hac forma:

Literæ Elyensis Episcopi ad Conventum Sancti Albani.

'Hugo Dei gratia Elyensis episcopus, dilectis in Christo priori et conventui sancti Albani, salutem in Domino. Noverit discretio vestra, nos juxta formam mandati apostolici, electionem de fratre Johanne de Hertford in abbatem monasterii sancti Albani canonice celebratam, auctoritate apostolica confirmasse. Quocirca excellentiam vestram rogamus, quòd ob reverentiam sedis apostolicæ, dictum electum habentes commendatum, administrationem dictæ abbatiae eidem committatis. Valeat excellentia vestra semper in Domino.'

Scripsit insuper (domino rege acceptante) et palam publicavit, cartam istam confirmationis.

Charta Confirmationis.

'Omnibus Christi fidelibus literas has inspecturis vel audituris. Hugo Dei gratia Elyensis episcopus, salutem in Domino sempiternam. Noveritis quod cum nobis et venerabili fratri nostro London. episcopo commissum esset negotium a domino papa examinationis personæ fratris Johannis de Hertford electi in abbatem monasterii sancti Albani, et confirmationis ejusdem, episcopo Londoniensi in dicto negotio excusato literatoriè, nos electionem ipsius Johannis in hunc modum confirmamus. In nomine Patris, et Filii, et Spiritus Sancti. Inquisitis secundum formam literarum domini papæ, quæ circa personam electi sancti Albani fratris Johannis sunt inquirenda, tum per testes juratos, tum per propriæ personæ examinationem, invenimus eum ad regimen dictæ abbatiae sufficientem. Unde electionem tanquam de persona idonea de ipso factam, auctoritate apostolica confirmamus. In cujus rei testimonium, hiis literis nostris patentibus sigillum nostrum duximus apponendum. Acta anno Domini m.cc.xxxv. die lunæ proxima post festum sancti Laurentii apud crucem Roisiæ.'

In crastino igitur, scilicet Nativitatis beatæ Virginis, in ecclesia sancti Albani ad majus altare in præsentia episcopi London. et totius conventus in choro existentis, idem episcopus eidem electo munus impendit benedictioni. Ubi apertæ sunt literæ inclusæ, et bullatæ domini papæ, quas oportuit electum in abbatem benedicendum, profitendo palam legere, sub hac forma:

'Ego Johannes monasterii sancti Albani abbas, ab hac hora in antea fidelis et obediens ero sancto Petro, sanctæque apostolicæ Romanæ ecclesiæ, et domino meo papæ Gregorio ejusque successoribus canonice intransitibus. Non ero in consilio, aut consensu, vel in facto, ut vitam perdant aut membrum, aut capiantur mala captionem. Consilium verò quod mihi credituri sunt per se aut per nuncios suos, sive per literas, ad eorum damnum mescientem nemini pandam. Papatum Romanum et regalem sancti Petri, adjutor eis ero ad retinendum et defendendum, salvo ordine meo, contra omnem hominem. Legatum apostolicæ sedis in eundo et redeundo, honorificè tractabo, et in suis necessitatibus adjuvabo. Vocatus ad synodum veniam, nisi præpeditus fuero canonica præpeditio. Apostolorum limina singulis trienniis visitabo, aut per me, aut per nuntium meum, nisi absolvar apostolica licentia. Possessiones verò ad monasterium meum spectantes, non vendam, neque donabo, neque impignorabo, neque de novo infeudabo, vel aliquo modo alienabo, inconsulto Romano pontifice: sic me Deus adjuvet, et hæc sancta Evangelia.'

Hæc cooperta fuerunt occulta et clausa sub bulla, donec staret pontificalibus ad altare redimitus, quando nullo modo poterat ab ista obligatione resilire. Et cum rogasset abbas ab episcopo Londoniensi Rogero quid Romæ faceret? Episcopus sicut jocundus extitit, jocosè respondit subridens, et ait, 'Amice ut offeras,' et veritas in verbo latitavit.

Rex autem super præmissis certificatus, tenentibus de sancto Albano scripsit in hæc verba:

* Has literas reperiet lector in Hist. Maj. ad annum 1235, pag. 412, edit. 1684.

by the particular favour of abbat William de Trumpington. Matthew Paris represents him as a person of great mildness of character, handsome in his figure, and universally esteemed.^a The king's consent to his election was given on the first of April, 1235.^b

He was the first abbat who, against his will, submitted to the imposition of being obliged to go or send to Rome every three years.

The actions of this abbat are detailed in the Appendix, in the words of Matthew Paris.^c

Soon after his election, he gave a cope of crimson silk, embroidered, for the use of the choir; and a cup of silver, gilt, for the use of the refectory. He also built a hall for the entertainment of strangers, with numerous chambers adjoining. He recovered for his monastery the manor of Stanmore, which had been long alienated: building there a manor-house. Matthew Paris gives a full account of his dispute with Ralph Chanduit and Geoffrey de Childwick respecting a right of free warren. During the time of this abbat, the great tithes of the church of Norton were applied to the amelioration of the malt-liquor of the monks. The church of Eglinham, which had been given for the same purpose in abbat William's time, was now appropriated. Two parts of the church of Herteburne and the church of Hecstan-tune were also appropriated to the purposes of hospitality: and that of St. Michael at St. Alban's was given to the sacristary.

King Henry the Third appears to have paid two visits to St. Alban's monastery in 1244; staying three days each time. The first was on the feast of St. Barnabas; the last on that of St. Thomas, when he made an offering of a rich pall, or cloak, at the high altar, and three bracelets of gold at the shrine of St. Alban.^d

Among the events of greatest consequence to the abbey which took place during the government of John de Hertford, was the compromise made A. D. 1247, be-

tween him (in conjunction with the prior and convent of the cell of Tynemouth) and the bishop and chapter of Durham. The prior had refused obedience to the bishop, and pleaded exemption from his jurisdiction, by virtue of the immunity enjoyed by the parent abbey. The pope, however, in consequence of an application from the bishop, instituted a commission of inquiry, by which it was determined that the priors should be appointed by the abbey, and be removeable by its authority; but should be presented to the bishop for institution, and should swear canonical obedience.

The manor of Aldenham, also, of which the absolute possession had been by many former kings confirmed to this abbey, was in this abbat's time conveyed in perpetuity by a new grant to the abbat and convent of Westminster, and was for ever severed from this monastery.^e

Under the year 1251, Matthew Paris has recorded another of the journeys of King Henry the Third to St. Alban's:^f in which year the monastery was visited by Theobald prior of Hurley in Berkshire, and James the sub-prior of St. Augustine's church in Canterbury, who was also one of the pope's chaplains.^g Toward the close of the same year, the chamber of the queen, who was then staying in the abbey with her children, was struck by lightning.^h

In the following year, A.D. 1252, King Henry the Third came again to the monastery, accompanied by his son, prince Edward.ⁱ

In 1253, on the tenth of the kalends of November, the abbat and convent discharged a great debt, in which they had been bound to a Jew of London, one Elias, in behalf of a knight named Richard de Oxaie.^k

In 1255 King Henry the Third paid another visit to the monastery; and again in 1256.^l

Under the year 1257, Matthew Paris records that in repairing the east end of the church the relics of St.

Dominus Rex tenentibus de Sancto Albano.

'Henricus Dei gratia rex Angliæ, &c. militibus, liberis hominibus, et omnibus aliis tenentibus de abbacia de sancto Albano, salutem. Sciatis quod electioni factæ de fratre Johanne de Hertford in abbatem sancti Albani, assensum regium præbuimus et favorem. Et ideo vobis mandamus, quod eidem fratri Johanni tanquam domino vestro, in omnibus quæ ad prædictam abbatiam pertinent intendentes sitis et respondentes. In cujus rei testimonium, has literas nostri fieri fecimus patentes. Teste meipso apud Westmonasterium decimo octavo die Augusti, anno regni xii^{mo}.'

Abbas creatur.

Ex tunc igitur abbas plenarie constitutus, cepit homagia, et jura-menta, et fidelitates, omnium abbatie subditorum, installatus, et in omnibus abbas habitus et firmatus. Sed ut non lateat simpliciores qualiter se gessit dum electus esset, et qualiter in posterum se gerere debet electus, præsentibus duximus inserendum.

Qualiter se gerere debet Electus.

Postquam electores nominaverunt electum proprio nomine cum aliquo adjecto (ita quod unus electorum loquatur pro omnibus aliis electoribus) præstito assensu Prioris et totius conventus, surgat Electus: et accepta venia, supplicet omnibus ut orent pro eo quod Deus det illi sic Curam et Officium suscipere hoc, ut ad honorem Dei et ecclesiarum, et animarum suarum fiat salvationem. Facta autem oratione à priore quod sic fiat, ut in fine orationis respondente conventu *Amen*; incipiatur solemniter hymnus *Te Deum laudamus*. Et ducantur modeste et ordinate (assistente priore ei in uno latere, sub-priore in alio; cum aliis dignioribus ecclesiarum personis) propinquius in ecclesiam. Et præsentetur Deo et sancto martyri Albano, ad majus altare; pulsato classico, sonantibus calamis (quos burdones appellamus) cum orologio, accensisque cereis circa altare, et discooperto feretro; et toto corpore prostratus, Electus oret breviter sed præcordialiter, ut dignus tanto honore habeatur. Et tacta nola cui muta vel scilla est nomen; terminetur sonitus ille et totus tumultus: dicaturque ab omnibus *Pater noster*. Et Prior, 'Et ne nos: versiculus, 'Salvus fac servum tuum, Deus meus.' 'Mitte ei Domine auxilium de sancto.' 'Et de Sion tuere eum.' 'Dominus vobiscum, &c.' Oratio. 'Omnipotens sempiterne Deus, dirige hunc famulum in via salutis æternæ: ut te donante tibi placita cupiat, et tota virtute perficiat, per Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum filium tuum qui tecum vivit.' Et resp. in v. s. d. 'per Dominum vobiscum.' 'Et benedicamus Domino.' Deinde erigatse, etsine aliquo offendiculo aut mora, ducatur in cameram, videlicet prioris, quæ sua dum Electus est, debet appellari; donec in abbatem creatus, in suam magnam cameram secedat. Nec abscondatur aliquis clericus, sive dignus, sive indignus, vel alius, qui subito prorumpens postquam se erexerit Electus ab oratione (ut quandoque solet fieri) monachatum, vel necessariam vixerit (quasi in bonum auspiciis futuræ liberalitatis) exigat: cum sit illud contra honestatem, et regulam beati Benedicti dicentis, 'Probate spiritus si ex Deo sint.'

Ac si diceret, 'Nichil ex abrupto et sine providentia fiat et deliberatione. Nec inexpertus recipiatur in congregatione.'

Ex tunc poterit Electus providere sibi de sociis qui secum comorentur, quos bajulos dicimus; et nuntiis Romam destinandis; et invitare quos voluerit ad refectionem; sed tamen qui vocati sunt, de licentia prioris veniant; nec exeat quis eques, nisi de licentia prioris; exceptis suarum obedientiarum summis procuratoribus; videlicet summis cellerario, coquinario, camerario, infirmario, et sacrista.

Electus autem etsi fuerit unus de ultimis novitiis, in loco supremo illico statuatur. Et si fuerit de parte Prioris (quam nos chorum Priorisappellemus) transferetur ad partem chori abbatis: ubi supremus statuatur. Solus in refectorio prandeat supremus, habens vastellum, Priore prandente ad magnam mensam; quam Dais vulgariter appellamus. In processionibus, supremus ex parte abbatis procedet, ut alius senior; non in medio choralem ferens baculum, ut antiquitus temerè consuevit; ne forte in posterum cassatus retrocedat; et tunc cum rubore incipiat locum novissimum tenere. Sed hæc prætracta prælibantur. Mat. Par. edit. 1684, p. 1065-1070.

^a Ibid. p. 1063.

^b Pat. 19 Hen. III. m. 12.

^c Num. XXVIII.

^d Mat. Par. pp. 562, 574. "A.D. 1245 obiit Johannes Hertfertensis episcopus apud Sanctum Albanum. Qui cum vitalem cursum feliciter consummasset, libros suos et quædam ecclesiastica ornamenta, necnon et quædam beneficia, non immemor sibi collatorum ab ecclesia beati Albani beneficiorum in testamento reliquit." Ibid. p. 604.

^e Clutterb. Hist. Hertf. vol. i. p. 24.

^f "Eodemque anno, in octavis scilicet Nativitatis beatæ Virginis, venit dominus rex apud sanctum Albanum; et intrans sicut consuevit ecclesiam, obtulit tria holoserica, et tunc ipsa cum aliis prius oblatis computabatur ad triginta. Præterea ea vice obtulit duo monilia valde preciosa, et jussit ea feretro indelibiliter, ad memoriam sui, clavis fortiter affirmari. Et postquam ibidem per tres dies moram continuaverat, recessit." Ibid. p. 713.

^g Ibid.

^h Ibid. p. 715.

ⁱ "Anni quoque sub ejusdem circulo, vigilia scilicet beati Bartholomei, venit dominus rex Anglorum ad sanctum Albanum. Et illico devotè accedens ad majus altare, cum orasset, ut de more consuevit, obtulit martyri unam pallam speciosam et preciosam, et duo monilia, et duos annulos anreos, et duodecim talenta. Et assignavit ea specialiter ad ornatum feretri. Eademque die, Edwardus filius primogenitus, obtulit eidem altari unam pallam. Et altari sancti Amphibali aliam, et duo monilia. Quæ omnia præcepit dominus rex in crastino vendi, similiter et alia preciosa donativa, et eorum pretio prædictum feretrum cooperiri. Dominus autem rex ibidem moram quinque diebus continuavit, sicut pridem fecerat ad Pascha, anno proximo post obsidionem Bedefordiarum." Mat. Par. p. 730.

^k — "et acclamatum est," the historian adds, "*in schola Judæorum* Londinensi, quod abbas et conventus memoratus quietus est ab omni hujusmodi debito contra eos, ab initio sæculi usque tunc, prout statutum obtentum ab eisdem protestatur." Ibid. p. 752.

^l Ibid. pp. 776, 800.

Alban were discovered, inclosed in a stone coffin. The words of the historian will be found below.^a In this year, also, King Henry the Third again visited St. Alban's:^b and toward the latter part of the year the queen came, accompanied by Eleanor the wife of Prince Edward, and numerous ladies of the court.^c

In 1258, a new arrangement appears to have been made between the abbat and convent respecting the table of the monks.^d In the same year we find the king accompanying the procession made with the relics of St. Alban within the monastery.^e

After having ruled near twenty-five years, abbat John de Hertford died A.D. 1260, on the day of St. Elphege. Such, at least, is the account given in the Cotton MS. Claud. E. iv. Matthew of Westminster places his death in 1263.^f

Among the ancient Charters presented a few years ago to the British Museum by Lord Frederick Campbell, is one from this abbat,^g respecting a grant for the support of a mass of the Virgin Mary in the church of St. Mary Hertford, A.D. 1258: appendant to which is his seal. On the front he is represented in the vestments of his office, mitred; his right hand held up in the act of benediction, his left holding the crozier. The inscription round it is unfortunately broken off. The reverse, or counter-seal, represents the martyrdom of St. Alban, a hand from heaven holding a crown over the saint's head; and round, this inscription, ✠ MARTIR OBIT VICTOR. PRIVATVR LVMI NE LICTOR. alluding to the legend already detailed in a former page.

Upon the death of John de Hertford,

ROGER DE NORTHONE, or NORTON, was chosen to succeed him; who, after the pope's confirmation had been received, was consecrated by the abbat of Waltham on the Sunday before the Nativity, A.D. 1263.

The first measures which he took, after his election to the abbacy, were, to recover some of the abbey estates, which had been unjustly held by Geoffrey de Childwick, their tenant and lessee. He was also engaged in resisting a claim which the Countess of Arundel, Isabella de Albini, asserted, to the right of appointing the prior of Wymondham, a cell belonging to this abbey, at every vacancy which might occur. The contest terminated in favour of the abbey, and the countess was obliged to withdraw her pretensions.^h

In the year 1279, Robert son and heir of Sir Henry Pynkeney claimed the advowson of Datchet from the

monastery, but afterwards relinquished his presumed right.ⁱ

Abbat Roger de Northone contributed considerably to increase the estates and privileges of the abbey. He obtained from King Henry III. a grant of a market and fair at Codicote; rebuilt the infirmary of the monastery, toward the expenses of which he himself contributed a hundred marks; gave many costly vests and ornaments to the church; and made some additions to the abbey library.^k Nevertheless, he was suspected of having secretly connived at the alienation of Stanmere and Horwode, both of which estates were claimed under ancient grants or leases, of which it was pretended that the abbey had broken the covenants, and that their right to them was forfeited by such violation. After ruling the monastery twenty-six years, he died of a paralytic affection on the feast of All Souls, A.D. 1290, and was buried before the great altar: the bishop of Ely performing the service at his funeral, which was attended by the prior of Waltham, and a great number of the regular and secular clergy.^l

JOHN DE BERKAMSTEDE, the next and twenty-fifth abbat of St. Alban's, was elected on the morrow of the Virgin Mary's Conception, A.D. 1290. He was the first abbat of St. Alban's who went personally to Rome for a confirmation of his election; having obtained which, he was installed upon St. Alban's day, A.D. 1291.

Edward the First, in the twenty-first year of his reign, directed the sheriff of Northumberland to order the abbat of St. Alban's to yield up to him the advowson of the priory of Tynemouth; but, upon the abbat's remonstrance, the king dropped his suit, and gave him a Charter of confirmation. The same king, also, by his Charter dated at Westminster on the 24th of January in the fourth year of his reign, granted that, since the abbey was immediately subject to the court of Rome, and exempt from all ecclesiastical and secular authority, the abbats should certify all excommunications into Chancery, which should be as effectual as the certificate of any bishop; and further granted that they should have episcopal power over all persons within their jurisdiction.^m

During the king's expedition into Scotland, the abbey of St. Alban's, according to ancient custom, appears to have maintained six men, armed and accoutred, during the king's pleasure.

Having ruled the monastery rather more than ten

^a "Contigit igitur eodem anno, ut propter quasdam hiantes rimas, de quibus timebatur, pars orientalis ecclesie beati Albani, de consilio abbatis et conventus, ut firma repararetur, in adventu Domini dissoluto tecto muri prosterneretur. Et dum lignonibus in pavimento cementariorum ministri insisterent, pertinnitum instrumentorum, et pedum strepitum perpendebant, aliquid ibi insolitum et incognitum latitare. Profundius igitur perscrutantes, invenerunt sub terra, sed non profunde, unam tumbam lapideam, satis eleganter compositam, in loco qui fuit inter altare sancti Oswini, ubi scilicet consuevit missa matutinalis celebrari, et altare sancti Ulstani; ubi quoque collocatum fuerat antiquum feretrum pictum et quaedam tumba marmorea cum columnis marmoreis. Quilocus et tumba, dicebatur vetus tumba sancti Albani. In ipso igitur mauseolo tumulabatur beatus Albanus, die qua decollatus est, ab amicis et parentibus suis et neophytis: occultè tamen et honorifice de nocte, propter metum paganorum. Ubi lux cœlestis descendit, et apparuerunt angeli descendentes et ascendentes, et canentes hunc hymnum: 'Albanus egregius martyr extat gloriosus.' In quo etiam mauseolo inventa est quaedam lamina plumbea, in qua secundum antiquorum consuetudinem, scriptus est hic titulus: 'In hoc mauseolo inventum est venerabile corpus sancti Albani protomartyris Anglorum.' Hoc evenit in octavis sancti Stephani, in præsentia domini episcopi Bangor. et domini abbatis Johannis, et domini Philippi de Cestria, principalis consilarii comitis Richardi, et quorundam nobilium de familia domini Willielmi de Valentia, fratris domini regis uterini, et totius conventus, et fidelium innumerablem, quibus solemniter hæc sunt nuntiata. Et concessit episcopus veniam quindecim dierum, omnibus ipsam inventionem præsentialiter venerantibus. Et cito post, dominus archiepiscopus Eboracensis illuc venerat causa orationis. Et sciendum est, quod cum hæc evenerunt, fluxerant anni a passionemartyris memorati, noningenti et septuaginta; id est, mille, exceptis duntaxat triginta annis." Ibid. p. 809.

^b "Eodem quoque anno, venit dominus rex ad sanctum Albanum, quinto nonas Martii, et obtulit majori altari monile nobilissimum, habens duas lingulas, et transtrum, et annulos nobiles: tam ipsi altari videlicet sancti Albani, quam sancti Amphibali, et unam cuppam argenteam deauratam, ad reponendum pulverem nuper inventum in mauseolo, de quo prædictum est: et sex pannos sericos, quorum unum assignavit ad cooperiendum dictum mauseolum, et alium ad cooperiendum tumbas Rogerii et Sigari heremitarum, et denarios ad emendandum feretrum. Et continuavit ibidem moram hebdomadam, et cum esset

cum ipso continuè in mensa, in palatio, et in thalamo, qui hæc scripsit, direxit scribentis calamus satis diligenter et amicabiliter. Et inter loquendum dum mentio fieret frequenter de comite Richardo, ejus videlicet fratre, nominavit nobiles, ad quos spectat electio, qui in præcedentibus annotantur. Nominavit insuper omnes Angliæ sanctos reges canonizatos. Et ne tantus scriba circa hoc incassum studuerit, ipsos sanctos, ac sic eorum tituli ad eorum laudem recitentur, huic paginae duximus annotandos. Albertus, Edwardus Martyr, Kenelmus, Oswaldus, Oswennus, Neithan, Wistan, Fromunde, Edwulfus, Edmundus, Edwardus. Nominavit idem quoque dominus rex, et numeravit omnes Angliæ, quarum ei occurrit memoria baronias, invenitque ducentas et quinquaginta." Ibid. p. 811.

^c "Octavo vero idus Octobris, venit domina regina, comitantibus uxore Edvardi, et multis dominabus, ad sanctum Albanum, ut vota cum gratiarum actionibus ipsi martyri grata persolveret, munus honorabili sepulchro suo oblatura. Cum enim infirmitate gravissima laboraret mensurata, ipsi martyri promiserat se illuc ituram, et munus delaturam votivum. Obtulit igitur altari unam pallam preciosam et decentem, quam vulgariter baldekinum appellamus." Ibid. p. 821.

^d Ibid. pp. 824, 825.

^e Ibid. 8. 840.

^f "Anno gratiæ 1263. Hoc anno obierunt Johannes abbas de S. Albano, et J. abbas Gloucester. Illi successit Rogerius, isto vero Reginaldus." Matt. Westm. edit. Francof. 1601, p. 382.

^g Cart. Antiq. Mus. Brit. L. F. C. vii. 6.

^h Clutterb. Hist. Hertf. vol. i. p. 24, from the Cotton MS. Claud. E. iv. foll. 157, 158.

ⁱ Ibid.

^k The Cotton manuscript Nero D. vii. fol. 19, says: "Contulit præterea ad opus conventus duo paria Decretalium, Summasque Reymundi, Gaufridi, et Bernardi, et unum librum in quo continentur Seneca et sermones sui, quos ipse fecit. Fecit et tres campanas sonorissimas, duas in honorem sancti Albani, et tertiam sancti Amphibali cum qua ad ignitegium pulsarentur." The Cotton MS. Claud. E. iv. fol. 169 b, contains a long article "De terris et possessionibus per prædictum Rogerum abbatem monasterii sancti Albani collatis et perquisitis."

^l Clutterb. ut supr. p. 25.

^m Ibid. See also MS. Cotton Claud. E. iv. fol. 174 b.

years and a half, abbat John de Berkamstede died on the 14th of the kalends of November, 1301:^a being buried before the high altar on the 19th of the same month.^b

JOHN MARYNS, who had held the office of prior fourteen years, was unanimously chosen to succeed to the abbacy, on the 2d of January, 1302. He went to Rome to procure the confirmation of his election from the pope; on his return from whence he was installed on the Sunday after the feast of St. Bartholomew in the same year.^c

King Edward the Second, having just come to the crown, demanded of abbat Maryns, beside the military aid which had been paid by his predecessor, two carts furnished with horses. The abbat pleaded his poverty: the king, however, not satisfied with this excuse, came down to the abbey; on which occasion abbat Maryns, by the mediation of Piers Gaveston, tendered to the king a hundred marks of silver, which he received under the mask of seeming friendship. Edward, however, not long after, cut down a wood belonging to the monastery at Abbats Langley, called Westwode, in order to enlarge his royal demesne at Kings Langley: upon which the abbat remonstrated; but the king drove away the abbat's servants, and kept forcible possession.^d

Having governed the monastery six years and three quarters, finding himself feeble, and that his end was near approaching, he sent for the prior and elder brethren of the monastery to his chamber, and laid before them the state of the finances of his house, showing that thirteen hundred pounds were due to divers creditors, and a thousand marks to the king for the last vacancy, and that seventeen marks only remained in the treasury, which had a short time before been sent to him by the prior of Tynemouth.^e He also directed that a silver cup and a ring should be presented to the king after his decease: exhorting them also, in the choice of a successor, to elect a person devoid of pride, and one likely to be plain and honest in his dealings.^f

He died on the 7th of the kalends of March, 1308, and was buried by Richard de Hertford, abbat of Waltham, in the choir, before the high altar; where a marble tomb was erected to him, the epitaph on which he had himself prepared.

HUGH DE EVERESDONE, so called from a place of that name in the county of Cambridge, was the next abbat. During the time of his predecessor he had held the office of cellarer of the monastery. Walsingham, in his *Continuation of the Lives of the Abbats*, in the Cotton MS. Claud. E. iv. states his expences in obtaining the papal confirmation at more than a thousand pounds, exclusive of the sums given to the pope and cardinals under the name of first fruits.^g

Mr. Clutterbuck says, "During the early part of

his government this abbat was engaged in many contentions, arising from the disobedience of the cells to his authority; and afterwards with the inhabitants of the town, who wished rather to be answerable to the king than to an inferior lord, and attempted a stratagem to absolve themselves from their allegiance to the abbat: they were under an obligation to grind their corn at the abbat's mills, which they now refused; and, in consequence of this refusal, a compulsory process was instituted against them. In the eighth year of Edward the Second, they exhibited a petition to that monarch, in which they alleged that they held their town of him in capite, and were accustomed, in the times of Edward the First and his ancestors, to give their attendance in parliament by two burgesses, whose names were enrolled in Chancery, in lieu of all services; and that, nevertheless, the sheriff of the county of Hertford, by the procurement of the abbat, had refused to summon the said burgesses; and prayed of the king a relief from these grievances. To this petition the king's council answered: 'Let the Rolls of Chancery be searched, that it may be ascertained whether the said burgesses were wont to attend parliament in the time of our ancestors or no, and let justice be done as the necessity of the case requires.' Afterwards, the king, in the eleventh year of his reign, directed a process to the abbat, commanding him to place all liberties and franchises upon the same footing as they were set forth in Domesday Book, and directed a brief to the treasurer and chamberlain of his Exchequer, requiring them to search that record, and to make report thereupon. It was apparent, from the words of that Survey, that the town of St. Alban's, from that time, formed part of the possessions of the abbey, and was held by the abbat in demesne: upon the further discussion, however, of this question, the abbat consented that the ancient bounds of the borough should be ascertained by twenty-four persons chosen for that purpose; and that all the inhabitants thereof should be burgesses, and have power to elect out of themselves two burgesses to serve in parliament, saving to the abbat all other franchises and rights appending to his church. The concession of these privileges served only to increase the insolence of the townsmen, who upon every occasion exulted with indecent joy at the victory they had obtained over this timid old abbat. The mortifying retrospect of concession, and the impoverished state of the revenues of the abbey, owing to the great expence incurred in building the lady-chapel, and the exactions of the king's favourites, Gaveston and Spencer, served to embitter his latter days; and his death, which happened in the year 1326, was as little regretted as his life had been respected."^h

The state of the treasury of the monastery, Mr.

Pro bullis duarum literarum duplicatarum j. floren. Item per manum magistri Reginaldi P. de Mar. iij. floren. Pro copia obligationis ij. flor. et iij. tur. Notar. l. floren. et pro nota viij. floren. Pro littera executor. xxxv. flor. In uno annulo per Albert. vj. flor."

^d Clutterb. ut supr. pp. 25, 26. The Cotton MS. Nero D. vii. says of abbat Maryns, "Factus vero abbas manerium de Childewyk quod abbas Rogerus conventui contulit. Sed Johannes Berkhamstede postea ab eis injuste abstulit, conventui redonavit; pitanciasque infirmorum quæ primo ad certam pecuniam taxabantur inepte, jussit sub pœna excommunicationis augeri, non habito respectu ad pecuniam, sed ad debilius appetitum. Præterea pluratenementa et terras adquisivit, et tumbam sancti Albani et feretum de loco ubi prius stetit amoveri fecit, ac tumbam marmoream quam jam cernimus fecit fabricari, expensis circa illam octies viginti marcis."

^e MS. Cotton, Claud. E. iv. fol. 189.

^f Ibid.

^g Ibid. fol. 189 b.

^h Hist. of Hertf. vol. i. pp. 26, 27.

Walsingham, in his printed History, p. 79, edit. 1574, gives the following account of King Edward the Second's visit to the monastery in 1313, during the abbacy of abbat Everesdon.

"Rex venit in vigilia palmarum ad sanctum Albanum, et obtulit beato martyri quandam crucem auream diversorum sanctorum reliquiis insertam, et lapidibus preciosis, commendans se et suos necessarios ejusdem sancti tutelæ, et precibus monachorum. Cumque suggestum fuisset ei, quod pater suus chorum sancti Albani renovasse proposuerat desiderium patris explere, gestiens contulit mox centum marcas argenti, et mœremium apud Dynesleyam querendum ad opus illud, jubens ut pecuniæ nullo modo parcerent, quin opus illud ad honorem Dei et beati Albani Anglorum prothomartyris irreprehensibiliter consummarent."

From St. Alban's the king went to Ely, where he put the dispute at

^a Cotton MS. Claud. E. iv. fol. 179 b.

^b The Cotton MS. Nero D. vii. makes but small account of this abbat. "Johannes de Berkamstede abbas vicesimus quintus. Quia nichil memorabile fecit in vita, nichil de eo ponimus in præsentī pagina. Sed tamen lectorem monemus ut convertatur ad pietatis opera, et Omnipotenti pro ejus anima preces fundat." fol. 19.

^c The Cotton MS. Claud. E. iv. fol. 180 b, has a section detailing the expences incident to this abbat's confirmation at Rome.

"De expens. et confirmatione electionis præscript. modo ibidem subscript. in curia Romana persolut.

"Domino papæ pro privata visitatione iij. m. floren. scil. m. cc. l. marc. Item pro comuni visitatione m. et viij. marc. Summa domino Papæ et Cardinalibus ij. m. ij. c. lviij. marc. Item pro respectu habendo cc. marc. Item examinadoribus, videlicet domino Albanensi unus ciphus prec. xl. floren. x. marc. Item domino J. monacho unus ciphus prec. xl. floren. x. marc. Item domino Neapoleoni unus ciphus prec. xxxij. floren. viij. marc. Item duobus cardinalibus, domino Francisco nepoti domini Papæ, unus discus prec. xlij. floren. x. marc. vj. viij. Item referandar. magistro P. de Hispania unus, prec. xlij. floren. x. marc. vj. viij. Item advocatoribus hostiar. domini Papæ xxxiiij. tur. gross. Item magistro Jacobo de Casul, xix. viij. tur. Item Albertino xxvj. vj. Item procuratoribus, scilicet magistro Cursino xij. floren. Item xx. tur. gross. Item magistro N. de Napl. xij. floren. qui fuit procurator. camerar. palefrido et aliis necessariis xl. floren. Item Albertino advocato de casul. vj. floren. Item in exenniis trium cardinalium xiiij. x. gross. tur. Item per manum Cursini circa bullas impetrandas et pro bullis scribendis prima vice lxij. tur. Magistro Blandino qui correxit literas cassatas, ij. flor. Scriptori secunda vice lx. turon. Magistro P. ut citius registrarentur iij. tur. Pro tribus literis duplicatis lxx. tur. Bullatori xij. floren. et ij. tur. Pro registro lx. tur.

Newcome says, upon abbat Everesdon's death, was such as alarmed the officers. There was a debt of 5000*l.* to sundry creditors: pensioners who had a claim of 24*l.* 18*s.*: and corrodars to the amount of fifty-four or more: beside great waste of the woods, such as had never before been seen. And yet this abbat had received, for wood sold in his time, 7605*l.*; seven hundred pounds "de auxilio ex parte conventus;" from the priors of the cells, as aid, six thousand pounds; and a hundred pounds which the king, Edward of Carnarvon, had given to the convent, he usurped to himself. He had received in talliage of the tenants of the monastery, a thousand pounds; as aid "per vicarios territorii sancti Albani," a hundred pounds; for corrodies sold in the monastery, one thousand and seventy-seven pounds; and for corrodies sold in the cells, a thousand pounds.^a

For the better maintenance of his splendour and show, he is said to have first hit on the expedient of letting long leases, and taking fines for so doing.

To Andrew de Medeste he leased the manor of Combes in Sussex for the term of his life, "pro centum libris sterlingorum præ manibus receptis."

To Simon Ekote the manor of Pynfeld for sixteen years, receiving forty pounds for the first five years.

To William Legat the manor of Waldene for the term of ten years, taking fifty pounds for the first two years.

He leased the manor of Barnet, with rents in East Barnet, and the mill of Agate, for a term of ten years, receiving beforehand fifty marks.

To John Gavelok the manor of Caldecote for five years, taking forty pounds for the whole term: "pro tota firma."

The manor of Wyncelowe, with the market, rents, and a mill, for a hundred marks annually, receiving a hundred marks down.

The manor of Richard Alexander, in Langley, for a term of nine years, taking twenty pounds in hand for the first four years.

To John de Wyndrugge a meadow in Rykmeresworthe for thirty years, receiving twenty pounds in hand for the whole term.

The manor of Sandrugge for twenty years, taking a hundred and eighty pounds as a fine for the first ten years.

The mill of Sandrugge was also leased for twenty

years, a fine of thirty pounds being paid for the first ten years.

The manor of Northawe he leased for six years, receiving sixty pounds.

For the church of Sonesclif he received forty marks for five years.

For the manor and mill of Codekote, a hundred pounds.

For the two mills at Norton, forty marks.

For the mill of Watford, twenty marks.

The amount of loss to the monastery by these payments was no less than six hundred and forty-seven pounds. He also gave away wood and timber to divers persons, to the value of nine hundred and thirty-six pounds.^b

RICHARD DE WALLINGFORD was elected abbat on the 30th of October, 1326. He derived his name from the place of his birth, Wallingford in Berkshire: being the son of a blacksmith of that town. Having lost his parents when scarcely ten years of age, the prior of Wallingford, William de Kirkeby, took compassion of his orphan situation, took him under his care, and finding him endowed with a good capacity, prepared him for the university of Oxford; where, having staid six years, he graduated in arts: after which, in the twenty-third year of his age, he became a monk at St. Alban's. But in three years time he returned again to the university, where he was appointed to lecture upon the sentences of Lombard. He afterwards, in his thirty-fifth year, again became resident at St. Alban's.^c

The forms of his election as abbat having been gone through, he set out upon his journey to receive the pope's confirmation: and found him at Avignon. His expences and donations on which expedition are stated to have been no less than 953*l.* 10*s.* 11*d.*^d The pope at first raised many obstacles to the confirmation; but finally consented to it upon the abbat guaranteeing the payment of an alleged debt from the monastery to the papal treasury of eight hundred and forty marks. Upon his return he received the temporalities of the monastery from the king, A.D. 1328.^e

From an expression in Mr. Newcome's account of this abbat, it should seem as if, after his return from Rome, a disease in one of his eyes had ended in the total privation of sight: whereas, from the words of his author, it appears that one eye only became dark.^f

rest concerning the real relics of St. Alban having been tranferred to Ely. The following are Walsingham's own words:

"In crastino diei palmarum rex iter versus insulam Eliensem arripuit, ubi solemnitate Paschalem tenuit nobiliter et festive. Quo tempore, Elienses mentientes se corpus habere sancti Albani Anglorum prothomartyris, manifestissimè confutavit coram regni nobilibus et monachis dicti loci; jam cum ad alleviandum moram suam in monasterio oculis diversa subjiceret, phanaque videre vellet ibidem, tandem incidit menti ejus, ut videret quid esset contentum in feretro quod beati Albani vocat, in ecclesia memorata. Dixitque episcopo, qui tunc aderat Eliensi: scis, inquit, quod fratres mei apud sanctum Albanum corpus ejusdem martyris putant veraciter se habere, et in hoc loco dicunt monachi se dicti sancti corpus tenere: per animam, inquit, Dei, volo videre in quo loco reliquias sancti corporis debeo potissimum venerari. Cumque præsul verba regis Priori et fratribus retulisset, illi velut exangues effecti, quid responderent, quid facerent nesciebant, ex una parte timentes amittere tantum thesaurum, si verum esset quod apud eos foret, ex altera convincti de mendacio metuentes, quia hoc prædicaverant se habere. Nesciebant enim pro tunc quid in dicto feretro continebatur. Episcopus videns suorum consternationem, animavit eos, monens ut considerent, quia non ad auferendum tantum thesaurum, sed venerandum, rex aspectum reliquiarum requisivit. Ventum est igitur in ecclesiam, et feretrum solutum et apertum est per quendam monachum, Alanum de Walsingham dictum, qui postea proficientibus meritis Prior factus est illius ecclesiæ, qui et ipse peritus erat in opere aurifabrilis, et ideo ad solvendum feretrum tunc vocatus. Rex vero, cum vidisset cunctos clavos extractos, et feretrum patefaciendum, accessit et levavit operculum manu sua. Et ecce vident locellum illum a summo usque deorsum, quodam panno villosio ita occupatum, ut nihil posset aliud continere. In superiori vero parte vestimenti, conspiciunt cruoris coagula densè respersa, ita nova, ita recentia, quasi pridie fuissent effusa. Constat hanc vestem fuisse caracallam quam sanctus Albanus in conversione acceperat sancto Amphibalo magistro suo in signum religionis, in quo idem martyr sententiam subiit capitalem. Etfas est credere quod ad honorem sancti, divino miraculo sanguis ejus sic in hac veste servatus, sicut in pulvere sui sepulchri per multa sæcula legitur conservatus. Cujus pulveris missam in qua rubebat adhuc sanguis martyris, sanctus Germanus Altissiodorensis episcopus secum abstulit, et detulit ad natale secum Altissiodoro, capellam construens in honorem martyris memorati. Rex igitur et omnes assistentes, de tanto miraculo stupefacti,

proni corruerunt in terram. Et facta est non parva hæsitatio quis accederet ad deponendum operculum et feretrum contingendum. Tandem rex ipse cæteris animosior, operculum detraxit ad locum suum, et tunc primò cognoverunt Elienses quid de sancto Albano haberent, quid non haberent, cum oculata fide cernerent in dicto feretro præter caracallam nihil omnino contineri. Rex vero hilarior effectus de rei comperita veritate, dedit illic dona varia, residuum temporis quo mansit ibidem ducens in summa lætitia, frequenter conferens de merito martyris Albani et gloria, et judicans non sine divina factum providentia ut in duobus locis tam celebribus specialis veneratio martyris haberetur. Et ait Eliensibus, gaudete de Dei munere, gaudete de tanti martyris meritis et sanctitate, quia si, prout dicitis, hic Deus per illum plura facit miracula ratione corporis illic sanctissimi quiescentis." Tho. Walsingh. Hist. Angl. edit. 1574, pp. 79, 80.

^a Newcome's Hist. of St. Alban's, p. 212, from the Cotton MS. Claud. E. iv. fol. 200.

^b MS. Claud. E. iv. ibid. The following is the account of Hugh de Eversdon given in the Cotton MS. Nero D. vii. so often quoted. "Hugo abbas vicesimus septimus dedit huic ecclesiæ integrum vestimentum de nobili panno albo decenter referto parvis rosis aureis, in quo in festis beatæ Virginis dompnus abbas posset honorifice celebrare. Et ecclesiam ex australi plaga in magna parte non sine magnis sumptibus reparavit, multas etiam possessiones ecclesiæ adquisivit, utpote Crokesle, Caldecote, et quædam alia. Optinuitque nobis a rege Edwardo Karnerivan licentiam acquirendi terras usque ad extentam centum librarum. Et dedit coquinæ conventus ten. in villa de sancto Albano quod olim fuerat Walteri Tubbe. Et ad opus infirmorum unum boscum de tribus acris juxta villam prædictam versus aquilonem sub bosco de Barnet situatum. Fecit insuper fieri celaturam pulchram cum tecto quod est super illam in loco quo modo feretrum sancti Amphibali collocatur. Et providit ecclesiæ quendam baculum pastorem pulchrum valde, in quo sculpitur nomen ejus." foll. 19 b, 20.

^c MS. Cotton. Claud. E. iv. fol. 201.

^d See the expences minutely enumerated, ibid. fol. 201 b.

^e Pat. 2 Edw. III. p. 1, m. 2.

^f The Cotton MS. Claud. E. iv. fol. 202 b, says, "Hiis ita gestis abbas secreto repatriandi petita licentia et optenta curiæ vafefecit et tandem post festum paschæ applicuit in Angliam, ac centesimo sexto die ab adventu suo ad curiam, venit manerium suum de Crokeslee, nondum aliquo de monasterio sciente de adventu suo. In quo manerio

This abbat instituted an examination into the state and condition of the revenues of the convent, and the proceedings of its officers, with the assistance of two notaries, Richard prior of Tynemouth and John de Sull-sull. The enquiries made, however, drew upon him the displeasure of the convent, and the monks conspired to rise against him, and depose him. The abbat, however, was not dismayed: but persisted in his scheme of government.^a

He also successfully defended the rights of his monastery from the encroachments of the inhabitants of the town, who not only still continued to dispute the right of the abbat to hold his courts, and to appoint civil officers, but also refused obedience to him in all spiritual matters: by his policy, however, he obtained from them a complete acknowledgment of his power, and a formal surrender of all the privileges which they had wrested from Hugh de Everesdon, with all their Charters and Records.^b

Exclusive of what related to the rights of the monastery, abbat Richard de Wallingford was by no means inattentive to the improvement of its buildings and estates. He repaired and new roofed a very large portion of the house: rebuilt several of the abbey mills: in one instance planted a croft with oaks: repaired the abbatial residence in London: and laid the first stone of a new cloister.^c He also obtained for the monastery the appropriation of the church of Appleton in Yorkshire.^d

One of the most remarkable of his donations to the monastery was an astronomical clock, which he is said to have named Albion.^e Representations of this abbat and his clock will be found among the illuminations of the Cotton manuscripts Claud. E. iv. and Nero D. vii. in both of which the leprosy with which he is said to have been afflicted in the latter part of his life is represented in his countenance.

In the sixth year of his government he grew weak and infirm, and found the necessity of proposing to the chapter of his convent the choice of a coadjutor, who was appointed in the person of Nicholas de Flamstede, the prior.

Abbat Richard de Wallingford died on the 10th of the kalends of June, 1334: and was interred on the Monday following in the presbytery, near his two immediate predecessors, by the abbat of Waltham.^f

The following inscription, still remaining round a defaced slab in the choir of St. Alban's,

"Richard gist ici Dieu de sa alme eit merci. Vous ke par ici passes Pater e Ave pur l'alme prierunt jours de pardun averunt"

is ascribed by Mr. Gough to abbat Wallingford.^g

ipsa nocte contigit ei hoc dirum preosticum futuri status sui. In ejus namque sinistro oculo quidam pruritus exarsit, et post pruritum dolor grandis quo postea per biennium languebat continue usquequo tela pessima totum oculum caligine obumbrasset."

^a See Clutterb. Hist. Hertf. vol. i. p. 27.
^b Ibid. See also Madox, Firma Burgi, ca. vii. § 16, p. 140. In the Cotton MS. Claud. E. iv. foll. 213, 213 b, will be found, 1. "Recordum sive Exemplificatio super renunciatione libertatum per villanos sancti Albani de abbate ibidem extortorum." 2. "Renunciatio et Cancellatio Cartæ libertatum per villanos de sancto Albano de Abbate ibidem fallaciter et maliciose extort. et Confractio Sigilli communis per eosdem fabricati." 6 Edw. III.

^c Cotton MS. Claud. E. iv. Concerning the cloister it is said, "Item posuit primum lapidem in fundamentum novi claustrum et operis ecclesiæ a muro capellæ abbatis versus claustrum, in quo quidem lapide nomen ejus scriptum est cum anno Christi, et sub eodem lapide conspersit fundamentum de minutis reliquiis, sanctorum et terra inventa cum corporibus sanctorum Amphibali sociorumque suorum, oracionibusque devotis." fol. 217.

^d Ibid.
^e Mr. Clutterbuck, in his Hist. of Hertfordshire, vol. i. p. 28, gives the following account of this clock from Leland's work de Scriptoribus Britannicis, in whose time it appears still to have continued to go. "Cum jam per amplas licebat fortunas, voluit illustri aliquo opere non modo ingenii, verum etiam eruditionis, ac artis excellentis, miraculum ostendere. Ergo talem horologii fabricam, magno labore, majore sumptu, arte vero maxima, compagit, qualem non habet tota Europa meâ opinionem secundum; sive quis cursum solis ac lunæ, seu fixa sidera notet, sive iterum maris incrementa ac decrementa." Richard of Wallingford also wrote a Treatise on this Clock, "Ne tam insignis machina vilesceret errore monachorum, aut incognito structuræ ordine silesceret." It does not appear, however, to have been finished in his time. Mr. Clutterbuck says it was completed in the time of abbat Thomas de la

MICHAEL DE MENTMORE, the next and twenty-ninth abbat, was elected within a few days of abbat Wallingford's death. He was named Mentmore from the place of his birth in the vale of Ailesbury.

He constructed the ceiling of the south wing of the church, which had been built anew, together with a part of the cloister; and furnished the convent with numerous books and vestments.^h

In 1341, he baptized Edmund the fifth son of King Edward the Third, who was born at Langley.ⁱ

In 1349, with no fewer than forty-seven of his monks, he fell a victim to a pestilential disorder which then raged. He himself died on Easter day that year.^k His epitaph is given, as follows, by Weever,^l but certainly with a false date.

"Hic jacet dominus Michael quondam abbas hujus monasterii bachalaureus in Theol. qui obiit pridie idus Aprilis ann. m.ccc.xlii."

Walsingham, in his Continuation of the Lives of the Abbats in the Cotton MS. Claud. E. iv. gives the following character of him. "Fuerat nempe in omni vita sua piissimus, compacientissimus, humillimus; et, ut de Moyse legitur, mansuetissimus: ita quod ante eum nunquam inter monachos repertus sit vir tantæ mansuetudinis et modestiæ, aut amator justitiæ et æquitatis. Flevisseque hactenus ejus obitum totius professionis, sed præcipue monasterii sui monachi si non Thomas ei in regimine successisset."

THOMAS DE LA MARE, the thirtieth abbat, had his election confirmed by the king on Nov. 22d, 1350.^m He was the son of Sir John de la Mare, and, both on his father's and his mother's side, was related to many great families. He was first admitted into the monastery in the time of abbat Hugh de Everesdon, who sent him to the cell of Wymondham in Norfolk, whence he afterwards was removed to the Priorate of the cell of Tynemouth.ⁿ

Upon his election as abbat of St. Alban's, he went to Rome, and received investiture from the pope.^o He was afterwards in great favour with King Edward the Third, who constituted him president of the General Chapter of Benedictines throughout England, in which capacity he made a visitation of some of the principal Houses of that order.^p

In 1350, the very year of his promotion, the king, in consideration that the abbat and convent had granted to him the advowson of Dachet, released to them by deed one pension of 5*l.* per annum, which they paid to the king's chaplains, because the king's progenitors were founders of the abbey.^q

Having ruled his monastery several years,^r abbat de la Mare conceived an intention of resigning the

Mare, by the industry of one Laurence Stokes. See Hist. of Hertf. p. 29.

^f MS. Cotton. Claud. E. iv. fol. 219.

^g Sepulchr. Mon. of G. Britain, vol. i. p. 305.

^h The Cotton MS. Nero D. vii. says, "Ecclesiam insuper multis voluminibus instauravit, circa quæ ut creditur plusquam centum libras expendit. Ad paupertatem etiam conventus habendo respectum, ordinavit ut quilibet monachus ultra cameram perciperet quadraginta denarios annuatim. Fecit quoque ad honorem ecclesiæ unum vestimentum integrum de precioso pannorubeo deserico refertum archangelis aureis opere plumario benefactis cum aurifrigiis nobilibus et preciosis, et unum pulcherrimum baculum pastorem; et contulit quoddam psalterium pulchrum visu ad opus claustralium in choro psallentium et in claustris, in cuius principiis plures ymages depinguntur ad excitandum intuentes ad devotionem. Fuitque in omni vita sua tam pius suis fratribus et mansuetus ut inter eos merito tanquam angelus haberetur." fol. 21.

ⁱ A. D. 1341. "Hoc anno quinto die Junii apud manerium regium de Langele, juxta sanctum Albanum, domina Philippa regina peperit filium, qui baptizatus est a domino Michael abbate de sancto Albano, et nominatus est Edmundus." Tho. Walsingh. Hist. Angl. edit. 1574, p. 149.

^k Cotton MS. Claud. E. iv. foll. 230 b, 231.

^l Fun. Mon. edit. 1631, p. 556. ^m Pat. 23 Edw. III. p. 3.

ⁿ The Cotton MS. Claud. E. iv. has a whole section "De gestis et tribulationibus ejus et prioratus de Tynem." fol. 232 b.

^o The bull of Pope Clement VI. for confirming his election will be found in the Appendix of Instruments, Num. XXIX.

^p Cotton MS. Claud. E. iv. fol. 237 b. "De gestis et constitutionibus memorati abbatis dum præsidens capituli provincialis extiterat editis et promulgatis."

^q Stevens, Contin. vol. i. p. 261.

^r The Cotton MS. just quoted, fol. 241, contains his Revision of the old Constitutions of the monastery, promulgated in 1351.

abbacy. He had at that time, as a prisoner in the abbey, John king of France, who had been made captive at the battle of Poitiers in 1356; and who was entertained by the abbat in a manner which denoted his humanity as well as his courtly style of living. Abbat de la Mare having made known his secret wish to his guest, the king of France applauded his resolution, and promised to write with his own hand to the pope to obtain his permission. The abbat's letter of supplication to the pope being afterwards communicated to King Edward the Third at Calais, that prince forbade any further steps to be taken, declaring that such a man as Thomas de la Mare could not be spared.

It was in this abbat's time that the insurrection which broke out in the fourth year of King Richard the Second, under Wat Tyler and Jack Straw, threatened immediate destruction to the abbey. A party of the rebels, aided and abetted by one William Gryndecobbe, who had been educated and had relations in the monastery, marched to the abbey, demanding liberty to hunt in the woods and fish in the waters belonging to the house, together with a renunciation of the rights which had been confirmed to the monastery in the time of abbat Wallingford. The inhabitants on most of the manors belonging to the abbey^a joined the rebels on this occasion. The death of Wat Tyler, however, put an end to these disturbances: and the insurrection having been quelled, the king issued a proclamation, commanding that all persons, whether bond or free, who owed any suit or service to the abbat and convent, should perform the same in the customary manner, under pain of forfeiture of all they had to lose, besides being subjected to further punishment. He also came in person to St. Alban's, with his chief justice, Sir Robert Tresilian, by whom fifteen or eighteen of the chief rioters were condemned to death.^b The king staying at this time in the abbey eight days.

Abbat de la Mare was more munificent, in the preparation of vestments, plate, and ornaments for his abbey, than any of his predecessors. He procured three mitres, which alone cost one hundred pounds.^c He rebuilt the great gate of the abbey which had been blown down by a high wind, with its chambers, prisons, and vaults, and covered it with lead: he partly, also, repaired, and partly rebuilt, the walls which surrounded the monastery.^d He gave two hundred pounds for the appropriation of the church of Appelton. He repaired and strengthened the walls of, as well as new roofed, the refectory: and built the water-gate, and the gate of the almonry, as well as the kitchen. The Cotton manuscript Nero D. vii. states his expenditure for the ornament of the church, "ad cultum Ecclesiæ," at no less than eleven hundred and sixty-seven pounds; his expenditure, "circa alia opera monasterii," at more than two thousand.

Our abbat was one of the persons who escaped the pestilence which raged in 1349. Having attained the age of eighty-one, however, his health was broken down in 1389 by the same disorder. After dragging on a miserable existence for the space of seven years, afflicted with ulcers, he gradually sunk into the grave, at the age of eighty-eight, Sept. 15th, 1396.

Weever has preserved the inscription on his tomb.

"Est Abbas Thomas tumultu præsentis reclusus
Qui vitæ tempus sanctos expendit in usus."^e

^a As at Walden, Redburne, Rikemereworth, Nortone, Northawe, Langele Abbatis, Sandrug, Hoxton, Wyncelow, Grenehourgh, Parsoca, Tydenhangre, Caysho, Caldecote, Shephale, Horwode, Shipton, Aston Abbatis, Westwik, Newenham, &c. See MS. Cotton Claud. E. iv. fol. 314.

^b The detail of the insurrection, as far as it concerned the abbey of St. Alban's, is given in an extended form in the Cotton MS. Claud. E. iv. Several of the Charters extorted on this occasion from the abbat will be found in the Append. Numm. XXXI. XXXII. XXXIII. XXXIV. XXXV. For a more general account of the insurrection the reader is referred to Walsingham's *Historia Brevis*, published under Archbishop Parker's auspices in 1574, pp. 266-275, 282, 286, 290, 293-295.

^c See the Cotton MS. Nero D. vii. fol. 21.

^d Stevens says, *Contin. vol. i. p. 261*, "In the year 1357, 31 Edw. III., the king granted leave to the abbat and convent to inclose the abbey with a stone wall, and that they should hold two Fairs in the town of Watford every year; the one to continue for three days, the other for two."

A licence for a new election was obtained from the king on Sept. 18th, and on the 9th of October following the convent proceeded to the choice of an abbat: the election falling unanimously upon

JOHN DE LA MOOTE, at that time prior of the house. This abbat was a native of Syndlosham in Berkshire, where he was born of humble parentage. His first promotion in the monastery was that of chaplain to abbat de la Mare, by whom he was afterwards made cellerar. During the time of his celleranship, he constructed many buildings for the use of the monastery, and, amongst others, a handsome chamber for the abbat, contiguous to one of the wings of the church. He also rebuilt two parts of the cloister, with the library, and the chapel of St. Nicholas, and renewed many buildings belonging to the several farms and estates of the abbey. He rebuilt from the foundations the chancels of the parish churches of Sandridge and Greenbury,^f and new-roofed that of Norton; in which works he is supposed to have expended at least 2000*l.*^g

Newcome says it is probable that abbat John de la Moote did not make the accustomed journey to Rome for confirmation, as the same is not mentioned, and as it is recorded among the beneficial acts of his predecessor that he obtained from the court of Rome, in consideration of a yearly pension, permission for the new elected to receive the benediction from the hands of any bishop in England.^h

In the third year of this abbat's rule, the body of John duke of Lancaster rested at this monastery in its way to London for interment, Henry Beaufort (the son of the deceased by Catherine Swinford), then bishop of Lincoln, being admitted, under certain restrictions, to perform the exequies in person: promising, under seal, that in consequence of his access to the monastery, he would do nothing to derogate from, or injure, its rights.ⁱ

Abbat de la Moote is stated to have expended the sum of 360*l.* 5*s.* 6*d.* in enlarging and beautifying the mansion-house of Tytenhangre, which had long been a favourite place of residence with the abbats; and which he left, at his death, but half finished. The expenditure of so large a sum on a private residence was considered by the monks not merely as unnecessary, but as a misemployment of the church revenues: in the midst of their remonstrances, however, death put an end to our abbat's career. Abbat de la Moote is stated to have died from a pleurisy, on the morrow of St. Simon and St. Jude, A. D. 1400;^k being buried, according to Weever, with the following epitaph:

"M. c. quater vint. quint. claudis heic membra Ioannis,
Qui dignis laudibus veteranis occidit annis:
Intus confratres bene rexit, post fuit abbas
Constans ut Josua, zelans legem ut Helias.
Simplicitas vitæ qua noscitur esse columbæ.
Simonis et Judæ, pie pastor, cras rapuit te.
Omnem patratum Christus purgando reatum,
Nobis sublatum te muneret his sociatum."^l

From an entry on the Patent Rolls, however, his death as abbat appears not to have been announced to the king before Nov. 14th, 1402:^m in which year, on Dec. 15th, the king's consent was given to the election of

WILLIAM HECHEWORTH, or HEYWORTH.ⁿ

Mr. Newcome and Mr. Clutterbuck, who speak of this abbat as enjoying his office from 1401 to 1421, say that "nothing is recorded of him but that he was highly

^e *Fun. Mon. p. 561.*

^f Supposed to be Grandborough.

^g Compare Clutterb. *Hist. Hertf. vol. i. p. 30.*

^h *Hist. St. Alban's, p. 278.*

Stevens says, "JOHN MOOT was the next that was preferred to the government of this church, whom King Richard favoured; for he, by his Charter dated at Westminster, February, 1397, in the twentieth year of his reign, after reciting, Whereas the abbat was immediately subject to the pope, and by the pope's bull they may elect their abbat, paying twenty marks yearly to the pope's collector in England; the king confirmed this bull, so as under the seal of the convent they certified the king of the death of every abbat, and prayed leave to choose a new one: he pardoned their offence in procuring the apostolical letters without leave, and granted the rent of twenty marks per annum to the pope." *Contin. of Monast. vol. i. p. 262.*

ⁱ Newcome, *Hist. St. Alban's*, pp. 279, 280.

^k Clutterb. *ut supr.*

^m *Pat. 3 Hen. IV. p. 1.*

^l *Fun. Mon. p. 561.*

ⁿ *Ibid.*

esteemed for his piety and good conduct." But the Cotton manuscript Nero D. vii. enumerates various services which he performed for his monastery, as well in repairs as presents. He completed the cloister which had been begun by his predecessor while prior: he also finished the mansion at Tyttenhamre; and the manuscript adds, "fecitque esse manerium tale quale infra regnum non invenitur honestius, saltem pro abbatis hospitacione." He likewise completed the mansion at Oxford in Gloucester College for the reception of scholars from the abbey; and renewed much of the buildings, both at the abbat's Inn in London, and in his Lodgings in the monastery. His donations of rich vestments, it is further added, were continued to the abbey even after his removal to the see of Litchfield.^a

On the fifth of August, 1420, 8 Hen. V. the king's licence was obtained for the election of a new abbat at St. Alban's, in consequence of abbat Hecheworth, or Heyworth's, consecration to the see of Litchfield.^b The spiritualities of the bishoprick were restored to him on Nov. 20th following. He attended the council of Basil in 1434: and died on the third of the ides of March, 1446.^c

On the promotion of Hecheworth, the election for abbat fell on

JOHN DE WHETHAMSTEDE, who received the temporalities from the king Oct. 23, 1420.^d

^a The following is the account of this abbat as given in the manuscript, fol. 25.

"Willielmus abbas monasterii hujus tricesimus secundus, vir fuit suis in temporibus tam Deo dilectus quam hominibus, propterque causas varias nomen in perpetua benedictione apud posteros suos habens. Primo videlicet, quia ex fratribus assumptus, et pro fratribus in hiis quæ sunt ad Deum constitutus multum provide politiceque se rexit, dividendo unicuique in utroque suo regimine prout illis opuserat. Secundo, quia pastor effectus, et pastoris baculum in manu sua in gregis tuicionem deferens, pastoraliter satis in pos fugaverat a caulis, ovesque quæsierat diligenter errantes ac inventas rursus reduxit in humeris suis. Tertio, quia vineam temporalis possessionis in custodiam suscipiens contra vulpes illos qui eam nitebantur demoliri per injurias, pro maceria se opposuit exclusitque illos omnes ac dictam vineam tutissime defensavit. In specie contra tenentes villæ de Barnet, qui ad instar vulpium de quibus scriptura meminit caudas habebant ligatas in invicem, ignemque litis multum grandem accenderant, ad demoliendum sive ad destruendum servilem tenuram suam insurrexit, satis sapienter ex adverso; docuitque eos, per virtutem regiæ commissionis ad audiendum et terminandum potentiam habentis, quam sit stultum et inutile contra juris titulum stimulumque justitiæ calcitrare. Quarto, quia dispensator factus bonorum ecclesiæ non minus fideliter quam prudenter ea in ipsis ornatum et reparationem variam legitur expendisse. Nam ad ornatum ecclesiæ vestimentum unum integrum cum tribus cappis de pano aureo rubeo falconibus intexto suis legitur in temporibus effecisse. Item sex cappas de panno aureo coloris viridis qui pannus apud Lombardos vocatur imperialis. Item unum pastorem baculum deauratum per totum. Et circa hæc omnia expendisse fertur centum libras et ultra. Item Claustrum per prædecessorem suum abbatem Johannem quintum tempore quo prior fuerat semivoltatum voltavit in integrum fecitque hinc inde opus esse consimile per totum. Item manerium suum de Tyttenhamre per eundem etiam prædecessorem suum in fundo et in muris solemniter inchoatum duxit finaliter ad perfectum, fecitque esse manerium tale quale infra regnum non invenitur honestius saltem pro abbatis hospitacione. Item mansum pro scholaribus apud Oxoniam per immediatum itaque suum prædecessorem inchoatum per prius usque ad perfectum perduxerat, fecitque esse mansum tale quale infra totum collegium Gloucestræ non invenitur sibi sollennius esse. Item in hospitio suo apud Londoniam parloram suam renovavit decentius satis, domumque quæ abinde tendit usque ad mansum custodis renovaverat totaliter a fundamentis. Item cameram suam inferiorem infra monasterium, vetustam prius et quasi desolatam, innovavit in variis ut puta in celatura, camino, et fenestris, fierique fecit pro ea in lecto et aliis satis decentes perornationes. Item pro garderoba duas renovari fecit pelves argenteas quæ scuta habent sancti Albani anemelatas in suis fundis. Item ciphos totidem argenteos deauratos cum cooperculis ad serviendum in mensa personis accedere cum contigerit magis honestis. Et quia tam fideliter bona ecclesiæ dispensaverat tamque prudenter in tempore tritici mensuram populo indigenti ministrabat, ideo super excelsiorem constituit eum Dominus familiaris, transtulitque eum de sede hujus cænobialis ecclesiæ usque ad cathedralem ecclesiam Lichfeldensem, ubi præsul et pastor factus et super plebem rector constitutus, sic juxta doctrinam prophetæ evellere studuit, et destruere, dissipare, et disperdere, ædificare vero et complantare quod modo cum prophetis, cum sanctisque aliis Dei cælestis meretur sortem habere et hæreditatem in perpetuas æternitates. Præsul et prælatus ideo præ cæteris magis signanter commemorandus, quia postquam recessit a primævæ sponsæ amplexibus, et nupsit alteri dignitatis excelsioris, ipsam primævam non deseruit, immo coluit amplius ardentiusque dilexit. Nam postquam ab hac recessit ecclesia nonnulla in libris, cappis, auro, et vestimentis eidem conferebat donaria, de quibus in laudem perpetuam nominis ipsius fit alibi in registro magis plana inscriptio declaratioque specialis."

^b Pat. 8 Hen. V.

This learned man, who was twice abbat of the monastery, assumed the name of Whethamstede from the village of his birth, not far from St. Alban's: but his family name was Bostock.^e He was first a monk of the priory of Tynmouth in Northumberland, which has been already mentioned as a cell of St. Alban's; then, at Gloucester;^f he afterwards was prior of Gloucester College at Oxford:^g was ordained priest at St. Paul's by Bishop Braybroke Sept. 20th, 1382;^h and was afterwards promoted to the priorate of Tynmouth, in which capacity he assisted at the election of John Moot to be abbat of St. Alban's in 1396, and again, in 1401, at the election of William Hecheworth, or Heyworth, his immediate predecessor.ⁱ

He went as proctor for the Benedictine order in England to the councils of Pavia and Sienna in 1423 and 1424; being in the latter year D.D. and rector of Cornard Parva in Suffolk.^k

In the manuscript memoir of this abbat, during his first administration, given in the Cotton MS. Nero D. vii.^l we have the following enumeration of his good deeds.

He expended more than forty pounds in the painting and decoration of the lady-chapel:^m in the construction and ornamenting of a new chapel in the church, overagainst St. Alban's shrine, more than seventy-four pounds: on a new reading-desk of wood, for the Gospel,

^e Kennett, Diptycha Eccl. Anglic. Bishop Heyworth will hereafter be noticed as a benefactor to the monastery of Burton upon Trent. Mr. Gough says, that "by his will dated July 12th, 1442, proved July 3, 1447, he directed his body to be buried either in the cathedral of Litchfield, or the monastery of St. Alban's;" but in which he was buried he could not find. Sepulchr. Mon. of Gr. Brit. vol. ii. part II. p. 146.

^d Pat. 8 Hen. V.

^e The pedigree of John Bostock, abbat of St. Alban's, is given in the Harl. MS. cxxxix. fol. 97; whence it appears that his grandfather was a Cheshire man, that his father was Hugh Bostok, or Bostock, of Wheathamsted in the county of Hertford, and his mother, Margaret, daughter of Thomas Makery, lord of Makery End in the same county.

Leland and Bishop Tanner call him Johannes *Frumentarius*. See also Bale, Cent. viii. p. 584. Pits, an. 1440, p. 630. Voss. de Historicis Lat. lib. iii. In one instance, in the Register of his abbacy in the library of the Royal Society he is called Johannes de Loco Frumenti. Once, also, in the Cotton MS. Nero D. vii. he is called Johannes *Frumentalis*.

^f This is given on the authority of Pits, but is probably a mistake for Gloucester college, or hall, at Oxford, next mentioned.

^g The foundation of Gloucester college, or hall, (now Worcester college) Oxford, in 1283, has been already noticed in vol. i. p. 533. It was originally appropriated to thirteen monks, who were chosen from the monastery of St. Peter Gloucester: but other monasteries of the Benedictines afterwards partook of the benefits of the foundation. The abbey which sent monks hither, besides St. Peter Gloucester, were St. Alban's, Glastonbury, Tavistock, Burton, Chertsey, Coventry, Evesham, Eynsham, St. Edmundsbury, Winchcombe, Abbotsbury, Michelney, Malmesbury, Rochester, Norwich, Stokes, St. Neot's, and others. The several habitations of the students were distinguished by arms and rebuses cut in stone over the respective doors, some of which are still visible on the old buildings. The completion of that for the residence of students from St. Alban's monastery has been just noticed in the account of abbat Hecheworth. The arms of St. Alban's abbey, together with those of Tavistock, Burton, and Chertsey, were placed over the outer gate: by which monasteries, in all probability, the gateway had been renewed. Compare Newcome, Hist. St. Alban's, pp. 307, 308. Chalmers, Hist. Coll. and Halls of Oxford, vol. ii. pp. 428, 429.

^h See Hearne, Otterb. and Whethamst. 8vo. Oxon. 1732. tom. i. Præf. p. lvii. On this notice of Whethamstede's ordination, Hearne remarks: "Quod ideo ut resciscas dignissimum esse censeo, quia si, juxta illorum temporum Canones, ordinibus sacerdotibus nemini licuerit initiari (hujus rei æquo animo, ut spero, mentionem ferent juvenes sacerdotes) antequam annum ætatis xxx. vel saltem xxv. attigisset, inde clarissimum erit, virum hunc admodum venerabilem annum ætatis centesimum superasse, quando A.D. m.cccc.lxiv. animam exhalavit."

ⁱ Ibid.

^k Ibid. p. lxxii. See also Gough, Sep. Mon. vol. II. P. ii. p. 202. Tann. Bibl. Brit. Hib. p. 440, Note.

^l Fol. 27-35.

^m Weever says, "Hee caused our Ladies chappell to be new trimmed, and curiously depicted, with stories out of the Sacred Word: upon the south side whereof, these verses were curiously depensed in gold.

Dulce pluit Manna partum dum protulit Anna,
Dulcius ancilla dum Christus crevit in illa.

Upon the north side these.

Flos Campi dicta tibi quæstio puella
Floris habens pictæ venerari fronde capella.

in the western part of the choir, more than forty-three pounds: in the making of four large grailes for the choir, above twenty pounds: for the writing of four antiphonars for the choir, above four pounds: upon a pair of organs for the choir, above seventeen pounds: in the cutting and construction of a north window at the west end of the church, more than twenty-seven pounds:^a in copes, chesubles, basins, a gold cup, censers, a mitre, a pastoral staff,^b and various other ornaments for the church, above six hundred and forty pounds: toward the new glazing of the church he contributed more than ten pounds: in rebuilding the sick rooms in the infirmary, and in repairing the chapel there, he expended more than five hundred and sixty-four pounds: in making the great room reaching from the same chapel to the walk leading from the abbey kitchen to the prior's chamber, and also upon that chamber, almost three hundred pounds: in the refectory and oriol, in various pieces of plate and saltsellers, a murrhine cup, and six spoons, above twenty-six pounds: in improving and furnishing the hostelry, and on coverlets for three beds there, above five marks: in various repairs of the abbat's house, more than a hundred and twenty-six pounds:^c in plate for the wardrobe, near two hundred pounds: on a new pontificale for the use of the abbat in his chapel, above seven marks: in various repairs within the

In the rooffe about the picture of the lambe,

Inter oves Aries regat ut sine cornibus agnus

Under the picture of the eagle,

Inter aves Aquila veluti sine felle columba."

Fun. Mon. p. 562.

The figures of the lamb and the eagle here mentioned were also placed by Whethamstede upon the censers, basins, and other articles of plate which he provided for the church. Ibid. p. 563. They likewise occur as ornaments at the corners of both the illuminations of his portrait in the Cotton MS. Claud. D. VII. in the initial letters of the two memoirs relating to him.

Weever having noticed various other inscriptions put up by abbat Whethamstede, says: "After this manner did he adorne, new build, and enrich both his church and abbey; and in all his new buildings or repairings hee caused the pictures of a lambe and an eagle to be thereupon drawne or depicted with these verses following; which you may reade upon the rooffe or top of the quire in the abbey church at this day.

Dic ubicunque vides sit pictus ut Agnus et Ales
Effigies operis, sexti sunt ista Johannis
Parte vel in toto juvisse, vel in faciendo
Est opus hoc unum causavit eum faciendum."

Fun. Mon. p. 565.

^a Weever says, "The north part of his church being somewhat darke, hee caused new windowes to be made, and glazed, to make it appeare more light and glorious; and in the glasse, under the images of certaine heathen philosophers, which had testified of the incarnation of Jesus Christ, these hexameters were inscribed.

Istas qui graderis hos testes si memoreris:
Credere vim poteris proles Deus est mulieris.

Under the picture of Joseph of Arimathea in another window.

Ad Britones ivi postquam Christum sepelivi,
Glasconiam veni, Britones docui, requievi.

Under the pictures of the foure Doctors of the Church.

Bina per hæc paria fidei quod gignit alumpna
Firma stat ecclesia, quadra fulcita columbia.

And that he might further illuminate his church, he caused a faire large window to be made anew in the west end of the said north aile. Upon the erection of which these rhimes were composed:

In patria boreæ quo plus durabilis in se,
Fertur petra fore factor fuit ipse fenestre,
Quæ nunc erigitur in ea quoque parte locatur;
Totius ecclesiæ quæ fertur clarior esse,
Ejus et occiduum bene ditat lumine finem."

Fun. Mon. pp. 562, 563.

^b The pastoral staff had these lines engraved upon it:

"Postquam sex annis benedixit dextra Johannis
Wethamsted, populum fecerat hunc baculum."

Ibid. p. 563.

^c "Item, in variis reparationibus ex parte abbatis factis, ut puta in emendatione cameræ inter capellam et aulam situatæ, in renovatione deambulatorii quæ ab illa camera ducit ad aulam. In elargitione

town of St. Alban's, as in the rebuilding of the stone gate opposite the great cross, in building six tenements in the Vintry, three overagainst the great gate, and three others in Fysshepoolstrete, above five hundred and sixty-five pounds: in different repairs upon the manors of the monastery, in the building of granaries, malt-houses, &c. at Wynslow, Newenham, Legatts, St. Machuts, Harpesfeld, Squillers, Tytenhangre,^d Threhowes, Rudewelle, Rykmersworth, &c. from his own purse alone, above five hundred and eighty pounds: in repairs at the abbat's inn in London, and upon a brew-house in Aldersgate-street, eighty-five pounds: in various reparations at Oxford, in the formation of a library at Gloucester college,^e the erection of a little chapel for the students of his monastery there,^f and in the inclosure of a garden, above a hundred and eighty pounds: and in reparations at the cell of Redburn, and in books and ornaments bestowed upon it, more than forty pounds.^g

Among the regulations which he made in his monastery, we find the appointment of Our Lady's mass to be performed with the organ, together with a perpetual salary to the singers. He first instituted a common chest in the monastery, endowing it well himself as a stock in cases of necessity.^h He also instituted the office of master of the works, with an endowment ade-

studii abbatis. In fortificatione garderobæ, et ampliacione curiæ interioris, una cum emendacione et innovatione cameræ cujusdam situatæ prope studium quæ camera horologii vulgariter est vocata, expendisse fertur ultra summam centum viginti sex librarum." MS. Cotton Nero D. VII. fol. 29.

^d Weever says, "He built much at his manor of Titten-Hanger not farre from hence, and in his study there inscribed these verses:

Ipse Johannis amor Whethamstede ubique proclamar,
Ejus et alter honor his lucis in ange reponor:"

and adds, "In a chappell there which he much enlarged, he caused to be painted upon the walls the similitudes of all the saints of his own Christian name of John: with his owne picture, which seemingly thus prayed,

Cum fero par nomen, par ferre precor simul omen;
Tum paribusque pari, licet impar, luce locari."

Fun. Mon. p. 565.

Tyttenhanger House, to which King Henry the Eighth and his queen removed with their retinue in 1528, during the continuance of the sweating sickness in London, was conveyed, after the dissolution of St. Alban's monastery, A. D. 1547, to Sir Thomas Pope. The windows of the chapel of this mansion were still further enriched by Sir Thomas with painted glass brought hither from the choir of St. Alban's abbey. This ancient and stately mansion, however, was entirely pulled down, and a new one erected in its place, about 1654, by Sir Henry Blount, the famous traveller. See Warton's Life of Sir Thomas Pope, edit. 1780, pp. 169, 170.

^e Weever says, that in some of the books which Whethamstede gave to this library, he wrote these verses:

"Fratribus Oxoniæ datur in munus liber iste,
Per patrem pecorum prothomartyris Angligenorum:
Quem si quis rapiat ad partem sive reponat:
Vel Judæ laqueum, vel furcas sentiat; Amen."

and in others:

"Discior ut docti fieret nova regia plebi
Culta magisque deæ datur hic liber ara Minervæ,
His qui diis dictis libant holocausta ministris.
Et cirre bibulam sitiunt præ nectare lympham,
Estque librique loci, idem dator, actor et unus."

Ibid. pp. 565, 566.

^f Weever says, in the principal window of this chapel, under the pictures of the Crucifix, the Virgin Mary, and St. John Baptist, "he caused these deprecatory rimes to be put in the glasse.

"Mors medecina necis; via vitæ; pax populatus;
Sis spes prompta precis; lex curæ, laus monachatus."

"Matris mæsticia; mors prolis; vulnera quina,
Sint mea letitia, fati pulsante ruina."

"Virginis imbutor, fidei fortissimæ tutor,
Nominis ut reputor, feror omnis oro secutor."

^g A more particular account of some of these expenses, transcribed from abbat Whethamstede's Register, now preserved in the library of the Royal Society, will be found in the Appendix of Instruments, Num. XXXVIII. Of the Register itself, which also extends to abbat Ramryge's time, an account will be given presently.

^h To this chest, immediately before his resignation in 1449, he gave up a jewel, which had been pledged to him and others for four hundred pounds. MS. Cotton. Nero D. VII. fol. 34 b.

quate to the construction of new buildings as well as repairs.^a He augmented the pay of the several priests in the society to 6s. 8d. in three portions.

In different suits for the rights of his abbey, enumerated in the manuscript, he expended above two hundred and forty pounds.

In several treaties for the defence or enlargement of the privileges of the monastery he expended more than forty-six pounds.^b

In purchases of different kinds he expended above fifteen hundred pounds: among these, beside seven manors, and numerous parcels of land, tenements, and messuages, were two quarries at Totenho in Bedfordshire, one of which cost twelve, the other eight pounds. These quarries abbat Whethamstede assigned exclusively for the buildings of the abbey.^c

On the advowson of Beaulieu Priory, and changing the vicarage there into a rectory, and in augmenting the pensions of the scholars studying at Oxford by 13s. 4d. each, he expended above seventy-nine pounds.

He advanced the yearly value of the several manors and parks belonging to the monastery, and increased the rents both in the town of St. Alban's and in London.^d

Finally, by his interest with Humphrey duke of Gloucester, although it cost him above eighty-two pounds, he got the Charter of the abbey renewed, and so enlarged, that no monastery in the kingdom had the like, nor any church such a franchise.^e

Many donations of lands, Mr. Clutterbuck observes, had of late years been made to this monastery, but were rendered null and void by the statute of Mortmain. Whethamstede, whose mind was always intent upon augmenting the revenues of his monastery, found means by a subtle contrivance to possess himself of these bequests, first suffering them to be seized by the king's escheator, and afterwards begging them as a donation from the crown, through the interest of his friend and patron the duke of Gloucester.^f In this manner, in the eighteenth year of his government, he procured royal grants of several manors, the expences of which will be found detailed in the Appendix:^g and in order to secure himself from the charge of irregularity in these

proceedings, procured a pardon to be granted to him, in general terms, by the parliament then sitting.

The Harleian manuscript num. 3775 contains a Latin detail, probably drawn up by abbat Whethamstede himself, respecting the successful effort of the abbat of Westminster to establish his precedence over the abbat of St. Alban's in parliament.

Abbat Whethamstede, it appears, being summoned to parliament, found himself much mortified and degraded, as he thought, in seeing the abbat of Westminster take a seat above him; but learning that Westminster had long usage to plead, he forebore to make any claim, but ordered it to be registered, how and in what manner the abbat of St. Alban, who had been dignified with precedence, and styled the first abbat in place and honour, had lost this preeminence. And it was after this manner: in the reign of Richard II., who was a great fosterer and promoter of the abbey of Westminster, the parliament then sitting, John Moot, at that time abbat of St. Alban, took his proper seat, that is the first and uppermost. The abbat of Westminster coming in late, made an attempt to sit in that place, but was hindered by Moot: and this attempt was repeated many times after, and as often repulsed by Moot: and the abbat of Westminster took another seat. But, one day, Moot being absent, and his place supplied by his Prior, the abbat of Westminster came, and a great dispute arose; the abbat claiming, and the prior defending. Henry earl of Northumberland, to whom the dispute was referred, said that abbat Thomas de la Mare (who died in 1396), having been absent for ten years by reason of infirmity, had lost all right, and that others had sate above him 'ad libitum.' The prior appealed to the lords who had seen these things ten years before; and these were the Duke of Buckingham, the Lord Scroope, and William of Wykeham. These lords, unwilling to offend the king by determining against the abbat of Westminster, referred it to his majesty, with a request that he would save harmless all the rights, privileges, and immunities of his ancient and royal monastery of St. Alban. The king decreed that the two abbats should take the uppermost seat alternately, day by day. But the abbat of St. Alban being often absent

* "Item, idem abbas instituit primitus Officium Magistri Operum, ipsumque officium tam habundanter prædotasse legitur quod ad omnia honesta infra monasterium reparanda sive de novo fienda satis sibi sufficere videatur." Ibid. fol. 30.

^b In this part of the manuscript we have the following notices of his care in supplying his abbey with literature. "Item, idem abbas suis in temporibus traducisive transferri fecit in vulgare nostrum Vitam sancti Albani martyris in modo quæ transferendi posuit hujusmodi ordinem, quod pronunc nullicubi infra regnum sit vita ea acceptior ad legendum. Et circa hanc translationem, scripturam libri, et apparatus, expendisse fertur ultra summam centum solidorum. Item, idem abbas suis in temporibus scripsit scribique fecit, tam pro fratribus in claustris quam pro scolariis, etiam in studio, libros plures quam fecit aliquis abbas unus a prima fundatione usque in præsens. Nam volenti ad registrum habere recursum, patebit expresse ibidem numerum illarum excedere numerum octuaginta septem. Item, idem abbas suis in temporibus fecit inchoari de manu satis sollempni Postillam Nicholai de Lira super totam Bibliam. Det Deus ut in nostris felicem habere valeat consummationem."

^c The items of expence attending the different purchases will be found in the Append. Num. XXXVIII.

^d "Item idem abbas suis in temporibus melioravit manerium de Tytenhangre usque ad summam decem librarum per annum. Item, melioravit manerium de Wynslowe usque ad summam decem marcarum per annum. Item, manerium de Rikmersworthe usque ad summam quadraginta sex solidorum et octo denariorum per annum. Item, manerium de Dolow usque ad summam duarum marcarum per annum. Item, manerium de Codycote usque ad summam trium librarum et decem solidorum per annum. Item, manerium sive dominium de Barnet usque ad summam quadraginta solidorum et sex denariorum per annum. Item, manerium de Sandrugge usque ad summam quadraginta solidorum per annum. Item, mesuagium de Hylles infra idem dominium usque ad summam quinque marcarum per annum. Item, manerium de Parkesbury usque ad summam quinque librarum per annum. Item, mesuagium de Threhowses infra idem dominium usque ad summam octo marcarum per annum. Item, manerium de Pynsefeld usque ad summam duarum marcarum per annum. Item, manerium ad Cuffeley quod pertinet ad officium elemosynarii usque ad summam viginti solidorum per annum. Item, idem abbas suis in temporibus melioravit graminationem sive herbagiationem in parco de Eywode usque ad summam octo marcarum per annum. Item, in Parco et Borham usque ad summam centum solidorum per annum. Item, in parco

de Tytenhangre usque ad summam viginti solidorum per annum. Item, idem abbas suis in temporibus melioravit, ratione reparationis de qua fit mentio in præmissis, redditum tenementorum infra villam sancti Albani usque ad summam decem et septem librarum per annum. Item melioravit redditum tenementorum infra civitatem Londoniarum usque ad summam triginta solidorum per annum. Item recuperavit quietum redditum retractum per tempus non modicum ibidem, usque ad summam viginti septem solidorum per annum." MS. Cotton. Nero D. vii. fol. 33 b.

^e The bill of expences for procuring this Charter will be considered a curiosity. It has been transcribed from the manuscript Register preserved in the library of the Royal Society. MS. Soc. Reg. ex dono Henr. Howard Norfolciensis, num. 34, fol. 65 b.

Expensæ factæ circa perquisitionem libertatis noviter declaratæ.

In primis clerico de cancellaria pro prima scriptura billæ vj^s. viij^d.
Item pro copia cartæ archiepiscopi v^s.
Item uni magistro cancellariæ pro prima conceptione billæ xx^s.
Item Willielmo Paston justiciario pro emendatione et correctione billæ xx^s.
Item clerico senescalli pro secunda scriptura ejusdem xx^d.
Item Edwardo Hall armigero domini regis pro suis laboribus circa expeditionem billæ ipsius licet innanum xl^s.
Item domino Thomæ Northon capellano domini ducis Glowcestriæ pro sua effectuali promotione penes dictum dominum ducem expedientem dictam billam xl^s.
Item pro fine facta in cancellaria et pro irrotulatione ejusdem, ac feodis diversis ibidem dat. lⁱⁱ. ix^s.
Item Johanni Wellis equitanti Londoniis sæpius cum expeditione dictæ libertatis pro suis expensis xl^s.
Item in uno libro dato duci Glowcestriæ in suo adventu ad monasterium post supradictam expeditionem vjⁱⁱ. xij^s. iij^d.
Item in uno palefrido eidem duci eciam eodem tempore dato iijⁱⁱ. vj^s. viij^d.
Item in pecuniis datis diversis suis familiaribus xjⁱⁱ. vj^s. viij^d.
Item in duabus togis datis duobus suis capellanis.
Item in duabus aliis togis datis duobus suis armigeris.
Summa totalis iijj^{xx}. ijⁱⁱ. ix^s.

^f Clutterb. Hist. Hertf. vol. i. p. 31.

^g See Num. XXXVIII.

by reason of distance, and the abbat of Westminster being near at hand, he took the advantage, and seated himself at pleasure; and William Hecheworth, or Hayworth, who succeeded Moot, contenting himself with a consciousness of having most learning, never asserted his ancient right, nor moved the question further.^a

After Whethamstede had ruled over the abbey about twenty years, he began to think of resigning his office upon the pretext of ill health: he was sensible that he was the object of envy, and foresaw that his great friend at court, the protector, Humphrey duke of Gloucester, was declining in popularity, and would probably lose much of his present power. Having signified his intention, he was entreated by his brethren to recall it; but, continuing inflexible in this resolution, he executed a deed to that effect on the 26th of November, 1440.^b Two days after, on Nov. 28th, the king's licence was obtained for a new election:^c when

JOHN STOKES, then prior of Wallingford, was chosen to succeed him; being the thirty-fourth abbat.

Of the history of this abbat we know but little. He is said to have suffered the possessions of the abbey to be wasted by inferior inmates. Still, however, he is stated in the Cotton MS. Nero D. vii. to have used some exertions, although they afterwards proved fruitless, in defence of the abbey rights.^d The principal event of his time was the death, and interment in the abbey, of Humphrey duke of Gloucester, who has been already mentioned as the friend and patron of the monastery in the time of abbat Whethamstede. Mr. Gough, in his work on 'Sepulchral Monuments in Great Britain,'^e considers the duke's tomb, still remaining at St. Alban's, to have been erected by abbat Whethamstede: but the following passage in the Cotton manuscript just quoted in the account of abbat Stoke must be allowed to transfer the credit of erecting it to him. "Et quemadmodum pro jure et libertate suæ ecclesiæ viriliter sæpius se opposuit: sic etiam Dei ad honorem et decorem ipsius vicibus variis quamplura fabricari fecit. Nam dum sospes superstesque fuerat illud lapideum tabernaculum quod pronunc erigitur super domini ducis Gloucestricæ sarcophagum fabricari faciebat."^f

Abbat Stoke died in 1451. The remains of the brass figure which formerly adorned his tomb is engraved by Mr. Gough.^g Round the ledge of the stone containing it, on the north side of the presbytery, are the following lines:

"Vir crucis et Christi tumulo jacet insitus isti
Carcere de tristi salvetur sanguine Christi.

^a Compare Newcome, Hist. St. Alban's, pp. 311, 312.

^b Clutterb. ut supr.

^c Pat. 19 Hen. VI. p. 1.

^d "Satis etiam viriliter opposuit se pro jure suæ domus et ecclesiæ libertate. Nam conanti cupientique comite Oxoniæ, vi et vigore ejusdam talliæ, perquirere sibi manerium de Gorham, ipsumque ad dominium a quo exierat iterum revocare, adeo viriliter se opposuit, adeoque prudenter pro saluacione ipsius laboravit, ut tandem per tractatus medium, et per tricentiarum marcarum pretium relaxationem sufficientem obtinuit; sicque ipsum manerium monasterio pro perpetuo securavit. Cuidam etiam juveni prætendenti se hæredem esse terrarum de Harpissfeld, et placitum suscitanti tam potenter restitit ut suum dimitteret placitum nec ulterius morte præventus jus aut clameum in ipsis vendicaret. Cum Thoma insuper Charleton milite pro manerio de Burston grandem habuit conflictum et sumptuosum, attamen quia miles fuerat multum litigiosus, multaque dominatione suffultus, nequaquam eum plene potuit pacificare in temporibus suis. Præterea apud dominum regem pro retencione quorundam jocalium et ornamentorum quæ dominus dux Gloucestricæ temporibus sui prædecessoris ecclesiæ donaverat et sub scripto sigillato confirmarat, tam oportunas ac etiam importunas egit instancias ut tandem rex per viam recompensationis ampliaret libertatem ecclesiæ, concederetque inter cætera quod nec senescallus marchesiæ, nec clericus mercati haberet imposterum dictam ingredi libertatem, aut infra illam aliquam potestatem exercere." MS. Cott. Nero D. vii. fol. 35 b, 36.

^e Vol. ii. Pt. II. p. 142. See also Gough's edit. of Camd. 1789, vol. i. p. 348.

^f MS. Cott. Nero D. vii. fol. 36. The following schedule, respecting the tomb and the anniversary of Duke Humphrey, is preserved in the Cotton MS. Claud. A. viii. fol. 195.

"In this Cedula be conteyned the Charges and Observaunces appointed by the noble Prince Humfrey duke of Gloucestr' to be perpetually boren by th' Abbot and Convent of the Monasterie of Seint Alban.

First the abbot and conuent of the seid monasterie haue payd for makyng of the tombe and

Arma crucis sumpsit intrando religionem.
Mundum contempsit propter cœli regionem.
Hic studuit claustris pondus sufferre laboris,
In studii stadio Bravium percepit honoris.
(Flatus) fortunæ grandes^h paciens tolerabat,
Gaudia tristitias æquali lance librabat.
Nil adversa timens nec multum prospera curans,
Se medio tenuit per ferrea tempora durans.
Omni gestura constans nil triste timebat
Omni pressura laudes Christo referebat
Armis justitiæ cinctus, dictatus amore,
Hostibus ecclesiæ restitit in facie.
Ad tumulum proceres mors impia (transferet) omnes.
Ut puerilis amor defuit omnis honor."

On three labels issuing from the abbat's mouth are the following lines:

"Celica regna bone mⁱ dentur quaeso patrone.
Penas compesce, requiem da, virgula Jesse.
Me precor, Amphibale, salvens ad sidera sume."

At the feet of the abbat were the following lines, now preserved only in Weever:

"Hic iacet oblitus Stoke stans velut ardua quercus
Semper in adversis perstitit intrepidus.
Wallingford prior hic gregis hujus pastor et abbas,
Donet ei requiem celsa Dei pietas."ⁱ

Upon the death of abbat Stoke, several persons were proposed to succeed him: among whom were William Albon the prior, and William Wallingford, who had served the offices of bursar, cellarer, and forester, and was then archdeacon. The king's licence to elect a new abbat was obtained on Dec. 23, 1451,^k when the 17th of January following was fixed upon for the election. Newcome has given the list of persons who were then present in the chapter, at which William Albon, the prior, proposed, and the convent unanimously agreed in, the re-election of

JOHN DE WHETHAMSTEDE. The new abbat, it appears, went to London, to be presented to the king, and to swear fealty: but a question arose, in the king's presence, whether the taking of this oath was necessary. Those in the negative opinion said, that the second nuptial bed was not blessed as the first: those in the affirmative said, that the benediction of the abbat, which always followed the oath, could not be given without the oath. On this the elect referred the question to the doctors of the Court of Arches: when their books determined that the benediction needed not to be repeated. Upon this Whethamstede retired to his country-house, where the abbats used to live in the time of the vacation; and, when the day of his installation

place of sepulture of the seid duke within the
seid monasterie aboue the summe of cccc. xxxiiij^{li}. vj^s. viij^d.

Item to ij. monks, prests, dayly seiying messe
at the auter of sepultur of the seid prince, euerich
of them takyng by j. day vj^d. Summa thereof by
i. hole yere is xviiij^{li} v^s.

Item to th' abbot ther yerly, the day of anni-
u'sary of the seid prince, attendyng his exequys
ther xl^s.

Item to the priour ther yerly, the same day,
in like wyse attendyng xx^s.

Item to xl. monks, prests, yearly, to eu'y ch
of them the same day vj^s. viij^d. Summa thereof, xiiij^{li}. vj^s. viij^d.

Item to viij. monks ther, prests, yerly, the
seid day, to euerych of them iij^s. iij^d. Summa
thereof xxvj^s. viij^d.

Item to a ankres at Sent Petur church, a no-
ther at Sent Mich. the seid day, yerly, to euerych
xx^d. Summa iij^s. iij^d.

Item in money to be distribut to pore peple
ther the seid day yerly xl^s.

Item to xiiij. pore men beryng torches, the
seid day, about the seid sepultur ij^s. ij^d.

Item for wex brennyng dayly at his messes
and his seyde anniversary, and of torches, yerly xij^{li}. xiiij^s. iij^d.

Item to the kechen of the conuent ther, yerly,
in relief of the gret decay of the liuelode of the seid
monasterie in the marches of Scotlond, which be-
for tyme hath be appointed to the seid kechyn lx^{li}."

For the support of his anniversary the duke obtained for, and
transferred to the abbey, the alien priory of Pembroke in South Wales.
See Numm. XL. XLI.

The body of the duke was laid in a vault beneath the monument,
where it was accidentally discovered A.D. 1703.

^g Sepulchr. Mon. vol. ii. pl. lxi. ^h Mr. Gough reads 'gradus.'

ⁱ Fun. Mon. p. 555. ^k Pat. 30 Hen. VI. p. 1.

came, he rode on horseback, and came to the west door of the church, where he was received with procession, and led to the choir: and there he returned thanks.^a

Upon inquiring into the state of the finances of the abbey, he found that many valuable presents which had been bestowed upon the monastery by the duke of Gloucester had never been received: and he experienced the further mortification of seeing them irrecoverably pass away to the king's new foundations at Eton and Cambridge. As a compensation, however, for the loss of these valuables, the reigning monarch, King Henry the Sixth, had ordered a Charter of Privileges to be prepared for his signature. The execution of this deed having been delayed for a considerable time, Whethamstede, upon one of the king's progresses to the abbey, took occasion to urge the completion of his intention, in which he succeeded; and obtained for his convent the confirmation and ratification of two Charters which had been before granted by this prince; the one to Whethamstede, dated from his mansion at Kenyngton, in the 18th, the other to John Stoke, the thirty-fourth abbat, at Westminster, in the 26th year of his reign. He had also expected to find that, under the rule of his predecessor, who had lived during a time of fertility, the revenues of the abbey would have been augmented; but, to his great surprize, he found that there was no money in the treasury, and little corn in the granary, for the support of the convent the ensuing year: upon careful examination, however, of the accompts, it appeared that the rents had been regularly paid, and either must have been purloined, or the disbursements must have greatly exceeded the receipts: and though he did not succeed in recovering the whole amount of the sums which had been converted to improper uses, he gained sufficient to rescue the convent from the danger of immediate want.^b

The internal derangement of the affairs of the mo-

nastery, Mr. Clutterbuck observes, combined with the civil commotions of the state, which now began to be divided by the contentions of the houses of York and Lancaster, conspired to render the second period of this abbat's government both difficult and dangerous. In this fatal quarrel, the first blow was struck at St. Alban's in the year 1455, in the battle between Richard duke of York and King Henry the Sixth.^c The particulars of this battle need hardly to be repeated here: it was carried on in the streets of St. Alban's, and ended in the discomfiture of the royal army. King Henry himself, wounded in the neck by an arrow, and deserted by his friends, sought shelter in a cottage, where he was found by the Duke of York, and conducted to the abbey.

At the intercession of Whethamstede, the bodies of the Duke of Somerset, the Earl of Northumberland, and the Lord Clifford, who had fallen in this battle on the king's side, were interred in the chapel of the Virgin Mary within the abbey. The abbat's own account of this interment, with his address upon the occasion to the Duke of York, will be found in the Note,^d as printed by Hearne in what is called Whethamstede's Chronicle.

Upon this occasion the monastery escaped without injury; which is supposed to have been owing to the king's not having taken up his abode there the night before the battle; which he probably would have done, had not the exigency of the occasion required his immediate presence at the place where his standard was pitched.^e

About this time, Mr. Clutterbuck adds, Whethamstede is reported to have treated with William Halle of Shitlington in the county of Bedford, gent. for the manor of Garston in Watford, and to have purchased the manor of Aygnell in the parish of Redburn.^f

In 1459, King Henry the Sixth passed his Easter at the abbey: ordering his best robe to be delivered to the prior at his departure.^g

miser cordia, dampnabilisque magis quam laudabilis ille triumphus, quum in prosperis perstet terminis, nescit posterius gladium convertere in vaginam, compescereque spiritum ultionis. Igitur, ut pia dicatur vestra victoria, laudabilis vero triumphus, in opus bonitatis, benignitatis, et clementiæ, in opus caritatis, pietatis, et misericordiæ, in opus utique, quod sit placitum angelis, gratum hominibus, sicque carum Deo et acceptum, quod sit dignum præmio perpetuo remunerationis, inclinet animum principis illa sincera pietas, quæ elevat principem supra hominem, ipsumque cum diis magnis, juxta illud metrici,

Æquat inæquales nos diis clementia magnis,

vult habere æqualitatem inque horum sepulturam corporum ex pietate modo dicta clementius assentiatis.' Dux, hiis Abbatis sermonibus ad pietatem inclinatus, mox omnem felleæ dispositionis rancorem in ea parte seposuit, consensitque multum benigne in horum nedum sepulturam corporum, imo ulterius, ut circa ipsam abbas suam impenderet diligentiam, instantius exoravit. Abbas, licentia habita, mox fratribus emissis et familiaribus, adduci fecit corpora dicta ad ecclesiam, ibique recipi cum honore, ac posterius peractis obsequiis funeralibus, in capella beatæ Virginis suæ suscipere loca tumulationis. Tumulati sunt igitur illi tres domini jam dicti, positique in lineali ordine, juxta statum, gradum, et honorem dignitatis suæ: gaudentibus illis omnibus et congaudentibus, qui plaudere et laudes canere in operibus solent misericordiæ, clementiæ, et pietatis, tristantibus vero ipsis solummodo, qui iniqui sunt et impii, magisque post fata ulcisci cupiunt quam misereri. Unde de hiis dominis, de eorumque inibi sepultura, scribitur ulterius metro compendioso sub ista forma:

*Quos Mars, quos Martis sors sæva, suæque sororis,
Bello prostrarunt, villæ medioque necarunt,
Mors sic occisos tumulaverat hic simul ipsos,
Postque necem requiem causavit habere perhennem:
Est medium, sine quo vult sic requiescere nemo.
Hic lis, hic pugna, mors est quæ terminat arma.
Mors, sors et Mavors, qui straverunt dominos hos."
Joh. de Whethamst. Chron. ed. Hearne, p. 363-365.*

^a Newc. Hist. St. Albans, p. 347.

^b Clutterb. Hist. Hertf. vol. i. p. 32.

^c Ibid.

^d "Tumulatio trium illustrium dominorum infra capellam beatæ Virginis post finem belli illius sive conflictus de quo fit mentio in præmissis.

^e "Finito prælio dicto, et triumpho pro parte ducis Eboraci Martis favoribus reportato, quod oculis intuentium lacrimabile fuit et dolorumsum, jacuerunt spersa permulta in capite omnium platearum occisorum cadavera, nec voluit aliquis, ne incideret in indignationem dicti ducis, præparare fossas et sepelire ea. Inter quæ jacuerunt corpora trium dominorum illustrium, corpus videlicet domini Edmundi Beuford ducis de Somersete, corpus domini Henrici Percy comitis de Northumberland, et corpus domini Thomæ Clifford domini de Clifford. Quæ corpora, quia dicti domini fuerunt præfato duci de Eboraco plurimum odiosi, nullus timore ipsius ausus erat aut ea tangere, aut circa ea pietatis obsequia exercere. Quod abbas audiens, et Tobia moris melius rememorans, audacter personam ducis adiit, intrepideque taliter allocutus fuit. 'Pie Princeps et illustris. Multa quamvis et permulta sint laudabilia in Principe, nihil tamen creditur esse laudabilius, quam post victoriam parcere victis, nec ulterius in eos ultionis gladium exercere. Laudatur utique pro hac conditione Aneas Troius, laudatur Achilles gravis, laudatur et dux Romanus Julius, qui viso capite Pompei sui adversarii, compassionem habuisse legitur usque ad lacrimationes. Compaciamini igitur, pie Princeps, nedum debellatis et victis, immo etiam prostratis et interfectis, vestris non dico hostibus aut adversariis, immo verius cognatis, compatriotis, et consanguineis, jubeatisque eorum corpora id suscipere, quod non solet pietas alicui Christiano vel infimo denegare. Desævire in eos ulterius post eorum decesus non est moris, modi, aut mentis generosæ, immo magis bestialis, bellualis, vel lupinæ. Scriptum legimus,

*Ut lupus et turpes instant morientibus ursi,
Et quæcunque minor nobilitate fera est:*

'Sic,

*Quo quisque est major magis est placabilis ira,
Nec rabidos motus mens generosa capit.
Nam nichil ingenuus nisi palman quærit in armis,
Quicquid et optavit cum jacet hostis habet.*

'Habetis Princeps pronunc palman, habetis victoriam, habetis totum id, quod anima vestra desideravit super personas eorum. Quiescat igitur pronunc vestra ira, nec ulterius desæviate in eorum corpora, cum compassionantur plurimum omnes pertranseuntes, etsicuti modo jacent contemplantes ea. Jacent enim pronunc modo despectissimo, despoliata armis, denudata vestibus, absque omnique penitus operimento, causareque eos sic jacere ulterius non est opus pii principis, immo verius alterius tyranni Creontis, qui propter factum simile cogebatur per ducem Theseum congrua inortis supplicia sustinere. Impia, Princeps, est potius sævitia, quam pia victoria, quam nulla consequitur,

^f Clutterb. Hist. Hertf. vol. i. p. 33.

^g Ibid. See also MS. Cotton. Nero D. vii. fol. 39. In Hearne's edition of Whethamstede's Chronicle, p. 372, we have "Perdonatio generalis virtute cujus perquisitiones nostræ maneriorum de Garston infra parochiam de Watford in comitatu Hertfordiæ, et ac Aygnellis infra parochiam de Redburn in eodem comitatu, anno 32 Hen. VI^{ti}. factæ salvantur a lupinis morsibus et a deprædatione."

* The following is the interesting account of this visit given in Whethamstede's Chronicle:

"Finito plenius anno septimo, elapsoque pene anni sequentis termino primo, prope illud tempus, quo in asino veniebat dominus Jhesus Jerusalem, ad celebrandum ibidem Pascha cum discipulis suis, venit etiam dominus noster rex ad monasterium, ad manducandum ibidem agnellam paschalem cum ducibus et comitibus, cum baronibus et mi-

The next year was rendered still more memorable by the second battle of St. Alban's, which was fought on Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 17th, 1460-1, between Margaret of Anjou, and the Yorkists under the command of the earl of Warwick.^a The queen was victorious, and, with the king and Prince Edward, retired at first to the abbey.^b

In 1461, immediately after the accession of Edward the Fourth to the throne, abbat Whethamstede procured a confirmation to the abbey of the priory of Pembroke and its dependencies, originally given to the monastery, as has been already mentioned, by the duke of Gloucester:^c and, in the ensuing year, he presented a petition to the king upon the impoverished state of the abbey, which he represented as having decreased in power and dignity through the distractions of the times; in consideration of which the king granted a new Charter of Privileges,

litibus, cum aliisque variis nobilibus ac familiaribus suis. Quo manducato, et Paschali tempore pene peracto, proposuit iter arripere versus Londonias, ad communicandum ibidem cum regni prælatis et proceribus, super ambassata mittenda in Ytaliā, ad quoddam grande Concilium, ibidem in urbe Mantuæ per dominum apostolicum in proximo celebrandum. Priusquam tamen à monasterio recederet, jussit custodi suarum robarum, ut togam suam optimam, qua tantummodo die unico tempore Paschali usus fuerat, traderet priori protunc præsentem, ac etiam liberaret. De qua jussione thesaurarius regni audiens, et ipsam solam dominum Regem statui suo competentem habere intelligens, convenit protinus cum priore, redemptionemque faciens pro quinquaginta marcis, retinuit, vix rege consentiente, ipsam in pace in usum illius. Adveniente utique die sui recessus, instantique hora, qua in proximo equum erat ascensurus, accessit ad suam præsentiam prior monasterii dictus, quia protunc abbas, propter languorem et senium, fuerat absens, genuflectensque in terram, eas, quas scivit aut valuit, egit sibi gratias, pro universis et singulis beneficiis, per ipsum monasterio impensis, et rogavit humiliter, de gratiosa benevolentia continuationis. Ad hæc rex. 'Prior, pauca hucusque egimus. Attamen, si, per gratiam Dei misericordis, continget nos dies habere paulisper longiores, addemus et superaddemus, talemque benevolentiam ostendemus vobis, quod tam causam habebitis, quam etiam materiam ad orandum specialiter magis pro nobis.' Et hiis dictis, recessit de camera ad Feretrum, de feretro vero ad ostium ecclesiæ quod respicit occidentem, ibique equum ascendens, et priorem se sequentem respiciens, jussit, ut, quam cito commode poterat, ad civitatem Londoniarum iter suum dirigeret, recepturus ibidem illam pecuniæ summam, quæ pro toga redempta debita ecclesiæ suæ erat. Pergente igitur priore, opportunitate capta, ad civitatem, et perveniente ad regis præsentiam, mox, eo viso, jussit rex summam dictam afferri in medium, ut videret, ne fraus feret, aut dolus in solutione ejusdem. Qua in medium allata, et per ipsum dominum regem narrative numerata, mox princeps gratiosus ipsam priori tradidit, jussitque ut in usum exponeret ecclesiæ, ac de ornatu cultiori provideret. Jussit etiam, ut, de avisamento sani sapidi que concilli, varentum conciperet sufficiens, directum suo wardrobeario ad providendum de panno aureo magis pretioso, vocato vulgariter *crimesyne thisswe*, ad faciendum inde cappam, casulam, et duas tuniculas, una cum apparatu sufficienti, tam desubtus quam etiam supra, pro majori prothomartiris altari, et ut conceptum celeriori modo, quo sciverat, ad suam regiam præsentiam apportaret. Quo concepto ac etiam apportato, mox calamo sive penna sumpta, ipsum protinus consignavit, statimque post consignmentem tradi garderobario suo jussit. Et hoc facto, vocavit ad se Priorem, et dixit: 'Prior, quanquam hæc pauca fuerint et paucissima, nullaque retributione spirituali multum digna, attamen, quia intendimus posterius ad hæc alia adicere ulterius, desideramus, ut velit abbas vester et conventus concedere nobis rem unam, ad observandum videlicet, post nostrum decessum, diem annalem obitarium nostrum, et nobis de et super illorum concessione certiorare per scripturam.' Rediens prior ad monasterium, et aperiens suo patri regium in ista parte desiderium, mox ipse, de unanimi assensu, consensu, et voluntate totius conventus, certioravit suum sanctum desiderium, una cum aliquali uberiori adjectione, cum summa promptitudine complacendi fuisse concessum, ac ulterius pro majori robore concessionis et observationis, redactum fuisse in scriptis, per hunc, qui hic subsequitur modum.

'Christianissimo, illustrissimoque principi, domino Henrico sexto, Dei gratia, regi Angliæ et Franciæ, ac domino Hiberniæ, sui Capellani infimi, humillimique oratores ac assidui, Johannes abbas et conventus monasterii sancti Albani, ea suffragiorum obsequia, quæ per temporalia sic conducunt, quod demum perducant ad æterna. Princeps illustris et insignis, sancta quamvis fuerit cogitatio et salutaris, pro hiis omnibus exorare in genere, qui cum pietate dormitionem acceperant, et inter vocatos multos in numero electorum supponuntur esse, longe tamen nobis sanctior est meditatio, magisque salubris, pro illis omnibus invocare in specie, qui dudum in humanis egerant, nobis magis amicales fuerant, amicitioris largitionisque dragmas in tipicam nostram Jerusalem intulere. Hii etenim sic juste et religiose de futura cogitabant naturæ mortalis resurrectione, quod nec vanum videbatur eis fuisse nec superfluum orare pro mortuis, imo id medium credebant esse aptissimum, ad impetrandum optimam repositam gratiam, ac etiam ad reddendum Deum pium magis ac propitium peccatis eorum. In hac igitur tam sancta meditatione, tamque salubri, cupientes per nos precum hostias pro omnibus hiis, sic nobis amicantibus, immolari, et præcipue pro vobis, Christianissime Princeps, qui dragmas nedum auri et argenti in nostram dudum intulistis Jerusalem, in non parvum ditionem exigui templi nostri, quinimo ulterius, quasi quotidie inferre studetis ornatus

wherein the civil power which had before been exercised by the abbats was more precisely defined, and much increased and enlarged.^d

During his second abbacy, also, he built, at his own charge, a chapel on the north side of the church, which was consecrated to St. Andrew the Apostle.^e

Abbat Whethamstede died Jan. 20th, 1464. His tomb, a simple elegant chapel, still remaining, on the south side of the high altar at St. Alban's, is engraved in Mr. Gough's Sepulchral Monuments, vol. ii. pl. lxxviii. It is adorned with numerous shields of arms, among which are those of the abbey, and his own coat, a chevron between three ears of wheat: with the inscription, *Valles habundabunt*, twice repeated in front. His figure in brass, in *pontificalibus*, was formerly upon a blue slab beneath the canopy. Over him, painted on the wall, is this epitaph:

vestimentorum varios, nonnullosque apparatus pro ecclesia alios adeo sumptuosos, quod vix alicubi in fralimite totius hujus regni inveniuntur ipsis meliores: de consensu nostro unanimi, assensu expresso, voluntateque concordī, concedimus Christianissimæ illustrissimæque celsitudini vestræ, primo, quantum de Dei misericordia confisi concedere poterimus, munus, quamquam exilimum, apud nos tamen ditissimum, in nostra possessione maxime pretiosum, munus videlicet nostræ fraternationis spiritualis, per participationem precum omnium et suffragiorum, in missis, horis, vesperis, et matutinis; in vigiliis, jejuniis, elemosinis, et disciplinis; in inclinationibus, prostrationibus, et genuflectionibus; in cæterisque omnibus et singulis devotionibus spiritualibus, quæ inter nos, sive de die sive per noctem fiunt, seu fieri solent, juxta ritum et consuetudinem nostræ monasticæ religionis; in omnibus ad Dei honorem, et, ut mediis illorum et instanciis, omnes actiones vestras regias, sic summi regis clementia aspirando præveniat, sicque præveniēdo prosequatur et gubernet, quod cuncta vestra operatio per ipsum incipiat, inceptaque cum ipso, finem optatum sumat. Et super hæc ulterius pacem, tam ab infra quam ad extra, quam etiam hinc inde et circumquaque, vestris concedat temporibus, dummodo reges et principes, omnesque terræ judices habebunt laudare regem regum, exaltareque ulterius nomen ejus solius usque in sempiternum. Concedimus etiam secundo eidem celsitudini regiæ vestræ Collectam: "Deus, in cujus manu corda sunt regum, &c." dicendum quotidie, durante prosperanteque in Domino vita vestra naturali, quam dierum longitudine prooptamus adimpleri, apud altaria missæ majoris, missæ Mariæ virginis, et missæ Albani Anglorum prothomartiris, per fratres limitatos sive intabulatos pro celebratione earundum. Post vestrum vero decessum, quem optamus ac etiam desideramus fore felicem, Collectam, "Incline Domina aurem tuam," &c. continuandam simili modo ab hac hora inantea usque in sempiternum. Ad finem illum et intentum, quod et si nequaquam mediis aut meritis personarum celebrantium, vi tamen, vigore, et virtute misterii illius, quod inesse fertur in missis, dignetur immensa clementia Domini salvatoris vestris regiis visceribus hujusmodi affectum devotionis infundere, ut ipsum in omnibus, et super omnia, diligentes, promissiones suas, quæ omne desiderium superant, consequi finaliter valeatis. Concedimus insuper tertio, quomodo, omni anno, in die sacræ cænæ Dominicæ, in qua solent pauperes, pro elemosina habenda, ad monasterium convenire, introducemus, sive introduci faciemus, inter cæteros sex viros pauperiores, ad sedendum in nostro claustrum, et recipiendum, tam in pane et pecuniis, quam etiam in aliis variis usitatibus, quemadmodum alii magis egentes pro nobilioribus illustrioribusque nostris benefactoribus solent recipere, ad orandum in specie pro prospero, imo prosperrimo statu vestro, dum continget vestram regiam celsitudinem humanitussuperesce. Post vestrum vero decessum, quem prout adhuc, iterum flexis optamus genibus fore felicissimum, ad orandum, ac etiam deprecandum, pro salute vestræ animæ, pro ipsiusque requie æterna, ac perpetua cum Domino prosperatione. Concedimus adhuc ulterius, et ex superabundanti magis, quarto omni anno post vestrum decessum, per gratiam Dei illius, qui dat dies et annos diutius differendum, adveniente die obitario vestro, servare, observare, et conservare diem illum non inferiori solennitate in officiis et obsequiis, in cereorum luminaribus, in campanarum compulsionibus, in cæterisque aliis usitatibus, quam solemus servare et concelebrare anniversaria illustrissimorum progenitorum vestrorum, Henrici secundi, Edwardi secundi, et divæ memoriæ Henrici quinti patris vestri. Sicque servare, celebrare, et continuare promittimus nos, ac etiam obligamus, post vestrum decessum omne per ævum, in sæcula sæculorum. Amen. In quarum omnium concessionum planum expressumque testimonium, in fidemque plenam ac plenariam, ad perfectam perpetuamque observantiam omnium præmissorum aut per nos, aut successores nostros, nos Johannes Abbas antedictus et Conventus apposimus huic scripto, tam Sigillum mei Johannis abbatis, quam sigillum etiam commune totius conventualis nostræ congregationis. Dat in domo nostra capitulari, die decimo quinto mensis Maii, anno a Dominico natalitio millesimo quadringentesimo quinquagesimo nono, et dicti domini regis Henrici sexti anno tricesimo septimo." Joh. de Whethamst. Chron. ad Hearne, p. 442-446.

^a Clutterb. Hist. Hertf. vol. i. p. 34.

^b Joh. Whethamst. Chron. pp. 500, 501.

^c See Num. XLI.

^d This Charter having been recently printed by Mr. Clutterbuck in the first volume of his History of Hertfordshire, it has been thought unnecessary to repeat it in the Appendix to the present Account. Two of the smaller Charters, however, have been selected from the body of it. See Numm. XIV. XV.

^e MS. Cotton. Nero, D. vii. fol. 42.

"J. de Loco Frumentario
Qui jacet hic? frater ille Johannes, nomina magna
Cui Whethamstede parvula villa dedit.
Triticæ in tumultu signant quoque nomen aristæ.
Vitam res claræ non monumenta notant." ^a

Mr. Gough says, "Beside the books which Whethamstede caused to be transcribed or collected for the library of his abbey, he added a great many of his own composition. The principal one was intituled 'Granarium,' in five volumes, a kind of theological common-place book; as his 'Propinarium,' in two volumes, was of general learning; his 'Pabularium,' and 'Palearium,' in two volumes, of the poets; and his 'Proverbiarium,' of proverbs. A detail of his proceedings against his successor, Stokes, and several poetical narrations of the events of his time, such as Cade's insurrection, the battles of Ferrybridge, Wakefield, St. Alban's, &c.; abstracts of his Granarium for the duchess of Gloucester and Bedford; memoirs of his own life and presidencies, in which are interwoven many public transactions; statutes of his house; the lives of Saints Alban and Amphibalus; besides a variety of theological and poetical pieces, and a number of letters." ^b

The following is the character of Whethamstede given by Warton in his History of English Poetry, when speaking of Humphrey duke of Gloucester:

"John Wethamstede, a learned abbat of St. Alban's, and a lover of scholars, but accused by his monks for neglecting their affairs, while he was too deeply engaged in studious employments and in procuring transcripts of useful books, notwithstanding his unwearied assiduity in beautifying and enriching their monastery, was in high favour with this munificent prince. The duke was fond of visiting this monastery, and employed abbat Whethamstede to collect valuable books for him. Some of Whethamstede's tracts, manuscript copies of which often occur in our libraries, are dedicated to the duke; ^c who presented many of them, particularly a fine copy of Whethamstede's Granarium, an immense work, which Leland calls *ingens volumen*, to the new library." ^d In another passage of his work Mr. Warton says, "About the year 1430, Wethamstede, the learned and liberal abbat of St. Alban's, being desirous of familiarising the history of his patron saint to the monks of his convent, employed Lydgate, as it should seem, then a monk of Bury, to translate the Latin legend of his life in English rhymes. The chronicler who records a part of this anecdote seems to consider Lydgate's translation as a matter of mere manual mechanism; for he adds that Whethamstede paid for the translation, the writing, and

illuminations, one hundred shillings. It was placed before the altar of the saint, which Whethamstede afterwards adorned with much magnificence, in the abbey church." ^e

Upon the death of Whethamstede,

WILLIAM ALBON, or ALBOIN, was elected to succeed him, to whom the temporalities of the monastery were restored March 3d, 1464-5. ^f Stevens, who calls him William ALBAN, says he was elected on Jan. 31st, and that he received his name from having been born in the town of St. Alban's. He is stated to have furnished the church of his monastery with vestments, books, and ornaments, to the value of six hundred marks; and to have purchased lands and tenements in Park, Sandrige, Redburne, Watford, and St. Alban's, to the annual amount of a hundred marks. He built apartments, also, for the cellarer and the bursar of the monastery. ^g

Mr. Clutterbuck says, "In the year 1473, at the general chapter of the Benedictine order holden at Northampton, he was appointed to visit the monastery of Glastonbury; and the abbat of Ensham that of St. Alban's." ^h He died July 1st, 1476.

Upon Albion's death, the usual certificate having been sent to the king, and licence for a fresh election having been obtained, the choice of the convent fell upon

WILLIAM WALLINGFORD, at that time prior; to whom the temporalities of the monastery were restored on August 10th. The following appears to have been the oath which he took upon his election:

"I shall faithful be and true, and faith and truth shall bere to you my sovereigne lord, and to your heires kings of England of lyfe and lymne, and of erthly worship fer to lif and to dye agenst alle pepell, and diligently I shall be attendant unto your nedis and businesse, after my wyt and power, and your counsell I shall keepe, and layne, and truly I shall knowlach, and doe the services due of the temperaltees of my abby of St. Albone, which I claime to hold of you soveren lord, and the which ye aeve and yeld me, and to you and to your commandements, in that that to me apperteyneth and belongeth for my temperaltees, I shall be obey. So God help me and his saints."

During the time of this abbat, the art of printing, which had been brought into England a few years before by William Caxton, was introduced into the monastery; ⁱ and appears to have been practised here from 1480 to 1486. ^k

In 1480, also, the general chapter of Benedictines

^a Weever, Fun. Mon. p. 567, says the following epitaph was made to his memory by one of the monks:

"Contegit iste lapis venerabilis ossa Johannis
Whethamstede, abbas hic qui fuit ejus in annis:
Ter doctus, doctos et amans, et eis miseratus,
Nec fraudes patiens curarum presbyteratus.
In lubricos Phinees, in adulteriisque Johannes
Extitit; ymo Petrus in omnes symonianos.
Insuper in laceris domibus mansisque vetustis,
Sic reparator erat, sic reparando novabat;
Quod sibi præteritus non sit compar pater ullus,
Sive coequalis; manet impar rebus in istis.
Marcas millenas decies numero repetitas
Scripta ferunt post se quæ liquerat exposuisse:
Pro dilectoris anima tui dulciter ora
Albani sancti conventus qualibet hora."

^b Sepulchr. Mon. vol. II. Pt. ii. p. 205. The cost of transcribing several of these is given in Whethamstede and Ramryge's Register preserved in the library of the Royal Society, fol. 75.

"Factura Librorum de propria compilatione.

Et in factura unius libri qui intitulatur Granarium Johannis de Loco Frumenti in quatuor volumina subdivisi, xx. marc.

Item, in factura alterius qui intitulatur Palearium poetarum, xl^s.

Item, in factura Registri ejusdem usque ad annum prælationis septimum, cum variis epistolis missivis, xl^s.

Item, in factura unius alterius cum tabulis super Valerium et Augustinum de Anchona, l^s.

Item, in factura unius alterius cum tabulis super Policraticum, et super epistolas Petri Blesensis, xiiij^s. iiij^d.

Et in factura unius parvi Libelluli cum metris et tabulis diversis, xiiij^s. iiij^d.

^c See Whethamstede, de Viris illustribus, MS. Cotton. Brit. Mus. Tiber. D. vi. 1. Otho, B. iv. And. Hearne. Pref. Pet. Langtoft, p. xix. et seq.

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^d His. Engl. Poetry, vol. ii. pp. 46, 47.

^e Ibid. p. 53.

^f Pat. 4 Edw. IV. p. 1.

^g "Construxit etiam in palatio monasterii sui, apud finem aulæ regię ibidem, duo pulchra lapidea ædificia, unum videlicet pro cellerario et alterum pro bursario commorandum." MS. Cotton. Nero D. vii. fol. 44.

^h Hist. Hertf. vol. i. p. 35.

ⁱ See Stow's Annals, ed. 1631, p. 404.

^k Dibdin, in his account of Caxton's life, Typogr. Antiq. vol. i. p. civ. says, "Sir Henry Chauncy, whimsically enough, calls the printer who first exercised the art here by the name of *INSOMUCH*; from no better authority, it would seem, than because the first three words of the prologue to the St. Alban's Chronicle of 1483 are as follow—'In so myche'! That he was a monk appears very probable in Herbert's judgment; and that he was 'sometime a schoolmaster' is expressly stated by Wynkyn de Worde in the colophon to his edition of the St. Alban's Chronicle of 1497. Bale and Pits make vague mention of 'a certain schoolmaster, or reader of history, in the monastery of St. Alban's, who had collected materials for a history of England, but died before he had compiled the same; which papers,' says Herbert, 'coming into Mr. Caxton's hands, he is said from them to have printed the English Chronicle which goes under his name.' The whole of this is considered to be erroneous; and we must make up our minds, I fear, to rest satisfied with the uncertain deductions which have hitherto attended the investigation of the history of early printing at St. Alban's. Bagford, who was never at a loss for a conjecture, thinks that 'the schoolmaster at St. Alban's learnt the art of printing of Caxton.' Oldys has gravely admitted this conjecture; and adds, from Lewis, that 'it is observed of the books printed at this press, and particularly of this last (The Book of Hunting and Hawking by Juliana Barnes, or Berners, printed in 1486), that they are printed with a letter much resembling that used by Mr. Caxton in his first works. From whence (continues Lewis) it has been supposed that he and this learned collector of foreign history, &c. were acquainted, and that Mr.

at Northampton appointed our abbat to visit all the monasteries in the diocese of Lincoln; but he deputed two of the brethren, William Hardwyk, B.D., and John Maynard, to go in his stead.^a

Wallingford is represented to have been extremely prudent in the management of the revenues of his abbey, and to have been resolute in the defence of its rights; having successfully resisted some claims of Archbishop Bouchier, which, upon an appeal to the court of Rome, were decided in the abbat's favour.^b

The Cotton manuscript Nero D. vii. enumerates his labours for the advantage of the monastery in three divisions. First, when he was archdeacon; secondly, when prior; and thirdly, when abbat.^c The high altar, which Mr. Clutterbuck properly describes as the noblest piece of architecture which the abbey has to boast of, was erected by abbat William Wallingford, at the expence of eleven hundred marks. He finished the chapter-house, at the expence of a thousand marks. He had, moreover, paid a sum no smaller than 1830*l.* for debts incurred by his predecessor. He built, also, at the expence of a hundred pounds, a small chapel near the altar, on the south side, in which he constructed his tomb, with his effigies in marble: in which, after his death, which happened Aug. 8th, 1484, he was buried, with this inscription:

"Gulielmus quartus, opus hoc laudabile cujus
Exstitit, hic pausat: Christus sibi præmia reddat."^d

Abbat Wallingford was succeeded by

THOMAS RAMRYGE, the thirty-seventh abbat; whose election, for reasons unknown, did not take place till 1492.

Caxton taught him his art of printing, and furnished him with a press and types to print at St. Alban's.

"To this remark of Lewis it may be replied, that the earliest books printed by Caxton, from the year 1471 to 1480, do not resemble, in their types, the publications at St. Alban's. The type of Caxton's Chronicle of 1480 has somewhat of a resemblance to that of the St. Alban's books; and may possibly be considered a different species of the same genus, although the former is much more correct and elegant in its character. A peculiarity in some of the St. Alban's books is the intermixture of red with black ink, which is not observable in any of those printed by Caxton; and the St. Alban's Chronicle of 1483 exhibits a rude species of cuts let into the letter-press in a manner never practised by our typographer. In other respects the early specimens of St. Alban's printing are among the rudest exhibitions of the typographic art in the fifteenth century. As to the loan of types from Caxton's office—how could our printer, as early as the year 1480, when he had but just commenced his career at Westminster, contrive to lend this 'schoolmaster' a press and fount of letters?"

It is Mr. Dibdin's opinion, and the conclusion seems rational, that Caxton, Lettou and Machlinia, the St. Alban's printer, and a few others, all imported from the Low Countries their own particular founts of letters.

The following works are noticed by Herbert, in his edition of the *Typographical Antiquities*, as printed at St. Alban's:

1. *Rhetorica nova fratris Laurentii Gulielmi de Saona*, sm. 4to. 1480.

2. *Alberti Liber modorum significandi*, &c. 8vo. 1480.

3. *Exempla Sacre Scripturæ ex utroque Testamento*, 8vo. 1480.

4. *In Aristotelis Physica*, lib. viii. 8vo. 1481.

5. *The St. Alban's Chronicle*, folio, 1483.

6. *The Book of St. Alban's*, ascribed to Juliana Barnes, or Berners, who is called abbess of Sopwell, near St. Alban's, folio, 1486.

The first four of the above articles are stated in each to have been printed "apud villam Sancti Albani:" the two last have the arms of the abbey for a device. See *Herb. edit. of Ames*, vol. iii. p. 1430.

^a Newcome's *Hist. of St. Alban's*, p. 395.

^b *Ibid.* p. 398. Clutterb. ut *supr.* p. 35.

^c The following particulars relating to him are confessedly from the pen of abbat Ramryge, his successor:

"Primum quidem cum hujus venerabilis monasterii *archidiaconus* exstaret, ad Dei cultum et sanctæ religionis reverentiam, juvenes religiosos vicelicet in numero decem, suis propriis sumptibus et magnis impensis eduxit atque educavit. Verum etiam plurima et honorabilia nova ædificia in plerisque locis nostri monasterii, ut puta librariam, pistrinumque ex lapidibus sumptuose erexit. Præterea unum calicem auratum et sumptuosum cum duabus quoque phialis dedit, vitriationemque, picturationem, diversisque in hujus ecclesiæ locis fieri curavit. Cujus etiam bonitas et liberalitas plurimas domos monasterii et multa caduca loca in pristinum reparavit. Cæterum multa alia preciosissima ornamenta huic monasterio contulit pannos auro exornatos optimos optulit. Ex hujusmodi pannis, cappas, tunicas, dalmaticas, optimis artificiis factas hic hodie cum magno Dei honore tenemus, quibus profecto nulla in Anglia monasterium meliores possidet. Quod si quispiam tantarum verum valorem nosce cupiat summa est ix. C. lxxx. marc.

"Deinde, postquam factus est prior simul et coquinarius, persolvit pro coquinarii officio, tunc graviter indebitato, ccc. et lx. libras monetæ Angliæ. Item solvit diversis pro reparacionibus firmarum et domorum,

Mr. Newcome conjectures it might be from the king's displeasure on finding Catesby, the abbey's great seneschall, among the traitors at Bosworth.^e

Abbat Ramryge wrote a book "*De Gestis Abbatum, Monachorum, et Benefactorum Sancti Albani Monasterii*," about the year 1496.^f

Of the events of his life we have no record; nor is any thing known of the exact time of his death. His monument, on the north side of the choir, facing abbat Whethamstede's tomb, exceeds most of the monuments in St. Alban's church for splendour.

THOMAS WULCY, or WOLSEY, better known by the name of CARDINAL WOLSEY, was the next abbat: being allowed to hold his abbacy 'in commendam' with the archbishoprick of York, and numerous other preferments.^g

Newcome says, "When Wolsey took this abbey in commendam, it was such a breach of the canon law, and such an invasion of that rule and government in which abbeys had been holden, that it amazed all sober-minded persons who revered the ancient constitution of abbeys; and seemed to portend some fatal blow to that order of the clergy." Abbeys and conventual institutions required a personal attendance, and the constant presence of the ruler; which was not always the case in secular preferments. Newcome adds, "it doth not appear that he ever came down even to take possession; nor, indeed, is there the least tittle of record remaining, to shew what was done during his commendanship, which lasted till his downfall; nor who was his prior; or what material events then affected this house."^h

Wolsey being engaged in the building of his col-

et aliorum pertinentium ad officium coquinarii infra octo annorum spatium ejusdem marcas mille. Atque etiam hiis impensis et reparacionibus non obstantibus, prioris aulam ædificavit, aditis omnibus ad id rebus necessariis.

"Suscepto pastoralis officio, ac paucis post fluentibus annis, i. quatuordecem sui prædecessoris pro debitis solvit, sicut sui per officarii compotum clarissime patet M. viij. C. & xxx^{li}. Addimus præterea illam ornatissimam et sumptuosissimam alte erectam summi altaris faciem quæ multum venustat ecclesiam et pascit oculos intuentium graciose, et cunctis inspectantibus speculum hujus regni divinissimum quod ad summam vero extenditur xj. C. marcarum. Deinde non mediocre nactus est laudem cum domum nostram capitularem suis magnis pecuniis feliciter consummaverit, ad id perficiendum mille librarum summam persolvit. Deinceps duarum pro fenestrarum opere et fabrica in ecclesia unius borealem in partem juxta sacristariam, alterius vero partem in australem orilogium juxta quæ plurimum ad ecclesiæ decorem et nitorem conferunt, pro quibus c. libras solvit. Proinde diversis pro acquisitionibus terrarum pro missa nomine Jhesu, diebus singulis veneris in sempiternum tempus celebranda, necnon pro missa quotidie pro ipso specialiter omne tempus dicenda, pro qua celebrans denarios quinque qualibet die accipiet. Hujus vero impensa et sumptus ad summam c^{li}. se extendit. Item unius mitræ pro artificio et duobus pro baculis pastoralibus libras lx. persolvit. Item pro capellæ et sepulturæ suæ, australi in parte ecclesiæ, juxta summum altare, ædificatione, cum ferramentis ejusdem convenientissimis et lapide marmoreo corpore super posito cum cæteris ipsius capellæ ornamentis, libras sterlingorum centum persolvit. Præterea non immemores esse debemus quot et quantas gravissimas expensas et onera maxima sua in senectute sustinuerit, cum contra archiepiscopum Cantuariæ, et magnum Angliæ cancellarium, pro libertatibus et immunitatibus hujus monasterii defendendis diligenter ageret. Et cum illius potentia et magnis viribus fortiter et viriliter restiterit, Roman usque appellavit: suum monachum, Johannem s. Thortum, Romam misit: ipsum archiepiscopum decanumque suum de archibus animose citavit: atque tandem optimus et reverendissimus noster pater, et abbas dignissimus, justissimam victoriam reportavit. Et illud quoque quæ maxime et laudabile et memorabile exstat, ipse pater optimus post tot atque tam magnos sumptus, post tot innumerabilia etiam onera sua, hoc monasterium liberum et sine ullo minutissimo debito reliquit." MS. Cotton. Nero D. vii. fol. 45.

^d *Fun. Mon.* p. 556.

^e *Hist. St. Alban's*, p. 400.

^f Clutterb. vol. i. p. 35. See also Willis, *Mit. Ab.* vol. i. p. 25.

^g Fiddes, in his *Life of Cardinal Wolsey*, edit. fol. Lond. 1726, p. 162, says, under the year 1518: "Cardinal Wolsey had not only the temporalities of Bath and Wells conferred on him this year, whereof he was perpetual Commendatory, but he had liberty of holding it with the abbey of St. Alban's, though the precise time when he was made abbat of that place does not appear." Browne Willis, in a letter to Mr. Fiddes, *ibid.* says, "When he came first into the abbacy of St. Alban's I never could exactly find. It is plain he succeeded abbat Thomas Ramrige, who was alive in the year 1514, and possessed of the abbacy, but when Ramrige died I could never discover. I should judge Wolsey to come in the year 1516, by some circumstances, tho' it is plain he had not the temporalities of it vested in him till the 7th of December 1521, as the patents shew."

^h *Hist. St. Alban's*, pp. 424, 425. The Cotton MS. Titus B. i. fol. 80, gives

leges at Oxford and Ipswich, is supposed to have obtained St. Alban's that he might be assisted by its revenue in carrying on his new foundations.

In 1524, he obtained a bull from Pope Clement the Seventh, and the king's permission to suppress twenty-one monasteries; and, in the year 1528, a bull for the suppression of ten more, among which were the priory of Wallingford in Berkshire, and the hospital of St. Mary de Pratis, or de Pree, two cells to St. Alban's: the revenues of which were applied toward the building of his colleges.

In the month of October, 1529, Wolsey was convicted on the statute of Præmunire, and all his property was forfeited to the king.

Among the articles exhibited against the cardinal, two or three relate to St. Alban's.

"23. Also the said lord cardinal, not regarding your laws nor justice, of his extort power hath put out divers and many farmers of his lands, and also patentees of the archbishoprick of York, and of the bishoprick of Winchester, *and of the abbey of St. ALBAN'S* which had good and sufficient grant thereof by your laws."

"36. Also where it hath been accustom'd that your purveyors for your honourable houshold have had yearly out of your town and liberty of St. Alban's three or four hundred quarters of wheat; truth it is, that since the lord cardinal had the room of abbot, your said purveyors cou'd not be suffer'd by him and his offecers to take any wheat within the said town or liberties."

"39. Also, on a time, your grace being at St. Alban's, according to the ancient custom us'd within your verge, your clerk of the mercat doing his office, did present unto your officers of your most honourable houshold the prices of all manner victuals, within the precinct of the verge. And 'twas commanded by your said officers to set up the said prices both on the gates of your honourable houshold, and also within the market-place in the town of St. Alban's, as of ancient custom it hath been used. And the lord cardinal, hearing the same, presumptuously, and not like a subject, caus'd the aforesaid prices, which were seal'd with your grace's seal, accustomably us'd for the same, to be taken off, and pull'd down in the said market place where they

were set up, and in the same places set up his own prices seal'd with his seal, and wou'd if it had not been letted, in semblable manner have us'd your seal standing upon your gates: and also wou'd of his presumptuous mind have openly set in the stocks within your said town your clerk of your market: by which presumption and usurpation your grace may perceive, that in his heart he hath reputed himself to be equal with your majesty."^a

In the succeeding year, however, Wolsey was pardoned by the king, and suffered to keep this abbacy with the archbishoprick of York.^b He died Nov. 29th, 1530.

ROBERT CATTON, prior of Norwich, was the next abbat. In his time the art of printing was again revived at St. Alban's; and was practised within the precincts of the abbey, by one John Hertforde, Hereford, or Herford.^c Newcome and Clutterbuck say he continued to preside till 1538, when he died. From the instrument, however, by which the temporalities of the monastery were restored to his successor, it is evident he must have been first deprived.^d A letter to Lord Cromwell from Thomas Legh and William Petre, two of the visitors of the abbey, dated the 10th of December, and no doubt in 1537, details the firmness of Catton's conduct.^e

RICHARD BOREMAN, *alias* STEVENAGE, or DE STEVENACHE, B. D. prior of the church, was Catton's successor, and the last and fortieth abbat. His appointment is supposed to have been made solely with a view to the surrender of the monastery; which he resigned into the hands of Sir Thomas Pope, Mr. William Cavendish, and Dr. William Petre, Dec. 5th, 31 Hen. VIII.^f The king, by his Charter, dated the 14th of the same month, assigning to him the yearly pension of 266*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* for the term of his life, or till he should present him to one or more benefices, or other promotions of the same yearly value.^g

Queen Mary, it appears, just before her death, meditated the re-establishment of the monastery, and the re-appointment of Richard Boreman, *alias* Stevenage, as the abbat.^h

The revenues of this monastery were valued, 26

"The wayte of such percells of plate as my lord cardinals grace hath geven and delyvered to the monastery of saynt Albons to be always in the custody of the prior, and to serve for the use of the same.

First a bason w^t an ewer percel gilt.

Item, two standyng potts of sylver, percel gilt.

Item, ij salts with oon cover gilt.

Item, a standing cuppe with a cover gilt."

^a Fiddes's Life of Wolsey, Collections, pp. 176, 177.

^b Clutterb. ut supr. p. 36.

^c This press appears to have existed here from 1534 to 1538 only; when Hertforde removed to Aldersgate-street London. The only work known to have been printed at St. Alban's in 1534 was 'The Lyfe and Passion of Saint Alban,' which had the following colophon: "Here endeth the glorious lyfe and passyon of saint Albon prothomartyr of Englande, and also the lyfe and passyon of saynt Amphybell which conuerted saynt Albon to the fayth of Christe: whose lyues were translated out of Frenche and Laten in to Englishe, by John Lydgate monke of Bury, and now lately put in print, at request of Robert Catton, abbot of the exempte monastery of saynt Albon. The xxvj. yere of our soueraigne lorde kyng Henry the eyght. And in the yere of our Lorde God M.D.xxxiiij." Quarto. A copy of this work is preserved in the library of the British Museum.

^d See Num. XLVI.

^e Num. XLVII.

^f See the surrender, from the original remaining in the Augmentation Office, signed by the abbat and thirty-eight monks. Num. XLVIII.

^g Clutterb. Hist. Hertf. vol. i. p. 37. The following were the Annuities and Pensions still payable in 2 & 3 Phil. and Mar.:

SANCTI ALBANI NUPER MON. *Annuitat.* Willielmi Kirke per annum *vij^{li}*. Johannis Bigge per annum *liij^{s.} iiij^{d.}*. Roberti Sowthwell mil. per annum *xl^{s.}*. Johannis Kettell per annum *liij^{s.} iiij^{d.}*. Ricardi Sharpeper annum *xl^{s.}*. Johannis Hardie per annum *xlvi^{s.} viij^{d.}*. Thomæ Hemynge per annum *xxvj^{s.} viij^{d.}*. Laurentii Ramridge per annum *xl^{s.}*. Johannis Brenne per annum *liij^{s.} iiij^{d.}*. Thomæ Cavell per annum *lxxvj^{s.} viij^{d.}*. Nicholai Boreman per annum *iiij^{li}*. Willielmi Holcombe per annum *xxxiiij^{s.} iiij^{d.}*. Henrici Brenne per annum *xl^{s.}*. Thomæ Mannyngham per annum *vij^{li}*. Willielmi Leadbeater per annum *liij^{s.} iiij^{d.}*. Christofori Plough per annum *xxxiiij^{s.} iiij^{d.}*. Roberti Garrarde per annum *cxvj^{s.}*. Petri Smyth per annum *iiij^{li}*. Edwardi Brenne per annum *xlvi^{s.} viij^{d.}*. Adæ Pecocke per annum *iiij^{li}*. Jacobi Gledeshall per annum *xxx^{s.}*. Thomæ Boreman per annum *iiij^{li}*. Ejusdem Thomæ per annum *c^{s.}*. Roberti Drewrie per annum *xxvj^{s.} viij^{d.}*. Roberti Bronde

per annum *iiij^{li}*. Thomæ Shelton per annum *xl^{s.}*. Roberti Ritche ar. per annum *vij^{li}*. Anthonii Dunritche in jure Thomæ Pope militis *xxvj^{s.} viij^{d.}*. Thomæ Crosse per annum *lx^{s.} viij^{d.}*. Francisci Easshe per annum *liij^{s.} iiij^{d.}*. Penc. Ricardi Boreman per annum *cclxvi^{li} xiiij^{s.} iiij^{d.}*. Henrici Besteney per annum *vij^{li}*. Johannis Brightwiste per annum *vij^{li}*. Thomæ Curties per annum *vij^{li}*. Thomæ Bartilmewe per annum *vij^{li}*. Stephani Bailiffe per annum *xiiij^{li} vj^{s.} viij^{d.}*. Thomæ Albone per annum *vij^{li}*. Roberti Burye per annum *vij^{li} xiiij^{s.} iiij^{d.}*. Ricardi Bennet per annum *vij^{li}*. Willielmi Este per annum *xij^{li}*. Roberti Gregorie per annum *vij^{li}*. Johannis Wyndover per annum *vij^{li}*. Roberti Moreton per annum *vij^{li}*. Edwardi Sible per annum *vij^{li}*. Johannis Salter per annum *xiiij^{li} vj^{s.} viij^{d.}*. Petri Catton per annum *vij^{li}*. Thomæ Marchaunte per annum *vij^{li}*. Willielmi Leonarde per annum *vij^{li}*. Ricardi Miller per annum *vij^{li} xiiij^{s.} iiij^{d.}*. Johannis Whetehampsted per annum *vij^{li} xiiij^{s.} iiij^{d.}*. Ricardi Campyon per annum *vij^{li} xiiij^{s.} iiij^{d.}*. Ricardi Bever per annum *vij^{li} xiiij^{s.} iiij^{d.}*. Thomæ Bynham per annum *c^{s.}*. Radulphi Rickemansworth per annum *vij^{li}*. Michaelis Everton per annum *c^{s.}*.

^h Cole, in one of his manuscripts, vol. xxxii. fol. 141 b, has preserved the following from a loose paper in the hand-writing of the celebrated Elias Ashmole, dated 26 Aug. 1668. It has also been printed in the Antiquarian Repertory.

"Mr. Robert Shrimpton of St. Alban's was four times mayor: he died about sixty years since, aged 103 years. He lived when the abbey of St. Alban's flourished, before the destruction, and remembred most things relating to the buildings of the abbey, to the regiment of the house, the ceremonies in the church, and grand processions: of all which he would often discourse in his life time. Among others, that in the great hall there was an ascent of fifteen steps to the abbat's table, to which the monks brought up the service in plate, and staying at every fifth step (which was a landing place), on every of which they sung a short hymn. The abbat usually sat alone in the middle of the table; and when any nobleman or ambassador, or strangers of eminent quality, came thither, they sat at his table, towards the ends thereof. After the monks had waited awhile on the abbat they sat down at two other tables, placed on the sides of the hall, and had their service brought up by the novices, who, when the monks had dyned, sat down to their own dinner.

"This Mr. Shrimpton remembers, that when the news came to St. Alban's of Qu. Mary's death, the then abbat, for grief, took his chamber, and died in a fortnight.

"He also remembers the hollow image erected near St. Alban's

Hen. VIII. according to Dugdale, at 2102*l.* 7*s.* 1*½d.*: according to Speed at 2510*l.* 6*s.* 1*½d.*^a

The greatest part of the site of the monastic buildings here was granted by King Henry the Eighth to Sir Richard Lee, Knt. The conventual church, however, which was excepted, was subsequently granted by King Edward the Sixth (by the Charter whereby the Borough was incorporated) to the inhabitants, to serve for a parish church, in lieu of the demolished church of St. Andrew, for the sum of 400*l.*^b

The CONVENTUAL SEAL of St. Alban's was delivered to the king's commissioners at the time the monastery was surrendered. It is still preserved among the curiosities in the British Museum. It is of ivory, of an oval form, and bears the representation of St. Alban seated, holding in his hand a palm-branch. Round is this legend, SIGILLVM . SCI . ALBANI . ANGLORV . P'TOMARTIRIS. This seal is mentioned by Walsingham as of high antiquity. He further states it to have adhered miraculously to the Instrument which the townspeople extorted from abbat De la Mere in the time of King Richard the Second. "Paruit idcirco abbas petitioni presentii villanorum, et juxta vota eorum scriptum obligatorium sub forma premissa (apposito Sigillo proprio et Sigillo conventus) confecit et tradidit manibus eorundem. Ipsi autem in hiis omnibus non tamquam subditi, sed velut Domini, in camera Abbatis, in capella, in peniticio, pro libito deambulabant, et interfuerunt scripturæ ipsi, dictantes hoc quod scribendum fuerat, et sigillationi curiosius intendentes: nam pro tunc Sigilla Abbatis et Conventus ibidem fuerunt. Unde mirabile illud contigit cum Charta de libertate Villæ vel Villanorum sigillari debuisset, quod cum omni cautela et diligentia cera apposita a scientibus sigillo communi fuisset, in quo vetustissimo opere imago gloriosi prothomartyris Britanorum Albani figuratur tenens in manu palmam, nulla potuit arte per tres vices avelli vel removeri, de sigillo, prænosticans proculdubio martyrem nolle eos fore dominos, sed velle dominari ut hactenus super eos."^c

Leland notices the following works as seen by him in the ABBEY LIBRARY:

shrine, wherein one being placed to govern the wyres, the eyes would move, and head nodd, according as he liked or disliked the offering, and that being young, he had many times crept into the hollow part thereof.

"In the grand processions through the town, where the image of St. Alban was carried, it was usually borne by two monks; and after it had been sat down awhile at the market-cross, and the monks assaying it to take it up agayn, they pretended they could not stir it; and then the abbat coming, and laying his crozier upon the image, and saying these words, 'Arise, arise, St. Alban, and get thee home to thy sanctuary,' it then forthwith yielded to be borne by the monks.

"In the abbey was a large room, having beds set on either side, for the receipt of strangers and pilgrims, where they had lodging and diett for three days without question made whence they came, or whither they went: but after that time they stayed not, without rendering an account of both."

On this Mr. Cole observes, that Richard Stevenage, or Boreman, the last abbat, who was alive in Queen Mary's time, was certainly designed by her, had she carried her intention of restoring the abbey into execution, to have been rechosen as the head. Her death, however, put an end to the design. Probably, he adds, the abbat might reside in the town, or part of the abbey, in hope of its restoration. On what relates to the hollow image, he remarks, these were the political lies of that age, to amuse the people, and blacken the monks, that the rapacity of hungry courtiers might be satisfied.

^a Tann. Notit. Mon.

^b Clutterb. vol. i. p. 37.

^c Walsing. Hist. Angl. edit. 1574, pp. 274, 275.

^d The following notice respecting Matthew Paris from the Cotton MS. Nero D. vii. will not be deemed irrelevant, more especially as he was a benefactor to the monastery.

"Matheus Parisiensis religiosus monachus, incomparabilis cronographus, et pictor peroptimus, deputatus est per dompnum papam Innocentium ad regendum Holmense monasterium in Norwagia spectans ad regimen archipresulis Nidrosiensis, cujus religio emarcuerat, fama viluerat, bona dissipata fuerant, ipsius loci desidia monachorum. Cujus religionem refluere fecit, famam suam sanctitate extulit, possessiones prudenter auxit, adeo ut nulli monasterio regionis illius inferior putaretur. Ex post discedens cum benedictione cunctorum et ad istud monasterium rediens, contulit Deo et sancto Albano duas pelves argenteas ad ministrandum sabbatis ad mandatum. Dedit et monile aureum continens partem ligni dominici quod deosculatur die parasceues et dependet a cruce aurea per catenam argenteam in parte dextra. Providet præterea libros multos scriptos tam manu propria quam externa,

"Alexander Necham super 'Quicunque vult.'

Chirurgia Joannis de Baro.

Tractatus Luciani de febribus et de epidemiali morbo.

Oribasius.

Guarnerius Gregorianus.

Utrethus Dunelmensis de substantialibus monachalis regulæ.

Liber Alex. Aphrodisæi ad Severum et Antoninum de Fato, et de eo quod est in nobis liberum.

Radulphi Cantuar. archiepiscopi Onelia super 'Intravit Jesus in quoddam Castellum,' quæ a plerisque creditur fuisse Anselmi prædecessoris ejus.

Bacharius, vir eloquentiss. de reparatione lapsi ad Januarii.

Matthæi Parisiensis, monachi sancti Albani, pulcherrima Historia^d furto sublata."^e

Of the REGISTERS of St. Alban's monastery formerly existing, two were burnt in the fire of the Cottonian library, A. D. 1731, marked Tiberius E. vi. and Otho D. iii. The former of these, a small folio, originally consisted of two hundred and ninety-four leaves. Its remains, much burnt, are still preserved in a case in the British Museum. The manuscript Otho D. iii. another small folio, consisted of two hundred and fifty-seven leaves; but is now reduced to a crust.

Of the registers and manuscripts still remaining the following will be found the most important:

1. MS. Cotton. Julius D. iii. "Registrum Chartarum Monasterii S. Albani, de terris et prædiis, eorundemque donationibus, confirmationibus," &c. A small quarto.^f

2. MS. Cotton. Claud. D. i. a miscellaneous volume, on vellum, principally relating to the first abbacy of abbat Whethamstede.^g

3. MS. Cotton. Claud. E. iv. a volume of the larger folio size, on vellum; miscellaneous in its contents, but very ample on the lives and actions of the abbats. A syllabus of the contents as they relate to St. Alban's will be found in the Note.^h

4. MS. Cotton. Nero D. i. a manuscript not dissimilar to the preceding one in general appearance. It

in quibus quam excellens in doctrinis et pictura fuerit, satis claret. Contulit insuper unam cuppam argenteam deauratam planam refectorio, ponderis quatuor marcarum et sex denariorum." fol. 51.

^e Lelandi Collect. edit. Lond. 1770, tom. iv. p. 163. He adds, "Radulphus, monachus S. Albani scripsit Vitam S. Albani, et Amphibali, carmine heroico. De hoc Radulpho Johannes Frumentarius, abbas S. Albani, inter illustres viros mentionem fecit."

^f The early Charters in this manuscript relate principally to small grants of land and dismissions of tenements, first, in the different streets of St. Alban's town, as in Kyrk-street, or Church, street, Birke-street, Haliwell-street, Dagenhale-street, Fish-pool-street, Salipahat or Salipath-street, Kingsbury-street, Bunegate or Bonegate street, Halwell bridge, Vicus Fullonum or Fuller's-street, and St. Stephen atte Hanedestreet, fol. 1 to 61. Then similar grants and dismissions are given in the places following: Bradewey, fol. 65. Cestresham, fol. 121. Chalfunte, fol. 80. Cumpstone, fol. 67. Herpesfeld, fol. 76 b. Hextonne, fol. 110. Isehamstude, fol. 75 b. Northawe, fol. 84 b. Saldeford in Redburn, fol. 106 b. Reydon, fol. 72. Rikmersworthe, fol. 100. Rugge, fol. 74. Suthmere, fol. 68. Thebrugge, fol. 64, 78 b. Waldene Regis, fol. 70 b. Watforde, fol. 88. Wavenden, fol. 70. And Woburne, fol. 123 b. The manuscript seems to have been written in the time of King Richard II. At the end of the Register, we have "Vita B. Albani per Robertum de Dunstaple monachum S. Albani, anno 1150, versibus elegiacis, decantata," with two or three other tracts which have no relation to St. Alban's.

^g This manuscript contains:

1. Epistolæ venerabilis patris Johannis Whethamstede abbatis quas ipse misit aliis scripsitque pro diversis temporibus suæ prælationis, fol. 1.

2. Acta Johannis sexti abbatis, per Johannem Agmundishamensem monachum sancti Albani per singulos annos ipsius regiminis, fol. 33.

3. Rentale domus sive hospitalis S. Juliani juxta S. Albanum; renovatum anno 22 Hen. VII. fol. 169.

4. Rentale de terris et tenementis adquisitis per Thomam Ramryge, abbatem monasterii S. Albani eodem anno renovatum, fol. 170.

The first leaf of this manuscript is ornamented with gold and colours. At the two upper corners are Whethamstede's devices: the lamb and the eagle. The former having on a label the words "Ecce agnus Dei:" the latter, "In principio erat verbum." At the lower corners are the arms of the abbey, and of the kingdom of Mercia, similar to the shields so described by Mr. Gough on Whethamstede's monument.

^h At the beginning of this volume are Thomas de Elmham's Annals from Brute to the time of Henry the Fourth. The remainder, with

was one of those from which Matthew Paris's History was edited by Watts.^a

5. MS. Cotton Nero D. vii. "Catalogus Benefactorum, et omnium eorum qui in plenam fraternitatem

the exception of one article, belongs exclusively to the abbey of St. Alban, viz.

1. Passio sancti Albani Anglorum protomartyris, fol. 34.
2. Passio sancti Amphibali sociorumque ejusdem, fol. 37.
3. De inventione sancti Albani, fol. 40.
4. De inventione sancti Amphibali sociorumque ejusdem, fol. 43b.
5. De mausoleo sancti Albani, fol. 45.
6. Vita sancti Albani per Radulphum de Dunstapliâ, versibus elegiacis, fol. 47.
7. Miracula sancti Albani, fol. 59.
8. Inventio sancti Amphibali sociorumque ejusdem, fol. 71.
9. Historia gestorum Offæ, primi et secundi, regum Merciorum, auctore Matthæo Parisiensi, fol. 84.
10. Gesta abbatum monasterii sancti Albani, ubi continentur varia eorum placita, constitutiones, ordinationes, discordiæ, etc. et in ultimis gestis abbatibus Thomæ de la Mare rebelliones villanorum temporibus Richardi II. auctoribus Matthæo Parisiensi et Thoma de Walsingham, fol. 98.

11. Tractatus de prærogativis et dignitatibus ordinem monasticum concernentibus, fol. 322 b

12. De nobilitate, vita, et martyrio S. Albani et Amphibali; e Gallico in Latinum translatus, fol. 334 b.

13. Taxa bonorum abbati et conventui monasterii S. Albani pertinentium, fol. 337.

14. De beneficiis ecclesiasticis, collationibus, et præsentationibus abbati monasterii S. Albani pertinentibus, fol. 342.

15. De diversis possessionibus, post statutum editum de terris non amortizandis, datis eidem monasterio, et ab ipso perquisitis, fol. 343.

16. De diversis solutionibus ab obedientiariis, conventui et prioribus cellarum monasterii S. Albani, suis temporibus, persolvendis, fol. 346.

* 17. De reliquiis repositis in isto monasterio, et indulgentiis pro visitatione earum concessis, fol. 349.

18. De sacris vestimentis, vasis, et jocalibus, fol. 350 b.

19. Modus et processus eligendi, confirmandi, et installandi abbatem, fol. 359.

20. Constitutiones synodales jurisdictionum monasterii S. Albani, fol. 368.

21. Constitutiones hospitalis S. Juliani, per dominum Michael-em abbatem sancti Albani editæ, fol. 371.

22. Consuetudines et Regulæ monialium B. Mariæ Sopwell antiquitus usitatæ, et per dominum Michael-em abbatem renovatæ et approbatæ, A.D. 1338, fol. 376 b.

23. Articuli quinque; sc. de inventione S. Amphibali, &c. apographon manu recentiori; in chartâ, fol. 378.

^a The following is Mr. Planta's account of the contents of this manuscript, as far as they relate to St. Alban's:

1. Historia de Offa primo et secundo: cum figuris in summa pagina per Matthæum Parisiensem, qui hunc librum cœnobio S. Albani dono contulisse fertur in rubricis, (Vid. Wm. Watts, edit. Matthæi Parisiensis ad calcem) fol. 1.

2. Qualiter non complacuit B. Albano alibi morari, nisi ubi passus est, fol. 25 b.

3. De inventione et translatione S. Albani; et de rege Offa, fundatore ecclesiæ S. Albani, fol. 27.

4. Vitæ abbatum ecclesiæ S. Albani, per eundem Matthæum Parisiensem, (Vid. Watts, ut supra, fol. 35, et seq. qui in editione sua hoc exemplar per omnia secutus est, paucis ad finem a fol. nempe 68 b, omissis) fol. 30.

5. Vartorum documentorum, epistolarum papalium, regum, et aliorum collectio: nullo temporum rerumve ordine disposita: multa omnino sine rubricis, et quædam plane diversis titulis designata; quorum non minimam partem sæpe laudatus Watsius, in Additamentis et Auctuario ad ipsius Mat. Parisiensis editionem, ex hoc codice evulga-vit, fol. 69 b.

6. Antiqua et primitiva munimenta ecclesiæ sancti Albani, Anglorum protomartyris, (Hujus libelli pars prior, fere dimidia, extat quoque in editione M. Parisiensis Watsiana, Addit. p. 237) fol. 148.

7. Privilegia ecclesiæ sancti Albani, fol. 157.

8. Tabula obituaria Monachorum sancti Albani, ab anno 1216, ad Annum 1252. Ad annum 1217, scribitur literas miniatis "Hoc anno ego Fr. Math^s. Parisiensis h'it'u' suscepi re qui h'c. scripsi ut viva't no'ia frat'm in eternum," fol. 165 b.

9. La Reule suth quele les freres et les noneynes et les soers de Nostre Dame des Pres, pres de St. Alban, deyvount vivre, fol. 173.

10. Placita apud sanctum Albanum et la Barnet, coram W. Juge et W. de Leycester justiciariis: ubi habetur tabula firmarum pertinentium ad abbatem et monachos sancti Albani. A.D. 1314? fol. 175.

11. Statuta hospitalis de sancto Juliano, a Michaele abbate sancti Albani ordinata, (Vid. Mat. Parisiensis edit. Watsiana, p. 247, Auct.) fol. 187.

12. Chartæ foundationis hospitalis sancti Juliani juxta sanctum Albanum, fol. 192.

13. Consuetudines et regulæ monialium B. Mariæ de Sopwell, ab antiquo usitatæ, et per D. Michael-em abbatem sancti Albani renovatæ, (Gallice, idiomate Normannico. Vid. Wats. ubi supra, p. 261) 1338, fol. 193.

14. Articuli observandi inter fratres professos domûs sancti Juliani, fol. 193 b.

15. Chartarum quarundam ad monast. sancti Albani spectantium, apographa, fol. 195.

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monasterii S. Albani, usque ad annum 1463, recepti erant: cum compendariis historiis eorundem, et picturis."^b

6. The "Liber Memorandorum" compiled by order

16. Chartæ Johannis abbatis sancti Albani, Innocentii papæ, aliaque parvi momenti, fol. 196 b.

^b From this manuscript, which was presented to Sir Robert Cotton by the great Lord Bacon in 1623, copious extracts have been already made in the Notes.

It opens with a brief list of the royal benefactors to the monastery, from the time of Offa to King Richard II. followed by notices of the popes from whom privileges had been obtained; and short memoirs of the different abbats from Willegod to abbat Ramryge. The names and donations of bishops, nobles, and persons of inferior rank, to the monastery, are registered at folios 86, 89, 92, &c.

At fol. 49, are the "Nomina Priorum hujus ecclesiæ." These were, Ulfus, "hic fecit capellam Sancti Germani;" Simon; Bernardus; Hamelinus; Godefridus; Ongorantus; Walterus; Ricardus; Fulco; Radulphus; Alquinus; Laurentius; Robertus; Garinus; Mathias; Acharius; Reymundus; Walterus; Johannes; Rogerus; Engerrannus; Petrus; Astillus; Johannes Bolum; Robertus Norton; Nicholaus Flamstede; Thomas Rysbur; Adam de Qwytenham; Johannes Moot.

In subsequent pages, we have "Nomina monachorum hujus domus qui alibi facti sunt prælati," fol. 50 b. "Nomina monachorum sacerdotum nostræ professionis sicut per Menses obierunt," fol. 52. "Nomina diaconorum nostræ professionis," fol. 65 b. "Nomina subdiaconorum," fol. 66 b. "Nomina accolitorum omnium mensium," fol. 67. "Nomina monachorum de Coventre omnium ordinum," fol. 69 b. "Nomina Monachorum sive Religiosorum aliorum locorum," fol. 71 b. And a very large portion of the manuscript is occupied by entries of admission of persons who sought the fraternity of the convent, up to the year 1463.

The greater part of this manuscript was compiled by Thomas Walsingham, the historian, and finished in 1380. The writer of it was William de Wylum: the illuminator, for it is filled in almost every page with portraits, was one Alan Strayler. "Alanus Strayler circa depictionem præsentis libri plurimum laboravit, et tres solidos et iiij^{or}. denarios sibi debitos pro coloribus condonavit.

"Nomen pictoris Alanus Strailer habetur,

Qui, sine fine, choris cœlestibus associetur." fol. 108.

At folio 81 b, we have

"Nomina monachorum in monasterio nostro viventium tempore compilationis hujus libri videlicet anno Domini millesimo ccc^{mo}. octogesimo.

Dompnus Thomas de la Mare, *abbas*, de quo aliqua supra reperies.

Dompnus Johannes Moot, *prior*, cujus perante fecimus mentionem.

Johannes de Chelseye.

Johannes de Everesdon.

Robertus Heron.

Thomas Goldsmyth, *hostilarius sæcularium*.

Adam de Redburna qui multum circa libros scribendos, notandos, ligandos, suo tempore laboravit.

Willelmus de Flamstede, *prior* de Redburna.

Johannes Bernak.

Johannes de Gernemutha, *custos capellæ sanctæ Mariæ*, cujus industria magna organa capellæ beatæ Virginis sunt provisa.

Johannes de Hoghton, *supprior*, qui per magnos labores et expensas quamplures juvenes fovendo, docendo, provehendo, perduxit ad habitum regularem.

Johannes de Rikemaresworthe, qui scripsit et notavit ipsa magna Gradalia in choro jacentia coram præcentore et succentore, et alios duos magnos libros quos dicimus "O pastor," et "Aspiciens," assignatos abbati pro matutinis; et fecit suis expensis duos libros servituros ad missam Virginis gloriosæ.

Ricardus Bouwelles.

Johannes de Gravele.

Johannes de Mustone, *tertius prior*.

Johannes de Houton.

Johannes de Wulsthorp.

Willelmus de Wylum qui scripsit istum librum.

Robertus de Chestan, *cellerarius*.

Robertus de Trunch, *custos feretri sancti Albani*.

Ricardus de Belvero, *primus scrutator*.

Thomas de Walsingham, *precentor*, qui istum librum compilavit, et septem marcas de pecunia Johannis de Bedingham et Cristianæ conjugis suæ ad opus novæ portæ donari procuravit.

Willelmus de Trent.

Adam de Houghton, *bursarius*.

Stephanus de Southreye, *subrefectorarius*.

Johannes de Bokedene qui multum circa ædificationem novæ portæ, reparationem aulæ regiæ et pistrini abbatis, necnon capellæ sancti Jacobi quæ est apud Redburnam, una cum fratre Willielmo Stubard converso, in opere latomiæ, et ipse latomus insudavit.

Simon de Southreye.

Willelmus de Wyndrigge, *secundus scrutator*.

Johannes de Hethwurthe, *archidiaconus*.

Johannes Savage, *forestarius*.

Robertus de Stykeforde.

Rogerus de Henred.

Willelmus de Westwyk, *camerarius*.

Ricardus de Monstede, *sacrista*.

Johannes Rous, senior, *tertius scrutator*.

Johannes de Burnham, *subcellerarius*.

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of John de la Moote, then prior of the monastery, but afterwards abbat: preserved among the Harleian manuscripts in the British Museum, Num. 602, folio; on vellum.^a

7. The Register Book of the Almoner of the abbey of St. Alban: formerly belonging to Bishop Kennett, and afterwards in the library of James West, Esq., now preserved among the Lansdown manuscripts in the British Museum, Num. 375.^b

Johannes de Bebsset.
Thomas de Houghton, *subsacrista*.
Willelmus Wintreshull, *elemosinarius*.
Alexander Bone, *succentor*.
Thomas de Raynforde, *coquinarius, refectorarius, et infirmarius*.
Willelmus Alexander.
Henricus de Wylum.
Edmundus de Styfkeye.
Johannes Rous junior.
Johannes de Wathamstede.
Willelmus de Odiham.
Thomas de Spiriden.
Ricardus de Missinden.
Edmundus Parker.
Johannes Drye.
Simon Pateshill.
Johannes de Hethwurthe junior.
Thomas de Hatfeld.
Johannes de Ely, et Reginaldus de Belvero, *non professi*.
Frater Johannes Lookyn, et frater Willelmus Stubbard, *conversi*.

At the first compilation of the manuscript numerous blank pages appear to have been left, which allowed room for later entries: and these have been written by different hands, in different parts, without any attention to chronological arrangement. The illuminations and portraits in the earlier part of the book, by Alan Strayler, are somewhat monotonous, both in design and execution: but the illuminations, of a larger size, of the abbats Heyworth, Whethamstede, Stoke, Alboin, Wallingford, and Ramryge, deserve a better character, together with the beautiful illumination of King Henry the Sixth at folio 73, and of an abbat without a name at folio 81.

A Manuscript very similar to the one described in this note is preserved in the collection at C. C. C. Cambr. Num. VII. at the end of Thos. Walsingham's History. A minute account of it will be found, with copies of some of the illuminations, in MS. Cole, Brit. Mus. vol. XLII. p. 153-179.

^a The following is the title given to this MS. by Humphrey Wanley in the Harleian catalogue. "Codex chartaceus in folio, quem circa annum 40 R. R. Edw. III. confici sive compingi jussit, ut videtur Johannes Moot prior monasterii de sancto Albano; exinde Liber Memorandorum domini Johannis Moot prioris, coquinarii, refectorarii, infirmarii, et elemosynarii hujus monasterii nuncupatus. In quo scilicet, quamplurima scripta ad illa munera spectantia inrotulantur, non solum temporibus R. Edwardi III. et ejusdem Johannis; sed successorum suorum, usque ad regna R. R. Edwardi IV. et Henrici VII."

The following are among the more material entries in this volume:

1. Extracta de testamento domini Roberti Walsam nuper præcentoris Sar. fol. 6 b.
2. Copia literæ missæ domino episcopo Dunelm. ad relaxandum sequestrium suum fructuum ecclesiæ de Conslif per eum interpositum pro ruina cancell. ecclesiæ, fol. 7.
3. Dimissio manerii de Aston, 42 Edw. III. fol. 8.
4. Dimissio manerii de Shephale, fol. 9.
5. Extent. manerii de Aston, 49 Edw. III. fol. 10.
6. Rentale manerii de Schephale, 17 Ric. II. fol. 11 b.
7. Beneficia ecclesiastica pertin. convent. monast. S. Albani pro quibus dict. convent. solvet de qualibet libra taxæ eorundem unum gross. pro subsidio collato per dominum Papam archiepiscopo, fol. 17.
8. Redditus assis. proveniens de domibus infra villam sancti Albani, fol. 26 b.
9. De firm. domorum infirm. infra villam sancti Albani, fol. 29.
10. Redditus et firmæ pertin. officio subrefect. per annum, fol. 33.
11. Redditus liberorum et natorum tenentium pertinens manerio de Childewyk extra villam sancti Albani, fol. 33 b.
12. Bacheworth, fol. 39 b.
13. Childewyksay, fol. 42. b.
14. Redditus coquinarii in villa sancti Albani, fol. 48.
15. Rentale renovat. anno R. R. Henrici quarti nono, Asston abbatis, fol. 52.
16. Inquisitio manerii de Tyteburst, cum literis domini ducis Excestriæ, fol. 57.
17. Litera confratrum ad ordines, fol. 59.
18. Forma receptionis ad fraternitatem, A.D. 1425, fol. 60 b.
19. Litera missa Johanni Stoke abbati, per dominum regem, pro domino Roberto Ownby. Anglicè, ibid.
20. Litera missa domino duci Buk. pro manerio de Eswale in Cancia pro conservat. libertat. dicti manerii. Anglicè, ibid.
21. Litera procuratoria pro partibus borialibus, fol. 61 b.
22. Institutio cistæ communis officique camerariæ, fol. 66 b.
23. Inquisitio valoris vicariæ de Eglyngeham, fol. 68 b.
24. Memorandum of the tythes of the parsonage of All Holowen in Sudbury, 6th Edw. IV. folio. 70.
25. Copia cartæ de diversis libertatibus abbati de sancto Albano conc. et per regem E. quartum confirmat. et inrotulat. in memorand. scaccarii videlicet inter recorda de termino sancti Michaelis anno nono regis E. quarti rotulo nono ex parte remem. regis, fol. 71.
26. Dimissio pro decimis de Watford, 15 Hen. VI. fol. 73.
27. Acceptio fraternitatis episcopi Coventr. et Lich. anno Domini M.cccc.xxxij. fol. 75.

8. A Register of the small folio size, preserved in the library of the Royal Society. MS. Soc. Reg. ex dono Henrici Howard Norfolciensis, Num. 34. "Registrum de diversis terris et tenementis adquisitis per magistrum Johannem Whethamstede et dominum Thomam Ramryge, Abbates exempti monasterii sancti Albani."^c

9. A large folio volume preserved among the manuscripts in the Herald's College, marked Norfolk Press,

28. Concordia facta cum domino manerii de la More supra tenuta maneriorum ejusdem domini sive tenentis, A.D. 1431, fol. 76 b.

29. Mensuratio terræ de Estbury facta mense Septembr. anno R. R. Edwardi tercii a Conquestu septimo, fol. 79 b.

30. Copia indenturæ de dimissione ad firmam hospicii voc. le Taberd in villa de sancto Albano, 9 Hen. VII. fol. 80.

31. "A terrar made by Dan William Risborow, subkechyne of the monastery of saint Albon, and by Thomas Waren, bayly of saint Albons, of all the londs lying within the lordship of Norton in the Clay, within the shyre of Richmond, the xvjth. day of August, the xiiijth. yere of the reign of King Henry the vijth." fol. 83.

32. Extent. Manerii de Esole, fol. 84.

33. Reddit. et consuetudines pertinent. rector. de Langelegh Abbatis, spectant. ad officium camerarii mon. sancti Albani, fol. 87.

34. Dimissio decimarum de Tyrfeld. 43 Edw. III. fol. 88.

In the Harleian manuscript 3775 are likewise the following articles relating to St. Alban's monastery, on vellum, of the fifteenth century.

1. Nomina illorum qui fraternitatem susceperunt in tempore abbatis Johannis vi^{ti}. Anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo vicesimo primo.

2. Chronicon, ab anno 1421 ad ann. 1430.

3. Descriptio novi altaris S. Albani.

4. Qualiter abbas Westmonasterii primam sedem in parlamento super abbatem S. Albani primitus usurpaverit.

5. Quomodo Willielmus Conquestor abstulit abbati sancti Albani totum dominium a dicta villa pene usque ad London Ston.

6. De dedicatione ecclesiæ S. Albani. temp. Hen. I.

7. Nomina abbatum ecclesiæ S. Albani, usque ad ann. M.ccc.

8. Monumenta ecclesiæ S. Albani. (Descriptio in quibusdam locis manca.)

^b This Begister Book contains a hundred and ninety-five folios. It was compiled for the use of the elemosinary or almoner of the abbey, and contains an account of every thing belonging to the said office from the latter part of the reign of Edw. III. to 16 Ric. II.; to which, at the beginning, hath been added a long process between the abbey of St. Alban's and William Cheselden, rector of Hortpoole, about tithes, A.D. 1428, which contains fifty-one folios, not numbered. Then follows a very exact table of the contents of this Register (in twenty-eight folios, not numbered), which gives an account of lands, tithes, &c. belonging to the abbey of St. Alban's in the following places: viz.

St. Alban's,	Horpole,
Berkhamstead,	Kenebelle,
Bretenham,	Lobenham,
Boxbury,	Middilton Keynes,
Cuffeley,	Rothying,
Eversden,	Kyngulton, and
Gritton,	Tytenhangre.

At the beginning is the following memorandum of the handwriting of Bishop Kennett:

"Cartularium Elemosinariæ Mon. S^{ti}. Albani olim in custodia antecessoris mei Thomæ Dove Episcopi de Burgo S. Petri, gratissimum mihi munus dedit Henric. Dove de Upton Armiger die XXI. Aug. A.D. 1722. Wh. de Burgo S. Petri Ep^{us}."

^c Under the title of this manuscript is this inscription, in capitals, "Sancta Trinitas unus Deus miserere nobis. Auxilium meum a Domino. Thomas Ramryge, abbas monasterii sancti Albani. R. Blakene."

Then on the first folio, a fresh title, "Evidentiæ de universis terris et tenementis per laborem et industriam venerabilis patris magistri Johannis Whethamstede perquisitæ."

The titles of the lands, different Instruments being occasionally included under each, are,

1. Newland, fol. 1.
2. Squilers, Boterwike, & Legatt, fol. 3.
3. Harpesfeld, fol. 7.
4. Licentia ad mortizandum manerium de Burston, 16 Hen. VI. fol. 10.
5. Donatio manerii ejusdem, 16 Hen. VI. fol. 10 b.
6. Bulla Martini papæ super esu carniū, anno sexto pontif. fol. 11.
7. Bulla altaris portatilis, anno sexto pontif. fol. 12.
8. Bulla pro decimis laicis ad firmam dimittendis, anno sexto pontif. fol. 13.
9. Licentia regia ad amortizandum manerium de Redewell, 17 Hen. VI. fol. 14.
10. Carta donationis manerii ejusdem, 17 Hen. VI. fol. 14 b.
11. London. Alderichestrestret. fol. 16.
12. London. Bradestret. fol. 17.
13. Tytenhangre, fol. 18 b.
14. Perdonatio generalis de forisfacturis variis, et præcipue de terris omnibus et tenementis ad manum mortuanam absque licentia regia usque ad annum decimum regni illustris regis Henrici sexti appropriatus, 15 Hen. VI. fol. 20 b.
15. Carta libertatis declarata noviter ad instantiam sæpediti Johannis abbatis, fol. 22.
16. Horpole, fol. 24.
17. Fundatio cellæ de Bello Loco, fol. 31.

Num. 3. This manuscript, contained in a hundred and ninety-three leaves of vellum, is written very much in conformity with the Cottonian MS. Claud. D. I. except that as that contains the Annals of Whethamstede's first abbacy, from 1421 to 1440, this contains the Annals of his second government, from 1451 to 1462. The first leaf is illuminated in a manner somewhat similar to the Cotton MS. having the lamb and eagle, the arms ascribed to the kingdom of Mercia, and those of the abbey, at the corners, with the addition of a small illumination of the abbat seated among his monks, in the initial letter M.

It begins,

"Hic Prelaturæ Whethamstede pauca secunda
More registrantis scribuntur Gesta Johannis."

18. Relaxatio advocacionis [Cellæ], 6 Hen. VI. fol. 32.
 19. Supplicatio pro unione, fol. 32 b.
 20. Rentale Domus sive Hospitalis sancti Juliani juxta sanctum Albanum fact. per Inquisitionem domini Thomæ Ramryge abbatis monasterii sancti Albani, anno regni regis Henrici septimi xxij°. fol. 33 b.
 21. Rentale de terris et tenementis de novo adquisitis per reverendum patrem Thomam Ramryge abbatem exempti monasterii sancti Albani renovatum in festo sancti Michaelis Archangeli anno regni regis Henrici septimi xxij°. dimiss. prout sequitur ad firmam cum reddit. [viz. Barnet et Est Barnet; Rugge; Watford; Sandrude; Redburn; Codycot; Bramsfelde; Langley; Rykmersworth] fol. 34 b.
 22. Rikemersworth, fol. 37.
 23. Aldenham, fol. 45.
 24. Institutio cistæ communis, fol. 51.
 25. Institutio magistri operum, fol. 52.
 26. Ordinationes ad jam dictum magistrum operum pertinentes, A.D. 1429, fol. 53.
 27. Supplicatio pro confirmatione ordinationis supradictæ, fol. 55.
 28. Billa delegatiæ pro confirmatione, A.D. 1431, anno 1. pontif. Eugen. papæ, fol. 55 b.
 29. Procuratorium in causa exhibitionis bullæ apostolicæ, fol. 56 b.
 30. Litera confirmationis, fol. 57 b.
 31. Concessio suffragiorum pro ordinatione supradicta, A.D. 1431, fol. 58.
 32. Rentale de omnibus et singulis terris et tenementis ad officium magistri operariæ pertinentibus renovatum in festo sancti Michaelis archangeli, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo tricesimo secundo, et prælationis domini Johannis abbatis anno duodecimo, [Bellus Locus. Clophull. Cotes. Keching. Bedford. Cambo Magna. Maldon. Worthing. Shefford. Kempston. Westwick. London. Barnet. Villa Sancti Albani. Neulane. Squylers. Haliwell stret. Boturwik. Harpesfeld. Walden. Hexton. Vicus Ecclesiæ. Fispole stret. Raton rowe. Norton.] fol. 59.
 33. Onus annuale magistri operariæ, fol. 64 b.
 34. Exonerationes ratione dictæ ordinationis, fol. 65.
 35. Expensæ factæ circa perquisitionem libertatis noviter declaratæ, fol. 65 b.
 36. Expensæ dicti abbatis magis notabiles in majoribus domibus datis temporibus suæ prælationis, fol. 66.
 - * 37. Expensæ circa reparationes, fol. 67.
 - * 38. Expensæ circa perquisitiones, fol. 72 b.
 39. Expensæ circa uniones et amortizationes, fol. 73 b.
 40. Dona notabilia monasterio collata temporibus dicti abbatis, fol. 74.
 41. Factura librorum de compositione aliorum, fol. 74 b.
 42. Factura librorum de propria compilatione, fol. 75.
 43. Facturæ notabilium librorum pro choro, tam per dictum abbatem quam per confratres temporibus suæ prælationis, fol. 75 b.
 44. Expensæ circa privilegia apostolica, fol. 76.
 45. Reparationes factæ per officarios, temporibus supradicti abbatis, fol. 77.
 46. Incrementum redditus temporibus dicti abbatis, fol. 80.
 47. Factura jocalium notabilium pro ecclesia per confratres temporibus supradicti abbatis, fol. 80 b.
 48. Litteræ illustris ducis Gloucestriæ super variarum rerum collatione, A.D. 1436, fol. 81.
 49. Decretum, sive arbitrium, illustris Principis domini Humfridi Gloucestriæ Ducis, super quadam lite quam Johannes septimus contra suum prædecessorem legitur ingrata nimium commovisse, A.D. 1442, 21 Hen. VI. fol. 82 b.
 50. Evidentiæ pertinentes mesuagio de Harpesfeld, 2 Edw. IV. fol. 87.
 51. Extenta manerii sive loci de Bello Loco in comitatu Bedford, fact. xxij°. die mensis Junii anno regni regis Henrici vij^{mi}. xx°. tempore dompni Willielmi Lycheffelde magistri novæ ordinationis abbatis Johannis sexti per dompnum Thomam Ramryge abbatem fact. fol. 68 b.
- ^a Hist. St. Alban's. p. 344.
^b The following will be found a correct enumeration of the contents of this manuscript. The articles marked with an asterisk will be found in the Appendix of Instruments. Those marked with a dagger have been printed by Hearne in "Johannis de Whethamstede Chronicon."
1. Processus sub brevibus super modo et forma quibus Johannes dictus fuit iterum post resignationem in patrem et pastorem istius ecclesiæ reelectus, fol. i.
 2. Acta anni primi abbatis Johannis octavi, fol. 6 b.

On a blank leaf at the beginning, in a hand later than the book itself, is written,

"Blakeney Robertus capellanus domini Thomæ.

Sancta Trinitas, unus
Deus, miserere nobis."

Below is the figure of a ram, with the word *ryge* upon a collar round its neck, and over its back a mitre.

On another leaf, at the end, are the words

"Dompnus Robertus Blakeney monachus sancti Albani."

Hence it seems to have been improperly termed by Mr. Newcome ^a "Registrum Roberti Blakeney," as if this man, who lived considerably later than Whethamstede, had been the compiler.^b

3. Carta concessionis regiæ super ecclesiæ libertatione, 18 Hen. VI. fol. 9 b.
4. Carta altera concessionis regiæ super ulteriori ecclesiæ liberatione, 26 Hen. IV. fol. 16.
- † 5. Carta licentiationis regiæ super donatione manerii de Penbroke in partibus Southwalliæ domino duci Gloucestriæ concessæ, 19 Hen. VI. fol. 17 b.
- † 6. Carta donationis domini ducis Gloucestriæ, 21 Hen. VI. fol. 18.
7. Ratificatio regis una cum adhuc ulteriori ecclesiæ libertatione, 27 Hen. VI. fol. 19 b.
8. Placitum de tempore Johannis septimi, fol. 21 b.
9. Placitum de tempore Johannis octavi, fol. 26 b.
10. Finis placiti, allocutioque de certa summa argenti, fol. 30 b.
11. Carta regis Ricardi de libertate ecclesiæ in vacatione, fol. 31 b.
- † 12. Carta regis Henrici sexti de generali pardonatione, 30 Hen. VI. fol. 35.
- † 13. Acta anni secundi Johannis abbatis octavi, fol. 37 b.
14. Introductio terrarum et tenementorum olim Johannis Swanburne jacentium infra et juxta villam sancti Albani, fol. 39.
15. Tenor indenturæ de annua pensione, fol. 40.
16. Tenor relaxationis Thomæ illius de quo fit mentio in præmissis, fol. 40 b.
17. Processus cujusdam variationis inter abbatem dictum et suum officarium generalem propter causam hic inferius subsequentem, fol. 42.
18. Demonstratio in brevibus status portionis abbatialis facta et extracta ex rotulis et compotis fratris Willielmi Walingford officarij generalis in festo Michaelis in anno secundo post decessum domini Johannis Stoke abbatis, in anno videlicet regis Henrici sexti xxxij°. fol. 43.
19. Processus sub brevibus de illis mille marcis quas fatebatur abbas Johannes Stoke se in bursa habuisse in hora suæ mortis. De illo commodoq. modicissimo quod non absque scandalo ecclesiæ maximo provenit ex ipsis, fol. 47 b.
20. Acta anni tercij abbatis Johannis octavi, fol. 51.
21. Processus super forma et modo quibus præmemoratus officarius singula sua priora dicta super pecuniis habitis in toto retraxerat, finxeratque sibi novum dicendi modum quo suam retractionem cautius coloraret, fol. 51.
22. Resistentia facta cuidam militi qui nitebatur manerium de Burston ab ecclesia surripere autoritate parlamenti, fol. 55 b.
- † 23. Processus receptionis cujusdam fratris iterum ad suæ matris gremium qui spiritu levitatis ductus fastidivit ubera dictæ matris, migravitque ad locum alterum placentiora ubera ad sugendum, fol. 56 b.
- † 24. Readmissio cujusdam fratris alterius qui propter curam reliquit claustrum, per annosque multos ut puta per decem et ulterius in sæculo fuerat cum sæcularibus conversatus, fol. 59.
- † 25. Nomina ac etiam cognomina fratrum illorum omnium qui recesserunt ab ecclesia tempore abbatis Johannis septimi, diverteruntque se ad laxiorem sive liberiores modum conversandi, fol. 60.
- † 26. Processus sub Brevibus quomodo ecclesia beatæ Mariæ de Wymundham subtracta erat ab obedientia abbatis Johannis septimi, erectaque ac exaltata de cella in abbatiam, fol. 60 b.
- † 27. Processus erectionis cellæ de Wymundham de prioratu in abbatiam, fol. 62.
28. Acta anni quarti abbatis Johannis octavi, fol. 64.
29. Processus inductionis diversarum parcellarum terræ una cum columbari jacentium de prope toftum de Squillers, fol. 64.
- † 30. Processus cujusdam belli grandis sive conflictus habitus infra villam sancti Albani inter dominum regem Henricum sextum et dominum Ricardum ducem Eboracensem, fol. 65.
- † 31. Dampnabilis destabilisque deprædatio plurium post belli jam dicti terminationem, fol. 70.
- † 32. Graciosa miraculosaque præservatio monasterii a spoliatione post finem belli superius memorati, fol. 71.
- † 33. Tumulatio trium illustrium dominorum infra capellam beatæ Virginis post finem belli illius sive conflictus de quo fit mentio in præmissis, fol. 72.
- † 34. Declaratio facta pro domino duce Gloucestriæ super sua innocentia in gravissima nominis infamacione, fol. 73.
- † 35. Declaratio altera facta pro domino duce Eboraci pro omnibus que aliis qui interfuerunt secum in conflictu habito infra villam sancti Albani, fol. 75.
36. Processus perquisitionis manerii de Garston infra parochiam de Watford, fol. 76 b.
37. Litera attornationis directa cuidam homini de villa sancti

10. Among Dr. Rawlinson's manuscripts in the Bodleian library at Oxford, is a Register of Presentations to the churches belonging to St. Alban's abbey, from 1458 to 1488. A folio volume, on vellum.

One or two articles of minor importance may also be here noticed.

Cole, in his manuscript Collections, now in the British Museum, vol. xxxii. p. 221, gives a minute Account, with extracts, of the Court Rolls of the manor of Crokesley, in the parish of Rickmersworth in Hertfordshire, formerly appropriated to the office of cellerar of the

abbey of St. Alban. These Rolls were written on forty-six skins or sheets of fine vellum, and were brought down from 41 Hen. III., A. D. 1256, to the end of the reign of Henry Vth, with one Roll of the 23d Hen. VIII., A. D. 1531. They were formerly in Mr. Cole's own possession. From an entry in one of his volumes it appears to have been his intention to have given the originals to Caius college in Cambridge, the manor of Crokesley having been bestowed on Dr. Caius by Queen Elizabeth. They were, however, deposited by his will in the same collection with the rest of his manuscripts.^a

Albani ad recipiendum vice et nomine dicti abbatis seisinam et possessionem manerii illius de quo fit mentio in præmissis, fol. 78.

38. Manerium de Aygnellys infra dominium de Redborn, fol. 78 b.

39. Concessio facta Johannæ Spendelove viduæ et Johanni Ferrers de annuo redditu xxxij^s. iiij^d. de octo carectatis bosci, et de uno crofto cum cotagio ultra pontem in Haliwell, fol. 79 b.

† 40. Perdonatio generalis virtute cujus Perquisitiones modo dictæ salvantur a lupinis morsibus et a deprædatione, fol. 80 b.

41. Processus destructionis sive depositionis cujusdam molendini equini noviter per quemdam adventitium infra villam de Watford erecti in læsionem ecclesiæ ac etiam injuriam quotidie occupati, fol. 82 b.

42. Processus expulsionis sive erectionis Thomæ Charleton militis de manerio de Burston cum singulis feoffatis suis, fol. 83 b.

43. Mandatum domini regis certis electis directum justiciariis ad capiendum assisam per Johannem abbatem sancti Albani contra Thomam Charleton militem arraniatam, fol. 85 b.

44. Recuperatio præfati manerii tam per judicium quam per propriam confessionem militis antedicti, fol. 86 b.

45. Evidentia altera liberata per dictum Thomam Charleton militem et introducta, fol. 89.

46. Acta anni quinti abbatis Johannis octavi, fol. 90.

47. Processus cujusdam commutationis, recompensationis, sive excambii, facti cum domino manerii de la More pro certis serviciis et redditibus de dicto manerio monasterio sancti Albani exeuntibus, fol. 90.

48. Tenor primarum litterarum patentium super regia concessa licentia domino de Sudeley ad amortizandum post debitam captam inquisitionem monasterio de sancto Albano suum hospitium situatum infra civitatem Londoniarum, fol. 96 b.

49. Breve regium directum majori civitatis Londoniarum ad inquirendum si sit ad dampnum vel præjudicium regis sive aliorum quod dominus de Sudeley dare possit abbati sancti Albani ejusdemque loci conventui hospitium suum in dicta civitate situatum, fol. 97.

50. Responsio Willielmi Marowe majoris et escaetoris Londoniarum, fol. 98.

51. Litteræ aliæ patentes regię concessæ domino de Sudeley super prædicta responsione, fol. 99.

52. Prima carta recompensationis domini de Sudeley facto pro relaxationibus prius dictis abbati et conventui monasterii sancti Albani, 34 Hen. VI. fol. 100.

53. Carta altera recompensationis, 34 Hen. VI. fol. 102.

† 54. Processus cujusdam resumptionis generalis de terris omnibus et dominiis, castris, honoribus, et officiis per dominum regem aliquibus concessis, a prima diesuæ coronationis usque ad tunc præsens, fol. 103 b.

† 55. Billa porrecta domino regi in parlamento per communitatem regni super illis omnibus resumendis de quibus fit mentio in præmissis, fol. 104 b.

56. Acta anni sexti abbatis Johannis octavi, fol. 111 b.

† 57. Processus recuperationis dampni illius sive læsuræ in quam ecclesia inciderat occasione resumptionis generalis prius dictæ, fol. 111 b.

† 58. Trium litterarum copię per quemdam sacerdotem extraneum anno isto ad regnum Angliæ allatæ, fol. 113.

59. Processus cujusdam abjuracionis factæ per Reginaldum Pekok, episcopum Cicistrensem, in publica audientia apud crucem sancti Pauli Londoniarum propter pravas, perfidas, et perversas opiniones quas scribere, docere, et publicare præsumperat mutabili populo et fluitanti, A. D. 1457, fol. 117 b.

60. Acta anni septimi abbatis Johannis octavi, fol. 121 b.

61. Processus de evasione felonum a gaola, et de impetratione perdonationis pro forisfactione illa, fol. 121 b.

† 62. Pacificatio cujusdam litis sive discordiæ grandis quæ viguit diutius quam decuit aut debuit inter varios dominos regni propter interfectionem quorundam procerum in bello commisso apud villam sancti Albani, fol. 124.

63. Concordia facta cum Johanne Cheyne milite qui per annos decem et ultra stabat cum ecclesia super certo quieto redditu in variatione, fol. 130.

64. Acquietantia indentata inter partes super solutione annui redditus tunc instantis, fol. 131.

† 65. Directio sive transmissio vitæ sancti Johannis prioris ecclesiæ conventualis de Tynemutha domino abbati per fratrem Johannem Bamhourg suppriorum in ecclesia superius nominata, fol. 131 b.

† 66. Ingressus trium monachorum de cœnobio Cluniacensi in regnum Angliæ causa videndi dominum regem, petendique ab eo illa quæ olim debebantur eis ex jure, fol. 133 b.

67. Acta in anno Johannis octavi octavo, fol. 136.

† 68. Adventus domini regis erga festum Paschæ ad monasterium. Processusque brevis de regimine et gubernatione ipsius ibidem, fol. 136 b.

† 69. Concessio suffragiorum facta principi christianissimo domino regi Henrico sexto de spirituali fraternatione ecclesiæ, de dieque suo obituario imposterum post decessum imperpetuum observando, A. D. 1459, fol. 137 b.

† 70. Expeditio gratiosa et grandis, habita in custodia æquoris, per dominum Ricardum Nevyle comitem Warwyci de Hispanis et Januensibus mense Junii in die sancti prothomartyris Albani, fol. 139 b.

† 71. Ingressus cujusdam legati domini apostolici in regnum Angliæ, causaque sui adventus et pro cujus materiæ expeditione, fol. 140.

† 72. Processus cujusdam variationis gravissimæ inter dominum regem et cæteros regni proceres superque illius conclusionem, fol. 142.

73. Acta in anno Johannis octavi nono, fol. 150.

74. Processus perquisitionis, amortizationisque sollemipni sumptuosique manerii de la More in parochia de Rikmersworth, fol. 150.

75. Licentia domini regis plurimum gratiosa ad perquirendum et amortizandum manerium sumptuosum de quo fit mentio supra, fol. 151 b.

76. Breve regium Willielmo Tirell armigero, escaetori in comitatu Hertfordiæ, directum, ad inquirendum si sit ad dampnum sive præjudicium ipsius domini regis seu alterius licet detur ad amortizandum manerium de quo fit mentio in præmissis, fol. 152.

77. Hic omittuntur copię litterarum tam de retornatione quam etiam de regia licentiatione ideo quia exemplaria omnino quasi per similia ponuntur alibi in majori Registro, inter acta anni quinti, de amortisatione cujusdam tenementi in civitate Londoniarum super ripam Thamesiæ situati. Subsequitur ergo modo copia scripti indentati super reversione prædicti manerii abbati monasterii sancti Albani, fol. 153 b.

† 78. Processus super redditu et regressu trium dominorum dictorum, comitis videlicet Marchiæ, comitis Warwyci, et comitis Salisburie iterum ad regnum, super formaque et modo quibus ipsi contritis suis emulis et conteritis susceperunt dominum regem in gubernationem suam, fol. 154 b.

† 79. Processus sub brevibus super redditu et regressu domini ducis Eboracensis ab Hiberniæ partibus ad regnum Angliæ, fol. 158.

† 80. Excusatio brevis pro dicto domino duce de nota perjurii sive juramenti violatione, fol. 161.

† 81. Memorabilia varia, sive verius Mirabilia, hoc anno in regno contingentia, fol. 161 b.

82. Acta in anno Johannis octavi decimo, fol. 162 b.

† 83. Processus belli illius sive prælii quod intus australes et boreales commissum fuerat infra et extra villam sancti Albani, fol. 163.

† 84. Processus super rapida rabidaque plebis spoliacione et patriæ, per viros boreales post victoriam habitam ab exercitu adversante, fol. 166.

† 85. Processus sub brevibus super forma et modo quibus comes Marchiæ, filius et hæres domini ducis Eboraci interfecti, audita fama de morte sui patris, mox associata sibi non pauca multitudo plebis, ad urbem venit Londoniarum, fol. 168.

† 86. Acta paucula in quodam parlamento immediate quasi post dictam coronationem apud Westmonasterium celebrato, fol. 173.

* † 87. Concessio regis Edwardi quarti super prioratu de Pembroke in partibus Southwalliæ, fol. 173 b.

† 88. Attinctio quarundam personarum illustrium aliorumque nobilium plurium, causaque attinctionis eorundem, fol. 174 b.

† 89. Nota de feria tenenda apud Luton, fol. 175.

90. Consolatio peccatorum contra peccatum desperationis. Metricè. foll. 175 b, 189 b.

* † 91. Summa de temporibus secundæ prælationis Johannis Wethamstede, fol. 184.

^a From these Rolls, in another volume of his Collections, Mr. Cole has extracted the names, with the dates of occurrence, of the various cellerars, or lords of the manor, in whose names the courts baron were held. They were

Walter de Wylum, A. D. 1265.

J. de Scelford, A. D. 1268. Of this person, as cellerar, Mr. Cole is uncertain.

John de Marynes, A. D. 1280 to 1287. Abbat in 1301.

R. Hakford, A. D. 1287 and 1289.

Luke Bovindon, A. D. 1290 to 1295.

John Stevenach, A. D. 1298 to 1302.

Hugh Eversdon, A. D. 1303 to 1308; when he was elected abbat.

William Barbur, A. D. 1308.

Thomas de Bovingedon, A. D. 1310 to 1313.

Richard de Tewyng, A. D. 1313.

John Hurle, A. D. 1314 to 1316.

Nicholas Flamstede, A. D. 1316 to 1319.

Richard Stoppesle, A. D. 1320 and 1321.

William Heron, A. D. 1322.

Robert Saunford, A. D. 1323, and again in 1326.

John Kilsul, A. D. 1325.

Robert Chestan, A. D. 1377 to 1395.

Robert Botheby, A. D. 1395 to 1398.

William Heyworth, A. D. 1398 to 1400. Abbat in 1401: and afterwards bishop of Litchfield and Coventry.

John Blebury, or Belebury, A. D. 1401 to 1408. In 1410 and 1411, and again in 1419, 7 Hen. V. In 1408 brother Simon Wyndesore was joined with him in his office.

The Harleian manuscript, Num. 28, is an Indenture quadripartite made between King Henry the Seventh, the abbat and convent of Westminster, the abbat and convent of St. Alban, and the mayor and commonalty of London, concerning the holding of a solemn anniversary in the church of St. Alban for ever, and praying there for the king, the royal family, and the realm. Dated 20th November, 20 Hen. VII. On vellum. The king's arms and badges are illuminated at the beginning.^a

The CONVENTUAL, now the PARISH CHURCH of the Borough of St. Alban, consists of a nave, with two ailes, two transepts, a space between the nave and choir separated from the former by a screen and called the baptistery, a choir with two ailes, a presbytery, and a Lady chapel. A massive tower, resting upon four arches, rises from the intersection of the nave and transepts; the battlements and spire being of a later date than the lower portion of the tower.

The length of the whole church from east to west is six hundred feet, whereof, from the west door to the high altar, are four hundred and eleven feet. From thence, including the chapel of the shrine, to the east end of the Lady chapel, is a hundred and eighty-nine feet. The breadth of the transept is nearly thirty-two feet; its extreme length a hundred and seventy-four: of the nave, with its ailes, seventy-four feet and a half. Hawksmoor's plan, taken in 1721, makes its length five hundred and fifty feet; the height of the nave sixty-five feet; of the ailes thirty; of the tower a hundred and forty-four feet.^b

The dates of different parts of the building have been already incidentally noticed in the Lives of the various abbats.

The transepts and tower, with the upper half of the north aisle of the nave, are of the Norman style, and were built by abbat Paul in the reign of Henry the First.^c The western arches of the nave, with its south aisle, and the west porch, are ascribable to the time of Edward the First, and were probably built by abbat Roger de Norton.

The ceilings of both transepts are boarded, and painted in squares, with the Arms of benefactors supported by angels and *J. H. C.* alternately. The ceiling of the nave is painted in the same squares, but flowered, and on the flowers are lions, and in the centre *J. H. C.*

Simon Wyndesore occurs as cellerar alone, in 1409.

Michael Cheyne, A.D. 1413 to 1422.

Robert Blakeney, A.D. 1531 to 1533, and again in 1537.

Thomas Whetamstede, A.D. 1533 to 1536.

^a Beside the original Charters in the Harleian collection copied in the Appendix of Instruments, Numm. XVIII. XIX. XX. XXVII. two others are preserved: viz.

43 A. 27. Clementis papæ confirmatio transactionis inter Lincoln. eccl. et eccl. S. Albani.

43 A. 36. Gregorii IX. papæ privilegium priori mon. S. Albani, archidiacono de S. Albano Linc. dioc. de archid. Glovernix et ecclesia de Stan.

The choir is of the time of Henry the Third: and is also ceiled with wood.

Abbat Hugh de Everesdon has been already noticed as the builder of the Lady chapel.

This part of the structure received much embellishment from abbat Whetamstede, whose cognizances, with his arms, the ears of wheat, are sprinkled over numerous portions of the fabric.

The tower, the two transepts, and part of the nave, are built of Roman tiles from the ruins of ancient Verulam: the remaining parts of the structure of free stone, brought from the quarries of Totternhoe in Bedfordshire.

The principal entrance to the church is at the west end of the nave. This part, called the front, was the work of abbat John de Cella, in the reign of King John.

At the end of the south transept is a curious and very ancient part of the old cloister. Some of the rich arches of the south and east cloister remain against the walls of the church, but their area has long been turned up and left waste. The cloisters were a hundred and twenty-nine feet long, and twenty-one feet broad.

Almost all the monastic buildings appear to have been situated on the south and south-west side of the church. Of these the gate-house, erected in the time of King Richard the Second, is the principal remain. The upper part is still used as the prison of the borough, as it formerly was of the monastery. A correspondent gate toward the river was pulled down in 1722.

The extent of the abbey court-yard may still be traced from the fragments of walls which formed its enclosure.

The Arms of St. Alban's abbey, Az. a Cross Saltire Or. are still used by the corporation as the arms of the borough.^d

The CELLS and HOSPITALS subordinate to the monastery of St. Alban were, the *Priories* of BEAULIEU in Bedfordshire; BELVOIR in Lincolnshire; BINHAM in Norfolk; HATFIELD PEVEREL in Essex; HERTFORD, and REDBURN, in Hertfordshire; TYNEMOUTH in Northumberland; WALLINGFORD in Berkshire; and WYMONDHAM in Norfolk: the *Nunneries* of MERKYATE in Caddington in Bedfordshire; and SOPEWELL, near St. Alban's: with the *Hospitals* of ST. JULIAN, and ST. MARY DE PRATIS, or PREE. Mr. Clutterbuck adds to the List of Cells the Chapel of ST. GERMANUS.

^b See Mr. Gough's Account of the Abbey of St. Alban, illustrative of the Plans, Elevations, and Sections of that Building, published by the Society of Antiquaries, fol. Lond. 1813, pp. 2, 3.

^c Mr. Clutterbuck says, "It has been remarked by Dr. Ducarel that the inside of the transepts of this church very much resemble those of the abbey church of St. Stephen at Caen, in Normandy, built by William the Conqueror A.D. 1064, having the same kind of little arched work near the top; from which it seems probable that, as Paul was a Norman by birth, and had himself been bred up in the abbey of Caen, he should have adopted the same style of architecture in the construction of this church, which he is expressly said by Matthew Paris to have rebuilt. Hist. Hertf. vol. i. p. 59.

^d Willis, Mit. Ab. vol. i. p. 27.

Cartae ad Sancti Albani Coenobium in agro Hertfordensi spectantes.

NUM. I.

[Math. Westm. in an. ccc.xiii.]

INTEREA Dioclesianus in oriente, Maximianus Herculeus in occidente, vastari ecclesias, affligi, interficique Christianos, decimo post Neronem loco, praeceperunt. At ubi turbo persecutionis, elapsis decem annis, conquievit, progressi in publicum fideles Christi, qui se tempore discriminis silvis remotis, locis desertis, abditivè speluncis occuluerant, sanctorum ecclesias ad solum usque destructas renovant, basilicas sanctorum martyrum fundant, construunt, et perficiunt, ac veluti victricia signa propalant, dies festos celebrant, sacra faciunt.

Hoc denique tempore, basilica in honore beati Albani construitur, Anglorum prothomartyris, Beda in historiarum lib. i. cap. 7, taliter referente. Passus est beatus Albanus, die decimo kalend. Juliarum juxta civitatem Verolanium, quæ nunc à gente Anglorum, Warlamcestria, vel Watlingecestria appellatur, ubi postea temporum Christianorum serenitate, ecclesia est mirandi operis, atque ejus martyrio condigna, fabricata x. scilicet annis post passionem ejus elapsis. In quo videlicet loco usque in hodiernum diem curatio infirmorum, et frequentium operatio virtutum non desinit celebrari. Quod autem civitas memorata nomine censetur bifario, hæc ratio. Ab alveo enim quæ Warlame dicitur, et ad orientalem civitatis plagam defluit, Warlancestria: à via autem regia, quæ Watlingestreete nuncupatur, et ad partem civitatis jacet orientalem, Watlingecestria nominatur. Pax quoque in Brittanorum ecclesiis, usque in tempora Arianæ vesaniæ permansit illibata.

[Will. Malmesb. 166 a.]

PAGUS Bedefordensis continet abbatiam sancti Albani. Is non mercenarius nec futilis martyr habet laudatores et testes martyrii præcipuos, Bedam et Fortunatum, quorum copiae si vellem aliquid adjicere, tale esset ac si cuperem mari aquas infundere. Corpus sanctissimum, quod diu in terræ pulvere jacuerat, rex Offa in scrinio collocatum erexit in lumen, basilica pulcherrimi operis, et monachorum numerositate honoravit. Nec res est in ambiguo eum Bathoniæ consistentem admonitum somnio, cumque illuc iter ageret, essetque vir proximo lucis in modum ingentis faculæ supra locum sepulchri, et noctu et interdum descendens animatum indicio. Id cœnobium nunquam omnino ruinæ patuit, sed nostra ætate per Paulum abbatem, agente Lanfranco archiepiscopo, in summum auspiciū religionis evasit.

[Lelandi Collectan. vol. iii. p. 72.]

ANNO Domini dcccxciii. Offa rex Merciorum potentissimus, angelica admonitus visione, et cœlestis lucis ad modum faculæ super sepulchrum gloriosi prothomartyris Anglorum Albani emissæ, de loco humili et populo incognito sublata, in locellum ex auro et argento, et lapidibus pretiosis fabricatum, pii martyris reposuit pignora, et ecclesiam in honorem ipsius, quæ barbarorum incursu fuerat destructa, reparavit, et monachos ut ad sancti corpus deservirent, instituit, et Romam pergens à papa Adriano canonizationem martyris prædicti, et monasterii confirmationem, privilegiis specialibus impetravit.

Fuerat namque locus ille tempore adventus Anglorum in Britanniam, sicut cætera loca Britanniae penitus destructa, et solo tenus complanata. Acta sunt hæc à passione beati martyris anno dvn. ab adventu Anglorum in Britanniam anno cccxliii. indictione prima, kalendis Augusti.

[Hist. Aurea Joh. Tinemuthen. MS. in Bibl. Bodleiana, cap. 126.]

ANNO dcclv. Offa rex Angliæ, &c. monasterium sancti Albani fundavit, impetravitque à pontifice Romano, ut ecclesia beati Albani Romescot ab omni Hertfordensi provincia, in qua sita est ecclesia, fideliter colligeret, et collectum in usus proprios retineret. Unde sicut à rege jura regalia, ita abbas loci jura habet pontificalia.

[Ibid. cap. 223.]

ANNO dcclxxxvii. Rithulphus archiepiscopus Doberbornensis basilicam sancti Albani à fundamentis inchoans, miro opere de cocto latere circa hæc tempora consummavit.

[Ibid. cap. 103.]

ANNO autem Domini mlxx. in Angliam Lanfrancus intravit, et quarto kal. Sept. in archiepiscopum consecratus est.

Lanfrancus instauravit, et possessionibus ditavit monasterium sancti Albani, restituit in pristinum statum, in quo posuit abbatem Paulum Cadomensem monachum.

[Chron. MS. Johan. Bever, in Biblioth. Deuvesiana, fol. 38 b.]

ANNO mcliii. eodem anno, defuncto papa Anastasio successit Nicholaus, Albanensis episcopus, et vocatus est Adrianus, &c. Hic ecclesiam sancti Albani insignivit privilegiis, ut sicut beatus Albanus prothomartyr est Angliæ, ita et ejus abbas inter omnes Angliæ abbates primus sit ordine et dignitate.

NUM. II.

Rex Offa orat sibi gratiam dari, in voto suo complendo.

[Ex Vita Offæ Secundi, à Mat. Paris. edit. 1684, p. 983.]

REX autem Offa magnificus et piissimus, post mortem uxoris suæ reginæ, videlicet Quendridæ, vitam cœlibem ducens, salubribus monitis et doctrinis sanctorum Humberti archiepiscopi et Unwonæ episcopi, et aliorum (quos justos noverat et prudentes) diligenter intendebat, et eorum consilio, cum filio suo Egfrido regebatur. Pacis enim undique tranquillitate congaudebant. Una autem dierum, suscitato sermone devoto supra dicto, quo rex Offa à multis retroactis temporis Deo tenebatur astrictus, cujus executionem regina Quendrida jam defuncta, nequiter retardando impediverat, trahens ab alto rex suspiria, viris memoratis, et aliis magnatibus sibi specialibus, ait, Deo tamen fundens orationem. 'O Deus, qui me ab omnium hostium insidiis et impugnationibus, necnon et a conjugis meæ laqueis misericorditer ac potenter liberasti, da mihi condignè tibi famulando, gratam rependere vicissitudinem. Oro Domine Jesu Christe, cognitor secretorum, et præsage futuro-

rum, ut mihi famulo tuo manifestè concedas certificari, de cœnobio tibi te propitio, constituendo; de quo fundando votivo affectu me nosti strictius obligatum. De loco insuper, et cuinam sancto tuo sit intitulandum, per angelum veritatis flagito certius edoceri.' Et conversus rex ad circumsedentes, aborti lachrymis, et conjunctis manibus, ait, 'Hoc quoque patres ac fratres charissimi, qui Deo sic volente nunc præsentes estis, ora devotius, quatenus sincera mente, totaque devotione, Deum omnipotentem deprecemini, ut ad beneplacitum suum honorem et gloriam, ad effectum meum perducatur desiderium.' Et cum omnes gaudentes hoc concessissent, intravit archiepiscopus Humbertus cum Unwona episcopo, et aliis quos advocaverunt clericis, in oratorium quod prope erat, super hoc propensius oraturus. Et præmisso hymno, 'Veni Creator Spiritus,' oraverunt devotissimè, ut dominus justum regis desiderium ad effectum duceret gloriosum. Et cum prolixius orassent, ecce lux emissa cœlitus totam cellulam illam in qua erant, a summo tecti fastigio usque ad pavementum perlustravit. In qua favor Dei manifestè significabatur. Unde rex illud regale manerium in quo hæc evenerunt, viz. Wineslave, cum pertinentiis, illi cœnobio quod adhuc fundaturus erat rex, regali contulit munificentia, tali munere locum subarrando, quem adhuc penitus ignoravit.

De Revelatione Angelica facta Regi Merciorum Offæ; de Inventione Sancti Albani Anglorum Prothomartyris.

Post hos verò dies non multos, rex Merciorum Offa potentissimus, cum in urbe Bathonia residens, post diei laborem, noctis quietem in strato regio caperet, angelo nuntiante, divino est admonitus oraculo, ut sanctum Dei Anglorum sive Britonum Prothomartyrem Albanum, de terra levaret, et reliquias ejus in scrinio dignius collocaret. Rex vero divinis illico studens obtemperare præceptis, accito Humberto Merciorum archiepiscopo (cujus sedes apud Lichfield, ut prædictum, nuper ab eodem rege fuerat constituta,) divinam ei voluntatem indicat de præmissis. Tunc archiepiscopus sæpeditus, assumptis continuò secum Ceolwolfo Lindesiensi et Unwona Legrecestrensi episcopis, suis suffraganeis, cum innumera utriusque sexus, et diversæ ætatis multitudine, regi die sibi statuta, apud Verolanium occurrerunt. Rex vero dum illuc iter expediret, lucis radium, in modum ingentis faculæ cœlitus emissum, super locum sepulchri quasi fulminare conspexit. Hoc quoque divino miraculo manifestè ab omnibus aspectu, gaudentes tali indicio extiterunt de visionis veritate effecti certiores. Tunc populo in jejuniis et orationibus sanctificato, antistites sacri sacerdotalibus infulis adornati, affore sibi beati martyris auxilium flagitabant. Fuerat namque locus, et memoria martyris post adventum sancti Germani Antissiodorensis episcopi, qui cum beato Lupo, Cecrasinæ urbis episcopo, ad extirpandam hæresim Pelagianam in Britanniam venerant, annis circiter trecentis et quadraginta quatuor, omninò deleta. Sed tantum in codicibus historiarum, et relatu senum, cum paucis vestigiis repræsentata. Siquidem gens pagana Saxonum, Jutorum, et Anglorum, Britonibus expulsis, sibi insulam subjugaverant. Qui agros cum horreis feraliter depopulantes, ignem in civitates, oppida, et pagos succenderunt: ecclesias solo tenus complantes, prælatos quoque membratim detruncantes, omnem pene Britannicam insulam a mari usque ad mare, hostili exterminio, velut in desertum redegerunt. Hac itaque tempestate, ecclesia beati Anglorum prothomartyris Albani, quam Beda in Anglorum historia miro tabulatu lapideo scripsit fuisse constructam, inter cæteras regionis ecclesias funditus est subversa. Unde et sepulchrum ejus, quod in adventu sancti Germani, et ante à passione martyris usque ad illius patriæ desolationem, ab omnibus notum propter antiquæ famæ celebritatem et miraculorum frequentitum, ab omnibus fuerat adoratum compatriotis, et honoratum universis, tempore quo Offæ regi invictissimo angelico fuerat ministerio revelatum. Locus autem sepulchri et loci distincti cognitio penitus delebatur.

Manifestiūs Inventionis Indicium.

FACTA igitur, ut diximus, oratione a clero et populo, cum eleemosyna et jejuniis, terram percutiunt, et passim martyris sepulturam offendunt. Nec fuit necesse locum diu quærere, quem divina clementia dignata est cœlesti lumine revelare. Martyris igitur corpus, astante Offa rege Christianissimo, in theca lignea (in qua prius a Christi fidelibus propter barbarorum sævitiam fuerat tempore discriminis occultatum) reperiunt, cum ipsis sacris omnium apostolorum diversorumque martyrum reliquiis quas ibi dudum sanctus deposuerat Germanus, intercessione beati martyris, de Pelagianis triumphans. Movit hæc inventio tam clerum quam populum universum ad lachrymas. Et ob hoc maximè, quòd fidem fecit dominus de sanctorum patrum reliquiis ibidem cum corpore martyris, prout legimus, depositis. Quas ut pium est credere, voluit dominus quasi ad solatium ejusdem martyris, corpori diu soli fuisse associatus. Roboravit insuper fidem regis, et ejus fidelium, divinum testimonium: cum apud Wineslave lux, cum miri odoris fragrantia, cellam præsulorum orantium illuminavit. Et regis propositum certius solidavit. Plus tamen cæteris omnium corda erexit, radius igneus ab æthere missus super locum, et indies descendens, et solare sicut et lunare lumen adaugens, regem cum suis sodalibus, quasi stella Magorum dux 'donec staret supra domum ubi erat puer Christus,' ad locum perduxit, memoratis reliquiis insignitum. Ut verè dici possit, testimonia tua Christe credibilia facta sunt nimis, et idcirco domum tuam Domine, tali loco fundandam, decet sanctitudo in longitudine dierum, hoc est, in sempiternum.

De Testimoniis Miraculorum, in conspectu Populi ibidem celebratorum.

QUEM utique thesaurum, super aurum et topazion pretiosum, sub cespite diu absconditum, et jam divinitus inventum, archiepiscopus Humbertus cum suis coepiscopis et clericis, astante rege, reverenter levantes de sepulchro, præcedente solemnī processione, in hymnis et laudum præconiis, transtulerunt in quandam ecclesiam ibidem extra urbem Verolanium, a Neophytis in honorem beati martyris constructam. Ubi martyr percussus, sanguinem suum fudit pro Christo; quam persecutores quia parvulam, ejecto locello corpus suum continente, diruere dedignabuntur.

Ibidem igitur in eodem locello, reliquiis ordinatè depositis, et pallis involutis et cranio aureo circulo à rege circumdato; in quo scriptum fuit, 'HOC EST CAPUT SANCTI ALBANI ANGLORUM PROTHOMARTYRIS,' missa solemniter celebratur. Et interim miracula æterna recordatione digna ibidem celebrantur, in conspectu regis, et antistitum, et omnium illic existentium. Nam mortui ad vitam revocantur, semineces ad sospitatem restaurantur, leprosi mundantur, paralytici solidantur, febricitantes curantur, contracti eriguntur; muti, surdi, cæci, et ar-reptitii, imo omnes languidi et se malè habentes, malorum remedia recipiunt. Quæ Dei beneficia, usque in hodiernum diem fieri non desistunt; sine ea, quæ pluris est, animarum salute, quæ eodem loco devotis largiter impertitur.

De multiplici Honore, quem Rex Offa contulit sancto Corpori, jam invento.

REX igitur Offa christianissimus locellum memoratum laminis aureis et argenteis, gemmisque pretiosis, de thesauro suo munificè sumptis, decenter adornari, et ecclesiam ipsius, in qua, ut jam dictum est, corpus collocabatur, picturis, aulæis, et aliis ornamentis, donec amplior multis ditanda possessionibus, et honoribus ædificaretur, jussit decorari. Acta autem sunt hæc, a passione sæpediti martyris, anno quingentesimo septimo, ab adventu Anglorum in Britanniam, trecentesimo quadragesimo quarto, indictione prima, kalendis Augusti.

Ut Rex Offa Romam pergens, pratum emerit peregrinis.

MERITO autem, ut præactum est, vitam coelibem agenti, victoriosissimo regi Offæ, angelo cœlitus destinato, et invento Anglorum protomartyre Albano, cœlesti indicio crevit, sub dierum brevitate, per totam regionem honor Martyris et reverentia. Eodem quoque mense, rex ibidem provinciale statuit concilium cum archiepiscopo Humberto suisque suffraganeis et primatibus suis universis, cum tractarent diligenter et efficaciter de conventu monachorum in loco illo congregando, atque cœnobia constituendo, et magnifice ac regaliter privilegiando; ubi protomartyris regni sui, imò totius Britanniae vel Angliæ, reliquias invenit, et quem locum suo sanguine consecravit. Placet omnibus pium regis propositum, eique episcoporum consulit prudentia, ut auctoritate Romani pontificis, (et si alias hoc factum fuerit, quod non iterari inutiliter dicitur, quod non scitur perpetratum) canonizetur simul, et privilegietur Monasterium, in honorem martyris noviter construendum. Et hæc omnia ut digniorem et firmiorem sortiantur effectum, consilium virorum sanctorum et discretorum suscipit et exaudit: ut per legatos solemnes à latere regis destinatos, aut potius in propria persona, rex ipse super his, cum curia tractet Romana diligenter.

De prosecutione pii propositi Regis piissimi Offæ.

OFFA igitur rex piissimus, suorum magnatum sano adquiescens consilio, divino ductus spiritu, transalpinum valdè laboriosum et sumptuosum iter arripit, sine moræ dispendio. Nec eum cura rei familiaris, vel regni custodiendi necessitas, vel comminantis senii gravitas, nec laboris immanitas, vel pecuniæ inestimabiliter effusio, ipsum poterant retardare stabilem retinens in proposito cordis intentionem, ut sicut beatus Albanus protomartyr refulsit Angligenis, ita et monasterium ejus omnibus regni cœnobiis, possessionibus similiter et libertatibus, necnon et privilegiis, præfulgeat et præponatur.

Transfretat Rex Romam profecturus.

PRÆPARATIS igitur, edicto regio, navibus, cum navium armanentis, rex puppes ascendit; et sinuatis velis, prospero cursu in quodam portu maris in Flandria applicuit, desiderato. Veniensque ad quoddam oppidum ubi quoddam erat monasteriolum, hospitandi gratia illuc divertit. Ubi jumentis suis pabula non inveniens, miratur valde, quum locus ille pratorum copia conspicitur abundare. Quærit ergo rex, cujus sint prata illa? Responsum accipit, quod dominos plures haberent, qui jubentur omnes ante regem comparere. Convenit igitur eos de venditione pratorum illorum. At ipsi responderunt, dicentes, se nolle prata sua vendere, cum auro et argento satis abundassent; nec habebant propter egestatem necesse, alicui, præcipue transeunti, sua vel prata vel rura vendere. Quos cum audisset rex divitiis omnimodis abundare, ait rex magnificus et munificus: 'Credo quod non sic abundetis, quin non possitis amplius abundare. Nos prata vestra comparabimus non secundum eorum æstimationem, sed juxta vestram. Nec erit ulla difficultas de pretio, licet nulla sit propriatio in contrahendo.' Ipsi vero considerantes regis licet piissimi potentiam, et quod si vellet, parvo nutu posset eos obruisse, responderunt se velle voluntati suæ obsecundare, si tot millia ipsis vellet numerare: et nominaverunt tot millia, quot credebant regem nullo modo, licet prodigalissimus esset et inæstimabiliter abundaret, illis velle numerare; quia prata sua vendere non curabant.

Ut Rex Offa Romam perveniens, Cænobium beati Albani privilegiaverit.

DINUMERATA denique pro distractione pratorum pecunia, a loco rex progreditur, et Romam tandem perveniens, optata apostolorum limina contingit, et diversorum loca sanctorum percurrit: demum Adriano summo pontifici sui causam adventus explicans, et de loco,

simul et beato Albano canonizando et magnificando, cœnobiaque constituendo, devotè preces porrigens, petitioni suæ Romanam de facili curiam inclinavit; præsertim cum martyris inventio cœlitus mortalibus sit declarata. Adaugebat quoque omnium devotionem, quod non cuilibet de populo, sed tanto talique regi, tam magni martyris sui pignora Dominus revelavit. De monasterio igitur conventuali, videlicet cœnobiali, dignè ac celeriter constituendo, et ab omni episcoporum subjectione emancipando, papam et totam curiam consulit cum effectu.

Colloquium efficax Regis Offæ cum Papa.

CUMQUE inclytus rex Offa eleganter perorasset, Romanus pontifex humiliter ac favorabiliter inclinato capite, sic respondit: 'O regum christianissime, fili Offa, devotionem tuam circa regni tui prothomartyrem non mediocriter commendamus. Nec nos, quamvis remotos, latet vestra strenuitas vel sincera sanctitas. Verè coelibem vitam agentibus, meritò mittendus fuit angelus, cum castitati cognata sit puritas angelica, et cum favorabilis sit persona tua, favorabilior est causa quam proponis in medio, et labor tuæ peregrinationis acceptus est altissimo. De monasterio vero construendo et privilegiando petitioni tuæ assensum præbemus gratissimum; injungentes tibi in tuorum remissionem peccatorum ut prosperè ac foeliciter rediens, cum Dei et mea benedictione in terram ac regnum tuum, consilio episcoporum et optimatum tuorum, quas volueris possessiones sive libertates beati Albani Anglorum prothomartyris cœnobia conferas. Et tuo privilegio inde facto, nos originale tuum privilegio nostro inviolabili gratanter roborabimus et confirmabimus consequenter; et monasterium illud in specialem Romanæ ecclesiæ filiam adoptabimus, et nostro tantum illud apostolatui subjicientes, ab omni nocivo cujuslibet mortalium impetu, specialiter mediante episcopo sive archiepiscopo, protegemus.'

De Denario Sancti Petri.

HIS igitur auditis rex, quid dignè tantæ benignitati compenset secum studiose pertractat. Tandem divina inspirante gratia, consilium invenit salubre, et in die crastina, scholam Anglorum qui tunc Romæ floruit ingressus, dedit ibi ex regali munificentia ad sustentationem gentis regni sui illuc venientis singulos argenteos, de familiis singulis, omnibus in posterum diebus, singulis annis. Quibus, videlicet, sors tantum contulit extra domos in pascuis, ut triginta argenteorum precium excederet. Hoc autem per totam suam ditionem teneri in perpetuum constituit; excepta tota terra sancti Albani, suo monasterio conferenda, prout postea collata privilegia protestantur. Ut illo denario, a generali contributione sic excepto, et dicto monasterio sic collato, memoria donatoris indelibiliter perpetuetur. Et hoc tali largitate obtinuit et conditione, ut de regno Angliæ nullus publicè pœnitens pro executione sibi injunctæ pœnitentiæ subiret exilium.

Redit Offa Rex et fundat Cænobium.

CELEBRATA igitur donatione prædicta, et de peccatis omnibus (præcipuè tamen de præliorum multorum commissione) facta confessione, et pro prædicta cœnobia foundatione accepta pœnitentia, cum benedictione devota summi pontificis Rex ad propria prosperè remeavit.

Constituto Cænobio ordinatur ibidem Abbas cum Conventu.

TUNC congregato apud Verolanium episcoporum et optimatum suorum consilio Rex, unanimi omnium consensu et benevola voluntate, beato Albano amplas contulit terras et possessiones innumeras: considerans, quod ibidem eleemosynaris vigeret hospitalitas. Nam ibidem patet via ab aquilone venientibus et ab austro redeuntibus communis, et strato generaliter dicta Wat-

linge strata. Et pium ei videbatur, ut omnes interme-
antes, ibidem pium ex suis eleemosynis, domicilium
invenirent. Locum igitur memoratum cœnobio addic-
tum, libertatum multiplici insignivit privilegio. Mona-
chorum quoque conventum, ex domibus ordinatè religi-
onis (maximè tamen ex domo Becci in Neustria) ad
tumbam congregavit, et abbatem eis nomine Willego-
dum, quod interpretatur 'volens bonum.' Verè enim
vir bonæ fuit voluntatis, et de stirpe regia oriundus,
regique Offæ consanguinitate propinquus. Qui cum
inventioni dicti martyris interfuisset, viso cœlesti luminis
radio, qui eo inveniando et levando de terra comparuit,
et ipso eodem martyre invento et levato, quasi suo per-
functo officio disparuit: statim se monachum habitum
religionis assumpturum, Deoque et tam digno martyri
omnibus vitæ suæ ministraturum, unde licenter antici-
pata narratione, post inventionem memoratam, statim
rex ecclesiam cœpit ædificare; ponens primum lapidem
in fundamento, dicens: 'In honore Dei omnipotentis,
Patris, Filii, et Spiritus Sancti, et martyris sui Albani,
totius terræ meæ protomartyris.' Et addens, ait, junctis
manibus, flexis genibus, lachrymisque profusis:

Oratio christianissimi Regis Offæ super opus suum.

'DOMINE Jesu Christe tibi hanc tuam domum, et
tibi martyr Albane, et tibi Willegode, commendo fide-
liter custodiendam. Cujus omnes adversarii, vel per-
turbatores, vel spiritualibus diminutores, maledicantur.
Omnes quoque benefactores, præmia recipiant sempiterna.' Willegodo autem jam monacho, rex thesauri
contulit abundantiam, et præfecit fabricæ ecclesiasticæ
præceptorem. Et omnia ei jura regalia et libertates
concessit. Et hoc fecit rex providus, antequam iter
arriperet transalpinum: ignorans quid Deus de vita sua
ordinaverat. Sed postquam rediit cum prosperitate hæc
omnia solemniter renovavit et confirmavit. Et sæpe-
dictum Willegodum, præsentibus filio suo Egfrido uni-
versorum hærede, Humberto quoque Lichfeldensi archi-
episcopo, cum aliis multis episcopis et terræ optimati-
bus, præfecit in abbatem, quem fidelissimum in conser-
vatione regni filio suo et ipsi commissi, dum Romam
pergeret, certissimè expertus fuerat. Et conventum ex
ordinatissimis domibus electum, ut præactum est, ordi-
navit et instituit. Et ædificia omnia (præterquam pris-
tinum quod invenit de veteribus ædificiis Paganorum
pridem factum) sumptibus propriis construxit. Et in
eadem ecclesia, rex christianissimus Offa, vices agens
yconomi^a et custodis specialis, vitam per aliquot annos
continuavit. Et una dierum, jussit afferri cartas, et
omnia instrumenta data et adquisita, super majus altare
offerens reposuit.

De amplitudine Dominationis regni Regis Offæ.

DOMINABATUR rex Offa magnus in viginti tribus
provinciis quas Angli Shiras appellant. Ex his omnibus
provinciis, dedit rex præfatus Offa denarium beati Petri.
Eo tamen retento et collato post receptionem, beato
Albano, per totam ejusdem martyris terram, et idcirco
beati Petri denarius appellatur, quia sæpedictus rex
Offa die sancti Petri qui dicitur ad Vincula, ipsum mar-
tyrem, ipso die meruit cœlitus invenire, et ipsum annum
redditum, ipso die Romanæ ecclesiæ pro redemptione
animæ suæ contulit ad sustentationem, videlicet, scholæ
memoratæ, propter Anglorum rudium et illuc peregrin-
antium, eruditionem. Festivitas tamen Inventionis
sancti Albani, in crastino festivitatis inventionis ejus-
dem celebratur, ne sancti Petri celebritas, detrimentum
aut diminutionem patiat.

De possessionibus ab Offa Rege, Monasterio sancti Albani collatis.

DEDIT præterea immortalis memoriæ rex Offa po-
tentissimus, beato Anglorum protomartyri Albano, vil-
lam suam dominicam quæ viginti fermè miliaris a
Verolamio distat, et Wineslawe nuncupatur, ut præ-

tactum est, et tantundem per circuitum, sicut usque
hodie scripta regis protestantur ab eo, et in ecclesia
memorata reservantur. Quæ tanta libertate privilegiata
refulget, ut ab apostolica consuetudine et redditu qui
Romscot dicitur Anglicè, denarius sancti Petri Latinè
(unde satis prædictum est) cum neque rex, neque archi-
episcopus, vel episcopus, vel prior, aut quilibet de regno
vel in regno, ab illius solutione sit immunis, ipsa quidem
ecclesia, quæ basilica sancti Petri dicitur, sola quieta
est. In presbyteros autem et laicos totius possessionis
suæ, abbas vel archidiaconus monachus, sub ipso consti-
tutus, jus pontificale exercet, ita ut nulli archiepiscopo,
vel episcopo, vel legato, nisi summo tantum pontifici, sub-
jectionem impendant.

Hoc quoque sciendum est, quod Offa rex magnifi-
cus, tempore quo beati Petri vicario, Romanæ urbis
pontifici, redditum statutum, id est Romscot, de regno
suo concessit: ipse a pontifice Romano impetravit, ut
ecclesia beati Albani Anglorum protomartyris, eundem
redditum ab omni Hertfordensi provincia (in qua sita
est ecclesia sæpedicta) fideliter colligeret, et collectum,
in usus proprios retineret. Unde et ipsa ecclesia, sicut
a rege omnia jura regalia, ita habet abbas loci illius qui
pro tempore fuerit pontificalia ornamenta, et in quantum
licet alicui abbati habere pontificalem dignitatem, prout
tam nova quàm vetera instrumenta, inde obtenta, mani-
festè protestantur.

NUM. III.

NOMINA BENEFACTORUM.

[MS. Cotton. Nero D. VII. fol. 3 b.]

GLORIOSUS *Rex* OFFA Merciorum tenens gubernacula, corpore beati Albani patroni nostri de terra levato, fundavit istud monasterium, possessionibusque ac multis libertatibus ditavit magnifice. Ac non multo post Romanam petiit corporaliter, ut sicut temporalibus et regalibus dignitatibus hoc monasterium ditavit in Anglia: ita illud nobilitaret privilegiis impetratis a sede apostolica. Et quia repperit dominum papam, videlicet Adrianum primum, sibi favorabilem, exultavit spiritus ejus in Deo prosperatore mesuæ. Contulit ergo ad honorem Dei et beati Petri Denarium qui dicitur sancti Petri his diebus, de maxima parte regni sui ad sustentandum scholam peregrinorum Angliæ vel aliarum nationum illuc confluentium. Ubi hii qui vel orationis gratia, vel expediendorum negotiorum causa venerant, audirent, et addiscerent linguam quam non noverant. Censum vero totum provenientem ex terris quas sancto Albano contulerat, eidem martyri assignavit, ut cunctis temporibus, die sancti Petri quæ dicitur Ad Vincula solveretur. Hæc autem sunt nomina locorum quæ rex Offa contulit huic loco: Edelmuntuna, Wyttleseiae, Caegesho, Berethund, Rykemaesworth, Bacheworthe, Crokeleye, Michelfeld, Brithewelle, Watford, Ottmeb, Bisseie, Merdele, Haldenham, Syret, Enefelde, Stanmer, Henamstede, Wineslawe, Biscopescote, Cedendone, Mildentone, et aliarum villarum, scilicet Byrstone et Wyncelfeld, ut patet per cartam Ethelredi regis.

EGFRIDUS *Rex*, gloriosi regis Offæ filius, patrisans patris, augens beneficia, contulit ecclesiæ sancti Albani, primo anno regni sui, terram quinque manerium in loco dicto Pynesfeld cum terminis suis antiquis, et manerium de Sanderugge, et Tyrefeld, cartasque patris sui benigne cum sua serena concessione confirmavit pro confirmatione regni sui et sua prosperitate, necnon pro salute paternæ suæque animæ, et antecessorum suorum, ecclesiam suam per omnia salubriter protegendo.

ETHELREDUS *Rex* cartas et dona prædecessorum suorum nobis datas innovavit, et renovando confirmavit, domum istam pro viribus protegendo. Dedit etiam unum lapidem pretiosum martyri pretioso, quem Onicem vulgariter appellamus qui dicitur multum conferre parturientibus.

HENRICUS PRIMUS, filius Conquestoris, frater Wil-
lielmi Rufi, istud monasterium dilexit specialiter et pro-
movit, privilegia renovando, et pro amore beati martyris

^a Oeconomi.

protegendo, augendo etiam possessiones ecclesiæ liberaliter. Nam contulit huic ecclesiæ tempore dedicationis ejusdem, cui dedicationi ipsemet interesse curavit, rus quod Bissopescote Anglice nominatur.

STEPHANUS *Rex* ad petitionem abbatis Roberti, et ob honorem Albani martiris gloriosi permisit dirui castrum de Kyngesbery, ubi antiquis temporibus latebant quidam regales nequam homines abbatiae nimis infesti et damnosi, dicentes se regis esse fideles, et custodes pacis patriæ, cum potius pacem et patriam perturbarent.

Rex HENRICUS SECUNDUS favorem beati martiris meruit immortalem, eo quod in controversia mota inter nos et episcopum Lincolnensem nobis se præbuit favorabilem, cujus etiam industria tanta lis est sopita. Qui insuper unam cuppam nobilissimam beato Albano devote donavit, in qua posset reponi honorifice corpus Christi.

HENRICUS TERTIUS, hujus domus protector constantissimus, plures pallas quas vulgo baldekynos dicimus beato Albano optulit quam omnes prædecessores sui reges. Decoravit etiam ecclesiam duabus capis preciosissimis, quarum una Vineam his diebus, altera Paradisus, eo quod in ea ejectio Adæ de Paradiso nobiliter opere plumario figuratur.

COMES RICARDUS, frater Henrici regis, duos huic ecclesiæ contulit baldekynos.

EDWARDUS PRIMUS a conquestu optulit ad majus altare unum pannum sericum et alium ad altare sancti Amphibali, et feretro unam imaginem magnam argenteam deauratam.

EDWARDUS KARNERIVAN, cui dominus nostris temporibus specialiter benedixit ut inter sanctos merito numeretur, istud monasterium semper protexit regali potentia, et donis multiplicibus decoravit. Revera contulit monasterio crucem auream cum lapidibus pretiosis, et diversorum sanctorum reliquiis, et meremium ad reparationem chori cum centum libris argenti, atque refectorio unam cupam magnam argenteam et auratam.

EDWARDUS DE WYNDLESHORES, rex cunctis regibus pietatis et clementiæ præconiis præferendus, præsentis monasterii protector extitit et amator, et suum patrocinium nobis efficaciter semper impendit.

EDWARDUS *Princeps Walliæ*, domini Edwardi de Wyndleshores regis primogenitus, nos protexit brachio fortitudinis, et specialis amator monasterii et monachorum extitit, ac donis pluribus et jocalibus tam ecclesiam quam feretrum martyris adornavit.

RICARDUS SECUNDUS a conquestu, filius Edwardi principis, vestigia patris sequens, optulit feretro monile aureum, et ad ornamentum ecclesiæ duos pannos aureos, quorum opus ad modum vineæ consurgendo botros et ramos dilatat decentissime locis debitis et opportunis. Et dedit conventui c. solidos. Dedit insuper ad reparationem portæ de Tynemuth quingentas libras.

JOHANNES *Dux Lancastriæ* pro anima dominæ Blanche uxoris suæ, cujus corpus hic pernoctavit, contulit huic ecclesiæ duos pannos aureos. Hic specialis amator hujus loci. Abbati multotiens dedit vina, et cellæ nostræ de Tynemuth contulit c. libras.

Nomina Reginarum.

[Ibid. fol. 7.]

MATILDIS Regina dedit nobis Bewyk et Lilleburne.

EMMA. ALIENORA. MARGARETA. ALIENORA. MARGARETA. ISABELLA. PHILIPPA obtulit unum pannum aureum pretiosum.

Domina JOHANNA *Principissa* magnis oblationibus sepius martirem honoravit, inter quas nobile monile aureum ei dedit; et pro caritate Conventui centum solidos assignavit.

Nomina Paparum qui istud Monasterium privilegiavit.

ADRIANUS PRIMUS quem adivit corporaliter Offa rex ut istud cœnobium privilegiaret, istam ecclesiam in

specialem filiam adoptavit, et non solum fecit liberam, sed et ingenuam, in tantum ut nulli mortalium sive episcopo sive archiepiscopo nisi soli Romanæ ecclesiæ subderetur.

ALEXANDER *Papa* contulit nobis privilegia de processionibus de comitatu Hertfordiæ, et de monialibus benedicendis, et de unaquaque caruca Hertfordensis provinciæ obolum unum feria sexta post Ascensionem Dominicam, et nummum unum in secunda festivitate sancti Albani de unaquaque caruca, ut perpetuis temporibus persolvantur. Item aliud indulisit privilegium, ut sententia cujuslibet episcopi in monachos sancti Albani promulgata irrita habeatur. Et ne ullus episcopus excommunicet monachos sancti Albani vel interdicat. Et ne aliquis episcopus parochianos suos prohibeat a communione monachorum sancti Albani. Et de clericis tonsurandis. Et de pontificalibus ornamentis ubique gestandis.

CALIXTUS *Papa* festivitatem sancti Albani per totam Angliam constituit celebrari, et ab ipso vigiliarum die usque ad ejusdem solennitatis octavas devote ad ecclesiam venientibus de injuncta sibi peccatorum suorum enitentia, duodecim dierum tribuit indulgentiam.

CELESTINUS corroboravit universa quæ illustris memoriæ reges Offa et Egfridus, et Ethelredus necnon et Henricus, aut alii fideles de suo jure nostro monasterio contulerunt, aut in futurum concessione fidelium, sive oblatione poterimus adipisci.

GREGORIUS privilegia prædecessorum suorum ratificavit, et illibata manere decrevit imperpetuum, honorem et devotionem beatissimo patrono nostro Albano Anglorum prothomartyri in omni vita sua exhibens specialem.

CLEMENS *Papa* statuit ut Abbas sancti Albani primus sit inter Abbates Angliæ, et quod licet nobis celebrare divina in Interdicto generali, etiam pulsatis tintinnabulis; et quod licet Priori sancti Albani, abbatia vacante, cum consilio capituli priores cellarum amovere; et quod licet abbati sententiam excommunicationis ferre in omnes malefactores suos; et quod licet abbati vestimenta sacerdotalia benedicere, et obventiones ecclesiarum in usus proprios convertere. Item aliud contulit privilegium ne abbas vel aliquis monachorum sancti Albani teneatur respondere ammonitione non præmissa a domino papa; et quod nemini de subjectis suis regularibus vel sæcularibus liceat ab abbatis judicio appellare. Item quod licet nobis cantare 'Gloria in excelsis' ab Adventu usque ad Nativitatem Domini, et a septuagesima usque ad Pascham in præcipuis festivitibus.

URBANUS indulisit ut abbas Garinus absolveret ordinatos suos a suspensio episcopo, tam sæculares clericos quam religiosos, et plura alia concessit privilegia huic loco quæ istic inserere longum foret. Erat nempe cultor beati Albani devotissimus, et ideo præsentis monasterii peculiaris amator.

LUCIUS *Papa* concessit privilegium quod non licet in cellis nostris abbatem constituere, et de capellis vel oratoriis non construendis in parochia hujus ecclesiæ, et antiquitus concessa privilegia a suis prædecessoribus renovavit.

ADRIANUS *Papa*, de sancti Albani territorio oriundus,^a pontificalia ornamenta concessit abbati et plura privilegia de libertatibus hujus ecclesiæ. Et ut memoria ejus semper haberetur in ecclesia nostra, dedit monasterio reliquias de Legione Thebea, propter quod statutum est ut eorum festivitas ampliaretur, et xij. lectiones propriæque legenda de eis in hac ecclesia legeretur. Dedit etiam insigne pallium, quod dominus imperator sibi miserat, et sandalia pretiosa, et annulum pretiosissimum, necnon capam unam choralem, unde jam fit casula quæ nomen Adriani retinet his diebus. Insuper et refectorio dedit unum ciphum murreum, in cujus fundo scribitur nomen ejus.

HONORIUS *Papa* TERTIUS hoc modo scripsit archiepiscopis, episcopis, et aliis ecclesiarum prælatis. 'Per apostolica scripta mandamus præcipiendo quatinus jura

^a Iste Adrianus ante papatum receptum vocabatur Nicholaus testatur Willielmus Parvus et alii chronographi.

Breakespere natus in pago de Langley prope villam sancti Albani, ut

ecclesiæ sancti Albani ita sollicitè protegere et conservare curetis sicut tenemini jura Romanæ Ecclesiæ conservare.

INNOCENTIUS *Papa* TERTIUS scripsit archiepiscopis, episcopis, et aliis ecclesiarum prælatis, pro privilegiis ecclesiæ sancti Albani conservandis.

EUGENIUS *Papa* TERTIUS monasterium istud sub beati Petri et sua protectione suscepit, et nominatim omnes possessiones nostras antiquas et novas auctoritate apostolica confirmavit.

INNOCENTIUS QUARTUS dedit privilegium de exemptione abbatis, prioris, præcentoris, archidiaconi sancti Albani a cognitione causarum; et quod abbas potest dispensare cum monachis suis non observantibus statuta Gregorii papæ.

GREGORIUS NONUS confirmavit huic monasterio possessionem ecclesiæ de Eglingeham.

ANASTASIUS *Papa* confirmavit nobis possessionem ecclesiæ de Lutona.

BENEDICTUS *Papa* concessit in quinquennium benefactoribus claustris nostri indulgentiæ centum dies.

Summa privilegiorum quæ isti et alii Papæ contulerunt huic monasterio se extendit ad octies viginti et duodecim.

Nomina Episcoporum qui nobis aliqua contulerunt.

[Ibid. fol. 86.]

ETHELRICUS *episcopus Dorkceastræ* dedit Deo et sancto Albano villam quæ dicitur Cirstiwa, Cyncumba, Tywa.

LANFRANCUS *archiepiscopus*, ecclesiæ istius ruinæ condolens, caritative contulit ad opus ejusdem ecclesiæ mille marcas, terramque de Redburna injuste ablatam restituit cameræ monachorum. Insuper optulit sancto Albano calicem aureum de tribus marcis, quatuor capas, dalmaticam unam, et tunicam, et tria magna candelabra deargentata, et duo argentea de triginta marcis. In obitu vero suo centum libras sancto Albano legavit, ex quibus tamen habuimus quinquaginta.

ROBERTUS *Lincolniensis episcopus* reddidit sancto Albano Cyncumbam, quam injuste perdiderat idem martyr, et in obitu suo dedit nobis quadraginta sex libras.

ODO *Baiocensis episcopus*, ad instantiam Pauli abbatis dedit sancto Albano tres hidas terræ ad Apse cum silva quæ vocatur Eywode, pro quibus abbas ei promisit viginti libras; sed ipse eas pro anima sua misericorditer pardonavit. Reddidit etiam villam quæ Tywa vocatur, violentia quorundam alienatam injuste ab ecclesia sancti Albani; et statuit ut deserviret victui monachorum.

RICARDUS DE MARISCO, *Dunelmensis episcopus* compatiens debilitati potus conventualis, contulit intuitu pietatis, ad nostræ cervisiæ meliorationem, ecclesiam de Eglyngham: ob quam rem meruit memoriam sempernam.

WALTERUS *Dunelmensis episcopus* ad incrementum hospitalitatis hujus domus contulit nobis ecclesiam de Herteburne.

RICARDUS DE BURY *episcopus Dunelmensis* multos et varios libros nobiles dedit nobis, quorum numerum si quem scire delectat, ad armariola quæ in ecclesia habentur recurrat.

Dompnus THOMAS DE HATFELD *episcopus Dunelmensis* semper se favorabilem in causis hujus ecclesiæ exhibens multociens nostra commoda parturivit, et tandem ejus precibus et ob præclara merita frater effectus nostri capituli totius assensu conventus, annum assecutus est post fata officium mortuorum. Qui etiam die quo suscepit nostri capituli beneficium, dedit conventui cyphum suum murreum quem Wesheyl nostris temporibus appellamus. In extremis vero positus, legavit monasterio c. marcas.

Dominus THOMAS DE ARUNDELL, *episcopus Elyensis*, fructuosus amator hujus loci contulit ad opus refectorii quatuor trabes magnas.

Episcopus Elyensis HENRICUS dedit unam pallam.

Episcopus Bathoniensis WILLIELMUS dedit unam pallam.

JOHANNES *episcopus Ardfertensis*, præter libros quamplures utiles quos huic monasterio contulit, dedit unam petram nobilem aerii coloris, distinctam albis maculis, quæ dicitur vulgariter Serpentina, quæ etiam fertur multum valere lunaticis, cujus forma est fere quadra, et circumligatur argento, in cujus margine plures reliquiæ continentur. Dedit etiam tres nobiles aureos annulos in quorum uno habetur saphirus orientalis miræ magnitudinis: in alio lapis qui dicitur peridotos, sive pederotes, in cujus medio saphirus excellentis pulchritudinis collocatur, et habet virtutem spasmi potentem refrænandi; iste lapis ad modum clipei fere formatur: in tertio vero annulo alius saphirus includitur orientalis, sed minor quam prior de quo locuti sumus.

HENRICUS *Wintoniensis episcopus*, frater regis Angliæ, contulit huic ecclesiæ unum magnum annulum, rotundum et gemmatum, in cujus medio ponitur saphirus remissi coloris, et in circuitu ejus quatuor margaritæ et quatuor granatæ.

JOHANNES HOTHOM *episcopus Elyensis* contulit ecclesiæ sancti Albani centum marcas.

JOHANNES BARNET *episcopus Elyensis* jurium præsentis ecclesiæ fidissimus tutor erat, et contulit ad diversa opera monasterii sex grandes trabes.

Summa dierum indulgentiæ quas isti episcopi et alii summi sacerdotes huic ecclesiæ contulerunt se extendit ad novem annos octies viginti decemque dies.

Nomina eorum qui huic Ecclesiæ contulerunt Tenementa vel Terras.

[Ibid. fol. 89.]

ELFHELMUS fidelis minister Ethelredi regis contulit Deo et sancto Albano terram de Codecote.

OSWULFUS et AYELIZA uxor sua dederunt Deo et sancto Albano terram quæ Stodam dicitur.

TOLF quidam Danus præpotens, minister sancti Edwardi regis filii Ethelredi regis Angliæ, dedit nobis terram quæ vocatur Estuna cum omnibus ad eam pertinentibus, et Oxwycam, atque unum calicem et unum missale, et unum dorsale.

EADWYNUS DE CADINGDONE dedit huic monasterio terram quæ vocatur Waterforde et Beorouleam, et legavit insuper viginti boves et viginti vaccas huic loco.

EGELWINUS THE SWARTE et WYNFLEDA uxor ejus dederunt Deo et sancto Albano tempore regis Edwardi ultimi ante Conquestum Redburnam, Greneburwe, Langeleiam, Thwantunam; et Wynfleda uxor ejusdem dedit huic ecclesiæ unam campanam, quæ diu vocabatur campana præcum, modernis vero temporibus fracta, cessit in augmentum campanæ quæ vocatur Christus.

ETHELGIVA, nobilis matrona, sancto Albano contulit terram quæ vocatur Gatesdene, ut monachi eadem terra communiter fruerentur, et villam de Standon, et aliam nomine Offeleam, et triginta mancas auri, et triginta boves, et viginti vaccas, et ducentas et quinquaginta oves, et gregem porcorum, et subulcum cum ipsis, et duos cyphos argenteos, et duo cornua, et unum librum, et unam cortinam, unumque bancale.

SEXI quidam Danus nobilis, devotus et præpotens erga sanctum Albanum affectus, dedit huic monasterio Helstanstunam.

HAD quidam homo nobilis et CRISTIANA uxor ejus dederunt sancto Albano, pro animarum suarum salute, Newenham et Beandisc.

THUREFLEDA, quædam religiosa matrona, dedit nobis Scenleam et Bridelam in perpetuam elemosinam.

EGELBERTUS quidam, potens et nobilis in diebus suis, dedit nobis Cramforde pro salute suæ animæ et redemptione peccatorum suorum.

WULSINUS quidam alius magnus et dives dedit Esen-dene sancto Albano et monachis hujus loci.

WULFSINUS, temporibus suis homo honorabilis, dedit sancto Albano Ealdenham et Asedisc.

AELFSTANUS, vir Deo devotus et ecclesiæ, dedit sancto Albano et monachis sibi famulantibus villam de Cucesham.

WULFGARUS, minister Ethelredi regis, dedit huic monasterio terram quæ Waldene vulgariter nominatur:

MATILDIS DE ESTUNA dedit huic ecclesiæ terram suam de Ownges.

GODEFRIDUS DE ROKAMSTEDE contulit sancto Albano viginti quinque acras terræ in eadem villa.

WALTERUS DE VALONIIS dedit huic ecclesiæ villam de Berneie perpetuo jure possidendam.

WILLIELMUS DE MERLOWE et ROHAIS uxor ejus dederunt huic monasterio villam de Wulsingtone.

RICARDUS DE CROKESLE dedit huic ecclesiæ octoginta quatuor acras terræ in Wrokushulle.

ROGERUS DE VALONIIS dedit sancto Albano quandam terram in Gunnesthorp, et in Walsingham, et in Welles, et dimidiam Berneiam.

[Ibid. fol. 92.]

BERNIGERUS DE TOTENEIO et ALBREDa uxor ejus dederunt huic ecclesiæ Thorp, et decimas de Sederynkton.

NIGELLUS DE ALBENEIO et AMICIA uxor ejus dederunt huic ecclesiæ villam de Henred et ecclesiam Christi de Walyngford et dimidiam aliam in honorem sanctæ Mariæ consecratam, et Estwellam.

HARDEWYNUS DE SCALIERS dedit nobis villam de Brantefelde, cum ecclesia ejusdem villæ.

WILLELMUS DE BOSROHARD et ADELIZA uxor ejus dederunt nobis villam de Talyngton pro sustentatione monachorum.

HUGO DE BIBUSWURTHE dedit huic ecclesiæ dimidiam hidam terræ in eadem villa de Bibuswurthe.

ADELIZA uxor TEODORICI DE FOR dedit huic ecclesiæ unam hidam terræ in Grenestudè pro sua suorumque salute.

ANGODUS DE LYNDESEY dedit nobis unam carucatam terræ in Herdreshille pro amore Dei et sancti Albani.

WILLELMUS quidam clericus de Londoniis dedit nobis dimidiam ecclesiam sancti Albani, et dimidiam ecclesiam sancti Michaelis, et domos quas habuit in civitate quæ reddunt quatuordecim solidos omni anno.

RODBERTUS comes Meretoniensis et ALMODIS uxor ejus dederunt sancto Albano unam virgam et dimidiam hidam terræ. Virga vero terræ jacet in Cudecote, et semishida in Redburna.

JUTHETA comitissa dedit sancto Albano tres virgatas terræ in Pottuna pro anima sua, et pro animabus patris et matris suæ, et pro anima viri sui Walthini comitis.

LEOFRICUS diaconus dedit quandam terram et domum in villa de Cantabrigia sancto Albano.

MANASSES DE ARSI dedit sancto Albano quandam terram in Oxenfordescire quæ solebat reddere quadraginta s. annuatim.

HENRICUS DE ALBENEIO dedit Deo et sancto Albano quandam villam quæ vocatur Wybaldyngtone.

EMMA DE BRADWEYE et filius ejus Hugo dederunt sancto Albano manerium de BradeweYE.

HERNULPHUS DE HESDIN dedit unam carucatam terræ in Warwyckscire, et ecclesiam de Eppeltone, et decem libras.

ALUEREDUS, cum uxore sua et filiis, pincerna Rodberti comitis Moretonii, dedit manerium septem carucarum in Norton in Werwykscir.

NIGELLUS DE WAST dedit unam carucatam terræ quæ vocatur Ceccinge, et decimam de Ringeton, atque centum solidos. Et postea dedit ecclesiam de Mylebroc, et unam carucatam terræ cum cæteris quæ ad ecclesiam pertinent; et ecclesiam de Hamptehulle.

NIGELLUS DE STAFFORDE dedit ecclesiam de Nortune, et unam carucatam terræ, et decimam domini sui in eadem villa.

WILLIELMUS comes de Moritonia reddidit sancto Albano et ad proprium victum monachorum terram de Stanmer, quam sanctus Albanus injuste perdiderat.

MATILDIS quædam vidua, filia Ernuldi de Hysdyng, dedit sancto Albano dimidiam hidam in villa quæ vocatur Hara pro anima viri sui Willielmi.

HUGO FILIUS OSBERNI dedit sancto Albano salinam unam apud Wycum, et salinatorem cum terra sua.

HUMFRIDUS DE KIMEBELLE dedit Deo et sancto Albano ecclesiam ejusdem villæ de Kimebelle.

NIGELLUS DE MERSTONE dedit huic ecclesiæ pro salute animæ suæ ecclesiam de Tyrefelde perpetuo jure possidendam.

WILLELMUS DE WEDONE ob honorem gloriosi prothomartiris Anglorum Albani dedit nobis ecclesiam de Wynegrave.

WILLELMUS DE ALBENEIO contulit huic monasterio ecclesias de Wulsthorp et de Redmyld.

WALTERUS BLANCKFRONT dedit Deo et sancto Albano ecclesiam de Potesgrave in puram et perpetuam elemosinam.

WILLELMUS DE LAVAL dedit huic ecclesiæ villam quæ Vicentuna appellatur in regione Northanhimborum.

WILLELMUS dedit huic monasterio ad usum monachorum ecclesiam de Walyngtone.

NIGELLUS DE BERWILLA dedit huic ecclesiæ unam hidam terræ in Middelton cum decimis ecclesiæ ejusdem villæ.

GERARDUS PISCARIUS dedit decem solidatas annui redditus ad coquinam in civitate Londoniarum.

WILLELMUS FILIUS SIMONIS dedit huic ecclesiæ quasdam decimas in villa de Hatfeld ad officium scripturæ.

WILLELMUS DE ALBENEIO et CECILIA uxor ejus dederunt huic ecclesiæ ecclesias de Talyngtone et de Barstone, et duas carucatas terræ cum molendino in villa de Belvero.

ADAM FILIUS WILLIELMI de Hatfeld dedit huic ecclesiæ annuum redditum quinquaginta solidorum in Newebry.

AILWARDUS et LEOFWYNUS dederunt huic ecclesiæ quatuor hidas terræ in Hehstantuna.

ÆGELWYNUS COTECNAPA dedit unam domum in civitate Londoniarum reddentem octo solidos annuatim.

WILLIELMUS LUVET dedit sancto Albano totam decimam de Nintuna de omnibus rebus, exceptis molendinis; et de Mortuna, et de Flittewyk, dedit medietatem decimarum suarum omnium rerum exceptis similiter molendinis.

ROGERUS DE MANNAVILLA pro se et uxore sua in vita sua dedit quinque solidos omni anno, et in suo obitu quadraginta.

ROGERUS BIGOD dedit omni anno x. de allece: et RODBERTUS MALET similiter decem milia.

JOHANNES NEPOS WALERANNI dedit tria milia.

THURSTANUS frater Willielmi de Mara dedit decimam suam de villa quæ dicitur Wilia: et RODBERTUS DE MARA simili modo decimam suam dedit.

HUMFRIDUS DE CNIBWRTHE dedit huic monasterio decimam suam de Efresduna ad sustentationem monachorum.

NORMANNUS DE MUNTFAITREL dedit duas partes decimæ suæ de Holepol, et de Piri, et unam virgatam terræ.

WALTERUS DE MANNAVILLA et GUNNILDA uxor ejus dederunt huic ecclesiæ tertiam partem decimæ de Nottele, Brunfeld, Cettaham, et Redlege, et hoc donum super altare posuerunt.

EDWARDUS DE CANTABRIGIA et mater ejus dederunt sancto Albano ecclesiam sancti Benedicti quæ est in Cantabrigia.

HENRICUS DE ALBENEIO et fratres sui WILLIELMUS et NIGELLUS dederunt ecclesiæ sancti Albani ecclesiam de Clopphille cum terra ad eam pertinente, scilicet dimidia hida, et decimas ipsius villæ, et de Cota, et de Kegenho. Et firmaverunt donationem quam fecerat pater eorum Nigellus eidem ecclesiæ sancti Albani, i. ecclesiam sanctæ Trinitatis et dimidiam ecclesiam sanctæ Mariæ in Walingforde, et xxx. acras terræ extra civitatem, et manerium de Henred.

ROBERTUS et WILLIELMUS filii TURGISI DE MEDUANA et uxor ejusdem Willielmi dederunt decimam de Rodinges et Herlage, et Bathelham. Willielmus insuper in morte sua legavit huic ecclesiæ dextrarium et arma sua.

CIVOLF quidam ex nobilibus hujus provinciæ, cum uxore sua, dedit duas campanas tempore Pauli abbatis.

RODBERTUS DE OILI dedit Deo et sancto Albano centum et decem libras, et unum bonum ciphum corneum.

WILLELMUS DE ALBENEIO dedit Deo et sancto Albano omnes decimas suas in Snedesham, in Fretginges, in Flicham, in Bruncham, in Grimestuna, in Pikenham. Dedit etiam terram duarum carucarum quarum una jacet in Fretginges, altera in Bruncham.

IVO DE TIGERVILLA cum uxore et filio BERINGARIO dedit huic ecclesiae ecclesiam in villa quae vocatur Glestone et unam carucatam terrae in eadem villa.

WILLIELMUS MESCINUS et uxor sua CECILIA dederunt decimam villae de Netuesbi in Northamptonscira.

ALANUS FILIUS PIROTI dedit sancto Albano capellam suam de Kenoutone cum decima ipsius villae.

ADAM DE BELVERO, vir devotus et nobilis de sancto Albano, condonavit huic ecclesiae debitum ducentarum triginta et trium marcarum. Et contulit altari sancti Blasii unum calicem aureum, in pede decenter ornatum lapidibus pretiosis, ponderis quadraginta solidorum, et unam casulam de rubeo xanitto.

LAURENCIUS clericus condonavit huic ecclesiae debitum centum librarum et quindecim marcarum, et dedit unum anulum pretiosum cum carbunculo qui Rube vulgariter appellatur.

JOHANNES DE CRUNDALE, monachus ecclesiae Christi Cantuariæ, dedit huic ecclesiae unum anulum aureum habentem in medio gemmam oblongam quae Rubibalois dicitur, et in circuitu ejus alias plures gemmas.

NICHOLAUS AURIFABER de sancto Albano dedit unum Saphirum qui quondam fuit Edmundi archiepiscopi Cantuariensis.

Domina PETRONILLA DE BENSTEDE dedit sancto Albano unum super-altare rotundum de lapide jaspidis, subtus et in circuitu argento inclusum, super quod ut fertur sanctus Augustinus Anglorum apostolus celebravit. Optulit etiam duas fialas quarum corpora cristallina sunt, orificia vero et pedes argentea, quae gemmis et margaritis ornantur.

Magister REGINALDUS DE SANCTO ALBANO affectus penes eundem martyrem specialiter et istud monasterium, construxit capellam gloriosae virginis in orientali parte ecclesiae ubi quotidie missa per notam in honorem ejusdem virginis celebratur.

Dominus WILLIELMUS DE CLINTON, Comes Huntingdoniae, dedit huic ecclesiae unum vestimentum, scilicet capam, casulam, dalmaticam, atque tunicam, cum albis, stolis, et manipulis de panno, quem Accam dicimus, cujus campus est aerius. In reliquis vero partibus resultat auri fulgor.

WILLIELMUS DE LANGELEYE dedit huic monasterio unum mansum bene edificatum in villa sancti Albani in vico de Dagnale, pro quo per annum accepimus lx^s. quod jam tenet ad firmam Galfridus Stukele.

WILLIELMUS CHEUPAYN et uxor ejus JOHANNA dederunt ejus ecclesiae duo tenementa in vico de Haliwelle, et idem Willielmus ad ornatum ecclesiae contulit plura frontalia quorum campus est niger, in quo rosarium intextitur de auro grosso. Dedit etiam quandam zonam stipatam de qua fit morsus ad capas principales et effigiantur cigni in eodem morsu nobiliter facti opere aurifabrili. Contulit quoque refectorio unum ciphum de dugum ornatum decenter argento, cum cooperculo de eodem ligno, et unum ciphum murreum cum duabus peciis et xij. coclearibus argenteis, et unum ferrum pro carbonibus imponendis.

JOHANNES WHITTEWELLE, quondam senescallus libertatis sancti Albani, cum matre sua JOHANNA, dedit huic monasterio in Kyngesbery, Childewykeshay, et Sandrug unum mesuagium, sex tofta, tres carucatas terrae, tres acras bosci, tres solidatos redditus. Et in Watforde et Oxheywalrand dedit quinque tofta, duas carucatas terrae, viginti acras prati, sex acras pasturæ, octo acras bosci, medietate muniis molendini, et annuum redditam sexaginta solidorum octo denariorum et unius oboli.

Domina MARIA DE SANCTO PAULO, Comitissa Penbrochiæ, legavit ecclesiae sancti Albani unam ymaginem de sancto Vincentio argenteam et deauratam, te-

nentem in manibus quoddam scrinium in quo quoddam os ejusdem martyris continetur.

ADAM RAULYN de sancto Albano et ALICIA uxor ejus contulerunt pelvem argenteam quae pendet coram martyre ad magnum honorem ecclesiae, et frequenter magnas summas argenti ad diversa opera monasterii, ac in vita sua conventui benefacere non cessarunt; quapropter memoria eorum non derelinquetur, sed nomen eorum requiretur a generatione et generatione. Eadem Alicia moriens legavit conventui centum solidos.

CHRISTIANA HURST dedit ad faciendam ymaginem Trinitatis in fenestra ecclesiae occidentali unam marcā.

Magister ADAM ROUS dedit huic ecclesiae unam capam nobilem cum casula et alba de rubeo velvetto quae pulverizantur cum arboribus aureis et leopardis de margaritis decentissime figuratis. Idem dedit calicem argenteum deauratum, et monasterio quoddam tenementum Londoniis in vico de Dowegate quod valet per annum xl^s. unde subcellarius solvit x^{cem}. solidos conventui pro pitantia in anniversario ejus.

Dominus ROBERTUS DE WALSCHAM, precentor Sarum, cui in perpetuum obligamur pro gratis impensis beneficiis, dedit per vices ad opus claustrī nostri quadringentas marcas. Et legavit huic ecclesiae centum marcas. Et summo altari pelvem cum lavatorio de argento puro, pro manibus abluendis sacerdotum diebus festis. Et beato Albano quoddam jocale aureum, et cuilibet monacho xl^d.

EDELMA ATTE LEY pro animabus virorum suorum Thomae et Matthaei contulit ad opus claustrī xx. marc.

Dominus NIGELLUS LORINGGE contulit ad idem opus x. marcas. Item alia vice ad idem opus x. marcas. Et contulit conventui dolium vini, et in morte pardonavit abbati c. marcas.

Domina JOHANNA NEWBURY contulit ad idem opus sexaginta sex solidos.

JOHANNES PHILIPPOT civis Londoniarum contulit ad idem opus xx^{li}. Dedit etiam duas summas dactylorum et amigdalorum.

Magister JOHANNES APPELBY, decanus sancti Pauli, dedit huic ecclesiae unam capam cujus campus est viridis in quo diversae bestiae aureae inseruntur. Pannus vero Acca vulgariter appellatur.

Domina ELIZABETHA DE LA SOUCHE dedit huic ecclesiae unum vestimentum: scilicet casulam, tunicam, et dalmaticam, cum stolis et manipulis, et tribus albis: quod vestimentum est de panno albo quem baldekynum de Damasco vocamus, dorsum vero et pectorale optime serico texuntur et auro. Et dedit quoddam frontale pro altari pulchrum quod habetur Redburnae ex dono domini T. abbatis.

Dominus RICARDUS DE THRETON sacerdos, executor domini Roberti de Thorp militis quondam regni cancellarii, contulit ad opus novae portae et postea ad opus claustrī per diversas vices septies viginti marcas.

Magister WILLIELMUS TANKERVILE contulit ad opus novae portae c^s. et tantum ad opus claustrī.

Dominus BARTHOLOMEUS DE WENDOVERE, rector ecclesiae de Schakreston, pro mercando utriusque vitae stipendio, dedit nobis ducentas et quadraginta marcas, ut haberet videlicet inter nos corrodium non multum onerosum sed perexile. Et cum illud corrodium non aequipolleret tantae summæ pecuniæ, fatebatur se ideo maxime dedisse tantam summam, ut opus novi claustrī feliciori per ipsam consurgeret incremento. Et quum tam pium votum condigne remuneratione fraudari non debuit, totius consensu conventus impensum est ei nostrae fraternitatis beneficium ipso illud cum summa devotione petente. Moriens tandem legavit abbati xx^{ti}.^{li} et priori xx^{ti}. marc. et sacerdoti cuilibet de conventu i. marc. et non sacerdotibus dim. marc.

WILLIELMUS HOSIER et uxor ejus JOHANNA contulerunt, per vices, conventui et ecclesiae lx^s. et ad opus claustrī xl^s. Eadem Johanna moriens legavit conventui xl^s. et ejus executores dederunt ad opus coquinæ nostrae xx^{ti}. marc.

RICARDUS TAYLOR et uxor ejus ALICIA contulerunt conventui xx^s. et ad opus claustrī xx^s. et ij. marc.

Domina COMITISSA CANCELE contulit ad pitancias monachorum lx^{ta}.^s.

THOMAS RASYNES contulit ad idem opus lx^s.

RICARDUS ODIHAM contulit ad idem opus xx^{ti}. marcas pro animabus amicorum suorum. Idem cum uxore sua AVELINA dedit domino Thomæ abbati c^s. pro animabus amicorum suorum, Johannis, Cristianæ, et Nicholai. Item multotiens respexit conventum conferendo vinum, fructus, et alia quæ conventus inopiam relevarent. Dedit insuper ecclesiæ duas paruras de panno aureo coloris blodii pretioso.

JOHANNA WHITTEWELLE, mater Johannis Whitte-
welle, quondam senescalli libertatis sancti Albani, contulit ad opus claustrum c^s. et conventui unum ciphum murreum, et salinum argenteum.

JOHANNES GUMBARD dedit ad opus claustrum xl^s.

JOHANNES FURNEWS, civis London. contulit ad idem opus c^s.

Executores PHILIPPI LE YHONGE dederunt pro anima ejusdem Philippi ad idem opus c^s.

ROGERUS HOPPER et uxor ejus MARGERIA contulerunt ad idem opus lxxv^s. viij^d.

Dominus THOMAS FITLYNG miles contulit ad idem opus decem libras.

Dominus JOHANNES LOUKYN, canonicus ecclesiæ quæ est Londoniæ apud Elsyng Spitel et executor Adæ Loukyn, contulit pro anima ejusdem Adæ ad idem opus xx. marcas.

Domina BLANCHIA WAKE legavit conventui pro pitantia lx^s.

WILLIELMUS FYMMER legavit conventui c^s. et fabricæ ecclesiæ c^s.

Dominus THOMAS BEAUCHAMP, Comes Warwyci, cum conjuge sua MARGARETA Comitissa, fructuosus amator semper extitit hujus loci. Idem vero cum uxore prædicta contulit ad opus refectorii duas grossas trabes.

Dominus ALFONSUS DE VER, miles, et domina JOHANNA uxor ejus, progenitores comitis Oxoniæ, beato Albano fideles et devoti, contulerunt capellæ sanctæ Mariæ xl. libras; in qua capella ante ymaginem prædictæ virginis perhennem meruerunt sepulturam. Contulerunt etiam feretro sancti Albani unum monile aureum diversis lapidibus pretiosis ornatum ad valorem x. librarum.

Dominus ROBERTUS CNOLLIS, miles, dedit ad fabricam coquinæ conventus centum libras.

Anno Domini millesimo ccc^{mo}. lxxxviii^o. die sancti Valentini martyris, dominus Thomas dux Gloverniæ optulit sancto Albano monile aureum circulare, in cujus medio cignus albus alis quasi ad volandum expansis habetur, et in circuitu monilis saphiri cum unionibus pulcherrime sunt locati. Dedit insuper duos pannos aureos virides. Item sex pannos aureos de rubio.

RICARDUS HAVERYNG, miles, contulit ad opus refectorii unam trabem.

WILLIELMUS GOODER, miles, contulit ad idem opus eciam unam trabem.

Dominus RICARDUS COTEL, rector de le Barnet, dedit ad opus coquinæ xl^s.

ROBERTUS WARBELTONE, civis Londoniarum, contulit huic ecclesiæ octo libras.

WILLIELMUS KYNHULL de sancto Albano, pro salute animæ suæ et animæ quondam uxoris suæ Christianæ, dedit capellæ beatæ Virginis quæ est in ecclesia sancti Albani quoddam tenementum quod valet annuatim xx^s. Ex post conventui contulit xl^s.

Domina CONSTANTIA, conjux domini Johannis ducis Lancastriæ, dedit fabricæ coquinæ nostræ decem libras et abbati nostro nobile pannum aureum.

HENRICUS PERCY, Comes Northumbriæ, hujus domus protector efficax et defensor, sæpius pro nostris commodis insudavit, et pro nobis sæpius intercessit, nostra negotiaque promovit, et Cellæ nostræ de Tynemutha plurima dona dedit, ac inter cætera contulit ad fabricam ejusdem loci portæ c. marcas.

Domina MARGARETA, Comitissa Northfolchiæ, dedit fabricæ coquinæ xx^{ti}. marcas. Item contulit x. marcas. Item alias x. marcas. Item alias x. marcas. Item cellæ nostræ de Bello Loco vastatæ per incendium xx. marcas.

GALFRIDUS BROUN de Newnham executor domini Willielmi Burges quondam rectoris ecclesiæ de North-

mymmes providit fabricæ coquinæ nostræ de bonis ejusdem Willielmi x^{cem}. marcas.

ALICIA WENDOVER, relicta Petri de Preston, optulit ad majus altare calicem deauratum cum patena, et laminam argenteam et deauratam ad porrigendum pacem populo in qua ymages Crucifixi, Mariæ, et Johannis sculpuntur.

Anno Domini m.ccc.lxxxvii^o. WILLIELMUS BURCOTE, rector ecclesiæ de Waltham Parva, dedit conventui librum Catholicon, et totum Corpus Juris Civilis. Et legavit cuilibet de conventu xl^d. Et condonavit abbati et conventui centum libras argenti illis præstitas pro impetratione novorum privilegiorum in Romana curia, sed ut omnes et singuli qui successive perpetuis temporibus in abbates hujus monasterii cum vacare contigerit consensu conventus electi fuerint, eo ipso absque alia confirmatione sint veri abbates et pro talibus censeantur.

Dominus JOHANNES RODLAND, cum JOHANNES DE WHYTEWELLE quondam senescallo libertatis sancti Albani, dedit monasterio l. libras, et præstitit domino Johanni abbati septingentas marcas ad perquisitionem prædii de Goram. Et condonavit eidem abbati octoginta marcas quas recepisset de firma dicti manerii, si in manu sua illud prout potuit tenuisset usque ad finem octo annorum, videlicet quolibet anno x. marcas quas incremento poterat recepisse de prædio memorato; nempe cum habuisset illud ad firmam annis octo ex emptione de comitissa Oxoniæ, et recepisset inde annis singulis quadraginta libras. Postquam dictus abbas adquisivit dictum manerium permisit abbati habere profectus prædii pro quinquaginta marcis annuis, ut prædicitur, octo annis quibus in manu sua tenuisset locum præfatum. Item distribuit in conventu xx^{li}. Videlicet cuilibet fratri dimid. marc. Tandem moriens legavit conventui c^s. qui inter fratres distributi fuere.

Anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo vicesimo nono Domina MARGARETA, Ducissa Clarenciæ, in vigilia Translationis sancti Benedicti, dedit duo turribula argentea venustioris formæ et optime deaurata ad valorem ut creditur quadraginta marcarum. Prædicta etiam domina, post modicum temporis intervallum, desiderans ampliare cultum domus Domini quem dilexerat, contulit eidem unum apparatus integrum pro summo altari, cujus campus aureus regum ymages continet, cum historia duplici decentius illustratus. Obtulit etiam unum vestimentum integrum cum tribus capis choralibus de panno Tyssewys vulgariter nuncupato, in quibus auri pretiosa nobilitas, gemmarum pulchritudo, et curiosa manus artificis stuporem quendam inspectantium oculis representant. Hujus nempe apparatus pretiosi et vestimentorum venustas præcipua, sic divitiarum splendore, cuncta hujus ecclesiæ ornamenta superat et excellit ut ipsorum comparatione perlucida merities in occasum vertitur, et quæ solebant præcipua fulgere claritate secundas eclipsata vendicant dignitates.

Anno ab incarnatione Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo secundo suscitavit insuper omnipotentis Dei providentia duos nobis præcipuos et speciales amicos, videlicet, THOMAM BEAVERLAY et RADULPHUM GILABRONDE, qui ob sinceræ dilectionis affectum quem in beatissimi Albani patrocinio habuerunt plus omnibus in nostro tempore præsentem ecclesiam suis muneribus decorarunt. E quibus Thomas Beverley analogium de auricalco purissimum super quod ad majus altare possit legi Evangelium sumptuosum valde et artificiose politum. Radulphus vero Gilabronde duo prominentia ante majus altare candelabra, consimilis polituræ, et de æquali substantia, non sine magnarum effusione expensarum suis contributibus nobile dantes exemplum, summa cum devotione contulerunt. Quorum omnium etsi in datione non multum discrepet quantitas tamen apud Deum et beatum Albanum æqualiter laudanda est voluntas, cujus fidei patrocinio et in præsentem hujus præcellosi maris devitare naufragia, et in futuro adepturos se confidunt gaudia sine fine mansura. Amen.

Dominus GALFRIDUS DE FILLENDENE contulit ad honestatem conventus et refectorii decem candelabra de auricalco et ad pavementationem circa feretrum sancti

Albani vj^s. et viij^d. Et ad pavementationem deambulatorii in oriolum, vj^s. viij^d.

Anno Christi millesimo cccc.xij^o. vj. kal. Julii obiit dominus Johannes Bullok, sacerdos de Flamstede, pro cuius anima datum est quoddam volumen conventui quod continet libros sexdecim grammaticales et vocatur Esse.

JOHANNES HULL, ambassiator factus in Hispaniam, comparavit quoddam tapetum factum ex pellibus in cuius medio et in angulis flores apparent aureæ. Et dedit abbati unam pipam vini, et conventui alteram. Tapetum vero summo deseruit altari.

Anno gratiæ millesimo cccc.xvij^o. in vigilia palmarum Elizabeth Beauchamp mulier nobilis et devota recepta fuit in sororem nostri capituli quæ contulit ea hora monasterio quandam togam pretiosissimam aurotextam duplicatam cum panno de velveto rubeo resperso rosis aureis quæ quondam fuit indumentum regis Henrici a conquestu quinti dum regaliter equitaret per Londonias pridie ante coronationem suam. Item dedit et aliam gownam de viridi velveto auro texto unde fieri posset integrum vestimentum quæ similiter fuit ejusdem regis. Item dedit unam telam longissimam de rubeo velveto ad ornandum majus altare quam Rex sibi contulerat. Item aliam telam de nobili panno serico viridi de damasco auro textam ad gratiam intuentium nobis dedit. Et sciendum quod de ornamentis et pannis pretiosis quos Elizabeth prænomina nobis contulit fiunt plures capæ nobiles atque pulchræ ad numerum x. caparum. Anno revoluta supradicta devota mulier in festo Paschæ dedit ecclesiæ nostræ quoddam nobilissimum vestimentum de rubeo panno aureo, sc. magni altaris superius et inferius apparatus, cum casula, tunica, dalmatica, et tribus capis unius sectæ nobilissimæ aurifrigiatis, atque quatuor albis cum apparatu ad valorum c^{li}.

Anno Domini millesimo cccc^o. tricesimo primo dominus Ricardus Chaundeler, rector de Wulchurche, in Londoniis, contulit conventui usu fructuario orioli unum ciphum murreum ad valorem quidem sex marcarum in cuius fundo versatili insculpitur ymago sancti Christofori.

NUM. IV.

Nomina Fundatorum Cellarum Mon. S. Albani.

[Ibid. fol. 91 b.]

ROBERTUS DE MUNBRAY, vir illustris, comes Northanhumborum, penes sanctum Albanum affectus, dedit abbati Paulo ecclesiam sanctæ Mariæ de *Tynemutha*, in qua corpus beati Oswyni regis et martiris requiescit; et postea factus monachus in ecclesia sancti Albani in sanctissima conversatione decedens, sepultus est in capella sancti Simeonis.

WILLELMUS DE ALBENEIO, pincerna regis, simili ductus affectu, penes locum istum dedit sancto Albano cellam de *Wymundeham*, et manerium de Tyngelherst, quam donationem filius ejus Willelmus de Albeneio confirmavit.

PETRUS DE VALONIIS ob honorem sancti Albani concessit cellam de *Bynham* huic monasterio, tempore Pauli abbatis.

ROBERTUS DE TOTENEIO dedit Deo et sancto Albano ecclesiam sanctæ Mariæ de *Belvero* in cellam.

GALFRIDUS camerarius vir illustris Deoque devotus dedit cellam de *Walyngforde* sancto Albano.

RADULPHUS de Lynesi baro nobilis dedit Deo et sancto Albano cellam de *Hertford*.

WILLELMUS PIPERELLUS contulit huic monasterio possessionem cellæ de *Hatfelde*.

ROBERTUS DE ALBENEIO dedit sancto Albano cellam de *Bello Loco*, et capellam sancti Macuti.

NUM. V.

Antiqua et primitiva munimenta Ecclesiæ S. Albani, Anglorum Prothomartyris.

[Liber Additamentorum Mathei Paris. in Bibliotheca Cottoniana, sub effigie Neronis D. i. fol. 158.]

REGNANTE Domino nostro Jesu Christo in perpe-

tuum. Decet igitur ut regalis benignitas omnipotentis Dei et sanctorum martyrum quantum valeat honori provideat. Quia honor Dei, et pia in sanctis ejus devotio, stabilitas est regni terreni, et prosperitas longevæ vitæ, et indubitata æternæ mercedis retributio. Unde ego Offa rex Merciorum, cum Egfrido filio meo, et omni consensu synodali, pro remedio et salute animarum nostrarum, terram quinquaginta mansionum in locis infra dictis, id est, ubi dicitur Aetcaegesho, mansiones xxxiiij. Ondaet, Heanhamstede vj. mansiones, et Stanmere x. mansiones, cum segetibus, pratis, pascuis, et silvis, et omnibus rebus mobilibus vel fixis ad ea prænominata loca ritè pertinentibus, Domino meo Jesu Christo, et S. Albano martyri, cuius reliquias, in spem prosperitatis præsentis et futuræ beatitudinis, divina ostendit nobis gratia, in jus monasteriale tradens donabo; quatinus perpetuo jure præfata terra, sancti martyris Albani ecclesiæ deserviat. Et per magnum omnipotentis Dei nomen et terribile ejus judicium adjuro, imo et impero, quod nullus supervenientibus temporibus, seu rex, seu episcopus, aut aliqua magna vel parva persona, aliquid de his meis donis quæ Deo et sancto martyri ejus dedicavero, immutare, seu auferre, seu imminuere presumptuosè audeat; nec aliquam molestiam aut ecclesiæ aut silvis ad eam pertinentibus inferre præsumat, sed sit libera omnino ab omni tributo, et necessitate, seu regis, seu episcopi, ducis, judicum, comitum, exactorum etiam, et operum quæ indici solent, necnon et expeditionis, et omni edicto publico, perpetuò eam libertate donabo. Sed obsecro quatinus studeant supervenientes reges auxiliare, defendere, et curam illius ecclesiæ habere in omni bonitate, sicut et ego habeo: ut sit illis et regno eorum benedictio et protectio à domino Deo et sancto ejus martyre in perpetuum. Si autem quisquam loci hujus curam non habuerit, vel eum malitiosè tractaverit, sciat et sentiat sancti martyris se ipsum benedictione privari, et rationem ante tribunal Christi redditurum. Hoc verò monasterium, cum his præfatis terris, Willigoda presbiter habeat et regat dies suos, et monachicam in eo vitam vivat, doceat, et quantum valeat, erigat. Post dies autem illius, eligant sibi fratres, cum concilio illius episcopi qui super eos erit, si habent dignum et monachicæ vitæ eruditum, ex semetipsis quem voluerint. Si autem, quod non opto, acciderit quod ibi dignus nequeat inveniri, prævideat ille episcopus, cum consilio fratrum, qui illud monasterium dignè secundum regulam monachicæ vitæ gubernare sciat et velit.

Jam jamque, iterum iterumque, in nomine Domini, præcipio et adjuro, quatinus eo loco regula sancti Benedicti abbatis doceatur et exerceatur, quantum possibile est, perpetuo jure. Etsi ipsa elemosina oret ad Dominum pro faciente, tamen obsecro ut assiduæ intercessionibus pro anima mea, et amicorum meorum, canonicis horis semper in ea ammoneantur ecclesia: quatinus omnipotentis Dei clementia, quæ tale thesaurum temporibus meis, gentibus et populis Anglorum aperire dignata est; mihi quoque æternum cœlis thesaurum cum sanctis suis donare dignetur. Scripta est hæc cartula anno Dominicæ incarnationis dcccxiij. indictione iij. anno verò Offani regis Merciorum xxxiiij. in loco celebri qui dicitur Celchyth, præsentem synodali conventu, testibusque infra nominatis confirmata. Data die regnante Domino nostro in perpetuum.

Testimonia magnatum.

✠ Ego Offa hanc donationem meam signo crucis Christi confirmo. ✠ Ego Ecfridus similiter consentio et subscribo. ✠ Ego Ceoluulphus rex id ipsum consentio. ✠ Ego Cenuulphus rex consentio. ✠ Ego Beornulphus rex. ✠ Ego Ludecha rex. ✠ Ego Uuilaf rex. ✠ Ego Ecgbirhtus rex. ✠ Ego Beortulfus rex. ✠ Ego Burhredus rex. ✠ Ego Ælfredus rex. ✠ Ego Higberetus archiepis. consensi et subscrip. ✠ Signum Æthelheardi archiepis. ✠ Signum Ceolwulfi episcopi. ✠ Signum Hunwone episcopi. ✠ Signum Ceolmundi episcopi. ✠ Signum Ealcheardi episcopi. ✠ Signum Ælfhuni episcopi. ✠ Signum Heaberti episcopi.

✠ Signum Heathorethi episcopi. ✠ Signum Cyneheardi episcopi. ✠ Signum Deneferdi episcopi. ✠ Signum Cenwalchi episcopi. ✠ Signum Wermundi episcopi. ✠ Signum Wihthuni episcopi. ✠ Signum Wynberhti episcopi. ✠ Ego Wiega dux. ✠ Ego Æthemundus dux. ✠ Hearbertus dux. ✠ Brorda dux. ✠ Binna dux. ✠ Esne dux. ✠ Heabert dux. ✠ Cudberht dux. ✠ Ceol. Æmund dux. ✠ Ceolweordus dux.

NUM. VI.

Item aliud Munimentum ab eodem Rege Offa.

REGNANTE in perpetuum Deo et Domino nostro Jesu Christo. Licet per totum ubique mundum beatorum martyrum, qui suum pro Christo sanguinem fuderunt, merita divinæ laudis exultatione celebranda sunt, eorumque Dei auxilio exempla gloriosa sequenda; præcipuè nobis tamen beatissimi Albani, qui sub hac Britanniae insula gloriosus martyrio effulsit, memoria, pia semper intentione, et sedula sollicitudine observanda est. Unde ego Offa gratia Dei rex Merciorum, cum filio meo Ecgfrido, pro amore omnipotentis Dei et hujus sancti intercessionem, terram xxx. manentium in locis quorum sub inseruntur nomina, Domino meo Jesu Christo ad ecclesiam sancti Albani, ubi ipse tyro primus in passione victima effectus est, jure perpetuo perdonabo. Eòque delectabilius hanc donationem perficio, quia superna protectio tam nobilem temporibus nostris thesaurum qui diu fuit clausus et hujus terræ indigenis abditus, revelare dignata est. Hæc itaque sunt supradictarum vocabula terrarum, æt Uuineshauue xij. manentium cum terminis suis, æt Scelfdune, sive Baldinicotum, trium manentium, quorum scilicet trium manentium termini sunt hii, Suanaburna, Heortmere, Stret, Wealebroc. Item verò x. manentium ubi dicitur Scuccanhlaue, vel Fentuun cum silva quæ cognominatur Horwudu, cum terminis suis; æt Lygetune, v. manentium; quam videlicet terram Alhmundus abbas, expeditionem subterfugiens, mihi reconciliationis gratia dabat.

Hoc quoque, consentientibus episcopis meis et abbatibus, ducibus, ac principibus sub invocatione sanctæ Trinitatis et individue Unitatis donando præcipio, quatinus tota terra illa sit libera ab omni tributo, et necessitate, seu regis, seu episcopi, ducis, judicis, exactorum, et operum quæ indici solent; neque emendationem pontium, neque fossam adversum inimicos faciendam.

Totum omne præfatæ terræ stipendium et exactio ad supradicti martyris tumbam insolubiliter persolvatur. Et si fortè quis intra ejusdem ecclesiæ potestatem, aut extra, cum episcopo seu abbate communis inveniatur, bello, furto, vel fornicatione, aut alio quolibet simili reatu astrictus; semper ea pars pœnæ et emendationis quæ regi vel episcopo debetur, ad beati Albani monasterium inviolato semper fœdere reddatur. Credo enim et veraciter confido, quod hæc munificentia non solum mihi meisque, sed etiam universis Anglorum populis sublimiter proficiat, quia pro ejus amore ille miles intrepidus meruit coronari, qui totius mundi pericula passus est suo sanguine expiare. Hæc sunt nomina testium qui hanc donationem meam consentientes signo crucis Christi confirmarunt.

✠ Ego Offa rex huic donationi meæ signum crucis inpono. ✠ Ego Ecgfridus paternæ munificentiae consensiens subscripsi. ✠ Ego Higbertus archiep. consensi et subscripsi. ✠ Ego Ceoluulfus episc. consensi et subscripsi. ✠ Ego Heothored episcopus consensi et subscripsi. ✠ Ego Unwona episcopus consensi et subscripsi. ✠ Signum manus Alhmundi abbatis. ✠ Signum Beonani abbatis. ✠ Signum Wimundi abbatis. ✠ Signum Forthredi abbatis. ✠ Signum Brordani patricii. ✠ Signum Binnani principis. ✠ Signum Euuini ducis. ✠ Signum Alhmundi ducis. ✠ Signum Wigberti ducis. ✠ Signum Æthelmundi ducis. ✠ Signum Eadgari ducis. ✠ Signum Heardberti ducis. ✠ Signum Ealhmundi ducis. ✠ Signum Cuthberhti ducis. ✠ Signum Eadberhti ducis. ✠ Signum Wulfheardi ducis. ✠ Signum Ealheri ducis.

Perscripta autem hujus donationis cartula anno Dominicæ incarnationis dccxcv. indictione v. et regni regis Offani xxxv. sub iiij. nonas Maias, in loco qui dicitur æt Beranforda.

NUM. VII.

Carta Ecgfridi, Regis Merciorum, Abbatiae Sti. Albani de Pinnelesfeld.

[Mat. Par. Auctar. Addit. edit. 1684, p. 1152.]

Ego Ecgfridus rex Merciorum, anno Dominicæ incarnationis dccxvi. indictione quarta, primo autem anno regni nobis a Deo concessi, terram itaque quinque manentium, in loco qui dicitur Pinnelesfeld, cum antiquis terminis, pro benedictione regni nostri, abbati, Willegodæ nomine, ad possidendum dabo; de illa namque in nomine Domini præcipiam ut semper sit beato Albano et monasterio suo subjecta. Et terræ illæ a laboriosis operibus, et ab omnibus tributis vel censuris, et ab omnibus refectionibus regum, vel principum, seu omnium expeditionum, pro redemptione animæ meæ liberam, fixam, immutabilem, concedere curabo. Et possessor illius terræ non habeat potestatem hanc terram a beato Albano diribare. Qui angeat beato Albano, et monachis suis benedictionis gratiam, augeat illi Deus in cœlesti Jerusalem pacem et vitam æternam. Conscriptus est autem hic in loco qui dicitur Celchyth, in synodo publico. Hæc sunt nomina testium hujus donationis.

Ego Ecgfridus rex, hanc meam donationem cum signo crucis confirmare curabo. ✠ Ego Cænuulfus rex Merciorum concedo. ✠ Ego Cynedrið regina conscripsi. ✠ Ego Sigricus dux. ✠ Ego Ethelheardus archiepiscopus. ✠ Ego Unwona episcopus. ✠ Ego Weolthunus episcopus. ✠ Ego Alhmundus episcopus. ✠ Ego Beonna abbas. ✠ Ego Fothredus abbas. ✠ Ego Elfhunus episcopus. Ego Wigbertus ✠ dux. Cydda ✠ dux. ✠ Ego Sighere filius Sig. ✠ Ego Brorda dux. ✠ Ego Esna dux. Wiega ✠ dux. Wybertus ✠ dux. Ego Alhmundus ✠ dux. Ego Headbertus ✠ dux. Ego Cuthbertus ✠ dux. Ego Brorda ✠ dux. Ego Eobingus ✠ dux.

NUM. VIII.

Alia Carta ejusdem Regis Ecgfridi de Terra de Thyrefeld, Monasterio Sti. Albani concessa.

[Ibid. p. 1153.]

Ego Ecgfridus gratia Dei rex Merciorum, anno Dominicæ incarnationis septingentesimo decimo sexto, indictione quarta, primo vero anno regni nostri, terram decem manentium nomine Thyrefeld, cum terminis suis, Domino meo Jesu Christo, et ejus pretioso martyri Albano, liberaliter et æternaliter, cum consensu et testimonio optimatum meorum, in jus monasteriale, pro anima mea et parentum meorum, devotissime tribuo, et libenter concedo. Sitque prædicta terra ab omni terrenæ servitutis iugo semper aliena; atque eadem libertate sit libera, qua cæteræ terræ monasterii beati Albani conscriptæ atque concessæ sunt a glorioso Offa, genitore meo.

Ego Ecgfridus rex, hanc meam donationem cum signo crucis confirmare curabo. ✠ Ego Cynedrid regina consensi. ✠ Ego Unwona episcopus. ✠ Ego Weolthunus episcopus. ✠ Ego Beonna abbas. ✠ Ego Elfhunus episcopus. ✠ Ego Brorda dux. ✠ Ego Wigbertus dux. ✠ Ego Wiega dux. ✠ Ego Alhmundus dux. ✠ Ego Cuthbertus dux. ✠ Ego Ethelheardus archiepiscopus cons. ✠ Ego Eobing dux. ✠ Ego Forthred abbas. ✠ Ego Sighere filius Siger. ✠ Ego Esne dux. ✠ Ego Cydda dux. ✠ Ego Winbertus dux. ✠ Ego Headbertus dux. ✠ Ego Brorda dux.

Conscriptus est autem hic liber, in loco qui dicitur Celchyd, in synodo publico.

NUM. IX.

Carta Ethelredi Regis de octo Mansis in Etbirstane, Et-wincelfelda, &c. Monasterio Sti. Albani concessis.

[Ibid.]

OMNIPOTENTIA divinæ majestatis ineffabiliter universa gubernante. Licet regaliū dignitatum decreta, et antiqua priorum temporum privilegia, permanente integritatis signaculo fixa jugiter ac firma perseverent; attamen, quia plerumque tempestates, et turbines sæculi, fragilem humanæ vitæ cursum pulsantes contra superna Dominicæ sanctionis jura illidunt; idcirco stili officio renovanda et chartarum suffragijs sunt roboranda, ne forte successura posterorum progenies, ignorato præcedentium patrum chirographo, inextricabilem horrendi barathri voraginem incurrat; nec inde libera exire queat, donec (juxta veritatis sententiam) cuncta usque ad novissimum quadrantem debita plenissime reddat. Quapropter ego Ethelredus totius Albionis, cæterarumque gentium in circuitu persistentium, munificente superno largitore, Basileus, incertum futurorum temporum considerans eventum, cunctisque succedentibus desiderans esse consultum; et ut ipse in tremendo magni judicij die, sanctorum patrocinij suffragantibus hæreditatis supernæ cohæres effici merear; Deo omnipotenti et sancto Albano gentis Anglorum protomartyri, Christoque servienti monachorum familiæ celebri in loco qui Etweathingaceastre nuncupatur vocabulo, octo mansarum portionem duobus in locis aquæ dimensione sitam; quatuor videlicet Etbirstane, similiter et quatuor Et-wincelfelda, cum novem præfatæ civitatis habitaculis, quæ patria lingua Hagan appellari solet, octoque jugeribus Westvicam, ad idem monasterium æque pertinentibus, devota mente secundum pristinum renovando restituo et restituendo, in nomine Domini nostri Jesu Christi præcipio, ut nullius altioris aut inferioris dignitatis persona, aut in nostris sive successorum nostrorum temporibus, hanc quam præfatus sum portionem, de prædicta sancti martyris ecclesia, auferre vel minuere qualibet occasione præsumat; sed hoc meæ renovationis inviolabili jugiter permanente, et contra omnia æmulatorum machinamenta prævalente chirographo; prædictum monasterium ab omni mundanæ servitutis jugo, sicut continetur in veteri chartula, quam Offa rex Merciorum dictitando composuit, et fecit esse privilegium ob monimentum omnium succedentium regum de omnibus rebus quas Deo tradidit, et sancto martyri Albano, pro remedio animæ suæ. Idcirco ego tali provocatus exemplo, renovare cupiens statuo, ut quæcunque prædictus rex decrevit, inconcussa et firma perpetualiter perdurent. Et nostra autoritate, omnia a nobis tradita, una cum omnibus quæ ad sanctum ipsum locum pertinere dignoscuntur, campis, pascuis, pratis, silvis, eatenus sit liberum, eadem libertate qua prædiximus; ut inibi Deo famulantes, tam pro meis, quam pro omnium prædecessorum meorum deliquijs, sine ulla terreni potentatus molestia, quotidie saluberrima missarum solennia omnipotenti Deo celebrent, et dulcissimas psalmodiarum modulationes ore et corde decantantes, armis spiritualibus contra visibiles et invisibiles hostes, pro nobis et pro omni populo Christiano dimicare non cessent; quatenus ejusdem beati martyris intercedentibus meritis, sive in præsentibus, sive in futura, sive in utraque vita, Christo pro nobis virtutem faciente, victoriam quandoque de inimicis nostris, voti compotes adipisci mereamur. Si quis autem, maligno spiritu instigante, huic decreto repugnare temptaverit, sciat se esse a consortio sanctæ Dei ecclesiæ, et participatione sacrosancti corporis et sanguinis Domini nostri Jesu Christi; et in novissimo tremendi judicij die, noverit se in inferno inferiori, et in æterna damnatione mergendum; et per autoritatem præfati martyris, sciat se absque ullo termino sine fine cruciandum; nisi digna et congrua satisfactione citius emendaverit, quod contra Deum et sanctum martyrem ejus delinquere non timuit.

Anno Dominicæ incarnationis dccccxcvi. indictione octava, scriptum et renovatum est hujus libertatis chirographum, hijs testibus consentientibus, quorum inferius nomina, secundum uniuscujusque dignitatem ordinata, caraxantur.

✠ Ego Ethelredus Anglorum basileus hanc renovationis et libertatis chartam scribere jussi. ✠ Ego Elfricus Dorvernensis ecclesiæ archiepiscopus huic schedulæ signaculum sanctæ crucis imposui. ✠ Ego Ealdulphus Eboracensis ecclesiæ archiepiscopus huic definitioni consentaneus extiti. ✠ Ego Elfheah Wintoniensis ecclesiæ episcopus huic chirographo similiter assensum præbui. ✠ Ego Vulfstan episcopus consensi. ✠ Ego Elfheah episcopus corroboravi. ✠ Ego Athulf episcopus consignavi. ✠ Ego Wulsige episcopus consolidavi. ✠ Ego Ordbright episcopus consigillavi. ✠ Ego Godwinus episcopus confirmavi. ✠ Ego Ealdred episcopus conclusi. ✠ Ego Elfthryth regina. ✠ Ego Elfweard abbas. ✠ Ego Elfsige abbas. ✠ Ego Wulfgar abbas. ✠ Ego Leofric abbas. ✠ Ego Alfhere abbas. ✠ Ego Alfunord abbas. ✠ Ego Brihnoth abbas. ✠ Ego Kenulf abbas. ✠ Ego Ethelweard dux. Ego Alfric ✠ dux. Ego Aelfhelm ✠ dux. Ego Eleofsige ✠ dux. Ego Ethelmer ✠ minister. Ego Ordulf ✠ minister. Ego Wulfricus ✠ minister. Ego Wulfgear ✠ minister. Ego Wulfheah ✠ minister. Ego Brithmer ✠ minister. Ego Leofwine ✠ minister. Ego Ethelweard ✠ minister.

NUM. X.

Carta ejusdem Ethelredi Regis de sex Cassatis in Fleamstede et Verulamio, Monasterio Sti. Albani concessis.

[Ibid. p. 1154.]

CUM nos in extrema pene hujus vitæ margine cernamus sistere, et ultima quæque senescentis mundi pericula, indesinenter luere; admonemur per hoc patenter parvipendere fugitivam atque caducam hujus temporis pompam, et ad immarcessibilem æternæ beatitudinis per bonorum operum exhibitionem tendere palmam; et quicquid utilitatis nostris fuerit Dei mirifica allubesciente clementia statutum temporibus, hoc apicum notis inserere chartis, ne hoc ipsum (quod absit) a subsequentibus causa ignorantiae annullari ullo modo queat, et nostra tunc merces minoretur. Quapropter ego Ethelredus sceptrigera ditione Anglis, cæterisque sistentium in circuitu gentibus, voce, habitu, morumque varietate distantibus rex subthronizatus, ob meæ remedium animulæ, et ob stabilimentum regni cœlitus mihimet concessi; atque etiam ob maximæ pecuniæ pretium mihimet pro hoc ipso collato, condono ad sancti et eximij hujus patriæ protomartyris Albani cœnobium, quandam juris mei portiunculam; cassatas equidem senas, binis in locis semotas; unam scilicet, ubi ab accolis usitato nomine dicitur Fleamstede, et quinque ubi noto vocitamine ob olim castellum jam pene dirutum, Ausonica lingua dicebatur Verulamium, quod nos vulgariter dicimus Wetlingaceaster; ubi et ipse sanctissimus Christi agonista, varia pro fide Christi sustulit tormentorum cruciamenta. Hoc sagaciter meo revolvens animo, justius fore multo, locum in quo passus est, suo æternaliter mancipari cœnobio almifico, quam diutius fisco regali, vel cuilibet terreno audacter subjacere negotio. Decens est enim, ut locum quem suo sacratissimo agonizans pro Christo aspersit et sacravit cruore, ad ipsum perpetualiter revertatur locum, ubi et ipse martyrio expleto, capite truncato, bravium cœleste, et immarcessibilis vitæ meruit coronam. Hoc nempe meæ dapsilitatis emolumentum libens sub æternali libertate liberum concedo; sicut abavus prædecessor meus, Offa scilicet rex inclitus, omnia quæ ipse ad ipsum cœnobium contulit, libertate ditavit. Eadem inquam libertate non solum hanc possessionunculam liberam libens statuo, sed etiam quicquid a meipso, vel a qualibet persona majori sive minori ab heri et nudiustertius, et exin usque ad terminum istius transitorij regni, vitæque labantis extrema datum fuerit, ad supradicti martyris tumbam, sub hac libertatis et renovationis chartula, æternali libertate permaneat liberum. Et ne forte quis præsentium, vel magis futurorum ambiget, quæ sit illa libertas, qua ipsum cœnobium rex benevolus Offa ditavit, et egomet nunc confirmando renovavi, dicam plane, quia omnimodis cuncta illius monasterij possessio, nullis est obnoxia fisci; scilicet, nec expeditionis, nec pontis, et arcis ædificamine, nec juris regalis fragmine, nec furis apprehensione, et ut

omnia simul comprehendam, nil debet exsolvi vel regis præposito, vel episcopi, vel ducis, vel ullius hominis; sed omne debitum exsolvant jugiter, qua in ipsa possessione fuerint, ad prædicti martyris mausoleum; secundum quod ordinaverit abbas, qui ipso præfuerit cœnobio. Notum etiam vobis cupio fore, quantum pretium pro hoc ipso, abbas ipsius cœnobij nomine Leofricus, mihimet contulit, quando illud grave vectigal Danis exsolvebamus, præstitit mihi nempe ducentas libras auri et argenti, ex appensione Danorum, et pro fœnore ipsius pretii accepit a me villam quæ dicitur Eadulfinctun, quinquaginta quinque mansas habens, et has etiam sex mansas. Et nunc gratanter ipse mihimet mente benevola reddit prædictas quinquaginta quinque mansas, et contentus est in ipsis sex mansis, pro ducentis libris. Ideoque hanc libertatis et renovationis schedulam facilius adeptus est. Permaneat itaque prædicta possessio, cum omnibus utensilibus ad se rite pertinentibus, sub prædictæ libertatis chirographo, voti compos. Et quisquis nostræ hoc liberalitatis donum augmentare mente maluerit jucunda, sentiet se donis per hoc locupletari divinis; si autem (quod absit) uspiam quis barbarico attactus instinctu, mente hoc subdola machinatus fuerit adnullare, vel quippiam in pejus quam constituimus transvertere, sua pro audacia, a cœtu in hac vita anathematizatus fidelium, et in tremendo Dei examine astantibus cœlorum agminibus, hominumque turmis, necnon et horrendis erebi vernulis, palam cunctis damnetur cum hædis, averni cruciamenta sine fine luiturus, ni ante obitum condigne emendaverit.

Scripta est autem hujus libertatis chartula, decursis annis ab incarnatione Christi dccccxc. novenis terque binis, in cursu millenario equidem sexto. His testibus faventibus, quorum dignitates hic cum onomate contemplari valebis.

✠ Ego Ethelredus regia infula comptus, propriæ munificentiae donum stabiliter confirmo. ✠ Ego Wulfstanus archiepiscopus Eboracensis ecclesiae assentio. ✠ Ego Ethelstanus clito. ✠ Ego Ecbryrht clito. ✠ Ego Eadmundus clito. ✠ Ego Eadward clito. ✠ Ego Eadred clito. ✠ Ego Eadwig clito. ✠ Ego Eadgar clito. ✠ Ego Elfheh episcopus. ✠ Ego Ordberht episcopus. ✠ Ego Athulf episcopus. ✠ Ego Ethelsie episcopus. ✠ Ego Luing episcopus. ✠ Ego Alfwold episcopus. ✠ Ego Elfhelm episcopus. ✠ Ego Elfrie abbas. ✠ Ego Wulfgar abbas. ✠ Ego Lrewulf abbas. ✠ Ego Elfrie abbas. Ego Leofric ✠ abbas. Ego Eadnow ✠ abbas. Ego Elfword ✠ abbas. Ego Elfrie ✠ comes. Ego Elfhelm ✠ comes. Ego Leofwine ✠ comes. Ego Ethermer ✠ minister. Ego Wulfgeat ✠ minister. Ego Eadric ✠ minister. Ego Wulfhed ✠ minister. Ego Ethelric ✠ minister. Ego Ethelricus ✠ minister. Ego Ethelwine ✠ minister. Ego Ethelwerd ✠ minister. Ego Ethelstan ✠ minister. Ego Ulfriytel ✠ minister. Ego Byrhrie ✠ minister. Ego Leofyme ✠ minister.

NUM. XI.

Charta de Terris quas Wulf dedit Sancto Albano, viz. Estun, et Oxawica.

[Ibid. p. 1155.]

IN nomine Domini nostri Jesu Christi, ego Wulf in primis concedo pro anima mea, et Deo et sancto Albano terram quæ vocatur Eastun, cum omnibus ad se pertinentibus, sicuti eam habui a rege, cum consensu illius, videlicet Edwardi regis, et illam terram similiter et Oxawycam, sanctæ ecclesiae Albani martyris, ubi et ego jacere volo; et unum de melioribus meis vestimentis, quæ ego habeo, et unum calicem, et unum missalem, et unum dorsale, et pallam tunicam meliorem, quæ fuit Godgivæ. Alterum vero ad monasterium Ramsige; et quatuor marcas argenti ad ecclesiam sancti Petri, Romæ; et quatuor ad missas cantandas pro anima mea; et quatuor ad principales ecclesias hujus terræ; atque sodalibus meis quatuor marcas auri, et omnes terras meas, quas ego dimitto, præter illas duas quas Deo et sancto Albano concessi. Et concedo Dagfino marcam auri, et Efino duas marcas argenti, et unum equum; et

Ethelrico ministro duas marcas; et Edwardo unum equum; et singulis hominibus meis, qui terras non habent, singulos equos. Et si adhuc de auro vel argento aliquid superest, ille plus habeat, qui plus pro anima mea facere voluerit; et xxx. de mancipijs meis, libertatem pro anima mea habeant.

NUM. XII.

Testamentum Ethelgivæ, in quo Donatio de Gatesdene, &c.

[Ibid. p. 1156.]

Ego Ethelgive aperio domino meo regi, et reginæ dominæ meæ, et omnibus amicis meis, quomodo testamentum meum dispono. Id est, imprimis, domino meo regi xxx. mancusas auri, et duos equos, et omnes canes meos; et dominæ meæ reginæ xxx. mancusas auri, et terram Westwicam; et sancto Albano terram quæ vocatur Gatesdene, eo tenore ut fruantur ea fratres communiter; et xxx. mancusas auri, et xxx. boves, xx. de Getesdene, et x. de Acersce, et xx. vaccas, x. de Getesdene et x. de Acersce; et ccl. oves, et gregem porcorum, et subuleum cum ipsis; et duos ciphos argenteos, et duo cornua, et unum librum, et unam cortinam, et unum bancale, concedo cum consensu domini mei regis. Et illam terram apud Longaforde, Elfnoto dies suos; eo tenore, ut singulis annis det ad Hiccam pastum trium dierum; et post dies suos supradictam terram. Et Leofwino nepoti meo unam hidam apud Cliftune, et illam dimidiam quam Winemannus habuit; Elfwoldus terram Mundene dies suos habeat, eo tenore quod dabit annis singulis, in quadragesima ad Braheingum sex modios de brais, et ad hoc farinam et pisces, et tantundem ad Wellingum, et ad singula monasteria quatuor porcos ad festivitatem sancti Martini, et post obitum suum, medietatem terræ supradictæ apud Braheingum, et medietatem ad Wellingum. Et Leoffinus habeat Standune, et post ipsum Ifoldus, et post mortem amborum, sanctus Albanus prædictam terram habeat, pro suis animabus dominorumque suorum. Et Leoffius terram Offanlege, et omne quod liber docet, et terram Cingungum, ad porcos sibi nutriendos, eo tenore, ut annis singulis pro firma de istis duabus villis, omnem congregationem sancti Albani tribus diebus pascat, aut pro firma dabit, hoc quod ego testificata sum testimonio optimatum domini mei. Et terram apud Weodune, et pro illa similiter faciat quod testificata sum. Et terram Offanlege dabit filio suo, si de desponsata muliere filium habet; sin autem, dabitur sancto Albano, præter illam ubi Tatulwus sedet, et Ethelferdus et Ethelswith; illa dabitur filiæ dominæ suæ Elfine, si adhuc vivit; si non, tota sancto Albano reddatur. Et Alfwoldus medietatem terræ apud Lundoniam habeat; et filius ejus Elfhead medietatem; et dabitur Leofrune terra Watford; et apud Weotune duos homines, et octo boves, &c.

✠ Ego Edwardus rex concessi, ✠ Ego Theodredus præsul. ✠ Ego Wulgarus episcopus concessi. ✠ Ego Burggricus episcopus. ✠ Ego Elfredus episcopus. ✠ Ego Wulfhelmus episcopus. ✠ Ego Ethelgarus episcopus. ✠ Ego Luenwaldus episcopus. ✠ Ego Wulfhelmus episcopus. ✠ Ego Lrynsius episcopus. ✠ Ego Ethelwaldus episcopus. ✠ Eowell sub reg. ✠ Eadgarus et Weling. ✠ Wulgarus comes. ✠ Ego Oda archiepiscopus. ✠ Ego Elfhelgus pontifex. ✠ Ego Elfrieus antistes. ✠ Ego Wulsius episcopus. Ethelstanus ✠ dux. Ethelwaldus ✠ dux. Ethelmundus ✠ dux. Athelmus ✠ dux. Ethelstanus ✠ dux. Eadricus ✠ dux. Uhredus ✠ dux. Acule ✠ dux. Haldene ✠ dux.

NUM. XIII.

Prædia ad Ecclesiam S. Albani spectantia tempore Regis Willielmi Conquestoris.

[Ex Libro Censuali vocato *Domesday Book*, penes Camerar. Scacc.]

Berchscire, fol. 59 b.

TERRA ÆCCLESIAE SANCTI ALBANI. IN WANETINZ HUND.

Abbatia de Sancto Albano tenet HENRET. Nigellus de Albengi dedit æcclesiæ. Tres taini tenuerunt tempore Regis Edwardi, et poterant ire quo volebant. Tunc se defendebat pro x. hidis, modo pro iiii. Terra est iiii. car. In dominio sunt ii. car. et iiii. villani. et iiii. cot. cum i. car. et ibi xlv. acr. prati. De hac terra tenet Ernuzon ii. hid. de abbate. et ibi habet i. car. cum iiii. cot. Ibi æcclesia et v. acr. prati. Totum, tempore Regis Edwardi, et post, valebat x. lib. Modo similiter totum x. lib.

Herfordscire, fol. 135 b.

Terra Æcclesiæ Sancti Albani. In ALBANESTOV. Hund. Abbas sancti Albani tenet HENAMESTEDA. Pro xx. hid. se defendit. Terra est xx^{ti}. car. In dominio vi. hidæ. et ibi sunt iiii. car. et iiii^{ta}. potest fieri. Ibi xxvi. villani cum iiii. francig. habent xiii. car. et adhuc iiii. possunt fieri. Ibi iiii. bordarii et i. servus. et ii. molendini de xx. sol. pratum iiii. car. et xiii. sol. Pastura ad pecuniam. Silva mille porcis. In totis valentiis valet et valuit xxii. lib. et x. sol. Tempore Regis Edwardi xxv. lib. Hoc manerium jacuit et jacet in dominio æcclesiæ S. Albani.

Ipse Abbas tenet SCENLAI. Pro vi. hid. se defendit. Terra est viii^{to}. car. In dominio ii. hidæ. et ibi sunt ii^a. car. Ibi xi. villani cum uno francig. habent v. car. et v^{ta}. potest fieri. Ibi iiii. cot. Pratum dim. car. Pastura ad pecuniam. Silva cccc. porcis. In totis valentiis valet xii. lib. Quando recepit vi. lib. et tantundem tempore Regis Edwardi. Hoc manerium jacuit et jacet in dominio æcclesiæ Sancti Albani.

Ipse abbas tenet SANDRIGE. Pro x. hid. se defendit. Terra est xiii. car. In dominio iiii. hidæ. et ibi sunt ii. car. et tertia potest fieri. Ibi xxvi. villani habent x. car. Ibi ii. cot. et unus servus. et i. molin. de x. sol. Pratum ii. car. Pastura ad pecuniam. Silva ccc. porc. In totis valentiis valet xviii. lib. Quando recepit xii. lib. et tantundem tempore Regis Edwardi. Hoc manerium jacuit et jacet in dominio æcclesiæ S. Albani.

Ipse abbas tenet WALDENE. Pro x. hid. se defendit. Terra est xiiii. car. In dominio iiii. hidæ. et ibi sunt ii. car. et tertia potest fieri. Ibi xvii. villani cum uno francig. habent x. car. et adhuc i. potest fieri. Ibi ix. bord. et iiii. servi. et ii. molend. de xv. sol. Pratum i. car. Pastura pecuniæ. Nemus ad sepes et domos. In totis valentiis valet et valuit xviii. [lib.] et x. sol. Tempore Regis Edwardi xx. lib. et x. sol. Hoc manerium jacuit et jacet in dominio æcclesiæ S. Albani.

VILLA S. ALBANI pro x. hidis se defendit. Terra est xvi. car. In dominio iiii. hidæ. et ibi sunt ii^a. car. et tertia potest fieri. Ibi iiii. francig. et xvi. villani cum xiii. bord. habent xiii. car. Ibi xlvi. burgenses. De theloneo et de aliis redditibus villæ xl. lib. et xiiii. sol. per annum. et iiii. molend. de xl. sol. Pratum ii. car. Silva mille porc. et vii. sol. In totis valentiis valet xx. lib. Quando recepit xii. lib. Tempore Regis Edwardi xxiiii. lib. In eadem villa sunt adhuc xii. cot. et unus parvus ibi est bestiarum silvaticarum, et unum vivarium piscium. Prædicti burgenses dim. hid. habent.

CODICOTE et OXEWICHE. in BRADEWATRE Hund. duo maner. fuerunt tempore Regis Edwardi et modo est unum. Pro viii. hid. se defendit. Terra est xii. car. In dominio tres hidæ et i. virga. et ibi iiii. car. Ibi xvi. villani habent vii. car. et viii. pot. fieri. Ibi unus francig. et iiii. cot. et iiii. servi. et ii. molend. de xii. sol. pratum ii. car. Pastura ad pecuniam. Silva cc. porc. In totis valentiis valet vi. lib. Quando recepit v. lib. Tempore Regis Edwardi xii. lib. Hæc duo maneria jacuerunt in æcclesia S. Albani tempore Regis Edwardi. Ibi Alwinus Gotone tenuit iiii. hid. sub abbate. Non potuit ab æcclesia separare. De hac terra xv. acras invaserunt homines comitis Moritonæ super abbatem ut homines de Hund. testantur.

Ipse abbas tenet NORTONE. Pro iiii. hid. se defendit. Terra est x. car. In dominio ii. hidæ et ibi sunt iiii. car. Ibi presbyter et quidam francigena cum xiiii. villanis habent vii. car. Ibi v. cot. et i. servus. et ii. molend. de xvi. sol. Pratum ii. car. Pastura ad pecuniam. In totis valentiis valet et valuit xvi. lib.

Tempore Regis Edwardi xvii. lib. Hoc manerium tenuit et tenet S. Albanus in dominio.

Ipse abbas tenet ESCEPEHALE. iiii. hid. Terra est v. car. In dominio i. hida et dimid. et ibi est una car. et altera potest fieri. Ibi viii. villani habent iiii. car. Ibi ii. cot. et i. servus. Pratum i. car. Pastura ad pecuniam. Silva x. porc. Inter totum val. iiii. lib. Quando recepit iiii. lib. Tempore Regis Edwardi iiii. lib. Hoc manerium jacuit et jacet in dominio æcclesiæ S. Albani.

In DANAIS Hund. Ipse abbas tenet LANCELAI. Pro v. hid. se defendebat et dimid. tempore Regis Edwardi. et modo pro iiii. hid. Terra est xv. car. In dominio ii. hidæ et dim. et ibi sunt iiii. car. et v^{ta}. potest fieri. Ibi presbyter et unus francig. cum x. villanis habent x. car. Ibi v. bord. et ii. servi. et ii. molendini de xx. sol. Pratum v. car. Pastura ad pecuniam. Silva ccc. porc. De hac terra habet unus miles dimidiam hidam. In totis valentiis valet x. lib. Quando recepit xii. lib. Tempore Regis Edwardi xv. lib. Hoc manerium jacuit et jacet in æcclesia S. Albani. De hoc manerio tulit et occupavit Herbertus filius Ivonis i. hid. inter boscum et planum, tempore Baiocensis episcopi. Ipsa hida jacebat in æcclesia S. Albani die qua rex Edwardus fuit vivus et mortuus. Modo tenet comes Moritonæ.

In REDBORNE tenet isdem abbas vii. hid. et i. virg. Terra est xvi. car. In dominio iiii. hidæ et i. virga. et ibi iiii. car. Ibi xvi. villani habent xii. car. Ibi i. servus et ii. molend. de xxvi. sol. Pratum i. car. et dim. Pastura ad pecuniam. Silva ccc. porc. In totis valentiis valet xxx. lib. Quando recepit xv. lib. Tempore Regis Edwardi xvi. lib. Hoc manerium jacuit et jacet in æcclesia S. Albani. Stigandus archiepiscopus tenebat die mortis Regis Edwardi, sed ab æcclesia separare non poterat.

Ipse abbas tenet ABSA. Pro iiii. hidis se defendebat tempore Regis Edwardi et modo pro dimid. hida. Terra est iiii. car. In dominio ii. hidæ et dimid. et ibi sunt duæ car. et ii. villani cum iiii^{or}. bord. habent ii. car. Ibi ii. servi et i. molend. de x. sol. Pratum i. car. Pastura ad pecuniam. Silva ccc. porc. Valet hoc manerium lx. sol. Quando recepit xx. sol. Tempore Regis Edwardi iiii. lib. Hoc manerium tenuit Godric homo Stigandi archiepiscopi. Non potuit mittere extra æcclesiam S. Albani,

In WENRIGE tenet Goisfridus de Bech i. hid. et dim. de abbate. Terra est ii. car. In dominio est una. et v. villani cum ii. bord. habent i. car. Pastura ad pecuniam. Silva ccc. porc. Valet xl. sol. Quando recepit, tempore Regis Edwardi l. sol. Hanc terram tenuit Osbernus monachus et Goding homo ejus. non potuerunt separare ab æcclesia ut Hund. testatur.

In TITEBERSTH tenet Goisfridus de abbate dim. hid. Valet et valuit semper vi. sol. Quidam sochemannus tenuit tempore Regis Edwardi, homo abbatis S. Albani. Non potuit vendere extra æcclesiam.

In REDBORNE tenet Amelger de abbate iiii. virg. et dim. Terra est ii. car. et ibi sunt cum ii. villanis et ii. cot. Silva cc. porc. Valet xxx. sol. Quando recepit xx. sol. Tempore Regis Edwardi xl. sol. Hanc terram tenuit et tenet S. Albanus.

Ipse abbas tenet PRICHEMAREWORDE. In ALBANESTOV Hund. Pro xv. hid. se defendit. Terra est xx. car. In dominio v. hidæ et ibi sunt iiii. car. et adhuc ii^a. possunt fieri. Ibi iiii. francig. et xxii. villani cum ix. bord. habent xiiii. car. et adhuc i. potest fieri. Ibi v. cot. et v. servi. et i. molin. de v. sol. et iiii. den. Pratum iiii. car. De piscibus iiii. sol. Pastura ad pecuniam. Silva mille et cc. porc. In totis valentiis valet xx. lib. et x. sol. Quando recepit xii. lib. Tempore Regis Edwardi xx. lib. Hoc manerium tenuit et tenet in dominio S. Albanus.

Ipse abbas tenet CAISSOV. Pro xx. hid. se defendit. De his tenet abbas xix. Terra est xxii. car. In dominio vi. hidæ. et ibi sunt v. car. et vi^{ta}. potest fieri. Ibi iiii. francig. et xxxvi. villani cum viii. bord. habent xv. car. et adhuc una potest fieri. Ibi iiii. bord. adhuc et ii. servi. et iiii. molend. de xxvi. sol. et viii. den. Pratum xxii. car. Pastura ad pecuniam. Silva mille porc. In totis valentiis valet xxviii. lib. Quando re-

cep. xxiiii. lib. Tempore Regis Edwardi xxx. lib. Hoc manerium tenuit et tenet S. Albanus in dominio.

In ELDEHAM tenet Goisfridus de Bech sub abbate i. hid. Terra est i. car. sed deest car. Ibi ii. cot. Silva c. porc. Valet et valuit xii. sol. Tempore Regis Edwardi xx. solid. Hanc terram tenuit Blache homo S. Albani. Non potuit vendere.

Ipse abbas tenet NEVHAM. In ODESEI Hund. Pro iii. hid. et iii. virg. se defendit. Terra est viii. car. In dominio i. hida. et iii. virg. et ibi sunt ii. car. Ibi x. villani cum viii. bord. habent iii. car. et adhuc ii. fieri possunt. Ibi iii. cot. Pratum i. car. Pastura ad pecuniam. In totis valentiis valet et valuit ix. lib. Tempore Regis Edwardi x. lib. Hoc manerium jacuit et jacet in domino æcclesiæ S. Albani.

In Dimidio Hund. de HIZ. In HEGÆSTANESTONE tenet isdem abbas viii. hid. et iii. virg. Terra est xii. car. In dominio iii. hidæ et ibi iii. car. et v^{ta}. potest fieri. Ibi xiii. villani cum iii. bord. habent iii. car. et adhuc iii. possunt fieri. Ibi iii. cot. et iii. servi. et Goisfr. de Bech tenet ibi dimid. hid. sub abbate. Ibi ii. molend. de iii. sol. et iii. den. Pratum ii. car. Pastura ad pecuniam. In totis valentiis valet xvii. lib. et x. sol. Quando recepit xii. lib. Tempore Regis Edwardi xvi. lib. Hoc manerium jacuit et jacet in dominio æcclesiæ S. Albani. De hac terra tenet unus anglicus iii. hid. sub abbate.

Ipse abbas tenet BENEDIS. Pro una hida se defendit. Terra est ii. car. et ibi sunt cum iii. villanis qui tenent hanc terram. Ibi ii. cot. Nemus ad sepes. Pratum dim. car. Pastura ad pecuniam villæ. Valet et valuit l. sol. Tempore Regis Edwardi xl. sol. Hæc terra jacuit et jacet in dominio æcclesiæ S. Albani.

Bochinghamscire, fol. 145 b.

TERRA SANCTI ALBANI. In VOTESDON Hund.

Abbas de Sancto Albano tenet GRENEBERGA. Pro v. hid. se defendit. Terra est ix. car. In dominio ii. hidæ. et ibi sunt ii. car. et vii. villani cum iii. bord. habent vii. car. Ibi unus servus. Pratum ii. car. Inter totum valet c. sol. Quando recepit iii. lib. Tempore Regis Edwardi c. sol. Hoc manerium jacuit et jacet in dominio S. Albani.

In COTESLAI Hund. Maner. Ipse abbas tenet ESTONE. Pro x. hid. se defendit. Terra est xii. car. In dominio vi. hidæ. et ibi sunt iii. car. et adhuc duæ possunt fieri. Ibi vii. villani cum xii. bord. habent vi. car. Ibi unus servus. Pratum iii. car. Valet x. lib. Quando recepit vi. lib. Tempore Regis Edwardi x. lib. Hoc manerium jacuit et jacet in dominio æcclesiæ S. Albani.

In MUSELAI Hund. Maner. Ipse abbas tenet WENESLAI. Pro xv. hid. se defendit. Terra est xix. car. In dominio v. hidæ. et ibi sunt iii. car. et iii^{ta}. potest fieri. Ibi xvii. villani cum v. bord. habent xv. car. Ibi iii. servi. Pratum xix. car. De silva x. sol. per annum. In totis valentiis valet et valuit semper xi. lib. et xiii. sol. et iii. den. Hoc manerium jacuit et jacet in dominio æcclesiæ S. Albani.

NUM. XIV.

Carta Henrici II. Regis.

[Cart. 2 Edw. IV. m. 24, per Inspex. Clutterb. Hist. Hertf. tom. i. Append. p. 4.]

HENRICUS Dei gratia rex Angliæ, dux Normanniæ et Aquitanniæ, et comes Andegaviæ, archiepiscopis, episcopis, comitibus, baronibus, justiciariis, vicecomitibus, ministris, et omnibus fidelibus suis, Francis et Anglis, in omnibus comitatibus in quibus sanctus Albanus martyr cellas et terras habet, amicabiliter salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et hac mea carta confirmasse Deo et ecclesiæ sancti Albani et monachis ubicumque fuerint, omnes cellas suas et terras, et omnes possessiones suas tam ecclesiasticas quam laicas, scilicet cellas de Tyne-muthe, et de Binham, et de Wymundesham, et de Belveher, et de Walingford, et de Hertford, et de Hathfeld, et de Bello Loco, cum ecclesiis, terris, et homagiis, redditibus, et omnibus rebus ad easdem cellas pertinentibus,

et villam sancti Albani cum foro et omni libertate quam burgus debet habere, et villam de Watford cum foro, et Kyngesbury, et Westwicam, et Redburnam, et Sandruge, et Bridelle, et Tidehangram, cum nemore de Northawe quod Petrus de Valonia aliquando tenuit, tantum in vita sua, et Barnet, cum boscis de Suthawe, et Borham, et Huzeheog, et Parcum cum tota soca, et Langeleyam, et Kaisho, et Rikmaresworth, et Sereth, et Grenesbury, et Wyneslawe, et Siptunam, et Horwode cum foresta et chacia, et Estuna, et Bissopescote, et Hecstanester, et Nortunam, et Neuham, et Cudicote, et Walden, et Bradeweie; cum ecclesiis, terris, boscis, homagiis, redditibus, molendinis, pratis, pascuis, et omnibus aliis rebus ad eadem maneria pertinentibus. Concedo insuper et confirmo abbati et monachis sancti Albani, ad sustentationem coquinæ hospitum, ecclesias de Lintona, et de Hoctuna, et de Potesgrava, cum omnibus terris et homagiis, et decimis omnimodis, tam de sartis si fiant quam de terris quocumque tempore cultis; et ecclesias de Walden, et de Apeltona in Eboraci scyra, et ecclesiam de Watford, ad procurationem supervenientium hospitum; et ecclesias de Thirefeld, et de Redburn, et de Wyneslawe, cum suis capellis, et de Langeleia, ad vestituram monachorum; et ecclesias de Edulfingeham, et de sancto Stephano, cum suis capellis ad sustentationem coquinæ monachorum; et terras de Cumbe, et Grenestude in Suthsex, et de Middeltuna in Buckyngham shira, et terram de Luctuna in Bedefordschire, et in Eboraci schira, Thorpe cum ecclesia ejusdem villæ, et Nortuna cum suis omnibus pertinentiis; terras etiam militum qui dominicum abbatis tenent, ad defendenda omnia scutagia et alia servitia omnia forinseca Deo et ecclesiæ sancti Albani concedo et confirmo, scilicet Crochelse, Muccefeld, Seret, Bacheswortha, Brutewell, Pinefeld, Muridene, Childewiche, hidam de Langel, Sis-severne, terram Alexandri filii Tuold, Buxtone, Wininge, et terram Willielmi de Northune, et terram Hamonis Verrarii, et hidam de Herpesfeld, et terram Ricardi de Rennes, et terram Roberti Tailleboys; terras etiam omnium liberè tenentium de abbate, scilicet terras Johannis de Walden, in Walden et in Thiteburst, et terram Hugonis de Titeburst, et Vielis de Thebruge, et Hugonis de Bradeweie, et Helia, et Petri de la Chambre, et Willielmi de Aihate, et Willielmi de Wiche, et Nicholai filii Willielmi, et Radulphi de Helvesfeld. Hæc omnia concedo Deo et ecclesiæ sancti Albani, cum omnibus ad ea pertinentibus, cum socâ et sacâ, on stronde et streame, on wude et felde, tol et them, et grithbruche, hamsoene, mordre, forestall, danegeld, infongenethef, et utfongenethef, flemenefrenth, blodwite, wrec; ut habeant super omnes terras suas, et super homines suos ubicumque sint, intra burgum et extra, in tantum et tam pleniter, sicut proprii ministri mei exquirere deberent, ad opus meum; et nolo ut aliquis hominum nec Francus nec Anglus de terris eorum neque de hominibus se intromittat, in aliquo, nisi ipsi et ministri sui quibus ipsi curam committere voluerint. Quia ego Deo concedo et ecclesiæ sancti Albani, pro redemptione animæ meæ et parentum meorum, omnes libertates et liberas consuetudines, quas regia potestas liberiores habet, vel alicui ecclesiæ conferre potest; et prohibeo, super forisfacturam meam, ne aliquis eas aliquo modo infringere præsumat. Prohibeo etiam ne, in ipsorum terris vel domibus, minister, dapifer, pincerna, camerarius, dispensator, janitor, custos, vel præpositus, contra ipsorum voluntatem et assensum, tempore meo aut successorum meorum, per manum alicujus principis vel justitiæ quocumque tempore ponatur. Testibus, Rothero archiepiscopo Rothomagi, Ricardo Wyntoniam, Ricardo Coventriæ, Ricardo Naumer. episcopis: Willielmo filio Aldæ dapifero, Ricardo de Camulla, Giliberto Malet dapifero, Aluredo de Sancto Martino, Willielmo de Albineio, Ricardo de Aufai, Girardo de Camulla. Apud Wyntoniam.

NUM. XV.

Carta alia Henrici II. Regis.

[Ibid. Clutterb. ut supr. p. 5.]

HENRICUS Dei gratia rex Angliæ, et dux Norman-

næ et Aquitanniæ, et comes Andegaviæ, archiepiscopis, episcopis, abbatibus, comitibus, baronibus, justiciariis, vicecomitibus, ministris, et omnibus fidelibus suis, Francis et Anglis, totius Angliæ, salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et præsentî carta confirmasse abbatiæ sancti Albani et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus, omnes acquisitiones quas Adam monachus cellerarius ipsius abbatiæ eidem abbatiæ adquisivit, ex dono Eliæ de Sumeri; ecclesiam Omnium Sanctorum de Sudbury, cum capella de Beliduna, et tota terra de Middeltona quæ est de feodo comitis Glocestriæ, et cum omnibus aliis pertinentiis suis, et unum messuagium in Bigrava, et quintas acras terræ, et ecclesiam ejusdem villæ, cum omnibus ad eam pertinentibus, tam ex antiquo quam ex novo ei collatis, ex dono Willielmi de Wedona; ecclesiam de Wyengrava cum omnibus pertinentiis suis; et novem acras terræ de dominio, et unum mesuagium de dono Willielmi de Muntfichet et Rohais uxoris suæ, et Willielmi filii eorum; ecclesiam de Lecchewortha cum omnibus quæ ad eam pertinent, et duodecim acras terræ in eadem villa, et totam partem ecclesiæ de Wandelingtona ad feodum illorum pertinentem, cum omnibus quæ ad eam pertinent; et lx. acras terræ in eadem villa, ex dono Willielmi filii Roberti de Wandelingtona; totam partem ecclesiæ de Wandelingtona quæ ad jus suum pertinet, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, et xxiiij. acras terræ in eadem villa, ex dono Eustachii de Chauz; xx. acras in Wandelingtona ex dono Turstini Sagitarii et Julianæ uxoris ejus; totam terram suam de Bernet, et sex acras terræ in Wandelingtona, ex dono ejusdem Julianæ et Hamonis secundi viri sui; sex acras in eadem villa ex dono Radulfi et Herberti filii ejus; lx. acras terræ, in eadem villa, ex dono End.; viginti acras, et Walteri de Gravele quinque acras ad mensuram perticæ decem et octo pedum in Aisselve, ex dono Adæ filii Humfridi et Alani Wischard et Odelinæ matris ejus; totam terram ejus quæ fossato clauditur infra terminos quos, eorum assensu, monachi sancti Albani constituerunt in Wulfnewich ex dono Alani de Wynter et Cristinæ uxoris ejus, et Simonis filii eorum; dimidiam hidam in Bissopescot, ex dono Ricardi de Bertheroles, et Clariciæ, et Johannis filii Clariciæ; vetus molendinum de Stapleford, cum loco in quo situm est, et stagno adjacenti, et toto marisco qui de jure eorum est, ex utraque parte aquæ usque ad fossatum quem dicti monachi fecerunt; et sexaginta acras terræ ex dono Agnetis Fai et Radulfi filii ejus; septuaginta et sex acras terræ arabilis, cum uno marisco in Sepehala, ex dono Wimeri de Ardes et Aeliciæ uxoris ejus; totam terram quæ de jure eorum est quæ est inter stratam quæ ducit ad Hereford et divisas de Sepehale, ex dono Roberti de Taillebois et Radulfi filii ejus; quatuor viginti et tres acras terræ in Titeburst, ex dono Willielmi filii Raconis; dimidiam hidam in Grastuna, cum uno essarto, et una acrâ in Watford, ex dono Simonis Taillebois; dimidiam virgatam et Radulfi de Punchardon; aliam dimidiam in Dacheswitha ex dono Ivonis de Berstane; quadraginta acras terræ et unam prati et unam mansionem in Rochehamestod, ex dono Godefridi de Rochehamestod; xxvi. acras in eadem villa, ex dono Godefridi de Tiwinga; unam virgatam terræ, et sexaginta acras in Tiwinga; totam etiam terram quæ jacet ante curiam de Absa, quæ jacet inter aquam de Colvera, et culturam quæ appellatur Horsepol, quam Alexander filius Turoldi coram tota curia sancti Albani dimisit et quietam clamavit, cum crofta una quæ jacet ante domum Serlonis de Absa, ex dono Adæ filii Radulphi Buchmute et Aldæ uxoris ejus; totam terram quæ jacet inter terram sancti Albani de Stanmera, et terram sancti Bartholomæi quæ est de feodo Willielmi de Raunes, juxta boscum de Aldenham, pro quadraginta acris terræ, ex dono Heliæ de Dache-wortha et Gileberti filii et hæredis ejus; septemdecem acras terræ in villa de Dachewortha, ex dono Walteri de Querceto; quandam portionem terræ suæ de Cumblituna, quæ terra longitudinis xii. perticarum est, et in uno loco latitudinis sex, et alio quinque, tertio vero quatuor perticarum, ex dono Ricardi Talebot de terra sua in Wienge, ad minus viginti pedum in latitudine, et totidem in longitudine, ad faciendum stagnum molendino de Eastona. Quare volo et firmiter præcipio, quod

prædicti monachi et ecclesia sancti Albani teneant et possideant omnes prædictas ecclesias, et terras, et omnes alias possessiones, quas Adam celerarius sancti Albani adquisivit, infra burgum sive extra burgum, in terra sancti Albani vel extra, jure perpetuo, liberas penitus et quietas ab omnibus consuetudinibus et servitiis sæcularibus, et exactionibus, et quibuscunque quærelis, in bosco et plano, in aquis, et pratis, et pascuis, in viis, et semitis, benè et in pace et honorifice, cum omnibus rebus ad eas pertinentibus et omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus, quas aliqua terrarum sancti Albani quæ liberior est, habet. Redditus autem omnes, ex prædictis possessionibus et ex aliis, præfati Adæ acquisitionibus et meliaricionibus in terra sancti Albani et extra, ad opus coquinæ monachorum sancti Albani factis provenientes eidem coquinæ concedo, et hac meâ cartâ confirmo, et prohibeo ne quisquam ad alios usus eos committere præsumat. Testibus archiepiscopo Rothomagi; Ricardo Wintoniæ, Ricardo Coventriæ, Ricardo Nannet', episcopis; Willielmo filio Adæ dapifero, Ricardo de Camulla, Gileberto Malet dapifero, Aluredo de sancto Martino, Willielmo de Albinu', Ricardo Anfai, Gerardo de Camulla; apud Winton.

NUM. XVI.

Instituta Guarini Abbatis de modificatione rigoris Ordinis.

[Mat. Par. edit. 1684, p. 1043.]

INSTITUTA quæ pius pastor dominus Gwarinus abbas ad utilitatem et pacem sui conventus instituit, corde retinenda et scripto commendanda sunt, ne malitia invidentium quandoque infringantur, seu oblivioni perpetuæ tradantur, inter cætera namque pietatis opera, quæ ad incrementa bonorum operum suorum; hoc pro utilitate et petitione totius conventus adjecit, ut fratres qui in æstate post meridiem ex antiquo minuere solebant, concessit tam in æstate quam hyeme ante prandium semper sanguinem minuant; in æstate statim post fratrum refectionem, et gratiarum actionem in locutorio hospitum divertant, seu in alio quolibet loco sibi deputato, cura cum ipsis existente, qui propter ordinis disciplinam, hora illa cum eis remaneat, ibi simul omnes convenient, licentiamque habeant loquendi (cum omni tamen gravitate) quamdiu servitores comederint. Et hoc semper provideant, ut simul omnes in dormitorium ingrediantur, priusquam ad excitandos fratres signum pulsetur. Ipso die, ad completorium in supradicto loco convenient, ibique loquantur quamdiu hospitali visum fuerit, aut hora permiserit, non tamen ultra pyretegium, hora loquendi proteletur. Super hoc adjecit, ut a completorio, die secunda ex consuetudine semper remaneant, qui quondam ex gratia remanere solebant, ut in præcedenti die absque licentia, atque in supradicto loco, simul omnes convenient, scilicet in locutorio hospitum. Et si festivitas principalis, seu obitus cujuslibet fratris (cujus corpus præsens fuerit) supervenerit, ut supradicta indulgentia remanendi teneri non potuerit, in nocte altera recompensetur.

Ad matutinas, nocte prima minutionis ex antiquo chorum ingredi non solebant, nocte vero secunda semper intrare, nos itaque petitione totius conventus super hoc addidimus, ac pietatis intuitu indulsumus, ut nec nocte secunda ad matutinas chorum ingrediantur nisi festivitas principalis seu duplex supervenerit. Die vero tertio, ad omnes horas canonicas chorum ingredientur. Et quotiescunque in die jejunii ante conventum comederint, a nona remaneant, et post refectionem, licentiam habeant locutorium hospitum ingredi, ibique spacientur, dum conventus in refectorio discubuerit, ab octavis Nativitatis beatæ Mariæ, omni hieme usque ad caput quadragesimæ, post tertiam semper manducant, et à sexta ex concessione nostra remaneant, qui quondam ad sextam convenire solebant, quia cum molestia comedebant, quicquid viscebantur propter horæ brevitatem. Sacrista has horas sic temperet, ne aliquis eorum ipsius negligentia, contristetur, ut ad missam majorem cum omni gravitate, absque molestia simul omnes convenire possint, in hyeme enim volumus ut ad missam majorem simul omnes convenient, et qui vitio suo deerit, solus sustineat quod me-

ruerit, et innoxii absolvantur. In quadragesima usque ad nonam jejunare solebant, et ad missam majorem cibum sumere, post missam, ad vespervas soliti erant convenire. Sed quia sæpiùs conqueri solebant propter horæ brevitatem quia jejunantibus breve erat spatium; nos itaque considerantes brevitatem spatii, pietatis intuitu indulimus, ut ab hac hora vespertina semper remaneant, cura cum ipsis remanente, qui cum ipsis manducet, et cum ipsis remaneat; abstinente conventu ab esu piscium, cura qui cum minutis comederit, ab abstinentia absolvatur, licentiamque habeat comedendi, quicquid ei Dominus donaverit. Post refectionem, de refectorio statim exeant, quibus egressis ad monasterium divertant, quoad conventus in refectorio introgressus fuerit. Discumbentibus illis, sanguine minuti licentiam habeant hospitum ingredi locutorium, ibique loquantur, quoad conventus ad mensam discubuerit. Quod si aliquis eorum quoad cimbalum percussus fuerit in refectorio remanserit, locutorium cum cæteris non ingrediatur, sed solus in ecclesia remaneat, silentiumque teneat dum cæteri loquentur. Et quia abusus fuerit indulgentia sibi concessa, improbitatis suæ solus sustineat pœnam, innoxii absolutis.

Altare beati Petri infirmis deputatur.

INTER cætera quæ venerabilis pater dominus Guarinus abbas provida dispensatione instituit, fratribus infirmis compatiens misericordiæ manum porrexit, ne defectu auxilii, morte immatura ad extrema vitæ producerentur; quia inhumanum esse arbitrabatur, ut de una substantia quibus æqua suppeteret successio, alii abundanter affluerunt, alii vero paupertatis ingemiscerent incommodis. Ea propter assensu totius conventus, et gratiarum instituit actione, ut si quis fratrum ita infirmitate laboraverit, ut morbo ingravescente infirmitatis suæ necessitate compulsus infirmariam ingredi, magister infirmariæ ea quæ infirmo ejusque infirmitati fuerint necessaria, procurabit. Scilicet medicum et medicamina, electuaria, atque pigmenta, et cætera quæ juxta morbum apta didicerit, ne defectu ipsius, ulli sit necesse quicquam ab alio aliquo exigere. Ad hoc enim altare beati Petri apostoli, quod situm est in villa beati Albani à parte orientali, deputavit; ne aliquis eorum qui pro tempore præfatæ obedientiæ procurator extiterit, quasi impossibilitate se valeat excusare.

Memorandum, quod actum est super hoc, die sanctorum Cosmæ et Damiani, anno gratiæ M.CC.LIII. Hoc beneficio privati sumus, tempore Johannis secundi abbatis qui anno suæ prælationis, xvii. vicariam in eadem ecclesia instituit sicut in ecclesia sancti Michaelis de Kingsbury, nihil nobis pro recompensatione relinquens.

Item pium Institutum pro anima Galfridi Abbatis.

STATUTUM est insuper ab eodem abbate Guarino, et a toto conventu, ut omni anno, à secretario ecclesiæ nostræ in die sanctæ Katerinæ, pro anima Galfridi abbatis pauperes centum reficiantur pane et cervisia, et uno ferculo. Et exceptis hiis centum, cæteris qui superfuerint panis summa unius frumenti præparetur, et unusquisque saltem dimidium unius panis acciperet, ne penitus vacui recederent, et spe fraudati præconcepta.

De Misericordia ejusdem.

Hic quoque primò permisit aliquibus fratribus, in quibus per maciem et pallorem, debilitatem perpenderat manifestam, (quibus videbatur inconueniens esse et conscientiae læsionem, intrare infirmariam, quia quamvis macilenti essent vel pallidi, vel etiam debiles, non sibi infirmi videbantur) ut seorsum, scilicet in oriole carnem comederent: et hoc fiebat abbate compellente, et in virtute obedientiæ præcipiente. Tunc vero temporis, nullus in infirmaria carnes comedit, nisi in morbi gravitate, et propter restaurationem, et meliorati, juxta regulam penitus abstinebant, nec quis carnes comedit, nisi per Infirmary in veriloquio affirmante, quod sic oportuit, licentiatus.

De Redburna.

ITEM ad Redburnam aliquos fratrum transmisit recreandos, ne identitas, in claustro in eis qui pusillanimes erant, accidiam parturiret. Et (quod priùs nullo modo permittebatur) carnes comedere permisit debilibus, ita scilicet, ut regularem cibum ministris darent, pro carnis commutatione.

De Sotularibus.

Hii quoque Sotulares corrigiatis, pro ocreis de cute quam vulgus Bazan appellat, commutavit; tum ut ad divinum officium expeditius properarent, nec unius alium in processionibus intricatum illaquearet; tum propter munditiam et honestatem fratrum, quos decet manus, (et maxime circa altare) habere mundissimas. Priore tamen rotunditate, anteriore, et per totum amplitudine, ad indicium pristinae humilitatis, remanente.

Hii quoque præter misericordiam prædictam minutis impensam, quæ [qui] solebant non brachia habere exerta, et post prandium; jussit ut subbrachiales per quas brachia protraherent, haberent aperturas. Neque enim proinde observantiæ regularis, fiebat transgressio, quam regula sancti Benedicti votiva, præcipit et hortatur.

De Somno Meridiano in Æstate.

Huius adhuc adjecit, ut omni æstate in die jejunii, post refectionem eant dormitum more meridiano.

Hæ sunt Indulgentiæ quas fecit Abbas Guarinus Conventui suo, et hæc ejus Statuta; quæ quicumque infringere attemptavit, anathemate condemnatur.

ITEM, Ut opus majori cum devotione et reverentia celebretur, de hiis qui præter instituta sancti patris nostri Benedicti in conventu psallere consuevimus, multa nobis non sine commendabili ac pia consideratione relaxavit. Atque discretionis sica in omnibus superflua resecans, irregularia hoc modo abbreviavit; ut videlicet omni tempore privatis diebus, tam in diurnis quàm in nocturnis horis, ad preces tantummodo 'Miserere mei Deus,' &c. dicatur. Similiter ad preces uno semper ordine dicantur, id est, 'Ego dixi Domine miserere mei.' In festis vero et in profestis diebus, omnes horas (exceptis Prima et Completorio) per Magistram Collectam, quam tempus et hora exegerint, terminari instituit. In Quadragesima tamen dicatur Collecta ad Vespervas, privatis diebus, quæ dicantur ad majorem missam super populum. Psalmos verò familiares, qui confusè dicebantur (quandoque diffusè), sub hoc semper ordine psallere instituit; hoc est, 'Deus in adjutorium,' 'Ad te levavi,' 'De profundis,' et 'Voce mea,' cum tempus exegerit. In Quadragesima tamen privatis diebus hiis adjiciatur, 'Levavi oculos meos.' Et in festis, 'Inclina Domine,' pro Psalmis 'prostatis.' Illos vero triginta Psalmos quos a festivitate Omnium Sanctorum usque ad Pascha, privatis diebus ante 'Matutinas,' non psallendo, sed quibusdam balbutientibus, quibusdam verò præ tedio dormitantibus, transcurrere consuevimus, in duo divisit; atque a medietate eorundem Psalmorum nos absolvit. At quia in conventu omnino debet (secundum præceptum, vel saltem consilium, beati Benedicti) oratio brevis esse, et pura nisi ex devotione protendatur. 'Deus auribus nostris,' cum sequentibus Psalmis (quia ab re dicebantur) abrenunciavimus, et in eorum loco, sub tempore et hora qua dicebantur, septem Psalmos poenitentiales substituimus. Et quia onerosa nobis erat historia illa de Inventione beati Stephani sociorumque ejusdem, ab ea nos absolvit, et pro ea communem historiam de Confessoribus psallere instituit. Ita tamen ut dicatur quartum responsorium de sancto Stephano; hoc videlicet, 'Positis genibus;' et octavum 'Patefactæ sunt;' et duodecimum, 'Ecce jam.' Cætera omnia dicantur, sicut in festivitate plurimorum confessorum. Concessit etiam idem abbas Guarinus, ut sine froccis in claustro radendi temporibus, et radant pariter et radantur.

NUM. XVII.

Carta Johannis Regis, de Libertatibus Sancti Albani et Cellarum.

[Ex Registro de Binham penes Thomam Widdrington equit. aurat. An. 1652.]

JOHANNES Dei gratia rex Angliæ, dominus Hiberniæ, dux Normanniæ, Aquitaniæ, comes Andegaviæ, archiepiscopis, episcopis, abbatibus, comitibus, baronibus, justiciariis, vicecomitibus, ministris, et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis in omnibus comitatibus in quibus sanctus Albanus martyr cellas et terras habet amicabiliter salutem. Sciatis nos concessisse et hac carta nostra confirmasse Deo et ecclesiæ sancti Albani et monachis ubicumque fuerint, omnes cellas suas et terras, et omnes possessiones suas tam ecclesiasticas quàm laicas, scilicet, cellas de Tynemue, de Binham, de Wymundham, de Beauuer, de Walmesford, de Herford, de Hetfeud, de Bello Loco, cum ecclesiis cæteris, homagiis, redditibus, et omnibus rebus ad easdem cellas pertinentibus, et villam sancti Albani, cum foro et omni libertate quam burgus debet habere, et villam de Watford cum foro, et Kingesbiri, Westwic, Redburn, Sandruag, Bridewell, Tydenhangre, cum nemore de Northawe, quod Petrus de Valoniis aliquando tenuit tantum in vita sua, et Barnette cum boscis de Suthawe Borham et Huzeheg, et cum per tota soca Langley, Kaisho, Rykemeswrthe, Saret, Greneburwe, Wynell, Siptun et Horwode, cum foresta et chacia, et Estun, et Bissopes-tun, et Horstanestun, Nortun, et Neuham, Cudithote, Walden, et Brakeweye, cum ecclesiis, terris, boscis, homagiis, redditibus, molendinis, pratis, pascuis, et omnibus aliis rebus ad eadem maneria pertinentibus. Concedimus insuper et confirmamus abbati et monachis sancti Albani, ad sustentationem coquinæ hospitum, ecclesias de Luitun, de Houtun, et de Podesgrave, cum omnibus terris, homagiis, et decimis omnimodis, tam de sartis si fiant, quàm de terris quocumque tempore cultis; et ecclesias de Walden, et de Apelton, in Eboracisyras, et ecclesiam de Watford ad procurationem supervenientium hospitum, et ecclesias de Titefeld, de Redburn, et de Winesley, cum suis capellis et de Langley ad vesturam monachorum, et ecclesias de Egulingeham et de sancto Stephano, cum suis capellis, ad sustentationem coquinæ monachorum, et terras de Cumbe, et de Grene-stude in Soudsexia et de Middleton in Buckyngham-syra, et terram in Sutton in Bedefordsyra, et in Eboracisyras Thorp cum ecclesia ejusdem villæ, et Nortun cum suis omnibus pertinentiis. Terras etiam militum qui dominicum abbatis tenent ad defendenda omnia scutagia et alia servicia omnia forinseca, Deo et ecclesiæ sancti Albani concedimus et confirmavimus, scilicet Crokesle, Muklefeld, Saret, Backesworth, Brutewell, Pinnesfeld, Muriden, Childewik, hidam de Langley, Sissebern, terram Alexandri filii Thoroldi, Burstun, Winringe, et terram Willielmi de Nortun, et terram Hamonis Verrarii, et hidam de Herpesfeld et terram Ricardi de Reymes, et terram Roberti Taleboys, terras etiam omnium liberè tenentium de abbate, scilicet terras Johannis de Walden in Walden, et in Titeburst, et terram Hog. de Tyteburst, et Uiel, et de Théeburige, et Hugonis de Badwe, et Elyæ, et Petri de la Chambre, et Willielmi de Aiethe, et Willielmi de Wicke, et Nicholai filii Willielmi, et Radulphi de Herpesfeld. Hæc omnia concedimus Deo et ecclesiæ sancti Albani, cum omnibus ad ea pertinentibus cum soca et sacca, on stronde et streme, on wude et feld, tol et teym, tribuch, hamsokene, murdre, forestal, danegeld, infangenthef, et utfangenthef, flemenefremthe, blodwyrt, wrech, ut habeant super omnes terras suas et super omnes homines suos ubicumque sint intra burgum vel extra, in tantum et tam pleniter sicut proprii ministri nostri exquirere deberent ad opus nostrum. Et volumus ut aliquis hominum, nec Francus nec Anglus, de terris eorum neque de hominibus se intus mittat in aliquo nisi ipsi et ministri sui quibus ipsi curam committere voluerint: quia nos Deo concedimus et ecclesiæ sancti Albani, pro redemptione animæ nostræ et parentum nostrorum, omnes libertates et liberas consuetudines quas regia potestas liberiores ha-

bet vel alicui ecclesiæ conferre potest. Et prohibemus super forisfacturam nostram, ne aliquis eas aliquo modo infringere præsumat. Prohibemus etiam, ne in ipsorum terris vel domibus minister, dapifer, pincerna, camera-rius, dispensator, janitor, custos, vel præpositus, contra ipsorum voluntatem et assensum, tempore nostro, aut successorum nostrorum, per manum alicujus principis vel justiciarii quocumque tempore ponatur, sicut felicis memoriæ regis Henrici patris nostri carta testatur. Testibus hiis Willielmo Londoniensi, Hugone Lincolnensi, Herberto Saresbyriensi, episcopis; Galfrido filio Petri comite Essexiæ, Willielmo Marescallo comite de Penbrok, Willielmo comite de Saresberia, Willielmo de Braus, Willielmo de Brigwere, Hugone Randolph, Stephano de Turneham, Symone de Pateh. Ricardo de Heriet. Data per manum Huberti Cantuariensis archiepiscopi, cancellarii nostri, apud Westmonasterium, xj. die Junii regni nostri anno primo.

NUM. XVIII.

Alexander Papa III. de Compositione facta inter Lincolnensem Ecclesiam et Ecclesiam beati Albani, de solenni processione.

[Autogr. Cart. Harl. Antiq. 43 A. 24.]

ALEXANDER episcopus, servus servorum Dei, dilecto filio Roberto abbati monasterii sancti Albani, salutem et apostolicam benedictionem. Ea quæ compositione seu concordia, mediante rationabili providentia, statuuntur, in sua debent stabilitate consistere; et ne alicujus temeritate in posterum valeant immutari, apostolicæ sedis ea convenit auctoritate muniri. Ea propter, dilecte fili Roberte, tuis postulationibus grato concurrentes assensu, compositionem, quæ inter Lincolnensem ecclesiam et monasterium beati Albani super processionibus de Hertford scira, de quibus inter utramque ecclesiam controversia fuerat, sicut in instrumento exinde facto continetur, utriusque partis assensu rationabiliter facto est, tibi et per te ecclesiæ tuæ auctoritate apostolica confirmamus, et præsentis scripti patrocinio communimus. Statuentes ut nulli omnino hominum liceat hanc paginam nostræ confirmationis infringere vel et aliquatenus contraire. Si quis autem hoc attemptare præsumpserit indignationem omnipotentis Dei et beatorum Petri et Pauli apostolorum ejus se noverit incursurum. Dat. Anagn. xj. kal. Febr.

NUM. XIX.

Clementis Papæ III. Privilegium de non appellando a judicio Abbatis nisi ad Romanam Curiam vel Legatum Cardinalem.

[Cart. Harl. Antiq. 43 A. 26.]

CLEMENS episcopus, servus servorum Dei, dilectis filiis Garino abbati et fratribus sancti Albani, salutem et apostolicam benedictionem. Quia monasterium vestrum, nullo mediante, ad jus et proprietatem beati Petri spectare dinoscitur, et tam in capite quam in membris omnimodam optinet libertatem, providere volumus sicut de ratione tenemur, ne jura sua alicujus temeritate vel astutia minuantur, vel sub provisione nostra possint aliquatenus deperire. Cum autem occasione negotiorum inter homines vestros, laicos, monachos, et clericos emergentium, multa in æquitatis prejudicium committantur: quidam in tantam audaciam attemptant prorum-pere, quod ad eludendum justitiam vestram vocem appellationis, cum vestri monasterii juris sint in causis, ad archiepiscopos vel episcopos, et alios ecclesiarum prælatos emittunt, ut vestrum judicium declinantes, justitiam in vestra præsentia non exhibeant, aut suscipiant de offensis. Volentes itaque ad jus monasterii vestri benigne respicere, ac libertatem ipsius propensius conservare, auctoritate præsentium inhibemus, ne hominibus vestris, monachis vel clericis, sive laicis, vobis episcopali jure subjectis, per appellationem a vestro judicio, nisi ad Romanam Ecclesiam vel Cardinalem Legatum interpositam, liceat declinare. Si vero ad alium pro quacunque causa duxerint appellandum, licitum sit tibi

fili abbas, et successoribus tuis in eos quod jus voluerit exercere. Nulli ergo omnino hominum liceat hanc paginam nostræ concessionis et constitutionis infringere, vel ei ausu temerario contraire. Si quis autem hoc attemptare præsumpserit, indignationem omnipotentis Dei et beatorum Petri et Pauli apostolorum ejus se noverit incursurum. Dat Lateran. xiiij. kal. Junii, pontificatus nostri anno primo.

NUM. XX.

Celestini Papæ III. Epistola de Exactione ad Opus Terræ Hierosolymitanæ non facienda.

[Cart. Antiq. Harl. 43 A. 28.]

CELESTINUS episcopus, servus servorum Dei, dilectis filiis abbati et conventui sancti Albani salutem et apostolicam benedictionem. Cum vobis et aliis ecclesiarum prælatis per apostolica scripta miserimus ut ad subventionem terræ Hierosolymitanæ auxilium præberetis; vos sicut accepimus, commonitionibus nostris inducti, decimam partem reddituum ecclesiæ vestræ, ac cellarum ac hominum vestrorum tam pio operi deputastis, de quo caritatem vestram in Domino commendamus tam ratum quam gratum habemus laudabile propositum vestrum, auctoritate præsentium sub interminatione anathematis districtius inhibentes ne aliqua ecclesiastica sæcularisve persona vos vel ecclesiam vestram hujus tam piæ et necessariæ actionis prætextu ad id vel simile compellere in posterum audeat; nec vos aut ecclesiam vestram vel cellas quomodolibet molestare; ne quod absit aliquando inviti subire cogamus quod mera liberalitate et pietatis intuitu nescimini inchoasse. Nulli ergo omnino hominum liceat hanc nostram paginam inhibitionis infringere vel ei ausu temerario contraire. Si quis autem hoc attemptare præsumpserit indignationem omnipotentis Dei et beatorum Petri et Pauli apostolorum ejus se noverit incursurum. Dat. Lateran. ij. non. Maii, pontificatus nostri anno tertio.

NUM. XXI.

Privilegium Honorii de omnibus Libertatibus Sancti Albani et Possessionibus cum Cellis adjacentibus.

[Ex Registro de Binham ut supr.]

HONORIUS episcopus servus servorum Dei, dilectis filiis Willielmo abbati monasterii sancti Albani ejusque fratribus tam præsentibus quam futuris regularem vitam professis in perpetuum. Religiosam vitam eligentibus apostolicum convenit adesse præsidium, ne fortè cujuslibet temeritatis incursus, aut eos à proposito revocet, aut robur, quod absit, sacræ religionis infringatur. Ea propter, dilecti in Domino filii, ob reverentiam beati Albani gloriosi Anglorum prothomartyris, cujus sacratissimum corpus in loco vestro requiescere dinoscitur, prædecessorum nostrorum felicis memoriæ Calixti, Celestini, Eugenii, Adriani, Alexandri, Lucii, Clementis et Celestini tercii, Romanorum pontificum vestigiis inhærentes, vestris justis postulationibus elementer annuimus, et monasterium ipsum in quo divino vacatis obsequio, quod ad jus beati Petri specialiter spectare dinoscitur, cum adjacentibus cellis et ecclesiis et omnibus eidem monasterio pertinentibus, sub beati Petri et nostra protectione suscipimus et præsentis scripti privilegio communimus, statuantes, ut universa quæ illustris memoriæ Offa videlicet, et filius ejus Egfridus, Edredus, Willielmus, et Henricus, Ricardus, Johannes, Anglorum reges, aut alii fideles de suo jure vestro monasterio contulerunt, quæcumque etiam ipsum monasterium in præsentiarum justè ac canonicè possidet, aut in futurum, concessionem pontificum, largitionem regum vel principum, oblationem fidelium, seu aliis justis modis præstante Domino poterit adipisci, firma vobis vestrisque successoribus et illibata permaneant, in quibus hæc propriis duximus exprimenda vocabulis: videlicet, monasterium ipsum beati Albani cum villa tota, ecclesiam beati Petri, ecclesiam quoque beati Stephani, at ecclesias de Kynges-

byri, et de Watford, de Richemareswithe, de Langeleya, de Rethburne, de Cudicote, de Waldene, de Hecstone-stun, de Northuna, de Neuham, de Estuna, de Barnet, de Scepeale, de Thinhirll, de Brantefeld, de Stanmere, cum eisdem villis et omnibus earum pertinentiis. Ad susceptionem hospitum, ecclesiam de Podesgrave, et ecclesiam de Lutune cum ecclesia de Hochtune et cum tota terra quam Willielmus camerarius tenuit in ^asoca Lutunie, et in villa de Hochtune et in Hertwell et in Badelesdune et in Podesgrave et cum omnibus terris et decimis et quibuscunque rebus ad eas pertinentibus, sicut regis Henrici carta testatur. Ad coquinam monachorum, ecclesiam Omnium Sanctorum in Suberia cum capella de Berindune et adjacente terra, et ecclesiam de Lethewrtha cum capella de Burgaleya. Ecclesiam etiam de Wanlingetune et ecclesiam de Bigrave. Ad sustentationem pauperum, ecclesiam de Heveresdune, et ecclesiam de Kenebella cum adjacente terra; et ecclesiam de Wengrave cum decima de Heswa et de Ryngetune, et decimam de Roynge. Terram quoque quam Willielmus filius Gaufridi dedit, scilicet unam hidam in Hethburne in sartis de Wydehale, et unam virgatam in nemore ejusdem Wydehale, sicut donatoris carta confirmat. Ad cameram monachorum, ecclesiam de Thirefeld. Ad sacristam, ecclesiam de Dachat, et ex dono Hamonis in villa de Chalfunte unam virgatam terræ et dimidiam, et unam asartum cum libera pastura pecudum et porcorum. In Eboracisira ecclesiam de Hapeltunc cum ecclesia Haymundesby et omnibus earum pertinentiis. Præterea ecclesiam de Tynemuhe, cellam de Bynham, cellam de Wymundham, cellam de Walinford, cellam de Beuwer, cellam de Hertford, cellam de Bello Loco, cellam de Hethfeld, cum omnibus omnium earum pertinentiis, dignitatibus, ac liberis consuetudinibus, necnon et alias ecclesias, decimas, villas, terras, aquas, prata, pascua, silvas, redditus etiam et omnia eidem monasterio vel cellis ejus pertinentia, sicut in privilegiis pontificum, regum vel aliorum scriptis fidelium continentur. Quicquid præterea dignitatis, libertatis et competentis ecclesiæ ac monasterio consuetudinis per regum vel aliorum fidelium scripta loco eidem et cellis ejus collatum est, nos quoque hujus scripti nostri robore confirmamus, et videlicet ecclesias sancti Albani et cellæ ejus et omnia ad eas pertinentia libera sint ab omni tributo sive regis seu episcopi sive comitis, vicecomitis, ducis, judicis et exactoris et omnibus operibus quæ indici^b vel emendatione pontium, castellorum, parcorum.

Omnia etiam pontificalia jura cellarum sancti Albani et ecclesiarum ejus sub ejusdem abbatis dispositione atque arbitrio permaneant. Crisma verò, oleum sanctum, consecrationes altarium seu basilicarum, benedictiones abbatum, monachorum seu clericorum ordinationes, à quocunque malueritis catholico suscipiatis antistite, qui nimirum vestra fultus auctoritate quod postulatus fuerit indulgeat, nec quod petieritis audeat denegare. Obeunte vero te nunc ejusdem loci abbate, vel tuorum quolibet successorum, nullus ibi qualibet subreptionis astutia seu violentia præponatur. Sed liceat vobis communi consilio conventus vel partis consilii sanioris, secundum Dei timorem et beati Benedicti regulam, absque ullius contradictione abbatem eligere, qui in susceptione benedictionis suæ cunctis in posterum diebus soli Romanæ ecclesiæ professionem obedientiæ debeat exhibere. Cui etiam abbati licitum sit, sicut à prædecessoribus nostris vobis concessum est, personam de suis fratribus quam maluerit honestam, ydoneam et maturam constituere, quæ curam animarum sub eo gerat et archidiaconi officium in omnibus impleat. Verum, ne per hujus dignitatis prærogativam abbas prædicti monasterii aliquo tempore faciliorem fortassis ad episcopatum habeat accessum, apostolica auctoritate interdiximus, ne unquam in monasterio beati Albani sedes episcopalis constituatur, ne occasione ista quandoque monachi dispositioni subjaceant clericorum et claustralium quies turbetur, necnon et regularis observantiæ disciplina simul cum substantia monasterii minuat; sed cunctis in posterum diebus ecclesia sancti Albani non episcopum sed abbatem à quo regatur habeat, qui ob

^a MS. Socalutunie.^b Deest solent.

reverentiam ejusdem pretiosi martyris pontificalis dignitatis, in quantum abbati concedi fas est, debeat optinere, videlicet ut sicut pontificalia habet jura, ita et pontificalia habeat ornamenta, mitram scilicet, cirotecas, anulum, et sandalia, tunica quoque et dalmatica in celebrationibus missarum utatur, quæ liceat ei non tantum in propria ecclesia et in cellis vestris sed et in omnibus ecclesiis ad quas rogatus accesserit in festis diebus gestare, benedictionem dare, vestimenta sacerdotalia benedicere, clericos suos tonsare, et in sortem dominicam assumere, sanctimoniales suas benedicere. Et sicut beatus Albanus Anglorum prothomartyr esse dignoscitur: ita et abbas monasterii ipsius inter abbates Angliæ primus omni tempore dignitatis ordine habeatur. Ita tamen quod nunquam hac occasione infra claustra monasterii abbas ipse præsumat uti cappa clericali, vel seculari aliquo indumento, sed monastici habitus reverentiam in omnibus diligenter observet et formam religionis prætere intuentium oculis comprobetur.

In ponendis vero vel removendis prioribus cellarum vel monachis, nullus omnino clericus sive laicus se obiciat, sed abbas qui pro tempore fuerit ponendi vel removendi eos, ubi oportunitas fuerit, absque alicujus contradictione liberam habeat facultatem, quatinus tam priores quam monachi in abbatum suorum semper potestate permaneant, et ita per omnia liberi sint ubilibet habitantes ab episcoporum subjectione, ac si in corpore monasterii morarentur, in quos nulla omnino persona præter Romanum pontificem vel legatum cardinalem à nostro latere destinatum excommunicationis seu interdicti sententiam audeat promulgare. Quod si quispiam alius aliquo tempore attemptare præsumperit, ejus in hac parte factum omnino viribus careat et penitus irritum habeatur. Prohibemus quoque, ut nullus episcopus sive archiepiscopus in vestro cœnobio vel adjacentibus ecclesiis in quibus ejusdem monasterii abbas jus pontificale habere dinoscitur, missas publicas vel conventum sive sinodum celebrare, cathedram collocare, processionem sollempnem facere aut exigere, regem coronare seu aliquod episcopale officium in aliqua cellarum suarum excercere vel hospitium exigere præsumat. Universaliter statuentes, ut quicumque episcopi, archiepiscopi, vel eorum clerici aut ministri super ipsum monasterium, vel super cellas et prædictas parochiales ecclesias nullam aliquatenus potestatem habeant, nec earum presbyteros vel clericos quoscumque sive laicos, sed nec abbatem priores vel monachos ad sinodum suum vel capitulum convocare, vel ab officio divino suspendere, seu aliquod in eos vel minimum jus excercere, et parochianos suos à communione illorum prohibere præsumant, sed omnia pontificalia eorum jura et quæcumque ecclesiæ sancti Albani fuerint abbatis solummodo ejusdem monasterii potestati liberè tractanda subiaceant. Nolumus enim ut alicui nisi tantum Romano pontifici debeant in aliquo respondere. Nec monasterii vestri abbas vel monachi seu cellarumstrarum ubilibet positarum fratres pro qualibet interdictione vel excommunicatione, etiamsi commune interdictum terræ fuerit, divinatorum officiorum suspensionem patiantur. Sed tam abbas et monachi ipsi quam et famuli eorum et qui se monasticæ professioni devoverunt, clausis ecclesiarum januis, non admissis excommunicatis et interdictis, non pulsatis tintinabulis, humiliori voce divina celebrent et sepulturæ eis debita peragant. Liceat quoque vobis quancumque vos manifeste gravari senseritis, ad remedium appellationis confugere, etiamsi in causa quæ contra vos agitur appellatio sit remota. Post factam verò appellationem, nemini liceat in vos sententiam dare, vel aliquid innovare, seu vos aut possessiones vestras ausu temerario perturbare. Ad hæc sancimus, ne quis fratres vestros, post factam in monasterio vestro professionem, absque abbatis licentia, suscipere audeat vel retinere. Inhibemus insuper, ut nulli omnino hominum liceat in cellis vestris absque assensu vestro abbatem aliquando constituere. Ecclesiæ autem in quibus jura pontificalia non habetis, sive capellæ vestræ, et cimiteria, libera sint et ab omni exactione immunia præter episcopi consuetam potestatem et justitiam in presbyteros si adversus sui ordinis offenderint dignitatem. In quibus etiam ecclesiis vel capellis liceat nobis seu fratribus vestris

presbyteros eligere, ita tamen quod ab episcopis vel episcoporum vicariis animarum curam absque venalitate suscipiant. Quibus nimirum presbyteris cum tantum assignaveritis unde victus et vestitus necessaria possint honestè percipere, quicquid residuum fuerit liceat vobis in usus proprios convertere. Si qui præterea fidelium monasterio vestro aut cellis ad ipsum pertinentibus ecclesiam aut possessionem aliquam seu beneficium pietatis intuitu conferre voluerit, nullus omnino audeat impedire. Adicientes etiam auctoritate apostolica prohibemus, ut nullus minister de cætero, dapifer videlicet, vel pincerna, camerarius, dispensator, janitor, seu per manum regis, vel alicujus principis, violentiam, vobis invitis in vestro monasterio vel in locis ad ipsum pertinentibus ordinetur. Antiquas quoque consuetudines et redditus monasterio vestro debitos, scilicet in sexta feria post Ascensionem Dominicam, de unaquaque caruca Her[t]fordensis comitatus obulum unum et in eadem die sive ebdomada Pentecostes ex toto comitatu processionem sollempnem. In secunda verò sollempnitate beati Albani, de unaquaque caruca nummum unum, itemque eodem die de unaquaque domo totius terræ sancti Albani nummum unum vobis auctoritate apostolica confirmamus, et perpetuis temporibus inviolabiliter præcipimus observari. Decernimus ergo ut nulli hominum liceat supradictum monasterium temerè perturbare, aut ejus possessiones auferre, vel ablatas retinere, minuere, sive quibuslibet vexationibus fatigare, sed illibata omnia et integra observentur, eorum pro quorum gubernatione et sustentatione concessa sunt usibus omnimodis profutura; salva in omnibus apostolicæ sedis auctoritate. Ad indicium autem hujus à sede apostolica perceptæ libertatis, unam unciam auri nobis nostrisque successoribus annis singulis persolvitis. Si qua igitur in futurum ecclesiastica secularisve persona hanc nostræ constitutionis paginam sciens contra eam temerè venire temptaverit, secundò terciòve commonita, nisi præsumptionem suam congrua satisfactione correxerit, potestatis honorisque sui dignitate careat, reamque se divino judicio existere de perpetrata iniquitate cognoscat, et à sacratissimo corpore ac sanguine Dei et Domini redemptoris nostri Jesu Christi aliena fiat, atque in extremo examine districtæ subiaceat ultioni. Cunctis autem eidem loco sua jura servantibus fiat pax Domini nostri Jesu Christi, quatinus et hîc fructum bonæ actionis percipiant, et apud districtum judicem præmia æternæ pacis inveniant. Amen.

Ego Leo tituli sanctæ crucis in Jerusalem presbyter cardinalis. Ego Stephanus Basilicæ duodecim apostolorum presbyter cardinalis. Ego Gregorius tituli Anastasiæ presbyter cardinalis. Ego Thomas tituli sanctæ Sabinæ presbyter cardinalis. Ego Honorius catholicæ ecclesiæ episcopus. Ego Guido Prænestinus episcopus. Ego Conradus, Portuensis et sanctæ Rufinæ episcopus. Ego frater Nicholaus, Tusculanus episcopus. Ego Guido S. Nicholai in carce Tulliano diaconus cardinalis. Ego Oct. sanctorum Sergii et Bachi diaconus cardinalis. Ego Gregorius sancti Theod. diaconus cardinalis. Ego Stephanus sancti Adriani diaconus cardinalis.

Data Laterani per manum Ranerii, sanctæ Romanæ ecclesiæ vicecamerarii x. kal. Marcii, indictione vj. incarnationis Dominicæ anno mxcviii. pontificatus verò domini Honorii tertii anno tertio.

NUM. XXII.

Compositio facta inter Episcopum Lincolnensem et Abbatem Sancti Albani.

[Mat. Par. Vit. Albani Abbatum, p. 1061.]

UNIVERSIS sanctæ matris ecclesiæ filiis, ad quos præsens scriptum pervenerit. Richardus Dei permissione Sarisbiriensis ecclesiæ minister humilis, et Willielmus et Richardus, ejusdem permissione de Westmonasterio et de Waltham abbates, salutem in Domino. Noverit universitas vestra, quòd cum inter episcopum Lincolnensem Hugonem secundum, ex una parte, et Willielmum abbatem et conventum sancti Albani ex altera, coram diversis iudicibus auctoritate literarum domini papæ Honorii tertii, super diversis petitionibus quæs-

tiones mutuae verterentur. Videlicet, coram me Sarisbiriensi episcopo et conjudicibus meis, super ordinatione Vicariæ Ecclesiæ de Luituna. Item coram nobis Westmonasterii et Waltham abbatibus, et priore sanctæ Trinitatis London. super subjectione cellarum de Beauvoir, de Hertfort, et de Bello Loco, et super taxatione ecclesiæ de Luituna, et super custodia ejusdem cum vacaret: et super appropriatione omnium ecclesiarum in quibus jura pontificalia non habent abbates sancti Albani: et assignatione vicariarum in eisdem, necnon et custodiis earundem ecclesiarum et vicariarum cum eas vacare contingeret. Item coram abbate de Sibeton et conjudicibus suis, super portione quam dicti abbates et conventus tenent in proprios usus in ecclesia de Luituna. Tandem recepta die pacis inter eos reformandæ, post mutuum tractatum (nobis mediantibus inter eos) amicabiliter habitum, episcopus Lincoln. per literas capituli sui de rato speciales ad componendum, et abbas sancti Albani per literas capituli sui de rato similiter speciales ad componendum procuratores constitui, super omnibus præmissis petitionibus et quærelis, ad reformandum amicabiliter pacem inter eos et eorum ecclesias, pro se et pro capitulis suis simpliciter et absolute, nostræ se subjecerunt ordinationi, promittentes solemniter coram nobis et multis aliis in verbo Dei, quod nostræ starent in hac parte irrefragabiliter ordinationi. Nos igitur Deum habentes præ oculis, et utriusque ecclesiæ prospicientes in posterum paci et tranquillitati, pacem inter eos amicabilem providimus et ordinavimus in hunc modum. Scilicet de vicaria ecclesiæ de Luituna (cujus occasione super cæteris mota est controversia) sic erit. Quod in ecclesia de Luituna perpetua ordinetur vicaria. Ita scilicet, quod qui pro tempore erit vicarius, habebit nomine perpetuæ vicariæ, omnes obventiones, et omnes minutas decimas ecclesiæ de Luituna et omnium capellarum ad eam pertinentium; et omnia alia ad eandem ecclesiam et capellas pertinentia, cum manso competenti, exceptis garbis, et terra ad ecclesiam et ad capellas pertinente; et inde Vicarii sustinebunt omnia onera ecclesiæ parochialia, synodalia, archidiaconalia, ordinaria et consuetu, sicut vicarii. Vicarii autem in ecclesia de Luituna successivè instituendi, præsentabuntur episcopo Lincolnensi et successoribus suis, ab abbate et conventu sancti Albani, vel a conventu vacante abbatia. Episcopus vero et successores sui, idoneos viros sibi præsentatos, sine moræ dispendio et sine difficultate admittere tenentur. Habebit autem episcopus et successores sui, plenam jurisdictionem in ecclesia de Luituna, et custodiam ejusdem vicariæ cum vacaverit.

De aliis vero Ecclesiis quas abbas et monachi sancti Albani ad proprios usus petebant, et assignatione vicariarum et custodiis utrarumque, quas idem abbas et monachi sibi similiter vendicabant, ita erit. Quod episcopus Lincolnensis et ejus successores, per hanc ordinationem nostram erunt in perpetuum sine lite ab alterutra parte movenda, in eo statu, quo idem episcopus fuit ante litem motam.

De Cellis autem ita erit. Cùm in eisdem substituendus fuerit Prior, ab abbate et conventu, providebitur præsentandus episcopo Lincolnensi et suis successoribus, suscepturus ab eodem et successoribus suis, sine difficultate et sine moræ dispendio administrationem spiritualium. Videlicet ecclesiarum parochialium, pensionum, decimarum, et si qua sunt similia. Ratione quorum, faciat dicto episcopo et ejus successoribus canonicam obedientiam cum reverentia et honore, sicut suo episcopo diocesano exhibendis.

Statuimus tamen, quod salva sit abbati et ejus successoribus cura animarum in monachis apud cellas suas per episcopatum Lincolnensem commorantibus. Salva etiam sit eidem, et successoribus suis, plena potestas ponendi monachos in Cellis, et inde amovendi, et eorum excessus, in hiis quæ ad ordinem et regularem observantiam pertinent, corrigendi. Ipsos etiam priores sub forma præscripta admissos, sine contradictione aliqua liceat abbati et successoribus suis revocare, prout viderint expedire. Ordinamus etiam, ut omnes lites et omnes quærelæ super præmissis omnibus motæ, in perpetuum conquiescant, et nulla rescripta super præmissis impetrata, vel in posterum impetranda, contra istam ordina-

tionem vires habeant vel effectum. Et in hujus rei robur et testimonium, tam nos quam prædictus episcopus et capitulum Lincoln. abbas prædictus et conventus sancti Albani, in præsentis Scripto sigilla nostra apposuimus. Acta, Capitulo Westmonasteriensi, anno ab incarnatione Domini m.cc.xix.

NUM. XXIII.

De Reliquiis repositis in isto Monasterio.

[MS. Cotton. Claud. E. iv. fol. 379.]

In primis sunt duæ Cruces devotione fidelium huic loco collocatæ, in quarum una pars Dominicæ crucis collocatur.

De præsepio quoque pars habetur ibidem.

De petra passus Christi quando ascendit in cælum.

De petra supra quam sedebat quando oravit ad Patrem.

De sepulchro Domini.

De lecto in quo sancta Maria peperit Salvatorem.

In pede vero ejusdem crucis est quædam spina coronæ appositæ capiti Salvatoris.

In alia autem cruce continentur reliquiæ de ligno Dominico.

De lecto in quo natus est Salvator.

De loco in quo sanguis Salvatoris cecidit cum patietur.

De porta aurea quam Dominus ad passionem prope-rans subintravit. Item habetur et tertia crux in qua continentur reliquiæ de sancta cruce.

De loco ubi Christus annuntiatus est Virgini gloriosæ.

De petra supra quam effusus est sanguis Christi.

De quarentena scilicet de monte ubi Dominus jejunavit.

De altari super quod oblatus est Dominus in die Purificationis.

De petra supra quam scripsit Dominus orationem dominicam.

De lapide posito sub capite Domini quando lotum fuit de cruce depositum corpus ejus.

Item habetur et quarta crux in qua continentur reliquiæ de passu Domini.

De quodam ligno super quod stetit Dominus.

De terra super quam stetit Dominus quando ascendit de aqua post baptismum.

De balneo Christi et de Getseniam.

Item habetur et quinta crux diversis impleta reliquiis quam credimus sanctum Albanum circa collum bajulasse cum ad martyrium properaret.

Item habetur et sexta crux, sed non operta auro et argento ut cæteræ, sed est eburnea et cedrina, in qua continentur reliquiæ de sancto Petro apostolo.

De sancto Paulo apostolo.

De sancto Andrea apostolo.

De sancto Matheo apostolo.

De sancto Philippo apostolo.

De sanctis apostolis Symone et Juda.

De sancto Eustathio martyre.

De sancto Sebastiano martyre.

De sancto Nicholao.

De sancto Antonio.

De sancta Maria Magdalene.

De sancta Katerina.

De sancta Margareta.

Item habetur hic crux septima quam beatus Albanus in manibus tenuit hora passionis ejusdem, cujus summitas formatur ad modum ferulæ, et habetur ibidem ymago crucifixi opere vetustissimo figurata.

Item habetur hic unum de brachiis sancti Jeronimi.

Item dextrum brachium sancti Rodomi martyris cum carne et cute.

Item aliud brachium ligneum deauratum, in quo reliquiæ sancti Bartholomei apostoli, sancti Laurentii martyris, et sanctorum Ignacii et Nigasii episcoporum et martyrum continentur.

Item aliud brachium in quo plurimorum sanctorum reliquiæ una cum reliquiis sancti Theodori martyris collocantur.

Item per se in quadam capsula undecim millium Virginum reliquiæ includuntur.

Item de oleo ymaginis sanctæ Mariæ apud Sardeneam.

CONTULIT etiam divina pietas huic loco et alias reliquias plurimam venerandas, videlicet de ligno quod plantavit Dominus.

De templo Domini.

De mensa super quam cœnavit Dominus cum discipulis suis.

De radice Manbre.

De loco Montis Thabor, in quo Dominus transfiguratus.

De scutella Domini lapidea, quæ est in Roma, super quam Dominus celebrat divina.

De fragmentis quinque panum.

De Virga cum qua Dominus flagellatus.

De Monte Oliveti.

De Monte Synai.

De Monte Calvariæ.

De sancto Salvatore.

De loco in quo est nata Virgo Maria.

De vestibus ejusdem Virginis.

De lecto sanctæ Mariæ in Jerusalem ubi nutrit filium suum in domo Symeonis senis intra templum et portam auream, quæ domus est ante templum Domini.

De velo sanctæ Mariæ quo beatus Johannes Evangelista cooperuit caput ejus.

De panno quem sancta Maria manibus suis texuit.

De sepulchro sanctæ Mariæ.

De sepulchro sanctæ Annæ matris sanctæ Mariæ.

Habentur insuper in hoc loco, in eminentiori feretro, ossa gloriosi Anglorum prothomartyris Albani, et de pulvere in quem caro et sanguis ejusdem martyris sunt resoluta.

Item in alio feretro habentur ossa beati martyris Amphibali qui beatum convertit Albanum; et novem sociorum ejusdem sancti Amphibali, qui pro fide Christi fuerunt martyrio coronati.

In duobus autem feretris, super altare reliquiarum collocatis, continentur reliquiæ omnium apostolorum et plurimorum martyrum quas sanctus Germanus Altissiodorensis episcopus, post compressam perversitatem Pelagianæ hæresis, in tumba sancti Albani preciosi martyris cum summa reverentia collocavit.

Sunt præterea in hoc loco de sancto Oswyno rege et martyre reliquiæ venerandæ habentur. Hic etiam reliquiæ de loco ubi annunciavit angelus nativitatem sancti Johannis Baptistæ; et de sepulchro ejusdem.

De beato Petro apostolo; scilicet de capillis et pilis barbæ ejus.

De cruce etiam et de sanguine ejus.

De sancto Andrea apostolo et de cruce et veste ejus.

De sancto Jacobo qui frater Domini dicebatur.

De sancto Bartholomeo apostolo.

De sancto Edmundo rege et martyre, et de camisia ejus.

De sancto Alexandro papa et martyre.

De sancto Clemente papa et martyre.

De sancto Bonifacio episcopo et martyre.

De sancto Leodegario episcopo et martyre, et de vestimentis ejusdem.

De sancto Blasio episcopo et martyre.

De sancto Thoma archiepiscopo et martyre, et de ejusdem alicio, de cuculla, de casula, de dalmatica, et de pallio ejusdem.

Item de oleo sancto, in quo ignis accensus est, de cœlo descendens in Jerusalem.

Item de oleo sancti Nicholai.

De sancto Oswaldo rege.

De sancto Dionisio episcopo et martyre.

De sanctis Rustico et Eleutherio martyribus.

De sancto Valentino.

De sancto Stephano, scilicet de carne ejusdem et sanguine, et de lapide super quem cecidit sanguis ejus.

De sancto Laurentio, scilicet de sanguine et pulvere carnis ejus, et de carbonibus et vestimentis ejus.

De sancto Vincentio.

De sancto Georgio, scilicet de pollice et de sudario ejusdem.

De sancto Mauricio et de quibusdam sociorum suorum, scilicet de Legione Thebea.

De sancto Christophoro.

De sancto Pancratio.

De sancto Tiburtio.

De sancto Vitrio.

De sancto Neoto.

De sancto Sixto.

De sancto Felicissimo.

De sancto Agapito.

De sancto Cirico.

De sancta Julita matre ejus.

De sancto Edwardo.

De sancto Longino qui lancea latus Domini perforavit.

De sanctis Johanne et Paulo.

De quibusdam Innocentibus; et quoddam os brachii unius ex ipsis.

De sancto Gregorio papa.

De sancto Bonifacio papa.

De sancto Nicholao.

De sancto Kenelmo rege et martyre; videlicet unus dens.

De sancto Sampson.

De sancto Edmundo archiepiscopo; scilicet de stola, et casula, et pannis quibus sepultus fuit.

De sancto Martino.

De sancto Bricio.

De sancto Swythuno.

De sancto Ricardo Cicestrensi; scilicet digitus ejus.

De sancto Wulstano; scilicet quædam costa de carne ejus, de cuculla, et de vestimentis in quibus fuit [sepultus].

De sancto Ambrosio.

De sancto Cuthberto.

De sancto Patricio, et baculis ejusdem sancti.

De vestibus sancti Ivonis.

De sancto Germano.

De sancto Salvatore confessore.

De sancto Hillario.

De sancto Remigio.

De sancto Emertio.

De sancto Ebrulfo.

De sancto Fridiano.

De sancto Medardo.

De sancto Eata.

De sancto Cuthlaco, scilicet dens ejusdem.

De sancto Vedasto.

De sancto Salvio.

De sancto Ultano.

De sancto Severino.

De sancto Egidio.

De sancto Leonardo.

De sancto Benedicto.

De sancto Grimbardo.

De sancto Alemundo.

De sancto Bertrando.

De scapula sancti Raceneri.

De casula sancti Antonii.

De lorica sancti Godrici.

De sanctis Audiface et Abacuc.

De sepulchro sancti Lazari.

De domo sancti Petri.

De Tyberiade.

De fonte Tyberiadis.

De capillis sanctæ Mariæ Magdalene.

De Unguento ejusdem.

De sancta Martha.

De capillis sanctæ Julianæ.

De sancta Eigemia, scilicet quædam costa. Item de pulvere in quem caro et ossa ejus resoluta sunt.

De pulvere carnis sanctæ Ethelburgæ.

De sancta Walburga.

De sancta Emerenciana.

De sancta Batilde regina.

De sancta Tecla.

De sanctis virginibus, Cecilia, Crisanti, et Daria.

De sancta Cristina.

De sancta Lucia.

De sancta Felicitate.

De sancta Anastasia.
De velo sanctæ Etheldredæ.
De sancta Columba.
De sancta Barbara.
De sancta Sabina.
Item de oleo sancti Demetrii.
De oleo sanctæ Katerinæ.

Item unum ex ossibus domini Ricardi regis Angliæ a Conquestu primi: et aliorum plurimorum sanctorum quorum et si ignoramus nomina, in libro tamen Vitæ sunt scripta.

Omnes idcirco et singuli vere pœnitentes et confessi, qui istum locum devotione seu reverentia sanctorum qui in præsentī requiescunt ecclesia beatissimorum scilicet Albani, Amphibali, martirum, et sociorum ipsius sancti Amphibali, nec non ipsorum sanctorum quorum reliquiae hic habentur, peregrinationis et orationis causa confluerint, et de substantia eis a Deo collata quicquam piis votis optulerunt, novem annos octies viginti et decem dies relaxationis et veniæ a summis pontificibus, archiepiscopis, et episcopis præconcessæ hujus ecclesiæ devotis frequentatoribus consequunt. Benefactores præterea qui ad ecclesiæ fabricam vel ullius officinæ monasterii seu fratrum sustentationem pro se vel charis suis, vivis aut defunctis, de bonis eis a Deo collatis quicquam erogaverint pio voto, spiritualia hujus domus beneficia unanimi abbatis et conventus assensu promerentur: nobiscum nimirum participes efficiuntur in missis quæ cotidie a centum et eo amplius monachis celebrantur, matutinis, horis, jejuniis, elemosinis, et vigiliis, processionibus, disciplinis, orationibus solempnibus et privatis et omnibus aliis beneficiis quæ fiunt in hoc Monasterio sive Cellis pertinentibus huic loco. Venerabilis pater insuper dompnus Symon de Sudbiri, Cantuariensis archiepiscopus, totius Angliæ primas et apostolicæ sedis legatus, omnibus Christianis per suam provinciam Cantuariensem ubilibet constitutis qui suprascriptas reliquias in præsentī altari sancti Hugonis repositas devote adoraverint seu visitaverint, seu qui monacho custodienti dictas reliquias per abbatem hujus loci deputo pro sustentatione dicti altaris et custodia dictarum reliquiarum grata contulerunt subsidia caritatis, et hiis qui missam ibidem a monachis celebratam devota audierunt, monachis quoque qui in eodem altari celebraverunt, quadraginta dies indulgentiæ concessit imperpetuum durare; ratificans nichilominus omnes indulgentias in hac parte concessas et in posterum concedendas. Dominus Johannes episcopus Bangorensis concessit eidem altari xl. dies. Dominus Willielmus episcopus Medensis xl. dies. Dominus Thomas episcopus Roffensis xl. dies. Dominus Willielmus episcopus Londoniensis xl. dies. Dominus Robertus episcopus Londoniensis xl. dies. Dominus Willielmus episcopus Tornacensis xl. dies. Dominus Thomas archiepiscopus Eboracensis xl. dies.

Summa indulgentiæ, decem anni et quinque dies.

NUM. XXIV.

De Sigillis Abbatis post Obitum ante ejus Sepulturam adnullandis.

[Ibid. fol. 359.]

DEFUNCTO abbate, prout mos exigit nostri monasterii, sigillum ejus magnum in quodam loculo reponendum est, cum sigillis suis minoribus, cum sigillo communi signabitur custodiendum usque in diem sepulturæ suæ. Quo quidem die coram omni populo, post missam majorem ante altare proferendum est cum martello confringendum. In prioris vero magni dispositione constat, quid de aliis sigillis suis sit agendum, qui etiam tunc potestatem habet obedientiariorum constituere, vel dispositionem monachorum amovere et plenariam in monasterio et in cellis exercere prout viderit expedire.

NUM. XXV.

De quibusdam Rebus Abbatis defuncti Domino Regi præsentandis.

[Ibid.]

REGI vero mox post abbatis decessum, per magis

honorabiles personas sunt monasterii præsentanda abbatibus defuncti annulus, cuppa argentea cum cooperculo argenteo, palefridus, et omnes canes ejus, quæ sibi reges diu de consuetudine vendicabant. Per easdem quoque personas mittenda est domino regi litera ex parte prioris et conventus de licentia impetranda eligendi novum abbatem prout de consuetudine Anglicanæ ecclesiæ hactenus est optentum.

NUM. XXVI.

De Ornamentis et Utensilibus Abbati electo, in curia Romana confirmato, necessariis et oportunis.

[Ibid. fol. 367.]

PRIMO oportet quod habeat omnia indumenta sacerdotalia et pontificalia coloris albi; scilicet post habitum suum habeat amictum, albam, zonam, manipulum, stolam. Item, sandalia, scilicet sotulares et caligas, tunicellam, dalmaticam, pluvialem, mitram solempnem, et baculum pastorem, cirothecas, anulum parvum, et anulum pontificalem. Item, missale mixtum. Item, unam cathedram nudam, cum uno tapeto. Item, unum cophinum ubi reponentur necessaria. Item, unum manutergium pro manibus tergendis. Item, duos magnos panes coopertos duobus manutergiis, et duas magnas amphoras vini, unam de clareto et alteram de albo. Item, ij. magna tortitia. Item, sex famulos pro hujusmodi oblatione portanda. Item, equum solempnem coopertum bokorammo. Item, vel duos monachos, vel capellanos, qui serviant ei. Item, unum clericum in superpellicio, qui equitabit ante eum et portabit ante ipsum baculum pastorem. Item, loquendum est et componendum cum clericis cameræ pro tribus serviciis, videlicet pro domino camerario, pro omnibus servientibus, et pro clericis cameræ; et quantum unum de istis tribus serviciis ascendit, tantum debetur postea accolitis capellanis. Item, deinde quando recedit de ecclesia ibit signando et similiter equitando per villam, signabitque ad domum suam. Item debet confiteri quia habet communicare. Item non obliviscatur habere regulam sancti Benedicti, quia necessaria erit sibi. Item procuret claves unius capellæ in ecclesia ubi benedictio fieri debet, ubi ipse sit et res suæ. Item dominus Albanensis debet facere consecrationem; et est loquendum cum domino clerico cameræ et componendum secum pro serviciis supradictis. Item si voluerit habeat duo bacilia, et unum pottum de argento ad aquam.

NUM. XXVII.

Carta Henrici Regis III. de Libera Warennā.

[Autogr. Cart. Harl. Antiq. 48 I. 7.]

HENRICUS Dei gratia rex Angliæ, dominus Hiberniæ, dux Normanniæ, Aquitanniæ, et comes Andegaviæ, archiepiscopis, episcopis, abbatibus, prioribus, comitibus, baronibus, justiciariis, vicecomitibus, præpositis, ministris, et omnibus ballivis et fidelibus suis salutem. Sciatis nos concessisse et hac carta nostra confirmasse pro nobis et hæredibus nostris dilectis nobis in Christo abbati et conventui sancti Albani, quod ipsi et eorum successores in perpetuum habeant liberam warennam in omnibus dominicis terris suis ubicunque fuerint in Anglia. Ita quod nullus intret terras illas ad fugandum in eis vel ad aliquid capiendum quod ad warennam pertineat sine licentia et voluntate ipsius abbatis et conventus et successorum suorum super forisfacturam nostram decem librarum. Quare volumus et firmiter præcipimus pro nobis et hæredibus nostris quod prædicti abbas et conventus et eorum successores in perpetuum habeant liberam warennam in omnibus dominicis terris suis ubicunque fuerint in Anglia. Ita quod nullus intret terras ad fugandum in eis vel ad aliquid capiendum quod ad warennam pertineat sine licentia et voluntate ipsius abbatis et conventus, et successorum suorum, super forisfacturam nostram decem librarum sicut prædictum est. Hiis testibus, venerabili in Christo patre S. Karl. episcopo, Roberto Passelewe archidiacon. Lewens. Radulpho fil. Nich. Johanne de Lessinton, Roberto de Muscegros,

Galfr. de Langelee, Roberto le Noreis, Willielmo de Chaui, Willielmo Gernun, et aliis. Dat. per manum nostram apud Wudestok septimo decimo die Maii anno regni nostri tricesimo secundo.

NUM. XXVIII.

Gesta Abbatis Johannis de Hertford.

[Mat. Par. Vit. Abb. S. Albani, edit. 1684, p. 1070.]

ISTE Johannes secundus abbas, prior quandoque de Hertford et inde oriundus; præter opinionem omnium nutu Dei sublimatus in abbatem: primò invitatus et dolens, Romanorum jugum subiit servitutis: ut scilicet, de triennio in triennium, vel per se, vel per alium limina adiret apostolorum, sicut in subdola professione ejusdem continetur; in magnum ecclesiæ damnum et gravamen, et insatiabilis Romanæ curiæ emolumentum voluntarium et injuriosum. Primus quidem fuit in abbatem creatus post concilium Lateranense generale sub papa Innocentio quarto celebratum: in quo illud continetur cum aliis gravaminibus in ecclesia sancti Albani (quæ à foundatione sui primitivâ, libera et ingenua legitur extitisse), præjudicium, et si fas est dicere, injuriam et jacturam.

Iste quoque abbas in novitate sua, multis exactionibus fatigabatur et expensis: sed præ omnibus Romanorum oppressionibus novis et inauditis cepit molestari. Et quòd obstantibus antiquis privilegiis (quæ non sine magna sanctorum patrum injuria et contemptu cassantur et spernuntur) non permissa est tam celebris ecclesiæ suis libertatibus gratulari. In cujus rei triste præsagium, paulò ante ejusdem abbatis creationem; et citò post (scilicet infra triennium) bis supra ecclesiam beati Albani visum est fulgur usque ad incendium cecidisse: quod se meminit nullus prævidisse, nec audivit evenisse. Et sicut non prodest sanctorum inniti privilegiis aut indulgentiis, sic non obstitit fulguri impressio papalis cerea, in qua Agnus Dei figuratur; quæ in summitate turris nostræ collocatur: quæ ut dicitur, contra tales procellas abigendas virtutem habet et potestatem.

Similiter in triste prognosticum temporibus nostris evenit, quòd eucharistia cum vasis impreiabilibus suis aureis et argenteis gemmatis; bis furto flagitiosissimo sublata est.

Iste abbas Johannes in principio creationis suæ, dedit unam capam choralem, de rubeo examito bene aurifrigiatam: et unam cuppam argenteam deauratam, pretiosam valde, tam opere quam materie: quam etiam refectorio assignavit. Item unam nobilissimam aulam ad opus hospitum construxit: cui adjacent thalami plures.

Una nobilissima picta, cum conclavibus et camino, et atrio et subaula: quæ palatium regium (quia duplex est et criptata) dici potest. Adjacet atrium nobilissimum in introitu: quod porticus vel Oriolum appellatur. Et plures thalami speciosi valde, cum suis conclavibus et caminis, ad hospites honorificè suscipiendos. Aula enim quæ prius in eodem loco construebatur, ruinosa fuerat et muris depulsis et veternis; tenebrosa et deformis. Insuper scindulis et lateribus tecta ac resarta aulam autem novam (de qua impræsentiarum loquimur) cum suis capellis et appenditiis, fecit iste optimè plumbo cooperiri.

Insuper fecit eam cum thalamo sibi collateralis, decenissime per manum domini Ricardi monachi nostri artificis optimi, pingi, et delitiose redimiri. Item unam nobilem domum longam valde ac lapideam, tegulis coopertam; cum tribus caminis construxit abbas memoratus ex opposito magnæ portæ: ex cujus visu et objectu tota curia venustatur. Ista domus quia duplicem habet aream, in superiori sui parte ministris abbatis liberioribus; et pars inferior, lardario aptissimè deputatur.

Præterea hujus abbatis tempore Stanmera (quæ de antiquis hujus ecclesiæ possessionibus fuisse dinoscitur, et prædecessorum suorum ignavia diu alienata), est prudenter revocata. Ubi etiam idem abbas manerium construxit, cum molendino ad ventum præelecto.

Insuper iste abbas Johannes pro warennæ libertate,

licèt potentissimos invenisset adversarios, usque ad expositionem mille et amplius marcarum, viriliter decertavit: quæ adjudicata nobis fuit coram justiciariis apud Hertfordiam. Hostiles, insuper, plurimorum potentum sustinuit oppressiones. Maxime tamen Radulphi Chaindui II. quæ præmatura morte (ipsomet in extremis protestante) martyris Albani manifestam sensit ultionis animadversionem; et Galfridi de Childewike, cujus persecutiones tanto gravius sustinuit, quantò magis homagii vinculo tenebatur obligatus abbati memorato.

Iste ut ecclesiam sancti Albani (cujus defensor esse debuerat et protector) plus gravaret, sororem Johannis Mansell, domini regis specialis consiliarii et clerici, sibi matrimonio copulavit. Quo præbente cornua et defensionem militi memorato, tot sustinuit abbas damna et diversa gravamina, cum injuriis diversimodis; ut speciales tractatus exigenter et diffusos. Sed ut paucis plurima perstringamus.

Hic Galfridus de Childewike ex defensione dicti Johannis animatus et armatus, ministros domini sui abbatis et baculavit, et baculari procuravit. Et frequenter equum residens pretiosum armatus, suis complicitibus concomitantibus, ipsos canibus suis venaticis, et arcubus; sagittis, et retibus probris lacessitos, violenter in nostra warennâ (ubi nil juris habuit) et stratis regiis, fracta regis pace violenter spoliavit. Nec quicquam juris vel ultionis, assistente memorato Johanne regis lateribus et conciliis, potuimus obtinere. Quinimò metus et persuasio ipsius Johannis, omnium justiciariorum et placitantium advocatorum (quos Banci Narratores vulgariter appellamus) ora penitus obturavit. Ita ut multotiens oportuit dominum Willielmum tunc cellerarium (virum scilicet circumspectum et facundum), suum sermonem et querellam in persona propria coram justiciariis, imò etiam coram rege et barnagio, proponere; et protestati sunt Justiciarii secretiùs in aure dicti domini Willielmi, instillantes, quòd duo tunc temporis in regno dominabantur, scilicet, comes Richardus et Johannes Mansell, contra quos non audebant sententiare.

Contigit igitur ut idem Galfridus de Childewike, una dierum obvium habuit quendam ministrum domini abbatis, in itinere quod ducit de domo archidiaconi de Bedeford usque ad sanctum Albanum: ferentem venationem quam proxenio idem serviens nomine Johannes, ex parte archidiaconi, afferebat. Et protervè irruiet dictus Galfridus in eundem; asserens ipsum esse latronem, et domini regis proditorem; et quod ipsam venationem in ejusdem domini regis foresta et defensa, latrocinialiter sustulerat. Quod et ipse qui fuerat deprivata domini regis familia, et unus de suis marescallis, æquanimiter non poterat tolerare. Expulso igitur post hujusmodi probra de equo suo Johanne, abstulit ab eodem xenium quod ferebat, et equum: addens comminationes cum maledictis. Unde ab ipso abbate et toto conventu, et omnibus capellanis terræ sancti Albani, et a memorato archidiacono et universis capellanis archidiaconatus sui, solemniter in genere est excommunicatus. Et iterum ab abbate et toto conventu, ad stationem in processione solemni, candelis accensis, pulsato classico, stolis super feretrum et crucem, et omnium colla fratrum apposis. Ita scilicet, ut quicumque illud enorme factum, vel alia in præjudicium vel dedecus sancti Albani, et ejus ecclesiæ vel abbatis et conventus, facere attemptaverit; anathematis vinculo innodaretur.

Insuper sæpedictus Galfridus miles, pro tam enormi facto et pacis regiæ læsione, appellatus est de pace infracta per famulum abbatis Johannem læsum, et suis catallis spoliatus: et secundum legem terræ, per breve regis (defensore suo Johanne Mansell vel nescio, vel invito) attachiatus. Sed postea mitigato precibus multiplicatis abbate, illos laqueos mortiferi periculi, per astutiam memorati Johannis Mansell, ipse Galfridus evasit. Rex enim pro ipso, et omnes ferè curiæ primates, præcordialiter intercesserunt. Consilio igitur inito, ne fortè ex consensu de irregularitate accusaremur, dimissimus noxam appellationis. Postea verò illius inmemor beneficii et fidei suæ, procurante sæpedicto Johanne Mansell; adquisivit chartam a rege, contra nostras antiquas chartas et libertates usitatas; ut scilicet in terra sua warren-

nam obtineret. Contra etiam chartam Regis tunc viventis; pro qua dedimus eidem regi non minimam pecuniam. Sed nos (ut jus expostulavit), nostram ut consuevimus exercuimus libertatem in ipsa warennæ: quam suam ipse Galfridus dixit, et per chartam regis concessam (licet infra limites et ambitum nostræ warennæ) appropriatam sibi, unde mota ante regem querela, tandem sententiant ipso rege, et stimulante episcopo Saresbiriensi Willielmo, abbas iniquo jure exagitatus, in misericordiam regis est præcipitatus. Dixit enim rex (factum avaritiæ palliando) quod si per chartam suam concessisset alicui de suis manerium alicujus magnatum suorum, etiam injuste, manifestè, non liceret illi magnati vero domino, ingredi manerium illud, donec super hoc discuteretur in curia. Inò priùs ipsum regem convenire, et declarato jure suo, in manerium suum securius introire. Et huic iniquæ sententiæ, perhibuit episcopus testimonium, suam super hoc vulnerans conscientiam. Quia si hoc staret, liceret regi cujuslibet dominum introire violenter; quacunque simulata occasione: et nisi verus dominus sufficeret, tanti invasoris injurias propulsare, miserabiliter exheredaretur. Et hæc omnia machinabatur Galfridus de Childewike; Johanne Mansell regis consiliario, fomenta ministrante.

Cæterum dictus Galfridus cum de terra de Neuburi contentio moveretur, et multa pecunia cum immensis laboribus pro jure nostro obtinendo effunderetur; et emeretur terra de plano à vero domino et possessore, ita ut chartas suas liberaremus à Judæis, ipse fraudibus et cavillationibus (quas longum foret enumerare) ad hoc nos induxit, quod terram illam ipsi dimisimus, remanente firma pistrina. Insuper retinuit juvenis conradium, quod pro terræ possessione concessimus, in hujus ecclesiæ damnum inæstimabile. Non enim dies vitæ juvenis possumus limitare.

Tandem nos (quia sæpedictus Johannes venerat ad domum sancti Albani, et ejus efficax erat præsentia et vigil diligentia; et quia consideravimus quòd nequivimus à pari contendere, et damnosa nimis nobis lis ventilata, diebus quotidie malignantibus extitisset) pacem admisimus fatigati; et sic ad horam quievit tempestas.

Simili quoque modo Radulphus Chenduit (de quo prædictum est) cœpit ab eodem abbate legem (videlicet sacramentum) in propria persona abbatis; in magnum ejus dedecus, et honoris læsionem. Sed ipse (ut dictum est) Radulphus, operum suorum morte repentina fractum reportavit. De ejus obitu, quia in præmissis plenè non explanatur; lectorem hujus paginæ sine falsitatis admixtione, duximus certificandum.

Cum enim injuriis injurias multotiens accumulasset, tandem quendam monachum nostrum (abbatis bajulum, Radulphum, nomine, de Dunham), nequiter percussisset armatus, equum pretiosum coopertum insidens, et armatorum multorum agmine stipatus, discurrens et fugans eum suis cauib; et venatoribus, juxta curiam nostram, scilicet apud *Derefold*; quod quidem abbas et conventus, intueri potuerat et audire. Et super hoc districte conveniretur, una dierum in palatio regio Westmonasterii cachinnans ait derisorie: 'Tantum me excommunicaverunt monachi sancti Albani, quòd impugnatum et dilatatum vix me capit equitanti sella mea.' Erat utique plethoricus, robustus, et corpore toto quasi taurus, in virtute roboris sui campaginatus. Hic igitur in tali superbia, cum vix ad domum suam (quæ per minimam dietam distat a Londoniis) pervenisset, cœpit graviter infirmari, usque ad alta mortis suspiria. Vocato igitur cum summa festinatione amico suo specialissimo, abbate scilicet de Messedene (qui ad ipsum equo raptus velocissimo anhelus pervenerat ante diem) constitutus est testamenti sui executor, quod condere non valuit ut decuerat. Moriens tamen misericordiam à beato Albano, et a fratribus quos quomodolibet læserat, sibi misericorditer impendi devotus, veniam postulavit, et ipsis de bonis suis ad plenum satisfieri flagitavit. Quod cum abbas memoratus se facturum spondit, spiritum quem trahebat idem Radulphus exhalavit. Nos igitur à testamenti executoribus, qualem pro temporis articulo, suscepimus de commissis satisfactionem. Cætera novit judex supremus, quem nihil latet cavillosum.

De Persecutionibus quas sustinuit pro Libertatibus Ecclesiæ tuendis. Et de Ultionibus quæ Persecutoribus evenerunt.

HORUM igitur patienter sustinuit abbas Johannes, ad cumulum suorum meritorum, maximas persecutiones, damna, et contumelias, quæ ad duorum millium marcarum jacturam computantur. Libertates tamen conservavit illasas, et statum sustinuit consuetæ dapsilitatis interius, et exterius, et hospitalitatis.

De Ecclesia de Nortona.

Hujus quoque tempore abbatis, collata est nobis ecclesia de Nortona, (et eam resignavit gratuita devotione Laurentius clericus, rector ejusdem) ad emendationem cervisiæ nostræ, et ad præbendam hospitibus dandam, supra id quod consuevit abbas distribuere, augmentandum.

De Ecclesia de Eglinham.

ITEM ecclesia de Eglinham, quam dudum contulerat nobis Richardus de Marisco episcopus Dunelmensis ad meliorationem cervisiæ nostræ tempore Willielmi abbatis, tempore hujus abbatis Johannis, nobis in proprios usus cessit, quæ valet . . .

De Ecclesia de Herteburne.

Et ecclesiam de Herteburne nobis ejus tempore contulit episcopus Dunelmensis Walterus, salva vicaria consistente in tertia parte dictæ ecclesiæ. Cujus duæ partes æstimantur, per portiones assignatas, ad septies viginti marcas et tresdecim, ad incrementum hospitalitatis, et maxime ad præbendam hospitum, ut nulli denegetur portio sufficiens, et copiosa.

De Ecclesia de Hecstantune.

ITEM iste abbas Johannes ecclesiam de Hecstantune, quam prædecessor ejus abbas Willielmus in proprios usus adquisivit, ad anniversarium suum faciendum assignavit, per sacristæ administrationem, et abbatis Gulielmi, quam et fecit dedicari ab episcopo Bangorensi anno Domini MCC.LIV.

Ecclesiam tamen de Northunc, ad præbendam inveniendam deputatam (ut prædictum est) retinuit in manu sua. Pro dictis autem duabus ecclesiis (scilicet de Eglinham et Herteburne) obtulit Prior de Thynemua (eo præsentem et audiente qui hoc scripsit) ducentas marcas, et quadraginta marcas annuatim. Hæc etiam frequenter mihi hoc scribenti, prior dictus recitavit.

De Ecclesia Sancti Michaelis.

ITEM hujus abbatis tempore, cessit nobis in usus proprios ecclesia sancti Michaelis, quæ est in villa sancti Albani, et ejusdem abbatis et conventus assensu, assignata est usibus sacristariæ, quæ exilis erat.

De Domibus quæ sunt Londoniis.

ADQUISIVIT etiam nobis unum messuagium, cum quibusdam domibus ruinosis Londoniis, conjunctim vicinum domibus, quas ibidem prædecessor suus abbas Gulielmus comparavit, ubi nobiles domos de novo construxit, et reditum suscitavit.

De Terra et de Domo quæ fuit Johannis Astmur.

ITEM terram et domos quæ fuerunt Johannis Astmur, nobis comparavit. Pro quarum concessione, abbas vitæ suæ necessaria eidem Johanni per chartam concessit famulatu.

De Molendinorum Reparatione.

ISTE insuper abbas Johannes omnia molendina abbatiæ (quia propter hoc quod diu ante ad firmam di-

mittebantur, dissipata fuerunt) optimè de materie quercina reparavit, cum domiciliis ad eadem pertinentibus. Et quia rivulus qui aquatico molendino nostro, quod juxta braseriam construitur, deseruit, tum propter arundinetum qui aquam ebibit, tum propter ariditates aestivales desiccativas, officio totius curiæ non suffecit, imo oportuit multuram ultra septem miliaria quærere, quod damnosum fuerat et probrosum. Idem abbas Johannes unum molendinum optimum ad equos, juxta dictam braseriam construxit. In quorum molendinorum repARATIONE et constructione, plùs quam centum libras creditur exposuisse.

De Cervisiæ melioratione.

ABBAS insuper memoratus Johannes, cervisiam nostram (quæ tam in damnum nostrum quàm opprobrium, debilis extitit) supra modum, apponendo in augmentum ejusdem circiter mille summas bladi ad cervisiam apti (scilicet hordei et avenæ commixtorum, quod *Bresia* vulgariter appellatur) benignè emendavit.

Quod non fuit dissipator bonorum pro Parentibus.

IDEM insuper abbas Johannes (quod nulli, vel paucis prædecessorum suorum, veraciter potest ascribi) pro carnale dilectione vel familiaritate parentum, affinium suorum vel compatriotarum, possessiones vel bona ecclesiæ suæ, nunquam dissipavit; à tempore dico suæ creationis usque in annum suæ prælationis vicesimum. Quo, scilicet, hæc pagina a fratre Matthæo scripta est Parisiensi, qui de futuris non præsumit diffinire.

NUM. XXIX.

Bulla Clementis Sexti Papæ pro Confirmatione Thomæ Abbatis Sti. Albani.

[Fæd. et Convent. vol. v. p. 662, A.D. 1349, an. 23 Edw. III. ex autogr.]

CLEMENS episcopus, servus servorum Dei, carissimo in Christo filio Edwardo regi Angliæ illustri salutem et apostolicam benedictionem.

Divinæ retributionis præmium, et præconium humanæ laudis acquiritur, si personis ecclesiasticis, et hijs præcipue quæ sunt dignitatis titulo insignitæ, condignus honor impenditur, et favor necessarius exhibetur.

Nuper siquidem monasterio sancti Albani, ad Romanam ecclesiam nullo medio pertinente, ordinis sancti Benedicti, Lincolnensi diocese, per obitum quondam Michaelis abbatis ejusdem monasterii, qui in partibus illis decessit, abbatis regimine destituto, dilecti filij, conventus dicti manasterij, vocatis omnibus qui debuerunt, voluerunt, et potuerunt commode interesse, die ad eligendum præfixa, ut moris est, convenientes in unum ac deliberantes in hujusmodi electionis negotio per viam procedere compromissi, tandem in novem de dicto conventu, viz. in dilectos filios, Thomam abbatem dicti monasterij sancti Albani, tunc de Tynemutha, Willielmum de Belvero, Henricum de Wymundham, et Adam de Bello Loco, priores prioratum, per monachos dicti monasterij solitorum gubernari, ejusdem ordinis, et Dunelmensis, Norwicensis, et prædictæ Lincolnensis diocesis, Thomam archidiaconum, Johannem cellerarium, Rogerum de Belvero, Waltherum de Canville, et Adam de Wittenham, monachos dicti monasterii compromittere curaverunt, eisque providendi ea vice dicto monasterio de uno ex seipsis, vel alia de gremio ipsorum conventus, assumendo in abbatem dicti monasterii, unanimiter concesserunt plenam et liberam potestatem.

Ita (videlicet) quod, postquam dicti compromissarii, vel major pars eorum, concordēs existerent de persona taliter assumenda, unus eorum, de voluntate et mandato aliorum compromissorum suorum, vice sua et eorundem compromissariorum suorum et conventus nomine, personam ipsam in abbatem dicti monasterij eligeret in communi, ipsamque electionem clero et populo solenniter publicaret, promittentes illum in eorum abbaten recipere et habere, quem unus ex dictis compromissariis juxta formam prædictam, duceret eligendum; dictique compromissarii, hujusmodi potestate recepta, secedentes

in partem, post varios tractatus, ac maturam et diligentem deliberationem, super hijs habitos inter eos, in dictum Thomam abbatem, in sacerdotio constitutum et ætate legitima, ac de legitimo matrimonio procreatum, direxerunt concorditer et unanimiter vota sua.

Et subsequenter dictus Thomas archidiaconus, vice sua et de mandato et nomine dictorum aliorum compromissariorum suorum ibidem præsentium, in præsentia conventus prædictorum, præfatum Thomam abbatem elegit in abbatem monasterij prælibati, et electionem hujusmodi, a dictis conventu concorditer acceptatam, clero et populo solenniter publicavit, idemque Thomas, post consensum eidem electioni, ad instantiam dictorum conventus, a dicto Thoma legitime præstitum, dictus Thomas ad sedem apostolicam personaliter accessit, et tam per se ipsum, quam dicti conventus per eorum procuratores ydoneos, ab eis propterea ad nos specialiter designatos, confirmari per nos electionem præfatam, ipsius nobis præsentato decreto, humiliter postularunt, in his omnibus statutis a jure temporibus observatis.

Nos igitur electionem præfatam, dictique Thomæ personæ merita, per venerabilem fratrem Tayllarandum, episcopum Albanensem, et dilectos filios nostros, Stephanum tituli sanctorum Johannis et Pauli presbyterum, ac Gulielmum sanctæ Mariæ in Cosmedin diaconum, cardinales, examinari fecimus diligenter, et facta nobis ab eisdem, episcopo et cardinalibus, super hijs, relatione plenaria et fidei, quia invenimus electionem eandem de dicto Thoma, persona ydonea, cui de literarum scientia, honestate morum et vitæ, spiritualium providentia, et temporalium circumspectione, aliisque virtutum meritis fide digna apud nos testimonia perhibentur, canonicè celebratam, eam de fratrum nostrorum consilio auctoritate apostolica confirmavimus, eundemque Thomam dicto monasterio sancti Albani præfecimus in abbatem; curam et administrationem illius sibi tam in spiritualibus, quam in temporalibus, plenarie committendo, firma spe, fiduciaque conceptis, quod præfatum monasterium per suæ diligentiae studium, suamque industriam circumspectam, gratia sibi suffragante divina, salutis et prosperitatis suscipiet incrementa.

Cum itaque, carissime fili, sit virtutis opus Dei ministros digno favore prosequi, et eos verbis et operibus pro regis æterni gloria venerari, serenitatem regionem rogamus, et hortamur attente, quatinus eundem abbatem in commisso sibi monasterio habens pro nostra, et dictæ sedis reverentia propensius commendata, ipsum Thomam tui favoris auxilio prosequaris; ita quod idem abbas, celsitudinis tuæ fultus auxilio, in commisso sibi monasterii antefati regimine possit, Deo propitio, prosperari, ac tibi exinde a Deo perennis vitæ premium, et a nobis condigna proveniat actio gratiarum.

Datum Avinion. octavo id. Julii, pontific. nostri anno octavo.

Super plica

N. MAURI.

Sub filis cannabaceis.

NUM. XXX.

Litera Regis de licentia firmandi Abbathiam.

[MS. Cotton. Claud. E. iv. fol. 274 b.]

EDWARDUS Dei gratia rex Angliæ et Franciæ, et dominus Hiberniæ, omnibus ballivis et fidelibus suis ad quos præsentēs literæ pervenerint, salutem. Sciatis quod de gratia nostra speciali concessimus et licentiam dedimus, pro nobis et hæredibus nostris, dilectis nobis in Christo abbati et conventui de sancto Albano quod ipsi mansum abbathiæ prædictæ, sive eandem abbathiam, muro de petra et calce firmare et kernellare, et mansum illud sic firmatum et kernellatum, sive dictam abbathiam sic firmatam et kernellatam, tenere possint sibi et successoribus suis imperpetuum, sine occasione vel impedimento nostri, vel hæredum nostrorum, aut ministrorum nostrorum quorumcunque. In cujus rei testimonium has literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste meipso apud Wodestoke xvij^o. die Junii anno regni nostri Angliæ tricesimo primo, regni vero nostri Franciæ decimo octavo.

NUM. XXXI.

Carta Libertatis Villanorum Sancti Albani de Abbate et Conventu ibidem violenter extorta.

[Ibid. fol. 312.]

UNIVERSIS sanctæ matris ecclesiæ filiis præsentibus literas inspecturis vel audituris. Nos Thomas permissione divina abbas monasterii sancti Albani et ejusdem loci conventus salutem in Domino sempiternam. Noveritis nos assensu unanimi et voluntate communi concessisse, et hac præsentibus carta nostra confirmasse, pro nobis et successoribus nostris, dilectis nobis in Christo omnibus et singulis burgensibus villæ sancti Albani, præsentibus et futuris, quod ipsi et successores sui perpetuis temporibus habeant et gaudeant omnibus et singulis libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus infrascriptis. Videlicet quod ipsi et successores sui imperpetuum habeant et teneant communiam pasturæ a villa sancti Albani in alta via usque ad Stonencrouch, et ab hinc in alta via usque ad Nodaish, ad etiam a dicta villa sancti Albani usque ad Mileayssh in alta via versus Luton sci tuatus, ac etiam in Barnet Wode et in Frytwode, et in Dernwellane in tota semita transeundo per Oysturhille usque ad Kyngesbury, et a Kyngesbury transeundo per Gounelston usque in dictam villam sancti Albani. Item volumus et concedimus, pro nobis et successoribus nostris, communiam pasturæ in alta via transeundo versus Hertford usque ad finem Gonne Wode lane, et in quadam via modicum citra Gonne Wode lane, vocata Bemondlane, usque ad rubiam crucem, et ab hinc in tota via transeundo per Newlane usque ad sanctum Albanum, et exeundo eandem villam per Tonnemandich, in tota semita, usque ad Cranestyl, et ab hinc in tota via usque ad Gryndeslane, et ab hinc per altam viam usque ad Sopwellemulle et juxta Sopwellemulle in tribus viridibus placiis jacentibus inter Flotegate strem et Mulestrem et ab hinc in quadam via vocata Grenelane, quæ ducit ad Fotesplace. Item concedimus eisdem pro nobis et successoribus nostris duas semitas pro hominibus pedite et equite transeuntibus per medium silvæ de Eywode, unam videlicet transeundo per Eywodelane per medium de Eywode usque ad Parkstrate, et aliam a Parkstrate transeundo per tenementa Johannis Eywode et Rogeri Hweie usque ad Stanesfeld mulle, ut unam altam viam a rubea cruce per medium Fauntowode usque ad orreum de Celle. Item concedimus pro nobis et successoribus nostris quod ipsi et servientes sui libere et quiete poterint venari cum canibus . . . et in quibuscunque locis, clausis seu non clausis, infra fines et limites supradicti. et quod habeant sibi et successoribus suis communem piscariam ab antiquo fullyngmulle quondam sub Eywode usque ad aliud fullyngmulle sub abbathia et a quodam loco vocato Sisseborne, usque ad Monasterium del Pray. Et volumus et concedimus pro nobis et successoribus nostris quod ipsi et successores sui habeant molas manuales in domibus suis vel alibi ubi melius videbitur eis expedire, et hoc sine contradictione seu calumpnia nostri vel successorum nostrorum. Item volumus et concedimus quod ballivus libertatis nostræ non intromittat se infra villam sancti Albani sine brevi domini regis. In cujus rei testimonium tam sigillum nostrum quam sigillum commune capituli nostri præsentibus apposimus. Dat. apud sanctum Albanum xvj^o. die Junii anno regni regis Ricardi secundi a Conquestu quarto.

NUM. XXXII.

Obligatio Abbatis Sancti Albani per Villanos violenter extorta.

[Ibid. fol. 312 b.]

PATEAT universis per præsentibus nos Thomam permissione divina abbatem monasterii sancti Albani et ejusdem loci conventus teneri, et per præsentibus firmiter obligari, dilectis nobis in Christo omnibus et singulis burgensibus villæ sancti Albani, et toti communitati ejusdem, in mille libris legalis monetæ, solvendis eisdem, aut eorum certo attornato, hoc scriptum restituent. apud

sanctum Albanum in festo Annunciationis beatæ Mariæ prox. jam futur. Ad quam quidem solutionem dictis die et loco bene et fideliter faciendam, obligamus nos et successores nostros et omnia bona nostra mobilia et immobilia. In cujus rei testimonium tam sigillum nostrum quam sigillum commune capituli nostri præsentibus apposimus. Dat. apud sanctum Albanum sexto decimo die Junii anno regni regis Ricardi secundi a Conquestu quarto.

NUM. XXXIII.

Acquietantia generalis per Villanos prædictos violenter extorta.

[Ibid.]

PATEAT universis per præsentibus nos Thomam permissione divina abbatem mon. sancti Albani remisisse, relaxasse, et omnino pro nobis et successoribus nostris imperpetuum quietum clamasse omnibus et singulis burgensibus villæ sancti Albani omnimodas actiones debiti quas erga eos seu eorum aliquem habuimus, habemus, seu quovis modo habere poterimus a principio hujus mundi usque in diem confectionis præsentium. In cujus rei testimonium tam sigillum nostrum quam sigillum commune capituli nostri præsentibus apposimus. Dat. apud sanctum Albanum xvj^o. die Junii, anno regni regis Ricardi secundi a Conquestu quarto.

NUM. XXXIV.

Carta Libertatis extorta per Villanos de Barnet.

[Ibid. fol. 313.]

SCIANT præsentibus et futuri quod nos Thomas abbas et conventus monasterii sancti Albani ex unanimi assensu concessimus, ratificamus, et hac præsentibus carta nostra confirmavimus tenentibus nostris de parochiis et villis de Barnet et Southmymmes omnes libertates et consuetudines suas liberas et illæsas simul prout per cartam domini regis Ricardi secundi illis concessam plenius continetur cum omnibus terris et tenementis, ac redditibus suis liberis, ita quod eas vendere possint per cartam sine impedimento nostri vel successorum nostrorum imperpetuum; ad quam quidem concessionem, ratificationem, atque cartæ nostræ confirmationem sigillum nostrum commune apposimus. Hiis testibus domino Willielmo Hoo milite, Henrico Frowyk, Johanne Lodowyk, Johanne Durham, Willielmo Nonny, Ricardo Walyngforde, Adam Raulyn, Willielmo Wadesworthe, et aliis. Dat. apud villam sancti Albani die Sabbati proxima post festum sanctæ Trinitatis anno regni regis Ricardi secundi post Conquestum quarto.

NUM. XXXV.

Carta Libertatis per Tenentes de Watford et Caysho violenter extorta.

[Ibid.]

OMNIBUS Christi fidelibus ad quos præsens scriptum pervenerit, Thomas permissione divina abbas monasterii sancti Albani, et ejusdem loci conventus, salutem in Domino. Noveritis nos unanimi assensu et consensu concessisse pro nobis et successoribus nostris imperpetuum quod omnes homines communitatis villæ de Watforde et Caysho ibidem viventes, hæredes, seu tenentes terrarum et tenementorum suorum, in villis prædictis, placuerint, tam in dominicis terris prædictorum abbatis et conventus quam in aliis terris quibuscunque in villis existentibus prædictis, ac etiam quod prædicti homines et hæredes sui de cætero non teneantur, nec onerentur venire ad curiam dicti abbatis infra com. Hertford, nec solvant de cætero præfatis abbati et conventui nec successoribus suis quemdam redditum vocatum Alepeny, injuste ab eis per longum tempus levatum; et quod quieti sint de omnibus tolnetis, pontagio, cariagio, muragio, passagio, picagio, et de omnibus operationibus pontium et parcorum imperpetuum; et quod etiam libere et quiete habeant et gaudeant mo-

las suas manuales in domibus suis toto tempore futuro ; et insuper de cætero non teneantur nec onerentur contra eorum voluntates ad molendina prædictorum abbatis et conventus infra com. prædictum existentia, blada nec brasium ibidem molere quovismodo. In cujus rei testimonium huic, cartæ prædicti abbas et conventus sigilla sua apposuerunt. Dat. apud sanctum Albanum decimo octavo die Junii anno regni regis Ricardi secundi a Conquestu quarto.

NUM. XXXVI.

Literæ Regis Henrici Quarti, ad Abbatem Sti. Albani, de Arraiatione facienda contra Inimicos Franciæ Villas maritimas invasuros.

[Fæd. et Convent. vol. viii. p. 138, A.D. 1400. A. I. H. iv. Claus. 1 H. iv. p. 2, m. 19.]

REX dilecto sibi in Christo, abbati de sancto Albano, salutem.

Satis informati estis qualiter inimici nostri Franciæ, et alii sibi adhærentes, facinora sua erga nos et ligeos nostros, licet indirecte, de die in diem circumquaque ostendentes, cum magna classe navium, cum maxima multitudine armatorum et bellatorum, supra mare congregati, diversas villas super costeris regni nostri Angliæ invadere, ac nos et regnum nostrum prædictum, necnon populum nostrum per terram, et per mare destruere, et ecclesiam Anglicanam subvertere, cum omnibus viribus intendunt et proponunt ;

Per quod, volentes salvationi dicti regni, et populorum nostrorum, ac ecclesiæ sanctæ, contra malitiam ipsorum inimicorum, operante altissimo, providere, per diversas commissiones assignavimus certos fideles nostros, in singulis comitatibus regni nostri prædicti, ad arraiandum, et arraiari et armari faciendum, omnes homines defensabiles (videlicet) quemlibet eorum juxta statum et facultates suas, et eos arraiatos et munitos, in arraiatione hujusmodi teneri faciendum, sic quod semper prompti sint et parati, ad proficiscendum in defensionem regni nostri prædicti, ubi, ac quotiens, et quando ex hostium incursibus periculum immineat, aut necesse aliqual advertentes.

Vero quod vos et cæteri prælati, ac totus clerus dicti regni, una cum alijs fidelibus nostris, ad resistendum dictis inimicis, pro salvatione sanctæ ecclesiæ et ejusdem regni, manus tenemini apponere adjutrices.

Vobis, in fide et dilectione quibus nobis tenemini, firmiter injungimus et mandamus, quatinus, consideratis gravibus dampnis et periculis imminentibus, per aggressus inimicorum nostrorum prædictorum, vosmet ipsos, ac omnes priores, religiosos, et alias personas ecclesiasticas quascunque vestræ jurisdictionis exemptæ, quacunque dilatione postposita, armari et arraiari, et armis competentibus (videlicet) quemlibet eorum juxta statum, possessiones et facultates vestras muniri, et eos in millenis, centenis, et vintenis poni faciatis.

Ita quod vos prompti sitis et parati ad mandatum nostrum, ipsique priores, religiosi, et aliæ personæ ecclesiasticæ prompti sint et parati ad mandatum vestrum, ad proficiscendum, una cum alijs fidelibus nostris, contra dictos inimicos nostros, infra dictum regnum nostrum, ad ipsos cum Dei adjutorio debellandum, expugnandum, et destruendum, et ad eorum malitiam et proterviam propulsandum et conterendum ;

Et hoc sicut nos, et honorem nostrum ac vestrum, et salvationem sanctæ ecclesiæ et regni nostri diligitis, nullatenus omittatis.

Teste rege apud Westmonasterium vicesimo primo die Aprilis.

NUM. XXXVII.

Hæc sunt Beneficia Ecclesiastica pertin. Convent. Monast. Sancti Albani pro quibus dict. Conventus solvet de qualibet Libra Taxæ eorundem un. gros. pro Subsidio colato per Dominum Papam Archiepiscopo.

[Harl. MS. 602, fol. 17.]

Coquinarius habet

ECCLESIAM sancti Stephani taxat.
ad viij^{li}. xiijs. iiij^d.

Item ecclesiam de Wyndegrave
taxat. ad xvj^{li}. xiijs. iiij^d.
Item ecclesiam de Sudbury in
episcopatu Norwychens. taxat. ad iiij^{li}.
Summa xxix^{li}. vjs. viij^d.

Sacrista habet in Episcopatu Lincoln.

Item habet ecclesiam de Rikem'
q. valet xvj^{li}.
Item ecclesiam de Hextonston
q. valet viij^{li}.
Item ecclesiam de Northhawe
q. valet c^s.
Item in Chesham porcion. va-
lent xv^s.
Summa xxix^{li}. xv^s.

Refector' habet

Porcion. in ecclesia de Wat-
forde val. viij^{li}. xiijs. iiij^d.
Item ecclesiam de Norton q.
valet vj^{li}. xiijs. iiij^d.
Item ecclesiam de Waldon q.
valet x^{li}.
Item ecclesiam sancti Michaelis
q. valet x^{li}.
Item ecclesiam de Howton q.
valet xvj^{li}. xiijs. iiij^d.
Item ecclesiam de Potesgrave
q. valet lxxiijs. iiij^d.
Item porcion. in ecclesia de
Waldon Reg. q. valet xl^s.
Summa lvij^{li}. xiijs. iiij^d.

Camerarius habet

Ecclesiam de Redborne q. valet xvij^{li}. vjs. viij^d.
Item ecclesiam de Wynslowe
cum capell. q. valet xviiij^{li}.
Item ecclesiam de Langele q.
valet xj^{li}. vjs. viij^d.
Item ecclesiam de Tirfilde q.
valet viij^{li}.
Summa liiij^{li}. xiijs. iiij^d.

Infirmar. habet

Ecclesiam sancti Petri q. valet lvj^{li}.
Summa patet.

Elemosinarius habet in Episcopatu Lincoln.

Porcion. in Sandrych, Langele,
Redborne, Apsa, Wyndeslowe, Hex-
tonston, Newneham, Norton, Wal-
den, Codicote, et al. parv. parcell. q.
valent xij^{li}.
Item porcion. in Waltone q.
valet xl^s.
Item porcion. in Middelton cayn
q. valet xl^s.
Item porc. in ecclesia de Bre-
tenham q. valet xiijs. iiij^d.
Item in episcopatu London ha-
bet porc. in Rowtyng. q. valet xx^s.
Item porcion. in Herlawe in eo-
dem episcopatu q. valet x^s.
Item in episcopatu Helyens. ha-
bet porcion. in Grytton q. valet xxxiijs. iiij^d.
Item in eodem episcopatu habet
porcion. in Trumpyngton q. valet lxvjs. viij^d.
Item in eodem episcopatu habet
ecclesiam de Eversdone magna q.
valet xiiij^{li}. vjs. viiiij^d.
Summa xxxvj^{li}. x^s.
Summa totalis cclxiiij^{li}. xviijs. iiij^d.

NUM. XXXVIII.

EXPENSÆ CIRCA REPARATIONES.

[MS. Soc. Reg. ex dono Henr. Howard. num. 34, fol. 67.]

EX PARTE CONVENTUS.

INPRIMIS in reparatione facta circa cameras fratrum infirmorum pret. ccxxiiij^{li}. iij^s. ix^d. de officiariis conventus in subsidium contribut. cccc.xlvij^{li}. xvij^s. v^d.

Et in expensis factis circa novam capellam juxta cameras infirmorum præter pecunias per venerabilem patrem episcopum Lichefelden. et dominum Willielmum Alneazk archidiaconum monasterii in subsidium dictæ capellæ contribut. lxxvij^{li}. xij^s. vj^d.

Et in ferramentis emptis pro eadem viij^{li}. xv^s. ij^d.

Item in exhibicione quatuor lathamorum per ij. annos cum eorum magistro xxxj^{li}.

Item in plumbo et plumbacione ejusdem capellæ xxvij^{li}. vj^s. viij^d.

Item in factura unius cameræ ibidem notabilis continentis in longitudine iiij^{xx}. xv. pedes pro inhospitatione abbatis in adventu domini regis ccc^{li}.

Item in factura unius librariæ ibidem prope cameram prius dictam.

Summa totalis omnium expensarum dccciiij^{xx}. xj^{li}. xij^s. ix^d. præter expensas librariæ.

Infra Ecclesiam.

Item in expensis circa picturam capellæ beatæ Virginis cum uno pari phiolarum pro eadem xl^{li}.

Item in factura cujusdam parvæ capellæ ex australi parte ecclesiæ ex opposito feretri scituat. cum quadam fenestra supra dictam capellam posita liij^{li}.

Et in excisione cujusdam fenestræ in occidentali parte ecclesiæ postèrius collocand. xxvij^{li}. xv^s.

Et in calicè, phiolis, casulis, et aliis ornamentis pro capella supradicta, xx^{li}.

Summa totalis cxlij^{li}. xv^s.

Infra Thesaurariam.

Item in factura unius casulæ cum vj. tuniculis ac xvij. cappis de secta blodia præter pannum procuratum per devotam foeminam dominam Alianoram Hull cc^{li}.

Et in factura xij. capparum de rubea secta ciij^{li}. iiij^s.

Et in factura xij. capparum coloris albi li^{li}.

Item in xj. albis ejusdem coloris lxxvj^s. viij^d.

Item in factura xx. capparum coloris viridi cum vj. tuniculis ejusdem sectæ c. marc.

Et in factura unius cappæ coloris purpurei xx^{li}.

Item in factura unius mitræ c. marc.

Item in factura unius baculi pastoralis li^{li}.

Item in factura unius calicis aurei præter aurum fractum ex dono Johannis Perient armigeri xv^{li}. x^s.

Item in factura unius par. turribulorum præter argentum fractum de antiquis turribulis in subsidium habitum xiiij^{li}. vj^s. viij^d.

Item in uno pari pelvium deaurat. pro magno altari in diebus festivis xvj^{li}. xij^s. iiij^d.

Item in factura unius amicii de furrura grisea cum emendacione cujusdam mitræ antiquæ aliorumque ornatuum ad vesturam abbatis pertinentium ix^{li}.

Item in factura duarum capparum blodiarum præter pannum qui fuit ex donacione illustris ducis Bedfordiæ xl. marc.

Summa totalis dc.xlj^{li}. viij^d.

Infra Chorum.

Et in factura iiij^{or}. magnorum gradalium pro choro xx^{li}. xij^s. iiij^d.

Et in factura unius par. organorum xvij^{li}. vj^s. viij^d.

Item in quadam fabrica lignea pro positione organorum et lectura lectionum præter pecunias a fratribus dat. xliiij^{li}. iij^s. ij^d. ob.

Infra Refectorium.

Item in factura vij. salsariorum argenteorum ponderis vij. librarum x. unc. xvj^{li}. xiiij^s.

Item in factura vj. coclear. pond. viij. unc. xxiij^s.
Et in factura unius cippi murrei pro desco. xiiij^s.
iiij^d.

Summa totalis xvij^{li}. ix^s. iiij^d.

Infra Oriolum.

Et in factura quinque peciarum pond. iiij. librarum v. unc. et j. quart. vij^{li}. xiiij^s.

Infra Ostriam Conventus.

Item in tribus lectis, de blodi ocolore, operis tapestr' empt. lxxvj^s. viij^d.

EX PARTE ABBATIS.

Item in reparacione cameræ int. capellam et aulam abbatis situat. cum factura penticii sive deambulatorii ducent. ad eandem xxxvj^{li}. xiiij^s. iiij^d.

Item in reparatione studii abbatis et cameræ vocatæ le Clok Chambre cum gardroba et inferiori studio xliij^{li}.

Item in emendatione et fortificatione hostij quod ducit in gardrobam vj^{li}. xiiij^s. iiij^d.

Item in abbreviatione et emendatione aulæ regiæ et curiæ inferioris ampliacione præter pecunias expositas per bursariam xlj^{li}.

Summa totalis vj^{xx}. vj^{li}. vj^s. viij^d.

EXPENSÆ CIRCA PERQUISITIONES.

ITEM in expensis circa perquisicionem manerii de Newlane cum amortizamento ejusdem et exhibicione Johannis Bernewell dicti manerii possessoris per quinque annos cxxvij^{li}. vj^s. ij^d.

Item pro manerio de Boterwik cum pertinentiis cxj^{li}.

Item pro manerio quondam Thomæ Legat in Waldene abbatis xx^{li}. et non plus quia emebatur pro corrodio decem librarum annuatim ad terminum vitæ, et vix vixit venditor per tres annos post vendicionem xx^{li}.

Item in perquisitione manerii de Harpesfeld per viam eschaeti, pro intermediis in ea parte factis xiiij^{li}. vj^s. viij^d.

Item in feodo quatuor marcarum concessio Henrico Norys vendicanti clameum in terris dictis ad terminum vitæ per estimacionem xlvj^{li}. xiiij^s. iiij^d.

Item Thomæ Sterkey pro suis laboribus circa perquisitionem regii brevis xxvij^s.

Item eskaetori pro sua certificatione xl^s.

Item clerico illius scribendi certificatum vj^s. viij^d.

Item pro quodam pandoxatorio in Alderichegate-stret London. iiij^{xx}. li.

Item pro terris, pratis, pascuis, et pasturis, quondam Simonis Pekfithele in Barnet. c. marc.

Item pro quodam tenemento in Hexton voc. Reymes cum terris, pratis, pascuis, et pasturis, ad idem tenementum pertinentibus xliij^{li}. vj^s. viij^d.

Item pro tenemento quondam Willielmi Hugh'et in Halywellestreet x^{li}. et non plus quia emebatur pro corrodio octo marc. ad terminum vitæ Julianæ Hugh'et, et non vixit dicta Juliana venditrix ejusdem ten. post vendicionem ultra duos annos x^{li}.

Item pro pratis, pascuis, et pasturis infra palcium ex occidentali parte de Tytenhangre jacent. xl.

Item in perquisitione diversarum terrarum cum quodam tenemento in Norton ad usum rectoriæ applicat' quondam Walteri Bradewey præter corrodiu duorum denariorum in die sibi concessum ad terminum vitæ viij^{li}.

Item in perquisitione terrarum de Squylers de domino Rogero Huswife præsbitero in annua pensione octo librarum ad terminum vitæ per æstimationem ccl^{li}.

Item in perquisitione manerii de Radwell de Johanne Fray capitali barone de scaccario et in amortizatione ejusdem cclxij^{li}.

Item in perquisitione cujusdam liberi mesuagii infra dominium manerii supradicti de Johanne Nichol, una cum terris et pasturis ad idem mesuagium pertinentibus lxxvj^{li}. xiiij^s. iiij^d.

Item in perquisitione manerii de Burston de supradicto Johanne Fray et in amortizatione ejusdem cc^{xxiii}.viij^{li}. iij^s. iiij^d.

Item dat. Thomæ Charleton militi pro sua benevolentia in vendicione xij^{li}. iiij^s. iiij^d.

Item in perquisitione cujusdam percellæ terræ infra terras de Squylers in campo voc. le Node xlvij^s. iiij^d.

Item pro duabus acris prati et dim. apud Meridene liij^s. viij^d.

Et solut. uxori Nicholai Walsham pro dote sua in quodam tenemento juxta novam portam situato et monasterio per dictum Nicholaum collato l^s.

Item in perquisitione unius quarreræ de Willielmo Hunt apud Toturnho xij^{li}.

Item in perquisitione unius alterius quarreræ ibidem de Thoma Jakes viij^{li}.

Item in uno crofto empto de Johanne Webbe pro nunc pertinente manerio de Newlane xl^s.

Et in uno alio crofto empto de Thoma Bordale etiam pro nunc ad dictum manerium pertin. xl^s.

Summa totalis m.ccc.iiij^{xx}.ij^{li}. xij^s. jd.

EXPENSÆ CIRCA UNIONES ET AMORTIZATIONES.

Et in expensis factis circa unionem cellæ de Bello Loco utputa pro supplicationibus variis directis summo pontifici et pro earundem consignatione per vices diversis advocatis ipsam signaturam prosequentibus xl^s.

Item Johanni Enderby legis perito pro sua bona mediatione circa perquisitionem relaxationis advocacionis cellæ dictæ a domino de Grey de Ruthyn iij^{li}. vj^s. viij^d.

Item eidem Johanni Enderby in feodo xx^s. ad terminum vitæ eadem ex causa sibi concessa per æstimationem xxiiij^{li}.

Item Johanni Hotofth armigero senescenti in feodo xxvj^s. viij^d. ad terminum vitæ eadem ex causa sibi concessa per æstimationem xx^{li}.

Item Thomæ Bowton viro juniore et senescallo hospitii dicti domini in feodo xxvj^s. viij^d. ad terminum vitæ eidem eadem ex causa concessa per æstimationem xxx^{li}.

Summa totalis iiij^{xx}.xix^{li}. vj^s. viij^d.

Hic est inter cætera in memoria habendum perpetua, quomodo abbas iste qui bona dicta suo tempore legitur perquisisse, ea omnia sumptibus suis propriis perquesierat, a nulloque vivente altero, confratre, convivino, vel extraneo unum denarium unquam in subsidium recipiebat. Est etiam ulterius non magis commemoratione quam admiratione dignum, quod pro hiis omnibus bonis perquisitis nunquam boscum ultra solitum vendidit, nunquam corrodium alicui concessit, nunquam ad prædium posuit in plegium, aut minimum jocale monasterii impignoravit; ymo solius ipsius succurrente gratia qui nos aspirando pervenit adjuvandoque pro se in omni intentione recta de bursa sua propria et industria, pro hiis omnibus bonis plene et integre persolvit plenarieque et integraliter, ac ita ut scriberent se quietos singulis venditoribus satisfecit. Sibi igitur sit laus si gloria si actio gratiarum, et nunc et semper et per infinita sæcula sæculorum Amen.

NUM. XXXIX.

Carta Licentiationis Regiæ super donatione Manerii de Penbroke in Partibus Southwalliæ, Domino Duci Gloucestriæ concessæ.

[MS. Coll. Armor. Norf. Press. Num. III. fol. 17 b.]

HENRICUS Dei gratia rex Angliæ et Franciæ et dominus Hiberniæ. Omnibus, ad quos præsentis litteræ pervenerint, salutem. Sciatis, quod nos, de gratia nostra speciali, absque fine, seu feodo, inde ad opus nostrum solvendo, concessimus et licentiam dedimus, pro nobis, et hæredibus nostris, quantum in nobis est, carissimo avunculo nostro, Humfrido de Lancastre, duci Gloucestriæ, quod ipse, ad Dei laudem, et ad divina servicia pro salubri statu suo, ac Alianoræ consortis suæ, quam diu vixerint, et pro animabus suis cum ab hac luce migraverint, juxta ordinationem dicti avunculi nostri, in hac

parte faciendam, in ecclesia conventuali abbathiæ sancti Albani, quæ de fundatione inclitorum progenitorum nostrorum, quondam regum Angliæ, et nostro patronatu existit, imperpetuum celebrandum, dare possit et assignare dilectis nobis in Christo, abbati et conventui loci prædicti, prioratum de Penbroke alienigenum in partibus Southwalliæ, cum omnibus suis juribus et pertinentiis. Habendum et tenendum prioratum prædictum, una cum omnibus terris, tenementis, redditibus, servitiis, fructibus, proficuis, exitibus, decimis, oblationibus, reventionibus, annuitatibus, pensionibus, porcionibus, apportis, rebus, juribus, et privilegiis spiritualibus et temporalibus possessionibus, homagiis, fidelitatibus, releviis, feodis militum, perquisitionibus, advocacionibus ecclesiarum, vicariarum, capellarum, et hospitalium, franchesiis, libertatibus, reversionibus, molendinis, curiis, letis, visibus franciplegiorum, escaetis, wardis, maritagiis, boscis, warennis, forisfacturis, moris, mariscis, piscariis, pratis, pascuis, pasturis, wayfes, strayes, infangthief, outefangthief, anno, die et vasto, catallis felonum, et fugitivorum, et utlagatorum, et felonum de se, deodandis, et omnibus aliis proficuis et commoditatibus, dicto prioratui aliquo modo pertinentibus sive spectantibus, adeo plene et integre, sicut nos ea haberemus seu habere deberemus, si ea in manu nostra teneremus, eisdem abbati et conventui et successoribus suis imperpetuum, ad divina in dicta ecclesia sancti Albani, pro statu et animabus prædictis, juxta ordinationem prædictam imperpetuum celebranda. Et eisdem abbati et conventui, quod ipsi prioratum prædictum, cum omnibus præmissis et singulis suis juribus et pertinentiis prædictis, recipere possint et tenere, sibi et successoribus suis prædictis in forma prædicta imperpetuum, sicut prædictum est, tenore præsentium similiter licentiam dedimus specialem, statuto de terris et tenementis ad manum mortuam non ponendis edito, non obstante. Nolentes, quod dictus avunculus noster, hæredes, assignati, aut executores sui, aut præfati abbas et conventus, seu successores sui prædicti, ratione statuti prædicti, aut aliorum præmissorum, per nos vel hæredes nostros, justiciarios, escaetores, vicecomites, aut alios ballivos seu ministros nostros, vel hæredum nostrorum, quoscumque inde occasionentur, molestentur, in aliquo seu graventur. In cujus rei testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste meipso apud Westmonasterium, septimo die Junii, anno regni nostri decimo nono.

NUM. XL.

Carta Donationis Domini Ducis Gloucestriæ: sc. Appropriatio Prioratus de Pembrok Monasterio Sancti Albani.

[Ibid. fol. 18.]

OMNIBUS Christi fidelibus ad quos præsens scriptum pervenerit, Humfridus illustris regum filius, frater, atque patruus, dux Gloucestriæ, comes Penbrochiæ, et magnus camerarius Angliæ, salutem in Domino sempiternam. Cum dominus rex per litteras suas patentes, quarum data est apud Westmonasterium septimo die Junii, anno regni sui decimo nono, de gratia sua speciali concesserit, et licentiam dederit, pro se et hæredibus suis, quantum in ipso fuerit, nobis, per nomen carissimi avunculi sui Humfridi de Lancastre ducis Gloucestriæ, quod nos, ad Dei laudem, et ad divina servitia pro salubri statu nostro ac Alianoræ consortis nostræ, quamdiu vixerimus, et pro animabus nostris, cum ab hac luce migraverimus, juxta ordinationem nostram, in hac parte faciendam, in ecclesia conventuali abbathiæ sancti Albani, quæ de fundatione militum progenitorum nostrorum, quondam regum Angliæ, et suo patronatu existit, imperpetuum celebrandum, dare possumus et assignare dilectis sibi in Christo abbati et conventui loci prædicti prioratum de Penbroke alienigenum in partibus Southwalliæ, cum omnibus suis juribus et pertinentiis. Habendum et tenendum prioratum prædictum, una cum omnibus terris, tenementis, redditibus, servitiis, fructibus, proficuis, exitibus, decimis, oblationibus, reventionibus, annuitatibus, pensionibus, portionibus, apportis, rebus, juribus, et privilegiis spiritualibus et temporali-

bus possessionibus, homagiis, fidelitatibus, releviis, feodis militum, perquisitionibus, advocacionibus ecclesiarum, vicariarum, capellarum, et hospitalium, franchesiis, libertatibus, reversionibus, molendinis, curiis, letis, visibus franciplegii, escaëtis, wardis, maritagiis, boscis, warennis, forisfacturis, moris, mariscis, piscariis, pratis, pascuis, pasturis, wayfes, et strayes, infangthief, outefangthief, anno, die, et vasto, catallis felonum et fugitivorum, et utlagatorum, et felonum de se, deodandis, et omnibus aliis proficuis, et commoditatibus, dicto prioratui aliquo modo pertinentibus sive spectantibus, adeo plene et integre, sicut idem dominus rex ea habuit seu habere debuerit, si ea in manu sua tenuerit, eisdem abbati et conventui et successoribus imperpetuum, ad divina in dicta ecclesia sancti Albani, pro statu et animabus prædictis juxta ordinationem prædictam imperpetuum celebrandum. Et eisdem abbati et conventui, quod ipsi prioratum prædictum, cum omnibus præmissis, et singulis suis juribus et pertinentiis prædictis, recipere possint et tenere sibi et successoribus suis prædictis, in forma prædicta, imperpetuum, sicut prædictum est, tenore litterarum prædictarum patentium similiter licentiam dederit specialem, statuto, de terris et tenementis ad manum mortuam non ponendis edito, non obstante, prout in prædictis litteris patentibus plenius continetur. Noveritis, nos præfatum ducem, vigore litterarum prædictarum patentium, dedisse, concessisse, et hoc præsentis scripto meo confirmasse, Johanni, abbati abbatihæ prædictæ, et ejusdem loci conventui, prioratum prædictum, una cum omnibus terris, tenementis, redditibus, servitiis, fructibus, proficuis, decimis, oblationibus, reversionibus, annuitatibus, pensionibus, porcionibus, apportis, rebus, juribus, et privilegiis spiritualibus, et temporalibus possessionibus, homagiis, fidelitatibus, releviis, feodis militum, perquisitionibus, advocacionibus ecclesiarum, vicariarum, capellarum, et hospitalium, franchesiis, libertatibus, reversionibus, molendinis, curiis, letis, visibus franciplegii, escaëtis, wardis, maritagiis, boscis, warennis, forisfacturis, moris, mariscis, piscariis, pratis, pascuis, pasturis, wayfes, strayes, infangthief, outefangthief, anno, die et vasto, catallis felonum, et fugitivorum, et utlagatorum, et felonum de se, deodandis, et omnibus aliis proficuis, et commoditatibus, dicto prioratui aliquo modo pertinentibus sive spectantibus. Habendum et tenendum Prioratum prædictum, cum omnibus præmissis, et singulis suis juribus et pertinentiis prædictis, præfatis abbati et conventui et successoribus suis imperpetuum, de capitalibus dominis feodi illius, per servitia inde debita et de jure consueta, ad divina in dicta ecclesia sancti Albani, pro statu et anima nostris, juxta ordinationem nostram, in hac parte faciendam, imperpetuum celebrandum. Et nos vero prædictus dux et hæredes nostri prædictum Prioratum, cum omnibus præmissis, et singulis suis juribus et pertinentiis prædictis, præfatis abbati et conventui et successoribus suis contra omnes gentes warantizabimus imperpetuum. In cujus rei testimonium huic præsentis scripto sigillum nostrum duximus apponi. Dat. apud manerium nostrum de Plesauce, primo die mensis Augusti, anno regni regis Henrici sexti post Conquestum vicesimo primo.

NUM. XLI.

Concessio Regis Edwardi Quarti super Prioratu de Pembrok in Partibus Southwalliæ.

[MS. Coll. Armor. Norf. Press. Num. III. fol. 173 b. Hearne, Wheth. Chron. p. 525.]

EDWARDUS Dei gratia rex Angliæ et Franciæ et dominus Hiberniæ, omnibus ad quos præsentis litteræ pervenerint salutem. Sciatis, quod nos, de gratia nostra speciali, concessimus dilectis nobis in Christo, Johanni abbati et conventui monasterii et ecclesiæ sancti Albani, quæ de fundatione inclitorum progenitorum nostrorum, quondam regum Angliæ, et nostro patronatu existit, prioratum de Pembrok alienigenam in partibus Southwalliæ, cum omnibus suis juribus et pertinentiis. Habendum et tenendum dictum prioratum, cum omnibus suis juribus et pertinentiis, præfatis Johanni et conventui

et successoribus suis, una cum omnibus terris, tenementis, redditibus, serviciis, fructibus, proficuis, exitibus, decimis, oblationibus, revencionibus, annuitatibus, pensionibus, porcionibus, apportis, rebus, juribus, et privilegiis spiritualibus et temporalibus, possessionibus, homagiis, fidelitatibus, releviis, feodis militum, perquisitionibus curiarum, advocacionibus ecclesiarum, vicariarum, capellarum, et hospitalium, franchesiis, libertatibus, reversionibus, molendinis, curiis, letis, visibus franciplegiorum, escaëtis, wardis, maritagiis, boscis, warennis, forisfacturis, moris, mariscis, piscariis, pratis, pascuis, pasturis, waifes, strayes, infangthief, oughtfangthief, anno, die, et vasto, catallis felonum et fugitivorum, et utlagatorum, et felonum de se, deodandis, et omnibus aliis proficuis et commoditatibus, dicto Prioratui aliquo modo pertinentibus sive spectantibus, adeo plene et integre, sicut nos ea haberemus seu habere deberemus, si ea in manu nostra teneremus, absque aliquo inde nobis, vel hæredibus nostris, solvendo, vel aliquo compoto inde nobis, vel hæredibus nostris, reddendo, eo quod expressa mentio in præsentibus de vero valore annuo dicti prioratus, cum suis juribus et pertinentiis universis, aut aliquo statuto, actu, seu ordinatione in contrarium factis non obstantibus. In cujus rei testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste meipso apud Westmonasterium xxij^o. die Decembris, anno regni nostri primo.

NUM. XLII.

Carta Willielmi Abbatis S. Albani de Fraternatione.

[Cart. Antiq. Offic. Augm. A. a. 15.]

WILLIELMUS permissione divina abbas exempti monasterij sancti Albani, ordinis sancti Benedicti, Lincolnensis diocesis, et ejusdem loci conventus, dilectis nobis in Christo præhonorabili primaturoque viro Johanni Say militi. Cum successu et salute in utroque homine eam plenitudinis gratiam quæ a vicijis conducit ad virtutes, a carcereque perducit ad regnum felix fortunatumque censetur esse illud commercium superque aurum et copassion a cunctis fidelibus avidius exoptandum per quod thesaurus impreciables acquiritur qui in loco positus tuto nec effoditur per fures, nec per tineas, sive erugines aliquo tempore demolitur, illud enim nec pro auro auricalcum recipit, nec pro argento admittit stannum, sive aliquod aliud genus metalli quod in se vilius existit ymo verius propter fragilia perquirat stabilia, et ob terrestria quæ sunt celestia sine fine imperpetuumque permansura; cujus commercij nos vos propter favores multiplices multifformesque benevolencias nobis in nostris agibilibus impensas perticipes esse cupientes, de illo modicissimo quod apud nos est et cum quo credimus vos posse melius per nos thesaurum jam dictum perquirere impertimur vobiscum uberiori modo quo sufficimus in forma qua sub brevibus habebit noster agrestis calamus vestræ prehonorandæ reverenciæ in subsequentibus declarare. Inprimis pro aliquali spiritali recompensa, rependenda, rursus pro temporalibus favoribus nobis nuper impensis admittimus prehonorandam personam vestram una cum preclaris fœminis, domina Elizabetha consorte vestra nuper defuncta, ac etiam domina Agnete consorte vestra vobis matrimoniali fœdere jam conjuncta, cum sobole vestra procreata, pariter et imposterum procreanda, recipimus in collegium sive consortium nostræ spiritualis fraternationis, in consortium videlicet et participacionem precum omnium quæ sive de die sive de nocte, fiunt nobiscum in missis matutinis et vespers, cæterisque horis canonicis, ad omnipotentis Dei laudem et ad reddendum eum pium, propitium, et placabilem in excessibus et transgressionibus omnium fratrum familiarum amicorumque nostrorum; concedimus etiam omnibus vobis participacionem omnium observantiarum regularum quæ fiunt quotidie nobiscum in vigilijs, jejunijs, et elemosinis, in inclinacionibus, prostracionibus, et disciplinacionibus, in omnibusque alijs peculiaribus oracionum suffragijs quibus utimur, inter nos frequencius credimusque Deum inclinari libencius ad quotidianas deprecationes nostras. Promittimus insuper quomodo adstatim ut certam ha-

buerimus noticiam de hora vel die sive de horis vel diebus qua vel quibus placebit auctori vitæ vivere animas vestras ex hoc seculo commigrare faciemus, venerabilia nomina vestra in libro nostro obitorio inscribi omnique anno, die revoluto, recitari in domo nostra capitulari et adtunc certis precibus in specie limitatis specialiter commendari. In quorum omnium testimonium atque fidem tam sigillum nostri abbatis quam sigillum conventus commune præsentibus sunt appensa. Data in domo nostra capitulari vicesimo nono die mensis Aprilis a Dominico natalitio millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo sexto.

NUM. XLIII.

Archiepiscopi Cant. Monitio Abbati Sancti Albani directa.

[Ex Reg. Morton, fol. 22 b. Wilkins. Concil. Magn. Brit. vol. iii. p. 632.]

JOHANNES, permissione divina Cantuariensis archiepiscopus, totius Angliæ primas, et apostolicæ sedis legatus, visitor, inquisitor, reformator, ac iudex, a sede apostolica sub forma inferius annotata sufficienter et legitime deputatus, Willielmo, abbati monasterii sancti Albani, ad Romanam ecclesiam, ut dicitur, nullo medio pertinentis, ordinis sancti Benedicti Lincolniensis dioceseos, salutem. Literas commissionis sanctissimi in Christo patris et domini nostri, domini Innocentii, divina providentia papæ octavi, sub plumbo, more Romanæ curiæ, bullatas, nuper nobis directas, cum ea qua de cuit reverentia recipimus, tenorem, qui sequitur, in se continentes: 'Innocentius episcopus, servus servorum Dei,' &c.^a Nos vero Johannes, archiepiscopus, visitor, reformator, inquisitor, et iudex antedictus, ob reverentiam sedis apostolicæ, onus executionis dictæ commissionis in nos assumpsimus, ac juxta et secundum omnem vim, formam, et effectum ejusdem procedendum fore decrevimus. Et quia fama publica referente, et multorum crebris fide dignorum relationibus ad nostrum pervenit auditum, quod tu abbas antedictus a diu fuisti, et es de et super simonia, usura, bonorum, rerum, et possessionum dicti monasterii dilapidatione et consumptione, nonnullisque aliis enormibus criminibus et excessibus infrascriptis notatus, diffamatus, ac in regimine curaque et administratione bonorum spiritualium et temporalium dicti monasterii adeo remissus, negligens, et prodigus, quod in dicto monasterio sancti Albani, quod ex pia devotione celebris memoriæ illustrissimorum principum, olim regum Angliæ, serenissimi domini nostri regis moderni nobilissimorum progenitorum, ut ibi vera vigeret religio, et nomen altissimi, ad cujus gloriam et honorem institutum fuerat, debite laudaretur, fundatum et dotatum extitit, et ubi superioribus diebus regularis observantia in magna habebatur veneratione, hospitalitasque diligentissime servabatur; non modico tamen tempore, quo tu eidem monasterio præfuisti, te, ac nonnullis ex commonachis et confratribus tuis ibidem, quorum sanguis, tuam ut timetur, ob negligentiam per districtum iudicem de manu tua requiretur, religiose vivendi modum et normam relaxantibus, ac seposito suavi contemplationis jugo, regularis observantia, hospitalitas, elemosynæ, aliaque pietatis officia ab olim inibi exerceri et ministrari solita, decreverunt, et tuis culpa, incuria, negligentia, et facto indies magis atque magis decrescunt et subtrahuntur; per quod etiam pia fundatorum vota defraudantur, pristinaque vivendi norma relicta, non pauca ex dictis commonachis et confratribus tuis, unde non mediocriter dolendum est, se in reprobum sensum dantes, Dei timore postposito, lascivam vitam duntaxat ducunt, et quod dictu horrendum est, persæpe loca sacra, etiam ipsi Dei templa, monialium stupro, et sanguinis et seminis effusione profanare non verentur; tuque inter alia gravia, enormia, et facinorosa crimina, super quibus reus extitisti, et extas notatus atque diffamatus, quandam mulierum conjugatam, nuncupatam Elenam Germyn, quæ dudum a viro suo perperam divertebat, et alii viro tempore non modico in adulterinis adhæsit am-

plexibus, in sororem et monialem domus sive prioratus de Pray, tuæ jurisdictionis ut prætendis, primitus admisisti, ipsamque de post priorissam præfecisti ibidem, eo non obstante, quod dictus vir suus tunc vixit, et adhuc vivit; ac dominus Thomas Sudbury, commonachus tuus, ad eam, tanquam mœchus ad mœcham, in domo sive prioratu de Pray prædicto, quasi publice, notorie, et impune a diu accessit, et accedit, prout nonnulli ex tuis confratribus et commonachis ad eam et alias ibidem et alibi, tanquam ad publica prostibula sive lupanaria, accessum continuum impune habuerunt, et habent: quodque non tantum in ipsa domo de Pray, verum etiam in domo monialium de Sapwell, quam insuper tuæ jurisdictionis esse contendis, priorissas et præsidentes pro tuæ libito voluntatis totiens immutas, dumque bonas et religiosas mulieres in utroque loco deponis, ac malas et nonnunquam vitiatas assumis ibidem ad culmen dignitatis; adjicitur religio, virtus negligitur, et tot expensæ fiunt supervacuae, quod ex præmissis aliisque factis enormibus et damnatis per quosdam confratres tuos, quos in locos hujuscemodi præesse, regere, et sub nomine custodum, cum tales non sint, imo fures, et notorie criminosi, bona eorundem prioratuum dispensare, quin verius dissipare, et consumere, fecisti et deputasti; loca illa olim satis religiosa, modo quasi profana et infamia redduntur, et reputantur; tuisque et tuorum factis hujuscemodi adeo depauperantur, quod ad nihilum pene reducta videntur. Et similiter fecisti in nonnullis aliis monachorum cellis, quas dicis tibi subjeci in monasterio etiam ipso gloriosi protomartyris Albani, dudum celebri; bona communia, res et jocalia dilapidasti, ac nemora, sylvas, boscum et subboscum ejusdem, necnon quasi omnes quercus et alias grossas arbores ad valorem octo millium marcarum, et ultra, sine differentia prosterni et vendi fecisti; et alienasti, ac confratres ac commonachi tui, quorum quidam ad omnia mala mundi, ut dicitur, sunt dediti, dum cultu divino quasi penitus neglecto, isti scorta et meretrices infra monasterii septa et extra, quasi publice et continue sibi prostituunt; alii promotionis et honoris ambitiosi, ut tuæ cupedini pro honoribus et promotionibus hujuscemodi quanquam simoniacæ et damnabiliter obtinendis et adipiscendis satisfaciant, calices, et alia jocalia ecclesiæ, etiam quandoque feretra sancti Albani infixæ ausu sacrilego effodiunt et furantur; quos tu potius scienter defendis, quam aut punis aut offendis, et si qui ex tuis commonachis boni sint, et religiose vivant, ac virtute et consilio polleant, illos protinus deprimis et odio habere soles; sicque capite languente cætera putrida et infecta membra adeo insolescunt et abundant vitiis quasi manifestis, quod fama celebris illius monasterii pervertitur in infamiam, ac sancta religio ibidem ferme periit interius, et res exteriores, tam mobiles quam immobiles, notorie tendunt in desolationem, in divinæ majestatis offensam, religionis opprobrium, malumque exemplum, et scandalum plurimorum; unde correctionis et reformationis officio plurimum indigere dignosceris, prout sic indiget dictum monasterium, ac multi ex tuis commonachis et confratribus degentibus in eodem; pro quibus omnibus reformandis novis clamoribus indies pulsamur, et solliciti efficimur. Volentes igitur dicto sanctissimo domino nostro papæ, prout nobis incumbit, humiliter obedire, et suum mandatum apostolicum nobis in hac parte directum adimplere, te Willielmum, abbatem prædictum, quem jam paulo ante ejusdem sanctissimi domini nostri papæ auctoritate et mandato, ut nonnulla præmissorum enormia reformare debuisses, personaliter et charitative monuimus; ea tamen reformare hactenus distulisti, et neglexisti, eadem auctoritate nobis in hac parte commissa juxta ei secundum omnem vim, formam, et effectum literarum præinsertarum peremptorie monemus, tibi que mandamus, quatenus teipsum ac commonachos et confratres tuos infra septa dicti monasterii degentes, necnon de Pray et Sapwell prioratuum priorissas, custodes et moniales infra triginta, alios vero priores, monachos, et confratres tuos in locis prioratibus, et cellis remotioribus, tibi subjectis degentes, infra sexaginta dierum spatium,

^a Vid. Innocentii VIII. Bullam pro reformatione Monasteriorum et Locorum exemptorum, ex Reg. Morton. fol. 21 a, in Wilkins. Concil. tom. iii. p. 630. dat. Romæ, prid. non. Martii, 1489.

post traditionem præsentium tibi, si liber ad te patuerit accessus, aut post earundem affixionem in valvis ecclesiæ conventualis dicti monasterii, seu notificationem alias tibi legitime factam supra præmissis omnibus et singulis, cum effectum corrigas et reformes; necnon ad veram normam et regulam ordinis tui juxta illius laudabilia ordinationes et instituta, omni exceptione et dilatione cessantibus, reducas, seu reduci facias, necnon ab alienatione et distractione rerum et jocalium monasterii antedicti, præsertim boscorum, arborum, et nemorum venditione de cætero omnino desistas, et abstineas. Quod si præmissa infra dictum terminum juxta nostrum, imo verius apostolicæ sedis, mandatum facere contempseris, nos secundum vim, tenorem, et effectum literarum apostolicarum prædictarum, ac secundum nobis traditam formam in eisdem procedere volumus, et post lapsum dictorum triginta dierum, ad sæpedictum monasterium personaliter visitare intendimus; vel si nos alias tunc occupari contigerit, per alios, quos ad id duxerimus eligendos, visitari faciemus; ac omnia et singula, quæ ibidem tam in capite, quam in membris, ac spiritualibus et temporalibus reformationis et correctionibus ministerio indigere reperientur; prout nobis, sive per nos deputandis, secundum Deum et canonicas sanctiones, atque regularia dicti ordinis instituta expedire videbitur, reformare, corrigere, et emendare, auctoritate apostolica nobis commissa, procurabimus, ulteriusque, si res exegerit, procedere ibidem intendimus, etiam ad majora et graviora facienda et exequenda, quæ in præfatis literis apostolicis nobis directis plenius describuntur, et per easdem nobis commissa fuit. Utque tua obedientia vel contemptus nobis in hac parte constare et innotescere possit, quid in præmissis feceris, ac quibus modo, et forma juxta mandatum nostrum, quin verius apostolicum, tuam personam ac personas et mores confratrum et commonachorum tuorum, necnon de Pray et Sapwell prioratum, ac aliorum tibi subjacentium interim reformare, easque ad veram normam et regulam ordinis tui juxta illius laudabilia ordinationes et instituta reducere,

reducive facere curaveris, et studueris, seu qualiter alias te habueris, nos in fine dictorum triginta, quatenus monasterium sancti Albani præscripti, ac de Pray et Sapwell domos, sive prioratus, necnon tuam personam, et cæteras quascunque tam in eodem monasterio sancti Albani, quam in dictis domibus, sive prioratibus de Pray et Sapwell degentes concernit; quatenus vero alia loca remotiora, sive cellas tibi subjecta, et personas degentes in eisdem concernit, sexaginta dierum distincte et aperte, ac debite et cum effectum certifies per tuas literas patentes, harum seriem continentes, una cum præsentibus auctentice sigillatas. Et ulterius decernimus, quia difficile foret præfatas literas apostolicas, more Romanæ curiæ bullatas, quas sanas et integras, ac omni sinistra suspicione carentes vidimus, et inspeximus, ad singula quæque loca, ad quæ expediens foret, deferre, quod præsentem transumptum literarum apostolicarum hujusmodi manu notarii publici inferius annotati subscripto, et signato, et nostri sigilli appensione munito, eadem fides ubilibet adhibeatur, quæ dictis literis apostolicis adhiberetur, si essent exhibitæ vel ostensæ. In quorum omnium et singulorum præmissorum fidem et testimonium præsentem literas sive præsentem publicum transumpti instrumentum signo et subscriptione notarii publici subscripti, una cum nostri sigilli appensione jussimus et fecimus communiri. Acta sunt hæc omnia et singula, prout supra scribuntur et recitantur in quadam alba camera præfati reverendissimi in Christo patris et domini, domini Johannis, Dei gratia Cantuariensis archiepiscopi, infra manerium suum de Lamethith, Winton. dioceseos, situatum, anno Dom. m.cccc.xc. indictione octava, pontificatus præfati sanctissimi in Christo patris et domini nostri, domini Innocentii, divina providentia papæ octavi antescripti, anno sexto, mensis vero Julii die quinta; præsentibus tunc ibidem venerabilibus viris magistris Thoma Maddes, in sacra theologia bacalario, et Johanne Rompayne, capellano Norwicens. ac Bathon. et Wellen. dioc. testibus ad præmissa vocatis, specialiter et rogatis.

NUM. XLI.

Hic subscribuntur metra illa omnia quæ ponuntur in claustro Monasterii Sancti Albani in fenestris pro clariori Historiarum Intelligentia adipiscenda.

[Ex Vet. MS. in Bibl. Bodl. Laud. 697.]

SARA licet vetula pregnans hic stat patriarcha.
 Pregnans virgo pia stat et hic cum prole Maria.
 Anna diu hic sterilis se fit flendo Samuelis.
 Hic muri Jericho flatu cecidere sonoro.
 Hic parit ut virgo, templum pacis ruit vltro.
 Hic omni Egipto simulachra ruunt quasi toto.
 Hic aqua de silice, bibat ut plebs, defluit ecce,
 Fons olei Romæ cibant ut populum fluit hicque.
 Hic stat vas et aqua quod potum præstat Helix.
 Hic Elizeus aquas in dulces vertit amaras,
 Hic Jesus in vinum metretas vertit aquarum.
 Hic Moyses et aquas gustanti reddidit aptas.
 Hic fons Nicopolis cunctis bene subvenit ægris,
 Fons sacer hic et aquæ bene mundat crimina quaque.
 Morbos quoscunque piscina lavat Syloesque.
 Hic per contactum cadit, Osa, levita retrorsum.
 Ægra Jesum tetigit mulier, mox sana recessit.
 Tangere dum voluit regi manus hicque stupescit.
 Hic modo per Moysen mare dividitur rubicundum.
 Imperat hic Christus, sistit mare ventus et ejus.
 Jordanis flumen hic dividitur per Heliam.
 Hic mare diuisum Moyses intrat gradiendum,
 Hic supraque mare Christus, Petrus ambulat atque.
 Hic intrat Pharaon, rediit mare, tangitur ergo.
 Hic dum Susanna fert, casta probatur Osanna,
 Hic accusata stat adultera saluificata.
 Hic mandatque dari prolem Salomon meretrici.
 Hic per collirium Raphael iuvat ecce Tobiam.
 Per sputumque lutum curat Jesus hic quoque cœcum.
 Perque oleumque merum [sanat] Samarita plagatum.
 Dum parat ipse patri Jacob escas complacet illi.
 Dum lux fit veluti, placuit Jesus ac bene patri.
 Dumque Josep refecit patrem, pater ac benedixit.

Filius hic viduæ prece rursus vivit Heliae,
 Alter et hic obiit, Christo danteque revixit.
 Tertius hic stratus Eliseo statque levatus.
 Terret per tonitrum populum Deus hic inimicum.
 Terret et hic homines Jesus hunc captare volentes.
 Terret et hic plebem, regem Deus ac Pharaonem.
 Dum cogitat Josue stat pausans solque sororque.
 Dumque Jesus patitur, soror obstat, sol tenebratur.
 Dum rex fert signum, se traxit solque retrorsum.
 Fictores Josuæ fuerant hic Gabaonitæ.
 Hic Christus Cleophæ se finxit longiùs ire.
 Hic et Achis regi fictu placuit Davit uti.
 Ydola consuluit Occosias, rexque recessit.
 Christum percoluit Abagarus rexque revixit.
 Vitam dum flevit Ezechias rexque redemit.
 Stirpibus esca datur cœli quæ manna vocatur.
 Hic sedet in cœna cum Christo plebs duodena.
 Melchisedec Habrahæ panem vinum dedit ecce.
 Dum citharaque canit, Davit ictu penè perivit.
 Per pacis signum studet hic fraus prodere Christum.
 Basia perque doli fert Amasa vulnera fratri.
 Samson cœcatus stat et hic malè ludificatus.
 Hic illudebat Christo plebs ac feriebat.
 Hic subsannatum tulit vir plebisque sacratum.
 Jurgia sponsarum fert Lamech verber et harum.
 Ecce flagellatur orbs per quem saluificatur.
 Hic Achior vinclis male multaturque flagellis.
 Hic proboque gravi redeunt a principe missi.
 Hic a plebe Jesus illuditur est quoque cœsus.
 Hic exprobat Davit, a Semeyque gravatur.
 Hicque ferunt alii, quo vita solet recreari.
 Hic Christusque crucem daret ut vitamque salutem.
 Hic Ysaac ligna fert, fiat ut hostia digna.
 Hicque per insidias lapidatus erat Jeremias.
 Hic clavisque Jesus jacet in ligno crucifixus.
 Hic Sarra cecidit, Isaias ac requievit.
 Dirutus ac Elephas agat ut bene prælia Judas.
 Confossusque. [Deus] ut homo sit viuificatus.
 Absolon est stratus, Davit ut sit salvificatus.
 Hicque Josep cœsum credens Jacob ingemit ipsum.
 Hicque suum natum plangit virgo cruciatum.
 Occisum flentes Abel stant ecce parentes.
 Sic in cisterna Josep ast fuit hæc mora parva.
 Christus sic gelidæ fuit infra viscera terræ.
 Piscis erat trinis Jonas seu ventre diebus.
 Sicque Jonas cœti rediit de ventre marini.
 Clauso sic saxo prodiit Jesus è monumento.
 Urbe velut clausa Samson perfregit ad extra.
 Salvus et a morsu Daniel rapidoque voratu.
 Sic stigis à facula stat Adam benè salvus et Eva.
 A flamma pueri seu sunt hic salvificati.
 Hicque rubo dominus focus apparet velut ardens.
 Apparetque piæ Jesus hic surgendo Mariæ.
 Hic Abrahæ trinus apparet sed Deus unus.
 Hic et translatus est Ennoc et veneratus.
 Hic scandensque polum Jesus accipit a patre regnum.
 Hic curru clausum petit Helias paradisum.
 Ars nova scribendi datur hic nova lexque regendi.
 Ad fandum variis datur hic nova gratia linguis.
 Linguarum prima fuit hic divisio facta.
 Hic unum salvat, hic alterum Pharaon dampnat.
 Dat Jesus hic dignis plaudenda, dolenda malignis.
 Hic Nabugodonosor intersedet agmina censor.
 Explicit.

Hic subsequuntur metra illa omnia quæ ponuntur in Fenestris in Domo Libraria Monasterii prædicti.

[Ibidem.]

DECOR Donatus sum radix gramaticatus.
 Ortographusque vocor Dindimus hicque locor.
 Sum quantus dat opus minus et majus Priscianus.
 Derivans quis ego fert stilus Hugucio.
 Rethor eram magnus Marcus Cicero vocitatus.
 Alter ego dictus Salustius æmulus ejus.
 Ipse poeta fui, primusque poetica scripsi.
 Ipse secundus ei manes modulamine flexi.
 Dicor Aristotiles, direxi philosophantes.
 Ac ego Porphirius doctor monui logicantes.

Museus.
Orpheus.

Crisippus.

Nicomachus.

Moyses.

Aaron.

Petrus.

Paulus.

Athanasius.

Alexan. Johan. Constantinopolitanus.

Justinianus imperator.

Gracianus monachus.

Accurtius.

Hugutius.

Benedictus.

Augustinus.

Bernardus Cassinensis.

Nicholaus Trevit.

Guilelmus chirurgicius.

Brunus chirurgicius.

De rerum crescentiis.

Palladius. Virgilius.

Petrus Bartholomeus

de rerum naturis.

Nuncupor ipse Plato, moralia civibus apto.

Ipseque Pictagoras do normas moribus aptas.

Dixi quis cubicus numerus sit quisque quadratus,

Ac ego cur impar numerus mas foemina sit par.

Dixi quot Guido moduli sunt in monacordo.

Quotque tenet cithara vnchalus ve viella.

Euclides vocitor, magnus fueram geometer.

Circi quadrator Archimenes ego dicor.

Maximus astronomus reputatus eram Tholomæus.

Magnus et Albimassar introductor vocitabar.

Doctor eram minimus, docui magis ipse

Pastor et exiguus rexi magis ymo regendus.

Mitram deposui, libro studioque vacavi.

Ruffus eam sumpsi loca libris hæcque paravi.

Lator eram veteris primævus scribaque legis.

Frater eramque suus primus legisque sacerdos.

Sol legis fueram Rabi-Moyses mihi nomen.

Ipseque sal legis Rabi-Salomon vocitatus.

Claviger ecclesiæ sera legis eramque novellæ.

Legifer in gentes legem docuique salutis.

Dixi symbolice quæ debet credere quisque.

Scripsi retoricè quis quomodo crederet atque.

Duximus in quinos duo legum millia libros.

Junximus et sparsas multas in canone causas.

Legum doctor eram, dubias patulas faciebam.

Alter ego juris bonus enucliator et ejus.

Regula claustralis per me viget et monachalis.

Per me lata prius stat norma que canonicatus.

Illius dubia declaravi quasi cuncta.

Istius obscura manifestavi quoque plura.

Magnus eram medicus, Ypocras sum nomine dictus.

Alter et egregius vocitatus eram Galienus.

Emplastri cura sanavi vulnera plura.

Ossa que confracta mea fecit potio recta.

De agricultura dederam nova dogmata plura.

Arte que de simili post pascua rura retexi.

Quomodo plantabis vites docuique putabis.

Quando seresque metes scripsi quoque florida carpes.

De Pictura Presbiterii Monasterii supradicti.

[Ibidem.]

Dic ubicunque vides sit pictus ut agnus et ales,

Effigies operis sexti patris ista Johannis

Esse vel in toto iuuisse vel in faciendo.

Est opus hoc unum, causavit eum faciendum.

Attamen illius inceptor erat capitalis.

Nomine Willelmus Blakney cognomine dictus.

Obsequioque sibi functus custosque sigilli.

Contulerant fratres varii sanctum venerantes.

Quorum Willelmus prior Albon substitit unus.

Alter Willelmus Walingford clavigeratus.

Tercius et primus Willy sacrista Johannes.

Post illos quartus Albonque Thomas cameratus.

John Thortun quintus bursarius officiatus.

Halley devotus vir sextus Bartholomeus.

Valtam septenus dives durusque Ricardus.

Octavusque Thomas Wittun, vir munere parvus.

Pauperibus honus Russell dans æra Richardus.

Willelmus Denus Lichefeld, vir corpore parvus,

Ast animo largus, et more satis generosus.

Contulerant isti: sint propterea benedicti.

NUM. XLV.

De Scripto irrotulato Abbatis Sancti Albani.

[Rym. Fœd. tom. xiv. p. 424.]

SCIANT præsentis et futuri quod nos Robertus abbas exempti monasterii sancti Albani in comitatu Hertfordiæ et ejusdem loci conventus, unanimi assensu et consensu, et voluntate totius capituli nostri in pleno capitulo nostro congregati, dedimus, concessimus, et hac præsentis carta nostra confirmavimus serenissimo et invictissimo principi domino nostro Henrico octavo, Dei gratia Angliæ et Franciæ regi, fidei defensori, et domino Hiberniæ, omnia illa maneria, sive dominia, terras, et

tenementa nostra, vocata le Moore, Asshelesse, Batheworthe, Brightwell, et Estbury, cum omnibus et singulis suis pertinentiis, necnon omnia et singula parcos, warrenas, boscos, aquas, piscarias, redditus, servicia, cætera que hæreditamenta nostra quæcumque eisdem maneriis de la More, Asshelesse, Batheworthe, Brightwell, Estburne, aut eorum alicui pertinentia, spectantia, seu quoquo modo appendentia, cum omnibus et singulis eorum membris et pertinentiis, in comitatibus Hertfordiæ, Bucks. et Midd. habenda et tenenda omnia eadem dominia sive maneria, terras, tenementa, et cætera præmissa, cum omnibus et singulis eorum membris et pertinentiis, præfato domino nostro regi hæredibus et assignatis suis imperpetuum, et ad usum perimplendi

ultimam voluntatem ejusdem domini regis, si inde voluntatem fecerit. In cujus rei testimonium huic præsentis cartæ nostræ sigillum nostrum commune apposuimus. Data in domo nostra capitulari primo die Novembris, anno regni prædicti domini nostri Henrici Octavi, Dei gratia Angliæ et Franciæ regis, fidei defensoris, et domini Hiberniæ vicesimo tertio.^a

NUM. XLVI.

De Restitutione Temporalium pro Abbate Sancti Albani, A.D. 1538.

[Pat. 29 Hen. VIII. p. 4, m. 14. Rym. Fœd. tom. xiv. p. 587.]

REX escaetori suo in comitatu Cumbriæ, salutem. Cùm conventui exempti monasterii sancti Albani in comitatu Hertfordiæ Lincolniensis diocesis, nos supremo capiti ecclesiæ Anglicanæ et successoribus nostris Angliæ regibus immediatè subjecti, notorie sit indultum, ac per nos, in parlamento nostro nuper apud Westmonasterium tento anno regni nostri vicesimo quinto, legitimè concessum, quod omnes et singuli qui successivè perpetuis futuris temporibus in abbates dicti monasterii cum illud vacare contigerit, per ipsum conventum electi fuerint, eo ipso, absque aliqua alia confirmatione sint veri abbates ejusdem monasterii, et pro talibus censeantur et habeantur, ac proinde ministrare, et curam animarum gerere, ac omnia alia et singula quæ ad curam, et ministrationem, ac regimen dicti monasterii pertinuerint, liberè et licitè facere et exercere in omnibus et per omnia possint imperpetuum; et hujusmodi abbates, sic ut præfertur per dictum conventum electi, a quocumque maluerint catholico antistite benedici valeant, non obstantibus quibuscumque constitutionibus, literis, seu privilegiis, statutis, vel consuetudinibus Monasterii prædicti sive Ordinis ejusdem contrariis juramento, confirmatione, vel quacunque alia firmitate roboratis, prout coram nobis in cancellaria nostra de et super eisdem fides extitit facta sufficienter in hac parte. Nos igitur electionem de religioso viro dompno Ricardo Stevenage sacre theologiæ bacchalaureo, nuper dicti monasterii nostri priore ordinis sancti Benedicti, per viam sive formam compromissi, post privationem legitimam Roberti Catton ultimi abbatis ejusdem loci vacantis, per conventum prædictum in abbatem et loci illius pastorem, licentiâ nostra regiâ super hoc prius petitâ et obtentâ, electo, factam, et vigore præmissorum sufficienter et legitime confirmatam acceptantes, eidem electioni regium nostrum assensum adhibuimus et favorem, ac fidelitatem ipsius electi cepimus, et temporalia monasterii nostri prædicti cum pertinentiis restituimus eidem, prout sic adhibemus, capimus, et restituimus eidem per præsentem. Et ideo tibi præcipimus quod eidem electo temporalia monasterii nostri prædicti, cum pertinentiis in balliva tuâ, liberis in forma prædicta; salvo jure cujuslibet. Teste rege apud Westmonasterium decimo die Aprilis.

Per breve de privato sigillo.

Et mandatum est militibus, liberis hominibus, et omnibus aliis tenentibus de monasterio prædicto, quod eidem electo, tanquam abbati et domino suo in omnibus quæ ad monasterium prædictum pertinent, intendentes sint et respondentes prout decet. In cujus, &c. Teste ut supra.

NUM. XLVII.

The Visitors, at the time of the Dissolution, to Lord Cromwell, respecting St. Alban's Monastery.

[MS. Cotton. Cleop. E. iv. fol. 43.]

PLEASE it your lordship to be advertised, At our comyng to Sainct Albons on Thursdaye last we beganne a Visitacion amongs the moonks, th'abbot being than in London. And because we wolde the more fully knowe the hole state of all things, taried the lenger in

thexamination of theym. And upon Friedaye last we sent a monicion for the abbot to appere before us, who came hether on Saturday bifore none, whome we have likewise as fully examined upon all things as we might. And allthough aswell by the examinacion of the moonks as by confession of Thabbot hymself, ther doth appere confessed and fully proved juste cause of deprivacion against thabbot not only for breking of the kings injunctions, but also for manifest dilapidacion, making of shiftes, negligent administracion, and sundry other causes, yet, by what meanes we know not, in all communications or motions made concernyng any surrendre he sheweth hymself so stiff, that as he saith, he woll rather choyse to begge his bredde all the dayes of his lif than consent to any surrender. We have everich of us severally, and also all togethers communed with hym, and used all such motions as we thought might moste further that purpose, but he contynueth allweys one man, and waxeth hourelly more obstinate, and lesse conformable. Whether he so doo upon trust and confidence of any frendeshipp we know not. The premisses we thought our bounden duetie to signifie unto your lordeshippe, moste humbly beseching the same that we maye by Mr. Doctor Layton knowe the kings highnes further pleasure by you, whether we shall contynewe in this processe of deprivacion agenst hym, and so deprive hym according to thordre of justice, without lenger delaye, which doon the House willbe in suche debt that we thinke no man will take the office of Abbot here upon hym, except any doo it only for that purpose to surrendre the same to the King's hands. And by thies meanes we thinke this thing maye most easely and with leste speche be brought to the king's highnes purpose. Or els whether we shall staye in our processe at this tyme, and appoynte some longer daye to here the sentence of deprivacion, leaving hym, in the meane tyme in utter desperacion of any favour, which weye maye also be occasion that he whan it shall appere unto hym that he shalbe deprived, will perchaunce sue to have his surrender taken because he wolde be assured of somme lyving. The premisses we referre to the kings highnes pleasor, which knownen by your lordeship we shall with all our possible diligence confourme ourselves to accomplishe the same, and in the mene tyme travaill with the moonks to knowe howe many of theym maye be induced to this purpose. Thus Almighty God have your lordeship in his blessed keping. From Sainct Albons the xth. of December.

Yore. lordscyps ev^r. att commandement

THOMAS LEGH.

Yo^r. lordyshipps most bounden servant

WILLIAM PETRE.

NUM. XLVIII.

Sursumredditio Mon. S. Albani.

[Ex orig. in Offic. Augment.]

OMNIBUS Christi fidelibus, ad quos præsens carta pervenerit, Ricardus, permissione divina abbas exempti monasterij sancti Albani, in com. Hertford. et ejusdem loci conventus, salutem. Sciatis nos præfatos abbatem et conventum unanimi assensu et consensu nostris dedisse, concessisse, et hac præsentis carta nostra confirmasse, principi et domino nostro domino Henrico octavo Dei gratia Angliæ et Franciæ regis, fidei defensori, domino Hiberniæ, et in terra supremo capiti Anglicanæ ecclesiæ. Totum monasterium nostrum prædictum, ac totum scitum monasterij nostri prædicti, ac omnia et singula dominia, maneria, grangias, mesuagia, terras, tenementa, molendina, rectorias, ecclesias, cappellas, hospitalia, cantarias, prata, pascuas, pasturas, boscos, aquas, communias, piscarias, redditus, reversiones, servicia, firmas, feodi firmas, annuitates, feoda militum, et visus franci plegij. Ac advocaciones, donationes, et jura patronatum, ecclesiarum, capellarum, can-

^a Memorandum, quod vicesimo secundo die Decembris, anno prædicto, prædicti abbas et conventus venerunt coram Willielmo Candishe, virtute domini regis sibi inde directi, apud Westmonasterium prædictum, et recognoverunt cartam prædictam, ac omnia et singula in eadem contenta in forma prædicta.

tariarum, et aliorum beneficiorum quorumcunque pensiones, portiones, decimas, oblationes, ac alia jura, jurisdictiones, possessiones, et hereditamenta nostra quaecunque tam spiritualia quam temporalia, cujuscunque sint generis, naturæ, vel speciei, seu quibuscunque nominibus censeantur vel cognoscantur, scituata, jacentia, vel existentia in dicto com. ac alibi ubicunque infra regnum Angliæ, necnon omnia et singula ornamenta, jocalia, bona, catalla, et debita nostra quaecunque habendum, tenendum, et gaudendum, prædictum monasterium, bona, catalla, et cætera omnia et singula præmissa superius specificata, cum pertinencijs præfato domino nostro regi, hæredibus, et successoribus suis imperpetuum. Et nos vero prædicti abbas et conventus et successores nostri dictum monasterium, dominia, maneria, terras, tenementa, et cætera omnia et singula præmissa superius specificata, cum pertinencijs, præfato domino nostro regi, hæredibus, et successoribus suis, contra omnes gentes warantizabimus et imperpetuum defendemus per præsentis. In cujus rei testimonium præsentibus sigillum nostrum commune apposuimus. Data in domo nostra capitulari, quinto die Decembris, anno regni dicti domini regis nunc Henrici octavi tricesimo primo.

Ricardus Stevynnache abbas.

Thomas Kyngsberd prior.

Willielmus Est.

Thomas Newenham.

Thomas Yselain.

Willielmus Asshewell.

Johannes Albon.

Willielmus Wyat.

Willielmus Hemyngford.

Johannes Salter.

Willielmus Albon.

Johannes Whethamsted.

Galfridus Starky.

Willielmus Estrixe.

Johannes Wode.

Radulphus Capion.

Thomas Marchant.

Robertus Bery.

Robertus Mortun.

Henricus Estney.

Edwardus Hyll.

John Bryghtwyse.

Radulphus Rycmansworthe.

Per me Thomam Curtys.

Stephanus Bayley.

Radulphus Dulvell.

Thomas Batylman.

Edwardus Siblens.

Rychard Burt.

Rychard Mylten.

Per me Richardum Benett.

Juliennus Leonerd.

Robarde Gregore.

Robertus Otlis.

Petrus Calton.

Thomas Abbat.

Thomas Bynham.

Rogerus Mychael.

Willielmus Alyn.

COMPUT' MINISTRORUM DOMINI REGIS TEMP. HEN. VIII.

(Abstract of Roll, 35 Hen. VIII. Augmentation Office.)

MONASTERIUM SANCTI ALBANI.

Com' Hertf'			ℓ.	s.	d.
Villa S̄ci Albani	. . . . .	Redd' lib' Tenen'	13	8	2½
-	- - - - -	Firma Terr' et Teñtor'	33	1	4
-	- - - - -	Penc' cum Porc' xar'	9	3	4
Officium Balli ac Clici Mercati infra Villam					
S̄ci Albani	. . . . .	Firma	14	13	4
Officium Subcellar'	. . . . .	Firma Terr' et Teñtor'	18	16	0
-	- - - - -	Redd' Assis'	0	16	8
Parke	. . . . .	Redd' custum' Tenen'	6	3	10½
Tyttinghanger	. . . . .	Redd' custumar' Tenen'	4	13	4
Burston	. . . . .	Redd' Assis' lib' Tenen'	2	1	9½
-	- - - - -	Redd' cust' Tenen'	8	0	7½
-	- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'			null
Burston Man̄ium	. . . . .	Firma	6	6	8
Hextone	. . . . .	Redd' Assis' lib. Ten'	0	4	3
-	- - - - -	Redd' cust' Ten'	16	2	5½
-	- - - - -	Redd' Mobil'	0	7	6½
-	- - - - -	Firm' Moli Aquatici	2	6	8
-	- - - - -	Porcio xar'			null
-	- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'			null
Hexton Man̄ium	. . . . .	Firma	7	6	8
Hexton R̄cōria	. . . . .	Firma	12	0	0
Offic' Capell' b̄te Marie	. . . . .	Redd' lib' Ten' infra Villam S̄ci Albani	0	7	4
-	- - - - -	Firm' Domor' infra Vill' p̄dict'	4	9	4
Villa S̄ci Albani ex Pte Elemos'	. . . . .	Redd' lib' Ten'	1	19	2
-	- - - - -	Firm' Terr' et Teñt'	7	5	0
Ex Parte Priorat' de Praye	. . . . .	Redd' lib' Ten'	0	17	6

Com' Hertf'		£.	s.	d.
Ex Parte Priorat' de Praye	Firm' Terr' et Teñt'	5	15	8
Priorat' de Praye	Profic' Scitus Priorat'		null	
Offic' nup Speciar'	Firma Teñtor'	22	17	8
- - - - -	Redd' lib' Teñt'	0	5	4
Kyngesbury	Firm' Terr'	6	6	8
Officium Coquinar'	Redd' lib' Ten' Sçi Alb'	13	17	2½
- - - - -	Firm' Terr' et Teñt' Sçi Alb'	24	6	8
- - - - -	Redd' lib' Ten' in parochia Sçi Stephi	1	0	11
- - - - -	Firm' Terr' et Teñt' in parochio Sçi Stephi	0	12	8
- - - - -	Firm' lib' Ten' in parochia Sçi Mi- chis	0	6	2
- - - - -	Firm' Terr' in parochia Sçi Michis	0	0	10
Kychenours Manour in Barnette	Firm' lib' Ten'	0	3	1
- - - - -	Redd' cust' Ten'	0	8	9
Kychenour's Manour in Pke	Redd' tam lib' qm Cust' Tenen'	1	13	6½
Kechynners	Redd' Terr'	0	10	0
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'	2	13	2
Officium Sacrist'	Redd' Assis' lib' Ten' Sçi Alb'	1	13	10½
- - - - -	Firm' Terr' et Teñt' ibm	8	16	4
Kympton	Redd' Assis'	0	13	4
Reydon	Redd' Assis'	0	1	0
Chalfounte et Isamsted Cheney	Redd' Assis'	2	0	0
Terr' dñical'	Firm' Mon' Sçi Albani	71	7	8
Capell' Sçi Andree	Firma	13	6	8
Offic' Archus				
Manerium de Newlane Squillers	Revenç' Maner'		null	
Kyngesbure	Redd' lib' Ten'	0	10	8
- - - - -	Redd' cust' Ten'	18	2	4
- - - - -	Redd' Ten' ad Vol'	0	7	8
- - - - -	Firm' Terr' dimiss'	9	3	8
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'		null	
- - - - -	Firm' Scit' Manerii	20	0	0
- - - - -	Firm' Mol'		null	
- - - - -	Decim' Granor'	4	6	8
Dominium de Parke	Redd' lib' Ten'	2	1	5½
- - - - -	Redd' cust' Ten'	47	7	3½
Bromeñm	Redd' lib' Ten'	0	8	0
- - - - -	Redd' cust' Ten'	1	6	7½
Slape	Redd' cust' Ten'	12	17	1½
Smalleford	Redd' cust' Ten'	4	17	0½
Ille Strete	Redd' Assis'	1	2	4½
- - - - -	Redd' cust' Ten'	0	1	8
Bryghteighth	Redd' cust' Ten'	2	13	4
Naschyde	Redd' cust' Ten'	1	16	0½
Selbarne	Redd' lib' Ten'		null	
- - - - -	Firm' Terr'	18	4	
- - - - -	Pençones	1	6	8
- - - - -	Porc' xar'	2	5	0
- - - - -	Redd' Reptus	0	2	4
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'		null	
Manerium de Parkebury	Firm' Scit' Man'	24	13	4
Parkemyll et Maremyll'	Firma Molend'	8	13	4
Cowlemyll' et Stanford Myll'	Firma Molend'	4	0	0
Eywood	Firma Molend'	7	13	4
Soppwell Myll'	Firma Molend'	13	0	0
Grang' voc' le Beche	Firm' Terr' et Teñt'	11	0	0
Manerium de Mereden'	Redd' Assis' cust' Ten'	0	19	6½
- - - - -	Decima Feni	1	13	4
- - - - -	Firma Manerii	5	0	0
Tyttynghanger	Redd' lib' Ten'	2	18	8
- - - - -	Redd' cust' Ten'	18	14	5½
- - - - -	Firma	7	0	0
- - - - -	Firma unius Domus Bras'	1	0	0
- - - - -	Pequis' Cur'		null	

Com' Hertf'		£.	s.	d.
Rudgell cum Warrenna Cuniculorum de Tyt- tynghanger et Herbag' et Pannag' ejusdm	Firma	34	13	4
Rcōria de Sandrudge cum Grangia S̄ci Petri	Firma	30	0	0
Manerium de Rikm̄sworthe in Pynchefelde	Redd' Assis' lib' Tenen'	0	4	2
- - - - -	Redd' Assis' cust' Tenen'	43	6	9½
- - - - -	Redd' Mobil'	0	3	4
- - - - -	Firm' Manerij	16	0	0
- - - - -	Firm' Molend'	3	6	8
Manerium de Pynchefelde	Firm' Manerij	7	0	0
- - - - -	Pençōnes	5	6	8
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'	1	7	10
Rcōria de Rikm̄sworthe	Firma	27	0	0
Manerium de Northawe, Nonne, et Cuffeley, cum Meryden in Tewynge	Exit' Maner', &c.		null	
Manerium de Barnet et Eastbarnet	Redd' Assis' lib' Ten'	0	9	10
- - - - -	Redd' cust' Ten'	42	7	3
- - - - -	Redd' Ten' ad Vol'	0	4	0½
- - - - -	Firm' Terrar'	5	2	5
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'	3	0	0
Manerium de Walden Abbis	Redd' Assis' lib' Ten'	28	5	6 ob ði q
- - - - -	Firma Manerij	6	13	4
- - - - -	Firma Moli	3	6	8
- - - - -	Firma Capit' Mess'	3	13	4
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'	0	16	2
Rcōr' de Walden Abbis	Firma	19	0	0
Manerium de Codycote	Redd' Assis' lib' Ten'	0	19	7
- - - - -	Redd' Assis' et cust' Ten'	23	15	2 ob ði q
- - - - -	Redd' Mobil'	0	0	6½
- - - - -	Firma ac Terr' Dñical'	7	15	4
- - - - -	Firma Moli	1	0	0
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'	0	13	10
Manerium de Cayssho et Watford	Redd' Assis' lib' Ten'	14	9	2
- - - - -	Redd' Assis' cust' Ten'	41	11	6½
- - - - -	Redd' Ten' ad Vol'	0	15	4
- - - - -	Firma Terr'	0	7	9
- - - - -	Redd' Mobil'	0	1	6
Manerium de Caysshobure	Firma	14	2	0
Harwarde in parochia de Watforde	Firma	8	13	4
Le Ley in parochia de Watforde	Firma Molend'	14	6	8
Rcōria de Watforde	Firma	18	13	4
- - - - -	Porc' cum Penc'	11	2	0
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'	1	13	6
Manerium de Croxley	Redd' Assis' lib' Ten'	4	6	0
- - - - -	Firma Manerij	15	6	8
- - - - -	Redd' Assis' cust' Ten'	3	2	11½
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'		null	
Manerium de Langley Abbis	Redd' Assis' lib' Ten'	1	5	8½
- - - - -	Redd' Assis' cust' Ten'	38	14	11
- - - - -	Redd' Mobil'	0	3	4
- - - - -	Firma Manerij	13	13	4
- - - - -	Firma Molend'	4	0	0
- - - - -	Firma Subbosc'	2	0	0
Rcōria de Langley	Exit' Rcōrie	1	16	10
- - - - -	Pquis' Curie	1	1	10
Manerium de Sarrett	Redd' Assis' lib' Ten'	1	18	7
- - - - -	Redd' Assis' cust' Ten'	4	1	7½
- - - - -	Firma Manerij	7	0	0
- - - - -	Pension'	0	2	0
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'	0	1	2
Manerium de Newlande cum Rcōr' S̄ci Ste- phani	Firma	7	15	0
Maneria de Newm, Caldecote, Raddewell, Brautefeld, et Wygenhall cum Oxey	Exit'		null	
Manerium de Norton	Redd' lib' Ten'	0	7	10½
- - - - -	Redd' cust' Ten'	20	17	1½
- - - - -	Redd' Ten' ad Vol'	0	0	10

Com' Hertf'

		£.	s.	d.
Manerium de Norton	Redd' Molend'	0	13	4
- - - - -	Firma Manerij	17	11	6
Rcōria de Norton	Firma Rcōrie	17	13	4
Manerium de Garston	Redd' lib' Ten'	1	16	7
- - - - -	Redd' cust' Ten'	0	2	8
- - - - -	Firma Manerij	12	0	0
Dominium de Redborne	Redd' lib' Ten'	3	7	11
- - - - -	Redd' cust' Ten'	42	11	11 ob di q
- - - - -	Redd' Ten' ad Vol'	0	2	4
- - - - -	Redd' Mobil'	0	2	0
- - - - -	Firma Molend'	8	0	0
- - - - -	Porciones x ^{ar}	4	0	0
- - - - -	Penciones	1	0	0
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'	4	1	6
Manerium de Redborne	Firma	15	6	8
Rcōria de Redborne	Firma Rcōrie	20	0	0
Manerium de Aynelle	Redd' lib' Ten'	0	5	6
- - - - -	Redd' Assis' cust' Ten'	4	5	2½
- - - - -	Redd' Ten' ad Vol' Dñi	0	2	9
Priorat' de Redborne cum Manerio nup voc'				
Pryory de Redborn'	Exit' Scit'			null
Manerium de Westwyk et Goreham al' Gore-				
hambery	Exit' Manerij			null
Shepehall	Redd' lib' Ten'	4	2	6
- - - - -	Redd' cust' Ten'	4	1	9
- - - - -	Redd' Ten' ad Vol'	0	6	6
- - - - -	Penciones	0	18	4
- - - - -	Firma Molendinor' et Pquis' Cur'			null
Manerium de Shepehall	Exit' Manerij			null
Manerium de Wallington	Exit' Manerij			null
Bygrave juṡ Baldok	Firma	4	0	0
Hospital Sçi Juliani prope Vill' Sçi Albani . .	Firma	30	0	0

Com' Buck'

Manerium de Tyrfeld cum Rcōr'	Firma	3	6	8
Rcōr' de Wyngrove	Firma	17	0	0
Manerium de Luton	Redd' lib' Ten'	3	19	3
- - - - -	Redd' cust' Ten'	4	2	9½
- - - - -	Firma x ^{ar}	92	0	0
Manerium de Dellowe in Luton	Firma	10	0	0
Rcōria de Dunstaple Howghton	Firma	41	0	0

Com' Middx

Civitas London	Firm' Terr' et Teñt' in Pochia Sçi			
	Petri de Poure	13	6	8
- - - - -	Firm' Sçi Bendici et Sçi Martini	4	0	0
- - - - -	Firm' Sçi Benedci infra Ward' de			
	Bayñdcastell	0	15	0
- - - - -	Firm' Sçi Botolphi extra Aldersgate			null
- - - - -	Firm' Sçi Albani in Woodestrete	5	6	8
- - - - -	Redd' Assis'	4	10	4
- - - - -	Penções	0	8	0
Apulton et Rydall'	Firma	22	0	0
Manerium de Norton in Luton	Firma	11	0	0
Rcōria de Conclyff	Firma	22	6	8
Rcōria de Elynhñe	Firma	25	0	0
Rcōria de Hertbornes	Firma	10	6	8
Rcōria de Eversden Magna	Firma	11	6	8
Rcōria de Aston Rowant cum Stokenchurche .	Firma	20	0	0
Manerium de Combe	Firma			null
Pochia Omnium Scor' in Sudbury	Firma	3	6	8
Manerium de Newlane Squillers	Redd' Assis'	17	6	3
Hextone	Redd' cust' Ten'	2	0	0
Butterwik	Firma	4	6	8
Barnet	Redd' Terr'	3	10	0
Legatts in Walden Abbis	Redd' Terr'	3	13	4
Manerium de Bello Loco	Firma Mafij	9	13	4
Capell' Sçi Machut	Firma Capell'	5	0	0

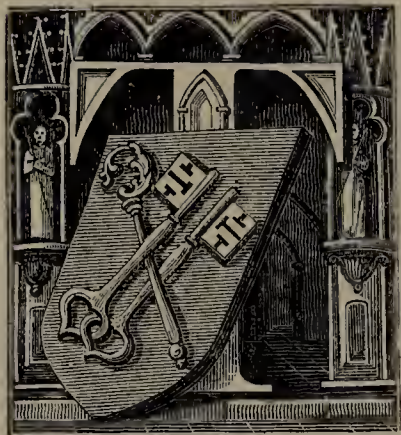
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Rcōr' de Middleton	Firma Rcōrie	6	13	4
Civit' London	Firma Teñti	2	0	0
Worthinge	Firma Terr' et Teñt'	1	10	0
Kympton	Firma Terr' et Teñt'	0	1	0
Hawenes	Lib' Redd'	0	6	8
Cameltone	Firm' Rcōrie	2	0	0
Wylkemusted	Redd' Terr'	0	6	8
Parke	Redd' cust' Ten'	3	6	8
Kyngesbure	Redd' cust' Ten'	1	0	0
Tyttinghanger	Redd' Terr'	1	14	0
Rykn̄sworthe	Redd' Terr' et Teñt'	1	4	4
Barnet	Redd' cust' Ten'	21	17	0
Codycote	Redd' Terr'	2	16	4
Langley Abbis	Redd' cust' Ten'	5	17	0
Brancefeld	Redd' Teñt'	1	8	0
Reddeborne	Redd' Terr'	1	0	2
Luton	Redd' Prati	0	10	0
Com' Essex'				
Goldhang's	Firma Mes' et Terr'	1	10	0
Rothyng Margarett	Firma Mes' et Terr'	0	6	8
Horepole	Redd' Teñti	0	3	0
Com' Bedd'				
Potergrave	Redd' lib' Ten'	1	0	0
Wroxehylle	Redd' lib' Ten'	1	0	0
Hartewell	Redd' lib' Ten'	0	6	8
Houghton	Redd' lib' Ten'	0	2	0
Battellessden	Redd' lib' Ten'	0	2	8
Mydelton Keymes	Firma Teñti	0	2	0
Com' Hertf'				
Grenestreate	Annual' Redd'	0	6	8
Whethm̄sted	Redd' Terr'	0	0	6
Lecheworthe	Redd' Terr'	0	2	0
Barkhm̄sted	Redd' Terr'	0	1	4
Flanden	Redd' Terr'	0	1	0
Sarrett	Redd' Terr'	0	0	8
Com' Cant'				
Eversden Magna	Redd' et Firm'	0	6	7
Villa Cant'	Firm'	1	10	0
Com' Suff'				
Myddeltonhall	Redd'	3	6	8
Stranm' Magn'	Exit'		nult	
Kymbell Magn' et Pva	Ann̄l Redd'	0	1	4
Briethyll Pva	Firm' Teñti	0	2	0
Com' Northt'				
Wollaston	Firma Terr'	4	13	4
Hedgley	Firma Terr'	0	8	0
Tallyngton Man' et Rcōr'	Redd' Assis'	10	3	11½
- - - - -	Firma Teñtor'	1	12	2
- - - - -	Firma Rcōrie	10	6	8
Fyngton	Ann̄l Penc'	1	0	0
Hornyngolde	Redd' Assis'	9	5	8
- - - - -	Firma Terr'	9	9	6
- - - - -	Firma Man' et Rcōrie	3	16	8
- - - - -	Porcōnes	5	1	0
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'		nult	
Belver Wolsthorpe	Firm' Scit' Priorat'	4	16	2
Wolsthorpe	Redd'	2	2	4
Harleston	Firm' Terr'	0	1	4
Denton	Redd' et Firm'	1	11	1½
Roppesley	Ann̄l Penc'	0	10	0
Hastlabye	Annual' Penc'	1	6	8
Awborowe	Firm' Rcōrie	2	0	0
Bottesford	Redd' et Firm'	7	8	10
Barreston	Redd' et Firm'	10	9	3
Ploughgarthe	Redd' et Firm'	6	6	1½
Redmell'	Redd' et Firm'	1	10	0

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Muston	Redd' et Firm'	1	10	8
Stakethorne	Redd'	1	6	0
Hardbye	Redd'	0	5	0
Hoes	Firma Terr'	4	9	6
Claxton	Firma Terr'	22	10	8
Bramston	Redd' Terr'	0	6	2
Waltham	Redd' Terr'	0	5	0
Harstone	Firma Porc' Decim'	0	9	0
Granbye	Firma Terr'	1	11	8
Whatton	Firma Terr'	0	3	8
Assloketon	Firma Teñti	0	10	0
Thorton	Firma Teñti	1	0	0
Albton	Redd' Terr'	0	3	4
Colleweke	Redd' Porc' Decim'	0	18	0
Com' Penbrok'				
Monketowne	Firma	60	0	0
Com' Buck'				
Wynges Rēoria	Firma Rēorie	18	13	4
Offic' Hundred infra Com' Hertf' et Buck' . .	Redd' Assis' cum Redd' et Firm' .	6	18	7
- - - - -	Auxil' Vicecomit'	1	11	3½

Benedictine Abbey and Cathedral of Bath,

IN

SOMERSETSHIRE.



THE Monastery of BATH was first founded as a NUNNERY, by Osric, king or sub-regulus of the Wiccii, A. D. 676;^a who bestowed upon

BERTANA, the first Abbess, the lands of a hundred tenants, "manentes," as the Charter says, "ad construendum monasterium sanctarum Virginum."^b

Another Charter, granted to this monastery by

Vighardus, with the consent of Wlpher king of Mercia, some time after the year 680, mentions

BERNGUIDI as the name of another abbess, to whom forty "manentes" were granted, in a place named Slepi.^c

FULIBURS is noticed as the name of a third abbess in the Account of the Church published by the Society of Antiquaries.

The nunnery having been destroyed by the Danes, King Offa is said, about the year 775, to have rebuilt the church, dedicating it, if it was not before dedicated, to St. Peter, and placing in it SECULAR CANONS.^d

WULFGAR is noticed as presiding over the monastery under this establishment. His name occurs in a grant from King Edwy of thirty manses at Dyddenham, in 956:^e and again in another grant of ten manses at Ford, A. D. 957.^f

King Edgar, about the year 970, removed the Secular Canons, and fixed in their room an ABBAT and CONVENT of BENEDICTINE MONKS.^g

Æscwig occurs as abbat A. D. 965, in a grant from King Edgar, and again in a Charter from the same king, A. D. 970.^h Nevertheless,

ELFEGUS, or ELPHEGE, afterwards archbishop of Canterbury, is usually spoken of as the first abbat upon Edgar's foundation.ⁱ Brompton, the historian, says, "Ille Elphegus post monasticum habitum apud Derherst susceptum, apud Bathoniam anachoritice vixit, et monachos ibidem postmodum congregavit. Quibus, amplissima mansione constructa, idoneum præpositum, ut ipse orationibus vacaret, assignavit, ubi quidam eorum corruptelam, ut fieri solet in magno collegio, contraxerunt."^k Under Athelstan, we find him succeeding St. Birstan in the bishoprick of Wilton;^l whence, in 984, he was translated, on the death of Ethelwold, to Winchester;^m and thence, according to Ralph de Diceto, in 1004,ⁿ but as Simeon of Durham says, in 1006, to Canterbury.^o Stevens, in his Continuation of the Monasticon, says, that *Stigand* was the second Abbat of Bath, and successor to Elphege; Collinson says, *Sewold* was his successor, who presided in the time of King Edward the Confessor.^p An entry in Domesday, however, which will presently be noticed, names

VLWARD as abbat, of whom we have no other mention.

STIGAND next succeeded, a friend and favourite of William the Conqueror, who took him into Normandy when he visited that duchy;^q where Stigand soon after died:^r an event which made room for the succession of

WLFWOLD and ÆLFSIG, who, according to Mr. Warner, held the abbey as first and second abbats towards the conclusion of the Conqueror's reign. During the joint presidency of these persons, the Lease given in the Appendix, Num. VI., was granted; and during that of Ælfsig alone, subsequently, the Manumissions in Num. VII.^s

During the time of Ælfsig, or *Alsus*, as he is sometimes called, the Domesday survey of the abbey property was taken; whence it appears, that, in *Somersetshire*, the church had twenty-four burgesses belonging

^a Bede mentions this Osric in his account of Hilda and her monastery of Streaneshalch. Hist. Eccl. lib. iv. ca. 23, edit. Smith, p. 168.

^b Num. II. One or two passages in this Charter, as well as in that of King Edwy, Num. IV. are obscure. The Latin Charters of many of our Saxon kings, however, are occasionally unintelligible; as has been already noticed in the former Volume.

^c Warner's Hist. of Bath, 4to. Bath, 1801, App. II. p. 2.

^d Tann. Not. Mon.

^e Num. IV.

^f Warner's Hist. of Bath, App. V. p. 4.

^g Tann. ut supr.

^h See Warner, Hist. Bath, App. VI. VII. p. 4.

ⁱ Ibid. p. 104. See Also the Account of the Abbey Church of Bath. publ. by the Soc. of Antiq. p. 3.

^k Script. x. Twysd. col. 886.

^l Brompt. Script. x. Twysd. col. 838.

^m Sim. Dunelm. ibid. col. 161. See also Brompt. ibid. col. 877.

ⁿ Ibid. col. 462.

^o Ibid. col. 165. See also the Actus Pontif. Cantuar. ibid. col. 1648. Of Elphege's death, see ibid. col. 1650. Rad. de Diceto, col. 464. Brompt. col. 890.—"Corpus sancti Alfegi martyris de Lundonia Doroberniam est translatus," A.D. MXXIV. See Rad. de Diceto col.

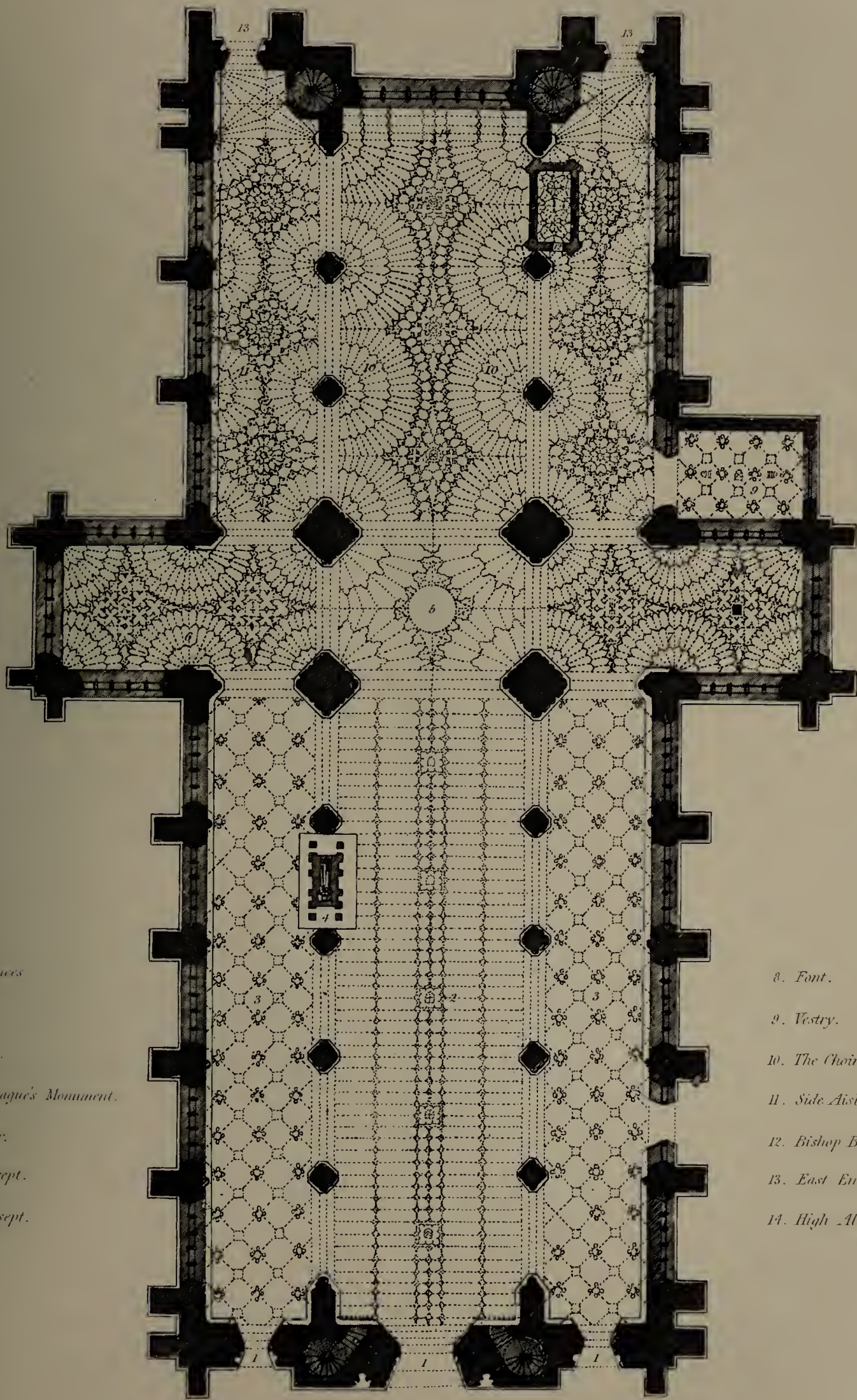
468. Wharton, in the Anglia Sacra, tom. i. p. 122, has printed "Osbernus de Vita S. Elphegi Archiepiscopi Cantuariensis:" a translation of a very large portion of which is given by Stevens, vol. i. p. 415; but which is here omitted on account of its irrelevancy.

^p Hist. Somerset. vol. i. p. 56.

^q See Warner, p. 108. Compare also Stevens, vol. i. p. 418, from Harpsfield.

^r Madox, in his Formulæ Anglicanæ, præf. p. xxiii. says, the abbat and convent of Bath made a demise or grant for life to Stigand, the namesake of this abbat, archbishop of Canterbury:—hæfð zelæten to Stigand archebiscep xxx. hýðalandes æt Dýðdenham hýr dæg. pið x. mancan goldes and pið xx. pundon feolfner, &c. i. e. tradiderunt Stigando archiepiscopo xxx. hidas terræ apud Dyddanham ad vitam suam: cum x. marcis auri, et xx. libris argenti: et post dies suos ad sanctum Monasterium statim revertatur: cum frugibus et cum hominibus; adeo plene integreque, ac modò possidetur: et cum unâ marcâ auri ad incrementum, &c. Hujusce rei testes sunt, &c." Stigand was translated to the see in 1051, and deposed in 1068.

^s Alsus, or Elsi, abbat of Bath, is noticed by Florence of Worcester as present at the Synod of London in 1075: he was also present at the Council of London, held in 1082.



- 1. West Entrances.
- 2. The Nave.
- 3. Side Aisles.
- 4. Bishop Montague's Monument.
- 5. Center Tower.
- 6. North Transept.
- 7. South Transept.

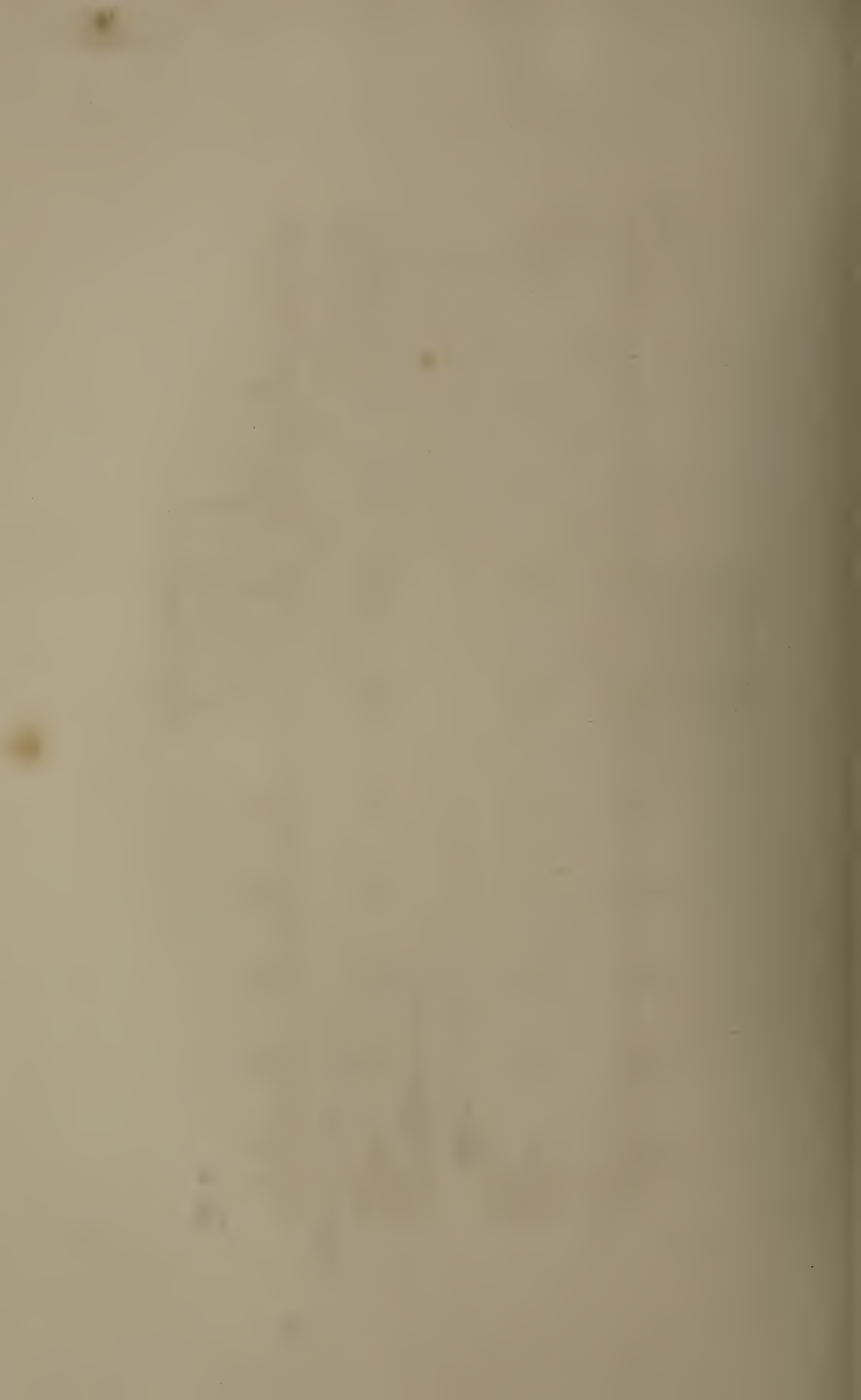
- 8. Font.
- 9. Vestry.
- 10. The Choir.
- 11. Side Aisles.
- 12. Bishop Bird's Chapel.
- 13. East Entrances.
- 14. High Altar.

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Ground Plan of Bath Abbey, Somersetshire.





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Abbey Church of Bath, 1815, West View.



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Bath Abbey, Somerset

to it in Bath, a mill and twelve acres of meadow: six carucates of arable land in Prisetune, a mill, twenty acres of meadow, and eighty of pasture: in Stantone three carucates, twelve acres of meadow, thirty of pasture, and thirty of under or coppice wood: four carucates in Wimedone, a mill, ten acres of meadow, and ten of pasture: in Westone ten carucates (which had paid geld in the time of Edward the Confessor for fifteen hides), a mill, twenty acres of meadow, and under-wood a leuua in length and breadth: in Forde nine carucates (which had also paid geld in the time of the Confessor, as for fifteen hides) a mill, twelve acres of meadow, and another wood a leuua in length and breadth: eight carucates in Cume, a mill, thirty-two acres of meadow, and a third leuua in length and breadth of under-wood: in Cerlecume four carucates, five acres of meadow, and ten of under-wood: in Lincume eight carucates, two mills, thirty acres of meadow, and two hundred of pasture: in Estone (which had been held in King Edward's time by abbat Vlward,) two carucates, with two mills, and two acres of meadow: in Hamtone six carucates, twenty-eight acres of meadow, six quarentenes of pasture, and ten of under-wood: three carucates in Vndewiche, half a mill, twelve acres of meadow, and thirty of pasture: nine carucates in Corstune, a mill, and six acres of meadow: in Evestie one carucate, with three acres of meadow: in Escewiche a half-carucate only, with twelve acres of meadow, and three of under-wood. In *Gloucestershire*, in the hundred of Langley the church of Bath held five hides in Alvestone, with a proportionate quantity of wood and meadow: with five hides in Escetone in the hundred of Pucklechurch, a mill, and six acres of meadow. The revenue of the different lands enumerated, amounted in the time of King Edward the Confessor to 47*l.* 3*s.* 6*d.* It had risen, in the Conqueror's time, to 71*l.* 13*s.* 6*d.*^a

Abbat Ælfsig died in 1087.^b

In 1088, in the rebellion in favour of Robert eldest son of the Conqueror, Geoffrey bishop of Coutance and Robert de Mowbray appear to have destroyed Bath, and with it the abbey church.^c

About this time it was ordained, for the honour and dignity of the church, that certain bishops sees should be removed from small towns to places of greater note; amongst which the see of Wells was removed to Bath.^d John de Villula, or, as he is sometimes called, of Tours, bishop of Wells, was authorized to effect the change by a Charter from King William Rufus, dated the 6th of the kalends of February, A. D. 1090.^e King William Rufus also granted to Bishop John the City of Bath, with its mint and other rights, in augmentation of the see.^f

Henry the First extended the privileges of the Charter relating to the city, granted by William Rufus; and, in addition to the donations which it contained, gave to the bishop and his successors the hidage, or danegeld, exacted of the borough, after the rate of the twenty hides at which it had been assessed from the reign of King Edward the Confessor, together with all pleas, and other judicial rights and privileges.^g

^a See Num. VIII.

^b Sim. Dunelm. Script. x. Twysd. col. 213.

^c Warner, ut supr. p. 114.

^d In the 'Actus Pontificum Cantuariensium, autore Gervasio,' Script. x. Twysd. col. 1654, we read, "In hujus Lamfranci temporibus sedes episcoporum de locis indignis ad loca digniora, videlicet, urbes transierunt. Lichfeldensis ergo transiit in Cestriam quæ olim civitas Legionum dicebatur. Selegensis in Cicestriam,—Scireburnensis in Saresberiam, Dorcestrensis in Lincoliam, et nuper Wellensis in BATHONIAM."

^e Num. IX.

^f Num. X. Dugdale, in the former edition of the Monasticon, gave this as a Charter of King William the First. Hearne, 'Chartæ et Notæ ad Priorat. Bathon. spectantes,' Ad. de Dornrh. tom. i. p. 282, says, "Anno M^o XI. Willelmus rex totam civitatem Bathoniæ Johanni episcopo, ad augmentationem pontificalis sedis suæ, dedit. Integra charta exhibetur in Monastici tomo primo, p. 185. Perperam autem Willelmo primo ascribitur; iste etenim, anno antea quam Johannes episcopatum Wellensem adeptus esset, tempora sua compleverat. Dugdaliū forsā fefellit Malmesburiensis, qui res Wellenses minus caute prodens, Johannem de Villula, vivente adhuc Willelmo patre seniore, transferre thronum in Bathoniam animo intendisse narrat." De Gestis Pontificum, lib. ii. p. 254.

In 1106, Bishop John conferred the city, with its appurtenances, and a variety of lands and tenements in its neighbourhood, on the monastery of St. Peter, appointing the same to be governed by a PRIOR instead of an *Abbat*, and reserving to himself, and his successors in the see, the patronage of the monastery.^h It is evident from his Charter that he had already begun the rebuilding of the church, which he is said to have finished upon a costly and extensive scale. Warner says, the bishop further added to the convenience of his monastery, by building two new baths within its precincts,ⁱ and finished his labours with constructing a noble palace for his own residence on the west side of it.^k

The munificence of John de Villula towards the new foundation excited other devotees to assist in its endowment. Walcinus de Douay gave to God and the church of St. Peter and Bishop John and the ministers of the same church, the church of Bath Hampton, with half a hide of land, and all the tithes of that manor. By the same Charter, Ramarus his brother, and Gerard his steward, conjointly, gave to the same grantees a hide of land called Foxcumbe; and Gerard, separately, gave the church of Brocton, with one virgate of land; to which the wife of Walcinus, in concert with her sons, added half the tithe of Carey, the church of Brigg, or Bridgwater; and the wife of Gerard the chaplain, sixty shillings and a missal. About the same time, by the increasing bounty of King Henry the First, the abbey acquired the rich manor of Dogmersfield in Hampshire; and settled, by a curious accord,^l a matter of disputed property with William Hose, or Hosat, lord of the manor of Bath-Easton.^m

Bishop John de Villula died December 29th, 1123.ⁿ The particulars of his life, as bishop, will be hereafter given in the Account of the Monastery of Wells. He was buried in the middle of the choir of the church of Bath, where his tomb remained till after the dissolution of religious houses.

Soon after the death of John de Villula, July 29th, 1137, the city and church of Bath were again destroyed by fire. Robert, a monk of Lewes, who had but just obtained the bishoprick, however, not only rebuilt and enlarged the church, but endowed it with the manor of Southstoke, a mill there, and twenty measures of salt yearly. Archbishop Theobald confirmed this grant in 1140, together with several other donations before given to the monastery; five hides at Weston; the village of Combe; the whole tithe of the city of Bath, and of Lyncomb; the tithe of the vines of Lyncomb; the church of Forde; the church of Eston; and two virgates of land at Cedre and Evercrit.^o

PRIORS OF BATH.

JOHN is the first who occurs prior of Bath, in the time of John de Villula and King Henry the First. He occurs again 2 non. April, 1122.^p

^g Warner, ut supr. p. 64. Compare the Charters Numm. XI. XII. XIII.

^h Num. XIV.

ⁱ "One of these baths," Warner adds, "called the abbat's bath, John dedicated to the use of the publick; the other was appropriated to the prior. The king's bath supplied the former with water; the latter was fed by a spring of its own. They continued to serve the purposes for which they were constructed till the middle of the sixteenth century. An attempt was made in the early part of the eighteenth century to recover the prior's bath spring; an adventurer, named William Swallow, having been induced to search, in consequence of the following passage in the particular of the priory estate, made just before the sale of it in the year 1614: 'There is a bath in Hadnetts tenement which was for the prior's private use, but it is now filled up with rubble, and covered with earth, and of no use; but there be many of the town that do remember when it was of great use, for there is as hot a spring in it as in any of the baths, and a little charge will repair it to its former virtue and fit for use.' The adventurer, however, did not succeed, and the spring remains concealed to this time."

^k Hist. Bath, ut supr. p. 113.

^l See Num. XVI.

^m Warner, pp. 115, 116. App. pp. 12, 13.

ⁿ Whart. Angl. Sacr. tom. i. p. 560.

^o Warner, p. 116.

^p Kennett, MS. Diptycha.

BENEDICT occurs prior in 1151.^a

PETER was constituted prior about 1159. He is stated in Willis, by an evident mistake, to have been the first who held the office.^b He occurs again in 1175.^c A grant made by him, the autograph of which is still preserved, gives to the monks of Margam in Glamorganshire certain lands, situated at Kineverdesham, belonging to the monastery of Bath.^d

HUGH occurs prior in the time of Bishop Reginald, about the year 1190.^e

WALTER, sub-prior of Hide monastery, was the next prior of Bath: though he could not have succeeded so early as 1178, as Mr. Warner supposes. After governing the monastery some years, he entered himself a Carthusian monk, but afterwards returned again to Bath, and to his government. He died at Wherwell in Hampshire, May 31st, 1198.^f

ROBERT occurs prior of Bath in the month of September, 1198.^g It was during his priorate that King John, who, in the reign of his brother Richard, had founded a Benedictine priory at Waterford, and another at Cork, in Ireland, annexed both to the monastery of Bath.^h After his accession to the throne, Mr. Warner adds, King John still continued his favours to this religious house; and, in the fifth year of his reign, granted to the church of St. Peter and St. Paul (for such was the name it had now assumed), the prior and the monks serving God in the same, his Berton, or Barton, a farm lying to the north-west, a short distance from the walls of the city, with an exempt and separate jurisdiction, in consideration of two payments at the exchequer of ten pounds each.ⁱ At the same time he emancipated the monks from the payment of toll at Bristol, and united the dean and canons of Wells with them in the enjoyment of many important privileges; such as having toll, theam, and infangentliel, on all their property; together with the two ordeals of water

and fire, and the privilege of execution, exempting them from all sects and suits, or attendance at the different courts, both general and local; and from all juries, assizes, &c.^k This was followed by a dissolution of the union which had taken place, soon after 1192, through the interest of Savaric bishop of Bath and Wells, between the abbey of Glastonbury and the monastery of Bath;^l the bishop transferring his episcopal seat to the former monastery, and styling himself bishop of Glastonbury. Pope Honorius the Third, by his bull issued in the year 1208, confirmed the terms of separation which had previously been adjusted between the two houses.^m

Prior Robert was elected hence to the abbey of Glastonbury in 1223, as has been already noticed in the former volume of the *Monasticon*:ⁿ but, being in constant dispute with his monks, he resigned his honours, and again returned to Bath.^o

THOMAS occurs prior of Bath in 1228.^p He occurs again in 1258; when an agreement was made between him and the monks on one part, and Elias Cotel, lord of the manor of Camerton, on the other, by which Elias quit-claims a pasture on the western side of Southwode, in the manor of Preston, and a reasonable way to the same, whenever the grantees chose to drive their oxen in or out of the pasture, provided the beasts did not feed by the way.^q Prior Thomas died on the eve of St. John Baptist, 1261.^r

WALTER DE AONA, cellerar of the monastery, was elected prior on the 5th of the kalends of July following.^s Mr. Warner has recorded an acquisition of territory during the time of this prior, in an exchange with dame Matilda, lady of Bath-Easton, of an ox-lease on Combedown, for certain lands in La Holte.^t

THOMAS, called also THOMAS DE WYNTON, was made prior in 1291.^u He resigned on the 4th of the ides of April, 1301.^x

^a Cartular. Bath. in Hospit. Linc. p. 81.

^b Mit. Ab. vol. i. p. 219.

^c Whart. Angl. Sacr. tom. i. p. 586.

^d Warner, Hist. Bath, p. 116. App. p. 16.

^e Kennett, ut supr.

^f Whart. ex Annal. Winton. Angl. Sacr. tom. i. p. 303.

^g Cartular. Bath. in Hospit. Linc. pp. 7, 8.

^h Warner, p. 117.

ⁱ Ibid.—“Berthonem nostram extra civitatem Bathoniæ cum toto hundredo forinseco, &c. in perpetuam elemosynam reddendo, &c.” This tract of land, Warner continues, situated on the south-west side of Marlborough-Buildings, became a liberty or hundred of itself, and a fair was held upon the premises by a Charter from King Edward the First. After the Dissolution, the estate was granted to the Colethurst family, and the house, called the Barton-House, was the residence of William Sherston, Esq. the first mayor of Bath, during the time of his mayoralty. John’s grant was confirmed by his successor, in the eighteenth year of his reign. See App. Num. XVII.

^k Ibid.

^l See before, in the Account of Glastonbury monastery, vol. i. p. 5. The union will be further noticed in the Account of Wells.

^m See Num. XIX.

ⁿ Vol. i. p. 6. See also Annal Theokesbir.

^o Warner says, “At this time it appears that the city of Bath was in the hands of the prior there, who farmed the same at the yearly rent of thirty pounds, during the king’s pleasure. Mag. Rot. Hen. III. 9. a. m. 16.”

^p Pat. 12 Hen. III. m. 3. dorso.

^q Warner, p. 118.

^r Cartul. Hospit. Linc. p. 76.

^s Warner, ut supr.

^t He occurs, Pat. 20 Edw. I. 8th March.

^u Cartular. Bathon. Prynne, under the 28th year of Edward the First, says, “The clergie of England having purchased the king’s favour and protection, by granting him such aides and subsidies as he demanded of them, against Pope Boniface his premised decree, without his special license, by which they conceived they had incurred his actual excommunication; as likewise by procuring the king’s protection and officiating in their cures; employed their proctors at Rome to purchase and procure special absolutions from the pope from the said excommunication, though done only through force, and such fear as might happen even to a constant man; who thereupon authorized the archbishop of Canterbury, (the procurer and prosecutor thereof,) to absolve them, upon their petitions and acknowledgement of their offences therein, and submission to such penance as should be imposed on them for that offence, after a short suspension, and promise that they would always thenceforth obey the mandates of the pope and church of Rome for the future, and this Constitution in particular; as is evident by certain Instruments of absolution (remembered by none of our historians) registred, pp. 210, 211, 212, in the Leiger Booke of the priory of Bath; out of which I have transcribed some of them, relating

to that priory and diocese of Bath and Wells, not unworthy publike knowledge.

“Venerabili in Christo patri, Dei gratia archiepiscopo Cantuar. vel ejus vicario in spiritualibus, frater Gentilis, miseratione divina ecclesiæ sancti Martini in montibus presbyter cardinalis, salutem et sinceram in Domino caritatem. Ex parte Johannis de Godmer perpetui vicarii ecclesiæ de Chedder, Bathon. et Wellen. dioc. Nobis oblata petitio continebat, quod ipse olim per vim et metum qui cadere posset in constantem, invitus Ministris seu Collectoribus illustris regis Angliæ, contra novæ constitutionis tenorem sanctissimi patris domini Bonifacii divina providentia papæ octavi, talleas sive collectas persolvit; per quod sententiam excommunicationis incurrit, in tales generaliter promulgatam, et sic ligatus, (non tamen in contemptum clavium) in suis ordinibus ministravit, et alias se ingressit divinis. Super quibus supplicari fecit humiliter sibi de absolutionis beneficio et dispensationis gratia per sedem apostolicam salubriter provideri. Nos igitur auctoritate domini papæ, cujus pœnitentiariæ curam gerimus, circumspectioni vestræ committimus, quatinus si ita est, ipsum vicarium a dicta excommunicationis sententia, juxta formam ecclesiæ absolventis. Proviso attentè quod idem vicarius super hoc mandatis domini papæ, et Romanæ ecclesiæ semper parebit, et faciet illam pœnitentiam quam sibi duxerit injungendam, eoque ad tempus prout expedire videritis a suorum ordinum executione suspenso. Demum suffragantibus ei meritis, alioque canonico non obstante super irregularitate dicto modo contracta, cum eo misericorditer auctoritate dispensetis prædicta. Datum Agnan. sexto idus Augusti, pontificatus domini papæ Bonifacii octavi anno sexto.”

“Sancto patri in Christo et domino reverendo R. Dei gratia Cantuar. archiepiscopo, totius Angliæ primati, sui filii humiles et devoti, Thomas prior et conventus Bathon. salutem, et devotus obedientiæ et reverentiæ spiritus, cum omni honore debito tanto patri. Ad petendum et recipiendum a vestræ clementia sanctitatis, beneficium absolutionis super excommunicationis sententia quam incurrisse veremur, ex eo quod contra constitutionem sanctissimi patris et domini Bonifacii divina providentia papæ octavi editam, contra omnes qui collectas et exactiones a ministris, nunciis, seu collectoribus illustris regis Angliæ persolverunt nolentes vel inviti, protectionem domini regis super hoc impetrantes et recipientes; dilectum nobis in Christo Hugonem Godmer præcentorem ecclesiæ nostræ Bathoniæ commonachum nostrum, nostrum in hiis constituimus procuratorem. Dantes eidem liberam et plenam potestatem, vestra in hac parte recipiendi mandata, quæ secundum Deum ad salutem animarum nostrarum juxta tenorem, formam, vim, et effectum mandati apostolici super hoc vobis directi, nobis duxeritis injungenda, una cum potestate jurandi in animas nostras, secundum quod postulaverit ordo juris. In cujus rei testimonium sigillo nostro communi signari fecimus hanc scripturam. Datum capitulo nostro Bathon. v. idus Novembris, anno Domini m.ccc.”

“Universis præsentibus literis inspecturis pateat evidenter, quod nos Thomas prior Bathon. et ejusdem loci conventus, ordinis sancti Benedicti, Bathon. et Wellen. diocesis, bona fide promittimus, et sub ypotheca omnium bonorum monasterii nostri cavemus, quod nos semper

ROBERT DE CLOPPCOTE occurs prior in 1303.^a In 1304, a considerable addition accrued to the revenues of the monastery by a grant from King Edward the First of liberty to hold two fairs; one on the manor of Lyncomb, and the other on the manor of Barton.^b The same king, in the 32d year of his reign, gave permission to John Basset to grant to the prior and monks of Bath eleven acres of land and one acre of meadow, together with a fourth part of a messuage, and a moiety of one acre of wood, with the appurtenances, in Walcot:^c which was followed, in the second year of the succeeding reign, by a similar licence to the prior and monks to appropriate to the monastery the advowson of the church of Hampton.^d

During the administration of this prior, the fabric, as well as the affairs of the church, appear to have been much neglected. The contents of the letter which the bishop wrote to the prior on this occasion, as preserved in the Harleian manuscript 6954, will be found below.^e

Robert de Cloppcote also appears to have involved his society in some trouble by appropriating the church of Corston to his monastery in 1329, contrary to the

statute of Mortmain: for which he was obliged to secure his pardon by a pecuniary mulct.^f He died in 1331.^g

ROBERT DE SUTTON was elected prior in the month of March, 1331: but the pope disliking the election, nominated and appointed Thomas Christy, or Christy, to be prior: whereupon Sutton made his resignation Sept. 24th, 1332, and had the priory of Dunster, with several pensions, assigned to him.^h

THOMAS CHRISTY, or CHRISTY, was admitted prior on the 8th of the kalends of October, 1332:ⁱ but presided not long, as

ROBERT, the fourth of his name, occurs prior in 1333.^k Wharton, in the *Anglia Sacra*, considers him as a different person from Robert de Sutton.^l Bishop Kennett says, "Constat vero Tho. Cristy præbuisse usque ad ann. 1340."^m

The lands lying in Waterford and Cork, which were attached to the priory by John before he acquired the sceptre, had long, Mr. Warner observes, been found extremely inconvenient to the grantees; perpetual difficulties and delays arising in the receipt of the rents and

Romanæ ecclesiæ et domini papæ mandatis parebimus, super excommunicationis et interdicti sententiis quas incurrimus, pro eo quod dudum contra constitutionis tenorem sanctissimi patris nostri domini Bonifacii papæ octavi, nuntiis seu ministris domini regis Angliæ subsidium de bonis nostris ecclesiasticis contribuimus, propter vim et metum qui cadere poterit in constantes. In cuius rei testimonium, &c. Datum in capitulo nostro Bathon. 5 idus Novembris, anno Domini m.ccc.

Universis præsentibus literas inspecturis, Robertus permissione divina Cantuar. archiepiscopus, totius Angliæ primas, æternam in Domino salutem. Literas venerabilis patris domini Matthæi Dei gratia Portuensis et Sancti Ruffinæ episcopi, sanctissimi patris domini Bonifacii papæ VIII. pœnitentarii, recepimus, tenorem qui sequitur continentes. "Venerabili in Christo patri R. Dei gratia archiepiscopo Cantuariensi, vel ejus vicario in spiritualibus, frater Matthæus miseratione divina Portuensis ac S. Ruffinæ episcopus, salutem et sempiternam in Domino caritatem. Ex parte Prioris et Conventus monasterii Bathoniensis, ordinis sancti Benedicti, fuit propositum coram nobis, quod ipsi olim vi et metu qui cadere poterit in constantem, ministris, nuntiis, seu collectoribus illustris regis Angliæ, contra constitutionem et tenorem sanctissimi patris et domini, domini Bonifacii divina providentia papæ octavi, noviter editæ, contra talleas, collectas, et exactiones sibi impositas persolverunt; propter quod excommunicationis incurrunt sententiam ex ipsius constitutionis tenore in omnes et singulos contra facientes generaliter promulgatam: et sic ligati in suis, non tamen in contemptum clavium, ministraverunt ordinibus, et aliis divinis se ingesserunt officiis, sicut prius. Verum cum parati sint sanctæ Romanæ Ecclesiæ in omnibus obedire mandatis, supplicari fecerunt humiliter eis per sedem apostolicam salubriter providere. Nos igitur ipsorum supplicationibus, quantum cum Deo possumus, favorabiliter annuentes, auctoritate et mandato domini papæ, cuius pœnitentiariæ curam gerimus, providentiæ vestræ præsentium tenore committimus, quatinus si est ita, ipsos et eorum quemlibet a reatu excessas hujusmodi et excommunicatione quam propter hac incurrunt, absolvatis juxta formam ecclesiæ consuetam: interdictum ab ipso monasterio amovendo, et injuncta eorum cuilibet pro culpæ modo pœnitentia salutaris, et alia quæ talibus debent et consueverunt injungi; quodque stabunt mandatis ecclesiæ, et facient illam pœnitentiam, quam sedes apostolica eis duxerit injungendam; super irregularitate ex præmissis contracta dispensetis auctoritate et mandato prædictis, alio non obstante canonico impedimento misericorditer eisdem, prout secundum Deum animarum ipsorum saluti videritis expedire. Datum Lateran. iii. non. Martii, pontificatus domini papæ Bonifacii octavi anno sexto." Nos, igitur, dictos priorem, et conventum monasterii Bathon. et eorum quemlibet in persona fratris Hugonis Godmer procuratoris ipsius ecclesiæ Bathon. commonachi et procuratoris sui, a majoris excommunicationis sententia memorata, præstita nobis primitus ab eisdem idonea cautione, quod stabunt mandatis ecclesiæ, et facient illam pœnitentiam quam sedes apostolica eis duxerit injungendam, auctoritate nobis in hac parte commissa juxta formam ecclesiæ absolvimus, et eis injunctis pœnitentiis salutarem, Interdictum de ipso suo Monasterio amovendo. Et super irregularitate quam ea occasione sic ligati in suis ordinibus ministrando, et alias se divinis officiis immiscendo contraxerant, cum eisdem et eorum quolibet misericorditer auctoritate dispensamus prælibata, prout secundum Deum animarum ipsorum saluti vidimus expedire. In testimonium vero præmissorum sigillum præsentibus est appensum. Datum apud Lyminge xvii. kal. Decembr. anno Domini m.ccc. consecrationis nostræ septimo.

Venerabili in Christo patri domino R. Dei gratia Cantuar. archiepiscopo, totius Angliæ primati, suus filius devotus Jordanus, vicarius ecclesiæ de Weston juxta Bathon. obedientiam et reverentiam debitam cum honore. Gravi corporis ægritudine perpetua detentus, ad vestram venerabilem præsentiam accedere non valens, dilectum mihi in Christo N. clericum, ad petendam meam absolutionem pro excommunicatione, quam contraxi pro protectione regia quam recepi compulsus; necnon ad dispensationem super irregularitate, si quam contraxi in miscendo me divinis sic ligatus, coram vobis meum constituo procuratorem. Dans eidem potestatem liberam et plenam recipiendi mandatum vestrum, super viis quæ in mandato apostolico super hoc vobis directum continentur; et jurandi in animam meam, et omnia facere alia vel faciendi quæ ad salutem animæ meæ, juxta dictum mandatum apostoli-

cum volueritis ordinare. In cuius rei testimonium sigillum meum, una cum sigillo archidiaconi Bathon. præsentibus est appensum. Dat. apud Weston. viij. idus Novembris, anno Domini m.ccc. Papal Usurpations, tom. iii. p. 871.

^a Reg. Well.

^b See Warner, ut supr.

^c Pat. 32 Edw. I. m. 11.

^d Warner, p. 119.

^e "Litera ad Rob. priorem Bathon. de miserabili statu istius conventus. Bona domus prædictæ ex nimia simplicitate seu negligentia custodum in tantum sunt hiis diebus evacuata seu consumpta quod monachi dictæ ecclesiæ sæpius non solum pane et cervisia, quod fari pudet hora comestionis, verum etiam carniū et piscium carent omnino ferculis consuetis, et cibaria vilia et insana quæ gustare nequeunt eisdem inhumaniter tribuuntur. Et si quis ipsorum gravatur murmure vel petat a vobis caritative, bono etiam zelo, juxta formam regulæ et antiquam ordinationem domus laudabiliter usitatam suppleri defectum hujusmodi subtractorum seu viliter oblatoꝝ statim verbis contumeliosis comminatur eidem quod esca deterior sibi providebitur et pœna gravior subsequetur. 26 Aug. 1321." Reg. Well. Drokenesford. Harl. MS. 6954, p. 70. "Die Sabbat. prox. fest. sancti Matth. 1324. Litera domini Episcopi pro collecta faciendâ ad fabricam eccl. cathedr. Bathon." Ibid. p. 91.

^f Warner, p. 120.

^g Harl. MS. 6955, p. 51. Excerpta ex Reg. Rad. de Salopia Episc. B. & Well.

^h "Pensiones concessæ fratri Roberto de Sutton monacho eccl. cathedr. Bathon. Prioret convent. Bathon. concesserunt prædicto Roberto prioratum de Dunster pro libitu, et quolibet anno xx. lib. de eccl. de Bruggwalteride annua pensione eccl. nostræ prædictæ debitos, et. lv. sol. de decimis de Schreveton, et vii. lib. vi. solidos et viii. denar. de portione camerarii et pitantiarii nostri Bathon. apud Karynton, et xviii. sol. iv. den. de portione camerarii nostri de eccl. Benton et iv. lib. de scacc. nostro apud Bathon. Concessimus etiam quod possit habere secum socios complacentes quos poterit procurare. Dat. Bathon. in domo capitular. 24 Oct. 1332." Harl. MS. 6955, p. 66.

ⁱ Ibid. p. 63.

^k He is mentioned in the following instrument. "Sciant præsentis et futuri quod ego Elias de sancto Albano, persona ecclesiæ de Witheresfeld, dedi et hac præsentis carta mea confirmavi ROBERTO priori Bathon. et conventui ejusdem medietatem manerij de Tatewike cum omnibus pertinentiis, ad inveniend. duos capellanos, unum viz. monachum capellanum in eccl. cath. prioratus ejusdem, et alium capellanum sæcularem in ecclesia de Coldashton et capella de Tatewike, divina singulis diebus, pro anima mea et anima Johannis de Sobbury clerici et antecessorum nostrorum celebrari, necnon ad solvendum xx. sol. singulis annis die anniversarii mei, pro missis pro anima mea celebrandis, et v. sol. eodem die in distributione pauperum in parochia de Coldashton. Dat. apud Tatewik die lunæ prox. post festum sancti Barnabi 1333." Ibid. p. 77.

^l "Robertus enim prioratum tenuit anno 1333, mense Junio; alius tamen a Roberto Sutton. Supradictam enim pensionem priori de Dunster anno 1335 solutam invenio." Angl. Sacr. tom. i. p. 586.

^m MS. Diptycha. A.D. 1340. "Die Sabb. prox. post festum Assumpt. B. Mar. Virg. conventus Bathon. pctit licentiam eligendi priorem per resign. Thomæ Crist." Harl. MS. 6955, p. 132. Whence we also learn a pension was allowed to him.

Warner says, "It is to be recorded to the honour of the monks of Bath, that they form just at this period a notable exception to that general character of indolence and inutility which so deservedly attaches to most of their brethren of the cowl. The shuttle and loom employed their attention, and under their active auspices the weaving of woollen cloth (which made its first appearance in England about the year 1330, and received the sanction of an Act of Parliament in 1337) was introduced, established, and brought to such perfection at Bath, as rendered this city one of the most considerable in the west of England for this manufacture. A shuttle, the emblem of the art, was incorporated into the Arms of the monastery, and existed till within this half century on the front of the abbey house, as an index of the laudable activity of the Bath monks." Hist. of Bath, p. 67. Neither of the coats, however, engraved as the arms of Bath monastery in Bishop Tanner's *Notitia Monastica*, has the shuttle.

profits issuing from them. This induced the monastery to make an exchange of them for lands in England; and a licence for that purpose was obtained in the year 1334. The two cells, however, still continued under the government of Bath.^a

By a similar permission from the king, in the fifteenth year of his reign, Walter de Farlegh, chaplain, was authorized to assign to the prior and convent twenty-eight acres of land, one acre of meadow, ten acres of pasture, twenty-four acres of wood, three shillings of rent, and one pair of spurs annually, in Forde, near Bath.^b

JOHN DE IFORD, or YFORD, was the next prior: the exact time of whose admission is not recorded. He appears to have been cited before the bishop of his diocese for the irregularity of his life,^c and either resigned, or was deposed from his priorate in 1347.^d Between the time of the vacancy and the mention of another prior we have on record that in 1352, the 25th of Edward the Third, one Robert Ghene, for the support and sustenance of three chaplains to say mass for the souls of a variety of people in the church of Bath, received permission to grant to its society four messuages, and forty shillings of annual rent in Bristol.^e Another

JOHN is the next prior who occurs, A.D. 1363: probably the same person who occurs prior in 1370, 43 Edw. III. by the name of JOHN DE BEREWIKE.^f John, prior of Bath, is again mentioned in 1385.^g It was probably in his time that permission was granted by the king in the tenth year of Richard the Second to John Dodmerton, William Plonte, John Cheot, and William Ricardes, to convey to the prior and convent of Bath five messuages, two tofts, one virgate and a half, and eighty-seven acres of wood and a half, and three shillings and eight pence rent, with their appurtenances in Olneston; of the yearly value, together, of twenty-three shillings and nine pence.^h

JOHN DUNSTER occurs prior A.D. 1406.ⁱ He died on the 6th of February, 1412.^k

JOHN TELESFORD, or DE TELESFORD, was elected prior on the 10th of March following, and on the 23d of the same month received the bishop's confirmation.^l For thirty years previous he had been a monk in the

cell of Dunster.^m He was cited to a convocation in St. Paul's in 1415. He died in 1425.ⁿ

WILLIAM SOUTHBROKE became prior April 20th, 1426.^o In 1438 he appears to have been cited to a Council at Ferrara. He died June 7th, 1447.^p

THOMAS LACOCK, a monk of the convent, was elected prior Sept. 16th, 1447. Wharton notices him as continuing in office in 1451.

RICHARD, prior of Bath, is stated to have been present at the baptism of Richard, son to George duke of Clarence, at Tewkesbury, Oct. 7th, 1476.^q

JOHN CANTLOWE was made prior in 1489: during whose priorate Archbishop Morton visited the monastery, in 1494. He died in the month of August, 1499. He rebuilt the chapel of St. Mary Magdalen, at Holloway, near Bath, together with a small hospital for lunatics adjoining.^r

WILLIAM BIRDE was elected prior Aug. 31st, 1499, but was at first rejected by the bishop. On the mediation of the convent, however, he was admitted.^s

Bishop King, who was translated from Exeter to Bath in 1495, in consequence of a dream^t resolved to rebuild the church of Bath. His injunctions to the prior and convent curtailing the expenditure of the monastery, A.D. 1500, and allotting a portion of its income to the rebuilding of the church, will be found in the Appendix of Instruments.^u Prior Birde seconded his diocesan with much activity; who, however, lived only to see the south and west parts of his building raised to a moderate height: the continuation of the work being left to the care of the prior, whose rebus, a W. and a bird, are still to be seen, cut in stone, in different parts. Prior Birde died, poor and blind, May 22d, 1525. Ashmole informs us that he had much addicted himself to researches after the philosopher's stone.^x His chapel and tomb are still remaining in the abbey church.

WILLIAM HOLWAY, or HOLLEWEYE, *alias* GIBBES, was elected prior July 5th, 1525, and was confirmed by the bishop July 18th following. Upon his appointment, he vigorously applied himself to the completion of the abbey church. It was scarcely, however, finished, before he, with John Pitt, sub-prior, Thomas Bathe, canon, and fourteen others, subscribed to the king's supremacy, Sept. 22d, 1534; and on the 27th of January,

And that each priest, monk, or secular, saying mass weekly, should toll a bell in that monastery, thrice, and it to be called Botreaux-Bell; and at the *Introite* of the mass, say, with a loud voice, 'Ye shall pray for the good estate of our sovereign lord the king, Henry the Sixth; and of our sovereign lady the queen; and of Prince Edward; and of William Lord Botreaux, and Margaret his wife, while they live; and for their souls, after they be departed out of this world; and for the soul of Elizabeth, late the wife of the said William Lord Botreaux; and for his fader's soul, and his grandam's; and for all the souls which the said lord will assign hem to pray for in writing; and for all his ancestors' souls, and all Christen souls, Pater noster thrice, and Ave Maria, with this psalm, De profundis clamavi, &c. with a low voice. And that the priest saying such mass shall daily receive ii^d. and the covent of that monastery to receive from the prior, for the obit of the said lord, and Elizabeth his late wife, to be performed in albis, before the altar of the Holy Trinity, xl^s. to be equally divided amongst them. Likewise, that there should be distributed to the said convent xxvii^s. for three other obits; viz. on the xxvth. of May, for the obit of William Botreaux, father of the said lord; on the fourth of September, of Elizabeth, mother of the said lord; on the third of January, of Margaret St. Lo, grandmother to the said lord, by his mother: and xx^s. yearly to the sacrist, for providing bread and wine, and all other things necessary, for the said masses and obits."

^o MS. Kennett.

^p Ibid. ex Reg. Bekinton.

^q See the present volume, p. 64.

^r The following lines are cut in rude characters on the east side of the chapel porch:

"Thys.chapell.floryschyd.w^t.formosyte.spectabyll.

In.the.honowre.of.M.Magdalen.prior.Cantlow.hathe.edyfyde.

Desiryng.yow.to.pray.for.hym.w^t.your.p'yers.delectabyll.

That.sche.will.inhabyt.hym.in.hevyn.ther.evyr.to.abyde."

See Collinson, Hist. Somerset. vol. i. p. 172.

^s "1499, 31 Aug. vacante prioratu Bathon. per mortem Joh. Cantlow frater Willielmus Birde electus est quem dominus episcopus rejecit. Sed ad collationem episcopi mediante supplicatione et postulatione Monachorum Bathon. auctoritate episcopali præficitur in priorem. Reg. King." Kennett, MS. Diptycha.

^t See Warner, p. 151, Note.

^u Num. XX.

^x Theatr. Chym. p. 297.

^a Warner, ut supr. p. 120. Pat. 7 Edw. III. m. 23.

^b Warner, p. 120.

^c "Wolstanus episcopus Wigorn. monet fratrem suum Episcopum B. W. detectum esse in Visitatione sua, quod frater Johannes de Iford prior Bathon. adulterium commisit cum Augnete Cubbel in manerio de Hammeswell, et petit ut dicta Augnes citetur ad comparandum coram episcopo, dat. 7 Aug. 1346. Reg. R. de Salop." Kennett. MS. Diptycha.

^d "A. D. 1347, vacat prioratus Bathon. forsitan ex depositione vel cessione Johannis de Iford adulteri nuper convicti." Ibid. Stevens calls our prior John de *Irford*.

^e Warner, p. 120.

^f MS. Kennett. He is probably the same with John de Berkelye mentioned by Warner, p. 133.

^g Ibid.

^h Warner, ut supr.

ⁱ Whart. Angl. Sacr. tom. i. p. 587.

^k Reg. Well.

^l Angl. Sacr. ut supr.

^m Reg. Bowet.

ⁿ In the time of this prior there was a great dispute between the convent and the mayor of Bath concerning the ringing of bells in the city, which continued several years, and was finally adjusted by a decree, that no one should ring any bells within the precincts of Bath at day-time before the prior had rung his bells, nor in the night-time after the prior had rung his curfew. See Collinson, vol. i. p. 56. Warner, p. 123.

Dugdale, in his Baronage, vol. i. p. 630, gives the following account of a benefaction to the monastery in prior Telesforde's time by Sir William Botreaux, ex autogr. penes Theoph. co. Hunt.

"In 37 Hen. VI. by his deed, bearing date 23 Sept. he gave to the prior and convent of Bathe, in com. Somerset. his manor of Yvelton, in com. Somerset. with certain lands in Camelerton, in that county; to the end they should cause a mass to be celebrated daily, for the good estate of King Henry the Sixth, Queen Margaret his wife, Edward then prince of Wales; as also for the good estate of him the said William, and Margaret, at that time his wife: and after this life, for the health of their souls. Likewise, every Sunday in the year, for a mass de Sancta Trinitate; on Monday, for a mass de Sanctis Angelis; on Tuesday, for the like de Omnibus Sanctis; on Wednesday, the like de S. Maria Magdalena; on Thursday, the like de S. Petro et Paulo apostolis; on Friday, the like de Epiphania Domini; and on Saturday, the like mass de S. Maria. Likewise, that three days before Easter (when mass shall not be said) for the distribution of sixpence to the poor of Bathe in bread, so that each poor man might have the value of a farthing.

1539, prior Holleweye divested himself of the whole monastery by surrendering it to the crown. Four years previous to the surrender, the revenues of the house were investigated by the king's commissioners, who, on this occasion, were Sir Henry Cassell, Knt. Henry Covell late mayor of Bath, and John Browne, by whom the annual value of the rents was returned at 617*l.* 2*s.* 3*d.*^a Speed gives the valuation at 695*l.* 6*s.*^b Two lists of the pensions granted to the monks, immediately upon the surrender,^c will be found in the Appendix of Instruments.^d

After this, the king's commissioners made an offer of St. Peter's church (which appears then to have been called the church of St. Saviour, St. Peter, and St. Paul,) to the City of Bath, for five hundred marks, which they refused: whereupon certain merchants bought all the glass, iron, and lead of the fabric, leaving nothing but the skeleton remaining, which, with the monastery, were sold to Humphrey Colles in 1542; the year after which an act of parliament passed for the Dean and chapter of Wells to make one sole chapter for the bishop.

The site of the monastery was soon afterwards sold by Humphrey Colles to Matthew Colthurst, whose son Edmund made a present of the carcase of the church to the mayor and citizens of Bath, for their parochial church: the rest of the monastic buildings he sold to Fulk Morley in 1569, from whose descendants they came to the duke of Kingston. Of these buildings no remains at present exist.^e

Warner says, the whole of the abbey-house was demolished in 1755, and the foundations removed in order to make excavations for other buildings. On this occasion several stone coffins were dug up; and, what may be considered as a still more curious discovery, the Roman baths, which had been concealed from a very early period, presented themselves to the view.

The abbey church of Bath,^f from the number of its windows, was formerly called *The Lantern of England*. It is built in the form of a cross, with a magnificent tower in the centre: its chief beauty being in the west front. Its length from east to west is two hundred and ten feet; length of the cross-aisles from north to south, a hundred and twenty-six feet; breadth of the body and aisles, seventy-two feet; height of the tower, a hundred and fifty-two feet; and the height of the roof or vaulting of the church, seventy-eight feet. It is supposed to have been the last building of any magnitude, purely Gothic, which was erected in this country; and almost the only one which remains exactly in the state in which it was originally designed. The dilapidation of the fabric, after the Dissolution, has

been noticed above. Mr. Peter Chapman was the first person who began to repair it, about 1572, at the east end, so as to secure it from the inclemency of the weather. Queen Elizabeth enabled the citizens to raise money to restore it; and Thomas earl of Sussex, lord chamberlain to her majesty, set on foot a subscription toward completing the building: he was followed by Walter Calcut, of Williamscoth, in Oxfordshire. Afterwards, the reparation ceased until William Lord Burleigh, lord high treasurer to Queen Elizabeth, and Thomas Bellet, Esq. steward to her household, revived it. They completed the choir for divine service; previous to which the church was re-consecrated, and dedicated to the names of St. Peter and St. Paul. Afterwards, the side aisles of the choir, and the transepts, were repaired by various persons. The west part of the nave was uncovered in 1609, when Dr. James Montague, bishop of Bath and Wells (afterwards bishop of Winchester), set the example of repairing this part, and was followed by divers noblemen and gentlemen: Sir Henry Montague, Knt. lord chief justice of the King's Bench, brother to the munificent bishop, beautified the great west door; Sir Nicholas Salterns, Knt. of London, built the vestry. Thus, by the assistance of these benefactors, the church was restored to what we now behold it.^g

A REGISTER of the priory of Bath, formerly Sir Matthew Hale's, is preserved in the library belonging to the society of Lincoln's Inn. Bishop Kennett's extracts from it have been already used in the preceding Account.

Another Register is noticed by Bishop Tanner, in his *Notitia Monastica*, as in the library of Lord Weymouth, now the Marquis of Bath's, at Longleat. It had before belonged to Dr. Guidot, of Bath.

The Harleian MS. 3970 is a Register-Book of William Holleweye, prior of Bath, and John Clarke, bishop of Bath and Wells, chiefly of the 28th and 29th years of King Henry the Eighth: containing indentures, obligations, leases, &c. The instruments relating to the Priory, fol. 1 to fol. 37, concern the advowsons of the churches of Longeassheton, Coston, Walcott, Stanton Prior, Kylverton, Carye, Sowthestoke, Ufcum, Batheston, Eingliscombe, Stalles, and Weston: with the manors of Southstoke, Ford, Combe, and Lyncombe.

The most important manuscript, however, is that preserved in the library of Corpus Christi, or Benet, college, Cambridge: to which it was bequeathed, with the rest of his collection, by Archbishop Parker.

Its contents, as far as they concern the monastery, are given below from Mr. Nasmith's Catalogue, p. 119. The instruments with an asterisk prefixed will be found in the Appendix to the present Account.^h

the Dissolution it was repaired, and again made habitable; some parts, however, of the old house were left in their pristine state, and were never occupied after their being taken from the monks. On pulling down part of these buildings, in the beginning of the eighteenth century, one of the apartments which had been walled up, and never explored, discovered a very curious and interesting sight: round the walls, upon pegs, were hung copes, albs, chesibles, and other garments of the religious, which, on the admission of the air, became so rotten as to crumble into powder. There was also found the handle of a crozier: and on the floor lay two large chests, without any contents, as it was alleged by the workmen; one of whom, however, grew rich upon the occasion, and retired from business." Ibid. See also Collinson, *Hist. Somerset*, vol. i. p. 58. Warner, p. 135. Warner says, the body of the monastery was surrounded by a wall, having two gates in it; one built after the manner of a triumphal arch, and called the Abbey gate; and the other, called St. Peter's gate, a single aperture, five feet wide by eight feet high.

ⁱ The dimensions of the old abbey church, before the erection of the present structure, are given by William of Worcestre in his *Itinerary*, p. 116. "Longitudo ecclesie Bathoniensis, 180 steppys." That is, three hundred feet.

^g Acc. publ. by the Soc. of Antiq. p. 4.

^h "CXI.

"In prima parte Codicis, regnante Henrico II. in membranis scripta, continentur,

1. Homagium factum priori Bathonensi pro messuagio, &c. in Olveston per Joannem de Weston, (manu neoterica,) p. 4.

2. Qui tenentur claudere parcum de Westberi, p. 5.

3. Reliquiae Sanctorum, p. 6.

4. Folium a libro Evangeliorum Saxonico, hujus Bibliothecae Cod. cXL. avulsum, in quo continentur Saxonice, (1) Scriptum Saxonice de Reliquiis Sanctorum quae in scriniis Bathoniensis ecclesiae reperiuntur Aelsigis abbas et fratres ejusdem monasterii. (2) Reliquiae

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^a Warner, p. 125.

^b Willis, *Mit. Ab.* vol. i. p. 221.

^c The following Payments were remaining in charge in 1553, 2 and 3 Phil. and Mar.

"BATHENUPER Priorat. Feod. Mauricii Barkeley militis capitalis Seneschalli omnium terr. et possessionum nuper Mon. praedicti per literas patentes nuper Abbatis et Conventus ibidem per annum vij^{li}. xiiij^{li}. iiiij^{li}. Annuitat. Johannis Wilman per annum lxvj^{li}. viij^{li}. Willielmi Haies per annum lxvj^{li}. viij^{li}. Johannis Birdeper annum vij^{li}. xiiij^{li}. iiiij^{li}. Ricardi Gibbes per annum c^{li}. Willielmi Cowper per annum iiiij^{li}. xiiij^{li}. iiiij^{li}. Thomae Howe per annum iiiij^{li}. Johannis Tregonwell per annum xl^{li}. Edwardi Leyceter per annum xlvj^{li}. viij^{li}. Willielmi Crowche per annum iiiij^{li}. Johannis Pitte per annum iiiij^{li}. Thomae Clerke per annum iiiij^{li}. iiiij^{li}. Penc. Johannis Pitte nuper monachi ibidem per annum ix^{li}. Ricardi Griffitheper annum viij^{li}. Johannis Beckington per annum vij^{li}. xiiij^{li}. iiiij^{li}. Alexandri Bull per annum vij^{li}. xiiij^{li}. iiiij^{li}. Ricardi Gibbes per annum cvj^{li}. viij^{li}. Willielmi Clement per annum cvj^{li}. viij^{li}. Edwardi Edwaye per annum cvj^{li}. viij^{li}. Johannis Stile per annum cvj^{li}. viij^{li}. Patric. Archer per annum cvj^{li}. viij^{li}. Thomae Stilbonde per annum cvj^{li}. viij^{li}. Johannis Parvet per annum cvj^{li}. viij^{li}. Willielmi Bewsham per annum iiiij^{li}. xiiij^{li}. iiiij^{li}. Thomae Appowell per annum vij^{li}. Johannis Broune per annum vij^{li}. Ricardi Bigge per annum vij^{li}. Johannis Symonds magistri Hospitalis Sancti Johannis Baptistae in Bathe per annum lxvj^{li}. viij^{li}."

^d Num. XXIII. Willis says, the king would have complimented him with good preferment, but that he refused the same, and concluded his days in privacy and retirement. *Mit. Ab.* vol. i. p. 221.

^e Account of the Abbey Church of Bath, publ. by the Soc. of Antiq. p. 4. "The buildings of the monastery extended over a large space of ground; they consisted of the church, cloisters, chapter-house, prior's house, monks' lodgings, and dormitory built by Bishop Bekington. The prior's house, with some of the apartments of the monks, stood on the south side of the conventual church. Soon after

Leland found the following works in the abbey library:

“Isagoge Joannicii.

quas ecclesiæ Bathoniensi acquisivit Hearstanus. (3.) Reliquiæ quas ecclesiæ Bathoniensi dedit Wulwinus de Readington. (4.) Testificatio ingenuitatis Leofenothi Ægelnothi filii de Korstune, qui seipsum cum prole emit ex Ælfsigo abbate et conventu Bathoniensi v. oris et xii. ovibus. (5.) Manumissio Wilwigi quem ex Ælfsigo abbate emerit pater ejus Ægelsigus de Linnecone. (6.) Manumissio Hildesigi, quem ex Ælfsigo abbate emerit pater suus Ægelsigus Bytici filius lx. denariis. (7.) Manumissio Leofgifæ cognomento Dægean de Northstolce cum prole sua quem ex Ælfsigo abbate emit Godwigus cognomento Bucca. (8.) Manumissio Godwini cognomento Bace de Stantune per Alfsigum abbatem, p. 7.

REGISTRUM CARTARUM ABBATIE S. PETRI DE BATH.

10. Conventio inter priorem et conventum et Matildam dominam de Bathneston, A.D. 1269, de pasturis et communis, p. 55.

11. Indulgentiæ concessæ a Theobaldo Cantuariensi, Roberto Bathonensi, Marco Cluanensi, et Nicholao Landavensi episcopo, iis qui monasterium Bathonense visitaverint in exaltatione sanctæ crucis, p. 54.

12. Dedicatio oratorii in suburbio Bathonensi in honore S. Werburgæ et S. S. Johannis Baptistæ et Katherinæ virginis et martiris per Nicolaum Landavensem episcopum, ibid.

13. Sodalitas religiosa Saxonice scripta quæ inita fuit inter Wulstanum episcopum Wigornensem, Ægelwigum abbatem Eofshamensem, Wolfwoldum abbatem de Ceortesige, Ælfsigum abbatem Bathoniensem, Edmundum abbatem Perscorensem, Rawulfum abbatem Wincelcumbiensem, Serlonem abbatem Gleweceastrensem, et Ælfstanum decanum Wigoceastrensem, p. 55.

* 14. Donatio xxx. mansarum æt Dýðbanhame monasterio S. Petri in Bathonia per Ædwigum regem, A.D. 956, p. 57.

15. Donatio xl. manentium in Slepi Bernguidi abbatissæ et monasterio ejus per Withardum, p. 59.

16. Donatio c. manentium civitati Bathon. adjacentium Brethanæ abbatissæ ad construendum monasterium sanctarum Virginum per Osricum regem, A.D. 676, ibid.

17. Donatio xx. manentium juxta flumen Cervelle Bernguidi abbatissæ et Folcburgi et monasterio suo per Æthelmodum, p. 60.

18. Donatio x. mansarum in Pristun et v. in Æscetun monasterio S. Petri æt Baðum per Athelstanum regem, A.D. 931, p. 61.

19. Donatio x. mansarum æt Copprantune cuidam fideli ministro vocitato Æthelnotho per Edmundum Regem, A.D. 941, p. 66.

20. Donatio v. mansarum æt Westune cuidam fideli ministro nomine Æthelere per Edmundum Regem, A.D. 946, p. 67.

21. Donatio x. mansarum æt Copprantune cuidam fideli feminæ, nomine Ælfswydæ, per Eadwigum Regem, A.D. 956, p. 70.

22. Redditio v. mansarum æt Alvertune, et aliarum v. æt Ærtune, quas Æthelstanus rex obtulerat ecclesiæ B. Petri in Bathonis civitate, nuper tyrannide abstractarum per Eadwigum Regem, p. 71.

23. Conventio inter Stigandum archiepiscopum et conventum Bathæ de dimissione xxx. hidarum terræ æt Dýðbanhame, Saxonice, p. 72.

24. Restitutio v. hidarum æt Westune ecclesiæ S. Petri in Bathonia per Eadwigum regem, A.D. 956, p. 74.

25. Donatio v. mansarum Hamtun nomine cuidam familiarissimo nomine Hethelm per Eadwigum regem, A.D. 956, p. 74.

26. Donatio x. mansarum æt Fopða cœnobitis Deo servientibus in monasterio S. Petri in Bathonia per Eadwigum regem, A.D. 957, p. 75.

27. Donatio v. mansionum in Northstoc fratribus in monasterio S. Petri Bathon. per Cynulfum regem, A.D. 808, p. 77.

28. Restitutio v. mansarum in Tottanstoc ecclesiæ S. Petri in Bathonia per Eadgarum regem, A.D. 961, p. 78.

29. Donatio unius cassæ æt Geofanstige cuidam fideli ac devoto ministro nomine Æthelwoldo per Eadgarum regem, A.C. 961, p. 79.

30. Donatio duarum mansarum atque dimidiæ æt Stantune cuidam fideli decurioni nomine Ælfsigo per Eadgarum Regem, A.C. 963, p. 81.

31. Donatio bis quaternarum præter semissem mansiuncularum in Stantun Æscwig abbati ad ecclesiam sancti Petri in urbe Achumanensi per Eadgarum regem, A.C. 965, p. 83.

32. Donatio decem mansiuncularum in Corsantun Deo et S. Petro in civitate Aquamania per Eadgarum regem, A.C. 972, p. 84.

33. Venditio x. cassarum æt Chytune ecclesiæ S. Petri æt hatum [Bathum] per Eadgarum regem, Æcswigo abbate et monachis regi dantibus c. auri mancusas ac x. terræ mansas in Cumtun, A.D. 970, p. 85.

34. Donatio trium mansarum atque dimidiæ æt Welfwestoce ecclesiæ S. Petri in Bathonia per Æthelredum regem, p. 87.

* 35. Testamentum Wulfari, Saxonice, p. 88.

36. Donatio terrarum in Ærjra Wlfwoldo abbati per Eadwear-dum regem, A.C. 1061, p. 90.

37. Donatio earundem terrarum monasterio Bathonensi per eundem Wlfwoldum, Saxonice, p. 92.

38. De terris Bathæ pertinentibus, p. 93.

39. Donatio terrarum in Cheolcumba monasterio S. Petri Bathon. per Willelmum regem, Saxonice, p. 94.

40. Confirmatio ejusdem donationis per eundem regem, Saxonice, ibid.

* 41. Cyrographum inter conventum Bathæ et Willelmum Hoset de Ceorlecumba, p. 95.

In chartis præcedentibus divisiones terrarum (ba land gemæpa) semper annotantur Saxonice.

Libellus Galeni ad Mæcenatem.

Hiponosticon Laurentii Dunelmensis carminè, de Veteri et Novo Testamento.

42. Donatio ecclesiæ S. Georgii de Dunstora et decimæ ejusdem villæ, et totius villæ Alcuinæ cum pertinentiis, scilicet i. hida terræ, et dimidiæ partis decimæ de Maneheafe, et totius decimæ de Bradunde, et omnis decimæ de Carentuna sibi pertinentis, et totius decimæ de Niwetuna, et dimidiæ decimæ de Brunfield, et totius decimæ de Stoke-lande, et totius de Kilvestune, et duorum piscatoriorum, et totius decimæ equarum suarum de Moris, monasterio Bathonensi ad construendam ecclesiam B. Georgii per Willelmum de Mojone, ibid.

43. Testificatio donationis ecclesiæ de Bathentuna cum dimidia hida terræ, et cum omnibus illis rebus quas tenebat Goscelinus presbyter, et cum omnibus decimis illius manerii per Walcinum de Duaio; et unius hidæ quæ appellatur Foxcume per Raimarum Walcini fratrem et Girardum ejusdem dapiferum; et ecclesiæ de Broctuna cum una virgula terræ et omnibus decimis et consuetudinibus per eundem Girardum; et medietatis decimæ de Careio et ecclesiæ de Brigga cum omnibus decimis et consuetudinibus per Walcini uxorem, p. 96.

44. Confirmatio præcedentis donationis per Willelmum Exoniensem episcopum, p. 97.

45. Donatio omnium possessionum monasterii Bathonensis in augmentationem Summersetensis episcopatus (eo tenus ut ibi institueret præsul eam sedem) per Willelmum II. regem, A.D. 1088, p. 98.

46. Donatio totius civitatis Bathoniæ in augmentationem ejusdem episcopatus per eundem Regem, p. 100.

47. Licentia faciendi warennam concessa episcopo Bathonensi per eundem Regem, p. 101.

48. Confirmatio præcedentis donationis civitatis Bathoniæ per Henricum I. Regem, A.D. 1101, ibid.

49. Donatio v. hidarum terræ de Westona episcopo et ecclesiæ Bathonensi per Patricium, A.D. 1100, p. 104.

50. Confirmatio ejusdem donationis per Henricum I. Regem, A.D. 1100, p. 105.

51. Confirmatio donationis civitatis Bathoniæ et transpositionis sedis episcopalis in eandem per Henricum I. A. D. 1111, ibid.

52. Confirmatio ejusdem per Robertum ducem Normanniæ, p. 106.

53. Donatio civitatis Bathoniæ in augmentationem sedis episcopalis per Henricum I. p. 107.

54. Duæ Cartæ Henrici Regis ut monachi Bathonenses sint quieti ab omni telonio, &c. in rebus emendis, p. 108.

55. Carta ejusdem Regis ut sint quieti de omnibus placitis et quærelis dum fuerint in manu Regis, ibid.

56. Placitum inter conventum Bathoniæ et Rodbertum de terra grantæ in Stocha North, in curia episcopi, A. D. 1121, ibid.

* 57. Breve Regis Henrici confirmans possessionem illius terræ dictis monachis, p. 111.

* 58. Cyrographum inter Johannem episcopum et Hubertum Hosatum de xi. bidis terræ in Escetona eidem Huberto in feodum ab episcopo concessis, A. D. 1123, ibid.

59. Concordia inter conventum Bathoniæ et W. Hosatum, A.D. 1123, p. 112.

60. Donatio Johannis primi episcopi Bathonensis monachis ibidem, A. D. 1106, p. 113.

61. Carta donationis et redditionis terræ de Dochemare ecclesiæ Bathonensi per Henricum Regem, p. 115.

62. Conventio inter monachos Bathonenses et Rogerum de S. Lando de commutatione terrarum in Stanton et Niveton, p. 114.

63. Carta concessionis ut manerium de Calvestona, abbatie S. Edmundi pertinens, sit in hundredo Bathoniæ, et in justitia episcopi, et confirmationis de terra de Mere ecclesiæ Bathonensi per Henricum Regem, p. 115.

64. Donatio vel restitutio villæ de Cumba monachis Bathonensibus per Godefridum episcopum, A. D. 1136, p. 116.

65. Confirmatio donationis Patricii de Caurcis de v. hidis Westonæ monachis Bathonensibus per Stephanum regem, anno regni primo, ibid.

66. Carta ejusdem Regis ut monachi Bathonenses sint quieti ab omni telonio, p. 117.

67. Carta ejusdem Regis de possessionibus episcopatus Bathonensis Roberto episcopo electo restituendis, ibid.

68. Donatio vel restitutio Roberti episcopi monachis Bathonensibus, A. D. 1135, p. 119.

69. Breve Stephani Regis de terra de Stocha monachis confirmanda, p. 120.

70. Confirmatio donationis Roberti episcopi monachis Bathonensis per Theobaldum Cantuariæ archiepiscopum, ibid.

71. Alia confirmatio eorundem per eundem, p. 121.

72. Confirmatio donationis ecclesiæ de Dunestorra monachis Bathonensibus in liberam elemosinam per eundem, p. 122.

73. Testificatio Roberti episcopi Bathonensis de l. salmonibus annuatim reddendis monachis ibidem per hæredes Atselmi Hosati pro terra de Ceorlecumba, ibid.

74. Carta comitis Glocestriæ de venditione manerii de Cameleia monachis Bathonensibus per Alexandrum de Alno et suos fratres, et Beatricem eorum matrem pro lxx. marcis auri eis solutis, et quibusdam servitiis et pensione annua xi. marcarum reservatis, p. 123.

75. Confirmatio ejusdem venditionis per Henricum ducem Normanniæ, p. 124.

76. Alia confirmatio ejusdem venditionis per eundem Henricum Regem Anglorum, p. 125.

77. Conventio inter conventum Bathoniæ et Richardum de Hanum de una virgata terræ de Beche, p. 126.

78. Epistola Rodberti episcopi Exon. ad conventum Bathonensem ut confirmarent Waltero clerico dimissionem ecclesiæ de Brantona, ibid.

Galenus de Morbo et Accidenti.
Liber de Febribus, quem transtulit Constantinus
monachus Cassinensis ex lingua Arabica.
Commentarii Cæsaris.”^a

WATERFORD, and CORK, in *Ireland*, have been already mentioned as CELLS to Bath; DUNSTER, in *Somersetshire*, was also a cell; and the prior appears to have had the patronage of the *Hospital* of St. MARY MAGDALEN at *Bath*.

Cartae ad Bathoniense Coenobium in agro Sumersetensi spectantes.

NUM. I.

[MS. in Bibl. Cottoniana, sub effigie Vitellii E. XII.]

MONASTERIUM Batoniense rex Offa construxit,
quod post rex Edgarus, sicut alia monasteria, re-
paravit.

Bathe.

[Lelandi Collectan. vol. i. p. 80.]

OSRICUS rex, primus fundator, instituit moniales.
Offa rex, ut quidam volunt, induxit canonicos seculares.
Deinde inducti monachi.

[Lelandi Itinerar. vol. ii. fol. 38.]

It apperith in the booke of the Antiquities of the late Monasterie of Bath that King Osric, in the yere of our Lord DCLXXVI. Theodore then being archbishop of Cantwarbyri, did erect a monasterie of nunnes at Bath, and Bertane was the first abbatisse thereof.

It apperith by a Charte that one Ethelmod, a great man, gave, by the leave of King Ædelrede, in Theodore the archbishop of Cantwarbyris tyme, lands to one Berneguid abbatisse of Bath, and to one Fuleburc. The booke of the Antiquity of th' Abby of Bath makith no great mention of any notable doying of Offa king of the Merches at Bathe.

The prior of Bath told me, that after the nunnes time there were secular chanons in S. Peters chirch at Bath. Peradventure Offa king of Merches set them there, for I have read that Offa did a notable act at S. Peters in Bath: or else the chanons cam yn after that the Danes had racid the nunry there.

Eadgar was a great doer and benefactor to S. Peters

at Bath, in whos tyme, monks were yn Bathe, and syns, except Alfarus erl of March, that was a scourge of monks, expellid them for a tyme.

John, a phisitian borne at Tours in France, and made bishop of Wells, did obtaine of Henry the First to sette his se at Bathe, and soe he had the abbay lands gyven unto hym, and then he made a monke prior there, deviding the old possessions of the monasterie with him. This John pullid down the old chirch of S. Peter at Bath and erectid a new much fairer and was buried in the middle of the presbyteri thereof, whos image I saw lying ther a nine yers sins, at the whiche tyme al the chirch that he made lay to wast, and was onroffed, and weds grew about this John of Tours sepulcre. This John of Tours erectid a palace at Bath in the south-west side of the monasterie of S. Peters at Bath, one great squar tour of it with other ruines yet appere. I saw at the same tyme a fair great marble tumbre ther of a bishops of Bath, out of the wich they sayid that oyle did distille, and likely, for his body was embaumid plentifully. Ther were other divers bishops buried ther.

Oliver King, bishop of Bath, began of late dayes a right goodly new chirch at the west part of the old chirch of S. Peter, and finished a great part of it. The residue of it was syns made by the prior of Bath, and especially by Gibbes the last prior ther that spent a grete summe of mony on that fabrike. Oliver King let almost al the old chirch of S. Peters in Bath to go to ruine; the walls yet stand.

Quæ Latine sic vertamus.

Ex libro antiquitatum nuperi monasterii Bathoni-

79. Donatio cujusdam terræ Wlwodo abbati per Eadwardum Regem, A. D. 1061, p. 127.

80. Terræ Bathonensis abbatiae, A. D. 1165, p. 128.

81. Bulla de confirmatione episcopatus Bathonensis per Adrianum Papam, p. 130.

82. Recognitio juris Willelmi fratris ad unam hidam terræ apud Weston per conventum Bathonensem, ibid.

83. Conventio facta inter conventum Bathonensem et Eliam Cottell de pastura ex occidentali parte de Southewode, A. D. 1258, p. 131.

84. Nomina Episcoporum Bathonensium.

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The following articles, relating to the monastery of Bath, also occur upon blank leaves at the beginning and end of a copy of the Saxon Gospels in the same library, Num. CXL.

“In fronte codicis occurrunt ea quæ sequuntur Saxonice.

* 1. Testificatio ingenuitatis Ælfwigi cognomento Rufi, qui seipsum emerat una libra ab Ælfsigo abbate.

* 2. Testificatio libertatis Sægifæ cum prole sua, quam ab Ælfsigo abbate emerat Edricus æt Forda pater ejus.

* 3. Testificatio manumissionis Ælfrici Scot et Ægelrici Scot pro Ælfsigi abbatis anima.

4. Testificatio manumissionis Sydelfledæ quam v. solidis et . . . denariis emerat a Johanne episcopo Siwinus æt Lincumbe Leofwii filius.

5. Testificatio manumissionis Gunnildæ Thurkilli filiæ quam Johannes emerat dimidia libra.

6. Testificatio manumissionis Sæwii cognomento Hagg de Widedecum, qui seipsum lucratus est [sebon] ab Ælfsigo abbate.

7. Testificatio manumissionis Lifgithæ æt Forda cum binis filiis ejus per Johannem episcopum.

8. Testificatio pactionis sive conventionis inter priorem et fratres Bathonenses ex una parte et Sewium cum Theodgyfa uxore sua ex altera.

9. Testificatio manumissionis Sæthrythæ quam iii. mancuis emerat a Sæwoldo abbate Ægylmerus.

10. Testificatio manumissionis Ælfgythæ quam dimidia libra emerat Wulwinus cognomento Hareberd ab Ælfwigo abbate.

11. Testificatio manumissionis Wynrici quam una yra [ýpe] auri emerat Ægylsigus ab Ælfwigo abbate.

Ad calcem libri.

1. Donatio capellæ B. Mariæ Magd. de Holewey extra Bath. et capitalis messuagii ibidem episcopo et conventui Bathon. per Walterum Hosatum, ea conditione ut episcopus et monachi ædificent et exaltent dictam capellam.

2. Finalis Concordia in curia Regis apud Westm. 13 Hen. III. inter conventum de Bath. et episcopum Wigori. de custodia et maritagio Petri Crok et hæredum ejus.

^a Lel. Collect. edit. 1770, tom. p. 156.

ensis constat Osricum regem, anno Domini dclxxvj. Theodoro tunc archiepisc. Cantuariensi, monasterium sanctimonialium apud Bathoniam erexisse, et Bertanam primam ejusdem fuisse abbatissam.

Constat etiam ex charta quadam Ethelmodum, virum potentem, de consensu Ædelredi regis, tempore Theodori archiepiscopi Cantuariensis, cuidam Berneguidæ abbatissæ Bathoniensi, et alteri Fuleburcæ, terras dedisse. Rerum antiquarum Bathoniensis cœnobii codex vix aliquid commemorat notatu dignum ab Offa, Merciorum rege, Bathoniæ gestum.

A priore Bathoniensi accepi, quod post sanctimonialium tempora, seculares erant canonici in ecclesia sancti Petri Bathon. Fortassis Offa, Merciorum rex, eos ibi collocavit: legi enim Offam aliquid egisse notabile apud sanctum Petrum Bathoniæ. Alioqui, canonici, postquam Dani monialium ædes funditus everterant, ingressi fuerint.

Ædium sancti Petri Bathon. restaurator fautorque præcipuus erat Edgarus; cujus ævo, citraque, monachi erant Bathoniæ: nisi quod Alfarus, Merciorum comes, monachorum ipse flagellum, eos ad tempus expulit.

Johannes, medicus quidam, natione Turonensis in Gallia, episcopus factus Wellensis, ab Henrico primo impetravit ut sedem suam Bathoniæ collocaret; hinc ipsi cœnobii terræ dabantur, qui tunc monachum quendam constituit loci priorem, veteris monasterii possessiones cum eo dividens. Iste Johannes veterem sancti Petri Bathon. ecclesiam demolitus est, et novam longè pulchriorem extruxit, in cujus presbyterii medio sepultus fuit; cujus effigiem ibi jacentem vidi ante annos novem jam elapsos, quando tota quam ipse construxerat ecclesia desertam et tecto orbatam reperi, zizaniis et loliis istius Johannis sepulchrum circumcirca ambientibus.

Iste Johannes Turonensis apud Bathoniam ad austro-occidentale monasterii sancti Petri Bathon. latus palatium construxit, cujus magna quædam turris quadrata, inter alias ruinas, adhuc apparet. Eodem tempore pulchram ibidem amplamque tumbam vidi marmoream cujusdam episcopi Bathoniensis; unde, uti narrabant, oleum distillabat: et verisimiliter; corpus enim ejus erat copiosè conditum. Plures alii ibi sepelebantur episcopi.

Oliverus Kyng, episcopus Bathoniensis, valde pulchram nuper incepit ecclesiam, ex occidentali veteris sancti Petri ecclesiæ parte, et magnam ipsius partem consummavit. Reliquum postea addiderunt priores Bathonienses, præcipuè postremus loci prior, Gibbs nomine, qui magnam pecuniæ summam in fabricam illam expendebat. Oliverus Kyng totam ferè veterem sancti Petri Bathon. ecclesiam perire passus est. Muri adhuc stant.

NUM. II.

Carta Regis Osrici, A. D. 676.

MS. C. C. C. C. num. cxi. Warner, Hist. Bath. Append. p. 1.]

REGNANTE ac gubernante regimonia regni Osrici regis anno recapitulationis Dionysii, id est ab incarnatione Domini nostri Jhesu Christi sexcentesimo septuagesimo sexto, Indictione quarta, mense Novembris, viii^o. id. Novembris. Cum nobis evangelica et apostolica dogmatica propter baptismi sacramentum de suffragantem fuissent delata et omnia simulacrorum figmenta ridiculosa funditus diruta, tamen primitus ad augmentum catholicæ et orthodoxæ fidei pontificalem dumtaxat cathedram erigentes, juxta synodalia decreta construere censuimus. At vero nunc cum gratia superna longe lateque profusius enitesceret, cœnobialia etiam loca sparsim virorum sparsimque virginum Deo famulantium erigenda statuimus, ut ubi truculentus et nefandus prius draco errorum deceptionibus serviebat; nunc versa vice ecclesiasticus ordo in clero conversantium Domino patrocinate gaudens tripudiet. Quamobrem ego supradictus Osricus rex pro remedio animæ meæ, et indulgentia piaculorum meorum hoc privilegium impendem

ad laudem nominis Domini nostri decreveram. Id est Bertanæ abbatissæ, quæ pro Christiana devotione et pro spe æternæ beatitudinis Dei famulam se profitetur, centum manentes qui adjacent civitati quæ vocatur hat Bathun, tribuens ad construendum Monasterium sanctarum Virginum. Igitur subnixis precibus imploro ut nullus propter obitum meum de ea cespitis conditione tollere vel auferre quippiam contra canonicæ auctoritatis interdictum pertinaciter præsumat. Si quis vero, quod absit, succedentium episcoporum seu regum, contra hanc nostræ diffinitionis cartulam propria temeritate præsumere temptaverit, sit sequestratus a communione corporis Domini nostri Jhesu Christi, et a consortio omnium sanctorum in æternum privatus. Signum manus Osrici regis qui hanc cartam donationis fieri rogavi.

✠. Ego Æthelredus rex consensi et subscripsi. ✠. Ego Theodorus gratia Dei archiep. testis subscripsi. ✠. Ego Leutherius acsi indignus episcopus subscripsi. ✠. Ego Wilfridus episcopus consensi et subscripsi. ✠. Ego Hedda episcopus consensi et subscripsi. ✠. Ego Frigunaldus episcopus consensi et subscripsi. ✠. Signum Baldred. Osualdi. Gadfridi. Æthelmodi.

NUM. III.

Carta Vighardi.

[Ibid. p. 2.]

REGNANTE Wlfhero rege, anno xliii. regni sui, ego Vighardus, per consensum Wlfheri regis, dono tibi Bernguidi venerabili abbatissæ, et per te monasterio tuo manentes xli^{ta}. quæ sunt in loco qui appellatur Slep; ut habeas, teneas, jure dominio, tam tuo quam monasterii vindices ac defendas. Si quis contra hanc donationis meæ cartulam venire temptaverit, sciat se rationem redditurum in die judicii, et condempnatum esse cum ipsis qui ad sinistram ituri sunt. Actum in mense Octobris Indictione ix^a. Ego Theodorus gratia Dei archiepiscopus subscripsi. ✠. Ego Putta gratia Dei archiepiscopus subscripsi. ✠. Ego Bosel gratia Dei episcopus subscripsi. ✠. Ego Eilredus rex gratia Dei subscripsi. ✠.

NUM. IV.

Carta Edwii Regis, A. D. 956.

[Ibid. p. 3.]

ANNO vero Dominicæ incarnationis dcccclvi. Indictione xv. Ego Edwie, omnireantis disponente clementia, angligenarum omniumque gentium undique secus habitantium rex, divino ductus amore, ab eodem Deo et Domino nostro populis et tribubus præordinatus in regem, anno imperii mei primo, non immemor fui quomodo et quam mirabiliter omnia supernus rector firmæ rationis serie gubernat atque custodit. Idcirco ad monasterium sancti Petri, quod situm est in Bathonia ubi thermæ amcenæ calidis e fontibus derivantur, xxx. mansas in hæreditate tribuo perhenne, ex quibus meo videlicet sacerdoti Wulfgaro, qui præest supradicto monasterio, pro ejus fideli obsequio et devotione, tres tantum cassatos p'pt'm impertuo, illo in loco qui a ruriginis prænominatur æt Dyddenhame, quatinus eidem monasterii choors indesinanter cum jocunditate quamdiu Christianitas in hac Albionis insula viguerit, meam regalem donationem feliciter possideat, cum omnibus quæ ad eundem locum jure pertinere dinoscuntur, tam in magnis quam in modicis rebus, campis, pascuis, pratis, sylvis, capturis piscium. Sit autem prædictum rus liberum ab omni munduali obstaculo, exceptis istis tribus, expeditione, pontis, arcisve constructione. Si qui denique mihi non optanti hanc cartam cupiditatis livore depressi, molari satagerint, agminibus tetrae caliginis lapsi vocem, audiant examinationis, die arbitri, sibi dicentis 'Discedite a me maledicti in ignem æternum,' ubi cum dæmonibus ferreis sartaginibus crudeli torqueantur in pœna, si non ante mortem digna hoc emendaverint pœnitentia, &c.

NUM. V.

Testamentum Wulfari.

[E Registro Abbathie S. Petri de Bath. MS. C.C.C.C. num. cxi. p. 88. Hickes. Thesaur. tom. iii. Dissert. Epist. p. 54.]

IC Wulfaru biððe minne leofan hlaforð Æþelneð kynnig to ælmyrjan þ ic mote beon mine cyððer þýrðe. Ic kyðe þe leof on ðurum zeppte hær ic zeann into Baðum to Sðe Petre mynre. for mine earman jarle. 7 for minra ylðrena þe me min ar afeom. 7 mine æhta. þ iſ þonne þ ic zeann ðæder into ðære halgan ſtope aneſ beageſ iſ on ſextigum mancyrum zoldeſ. 7 ane blede iſ on þuððan healfon punde. 7 tpegea zylðenra roða. 7 aneſ mæſſereapeſ mid eallum þam ðe ðærto zebýneð. 7 aneſ hwez-hwæzleſ þæſ ſeleſtan þe ic hæbbe. 7 aneſ beððreapeſ mid þahýrte. 7 mid hoppreýtan. 7 mid eallum þam þe þærto zebýneð. And ic zeann Ælſe abbode þæſ landeſ æt ſerſceſ-forða mid mete. 7 mid mannum. 7 mid ealre tylðe. ſpa ðærto zetilod bið. And ic zeann pulſmære minum ylðran ſuna þæſ landeſ æt clatforðtune mid mete. 7 mid mennum. 7 mid ealre tilþe. 7 ðælon hi þ heaſodboz him beſreonan ſpa ſilite ſpa hi ſihtliceoſt maſon. þ heora æzþeſ hiſ zelice micel habbon. And Ælſe minum zynzran ſuna ic zeann þeſ landeſ æt Læze. mid mete. 7 mid mannum. 7 mid eallre tilðe. And þeſ landeſ æt Healtune. mid mete. 7 mid mannum. 7 mid eallre tilðe. And þeſ landeſ æt Hoczeſtune. mid mete. 7 mid mannum. 7 mid eallre tilðe. 7 ðurttiga mancyrſa zoldeſ. And ic zeann zodaſ minre ylðran dehteſ þeſ landeſ æt Punſrod. mid mete. 7 mid mannum. 7 mid eallre tilðe. 7 tpegea cuppena on ſeoſe punðum. 7 aneſ benðeſ on ðurttigum mancyrum zoldeſ. 7 tpegea ppeonar. 7 aneſ piſſeſcudeſ ealleſ. And Alſe minre zyntran dehteſ ic zeann ealleſ þæſ piſſeſcudeſ þe þeſto laſe bið. And Wulſmære minum ſuna. 7 Ælſe minum oþra ſuna. 7 Alſe minre dehteſ heora ðneoðra ælcum ic zeann tpegea cuppena on zodaſ ſeo. And ic zeann Wulſmære minum ſuna aneſ heallþahſeſ. 7 aneſ beððreapeſ. Ælſe minum oðrum ſuna ic zeann aneſ heall-ſeapeſ. 7 aneſ buſ-ſeapeſ. mid beoð-ſeape. 7 mid eallum hwæzlum ſpa ðeſto zebýneð. And ic zeann minum ſeoſe cnihtum. Ælſe minre. 7 Ælſe minre. 7 Wulſe. 7 Wulſtane aneſ benðeſ on tpeſtigum mancyrum zoldeſ. Ac ic zeann eallum minum hweð piſmannum to zemanum aneſ zodeſ caſteneſeſ pel zeſenodeſ. And ic þýlle þ þa þe to minre aſe for þ hi ſidon tpeſtig ſeote manna. týne be eaſtan 7 týne be ſeſtan. And æſſe ælce zeape ealle zemaene-lice aſe ſeoſe into Baðum ſpa zode ſpa hi beſte þurhteon maſon to ſpýlce tide ſpælce heom eallum þince þ hi beſt 7 hi zeſenliceoſt hi forð þunzan maſon. ſpýlce heora ſpýlce þiſ zelærte. hæbbe he zodeſ milte 7 mine. and ſpýlce heora ſpýlce þiſ zelærſtan nelle. hæbbe he hit him pið ðone hehſtan zemaene. þ iſ ſe roða zoda. þe ealle zeſceapſa zeſceop 7 zeſoſte.

NUM. VI.

Cyrogaphum inter Conventum Bathæ et Willielmum Hosett de Ceorlecumba.

[E cod. perantiquo MS. num. cxi. in Bibl. Coll. Corporis Christi Cantab. p. 95. Madox, Formul. Anglic. p. 73.]

HER zepptelað on þýran zeppte þa ſonepaſde þe Willelm Hoſett zeſoſhte pið Wlſpolð abbod. 7 pið Ælſe abbod. 7 pið eall þone hweð on Baðan. embe þ Land æt Ceorlecumbe. þ iſ þ hi lætað him þ land to handa. 7 x. oxan. 7 jýxtig ſceapa. 7 an c ækepa jæð. to þam ſonepaſden þe he do ælce zeape ii. punð into þa mynre for ða ſeoſe. And ſaſa þære ſone æt cýnzer zebanne. And cýnzer zelbe. And þiſ býð zedon on þa ſonepaſde þ he beo bam þam abbodaſ hold 7 zehýrſum. 7 eallon þe þnoðran on eallon þinzon. And zif he þa ze tſýpðe bſeþe þe he heom behaten haſað. þolize þæſ landeſ. 7 beo he accuſroðð ſſam cſiſte 7 ſſam ſca Maſan 7 ſſam ſce Petre þ þ mynre iſ ſone halz.

Id est.

In hoc scripto declaratur conventio quam Williel-

mus Hosett fecit cum Wlſwoldo abbate, et Ælſigo abbate, et toto conventu Bathoniæ, de terra de Ceorlecumba: scilicet quod ipsi tradiderunt ei in manum terram illam, et decem boves, et sexaginta oves, et unam acram ad seminandum, hac conditione, quod solvat monasterio quolibet anno duas libras de firmâ, et quod proficiatur ad bannum regis, et regi geldabit. Hoc factum est hac conventione, quod fidelis et obediens sit utrique abbati, et omnibus fratribus in omnibus. Et si ipse fidem violaverit quam eis spondit, terram prædictam perdat, et maledictus sit a Christo, et sancta Maria, et sancto Petro cui monasterium illud est sacratum.

NUM. VII.

Manumissiones Villanorum.

[Ex Evangel. Saxon. MS. in Bibl. Coll. Corporis Christi Cantabr. num. cxi. ante init. Evangelii. Vid. Madox, Formul. Angl. p. 416.]

HER ſwutelað on þiſſe Cſiſteſ beç þ Eðſic Æt forðan hæfð zeboht ſægyfu hiſ dohtor æt Ælſe abbod and æt þam hweðe on Baðan to ecum ſeote 7 eall hweðe ofſprung.

Id est.

Hic innotescit in hoc Christi libro, quod Edricus de Forda emit Sægyfu filiam suam, ab Ælſigo abbate et conventu Bathoniæ in perpetuam libertatem, et totam ejus progeniem.

HER ſwutelað on þiſſe Cſiſteſ beç þ Scot Ælſic 7 Scot Ægelric synd zefreod for Ælſigeſ abbodes ſawle to ecan freote. þiſ iſ zedon on ealles hiredes zewitneſſ.

Id est.

In hoc Christi libro patet quod Ælſicus Scot et Ægelricus Scot, pro anima Ælſigeſ abbatis, perpetua libertate donati sunt. Hoc factum est totius conventus testimonio.

HER ſwutelað on ðiſſe Cſiſteſ beç þ Ælſic Scſed hæfð zeboht hine ſylſe ut æt Ælſicſ abbod 7 eallon hirede mid anon punde þaſ iſ tozewitneſ eall ſe hired on Baðan. Criſt hine ablende þe þiſ zewrit awende.

Id est.

In hoc Christi libro patet quod Ælſigus Scſed redemit seipsum ab Ælſigo abbate et toto conventu unâ librâ. Hujus rei testes sunt totus conventus Bathoniæ. Christus eum oculis privet qui hoc scriptum immutaverit.

NUM. VIII.

Prædia ad Ecclesiam Bathoniensem spectantia tempore Regis Willielmi Conquestoris.

[Ex Libro Censuali vocato Domesday Book, penes Camerar. Scacc.]

Sumersete, fol. 89 b.

TERRA ÆCCLESIE DE BADE. Ecclesia S. Petri de Bada habet in BURGO IPſO. xxiiii. burgenses redd. xx. solid. Ibi molinum redd. xx. sol. et xii. acr. prati. Totum valet xl. sol.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet PRISTUNE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro vi. hid. Terra est viii. car. De ea sunt in dominio ii. hidæ. et ibi i. car. et iii. servi. et vii. villani. et viii. bord. cum vi. car. Ibi molinum reddens vii. sol. et vi. den. et xx. acr. prati. et quater xx. acr. pasturæ. Valuit et val. vi. lib.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet STANTONE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro iii. hid. Terra est iii. car. De ea est in dominio dimidia hida. et ibi i. car. et v. servi. et iii. villani. et iii. bord. cum iii. car. Ibi xii. acr. prati et xxx. acr. pasturæ. et xxx. acr. silvæ minutæ. Valuit et valet iii. lib.

Walterus tenet de æcclesia WIMEDONE. Unus tainus tenuit de æcclesia tempore Regis Edwardi, et geldabat pro III. hidis. Terra est III. car. In dominio sunt II. car. et II. servi. et VII. bord. cum I. car. Ibi molinum reddens v. solid. et x. acr. prati et x. acr. pasturæ. Valuit et valet LX. solid.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet WESTONE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro xv. hid. Terra est x. car. De ea sunt in dominio VIII. hidæ et dimid. et ibi II. car. et VII. servi. et VII. villani et x. bord. cum VI. car. Ibi molinum reddens x. solid. et xx. acr. prati. Silvæ minutæ una leuua inter long. et lat. Valuit VII. lib. Modo x. lib.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet FORDE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro x. hid. Terra est IX. car. De ea sunt in dominio v. hidæ. et ibi II. car. et VI. servi. et v. villani et VII. bord. cum VI. car. Ibi molinum reddens x. solid. et XII. acr. prati. et una leuua silvæ minutæ inter long. et lat. Valuit et valet x. lib.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet CVME. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro IX. hidis. Terra est VIII. car. De ea sunt in dominio VI. hidæ. et ibi III. car. et VI. servi. et VI. villani et VIII. bord. cum v. car. Ibi II. molini redd. XIII. sol. et VI. den. et XXXII. acr. prati. et una leuua silvæ minutæ in long. et lat. Valuit VII. lib. Modo VIII. lib.

Willielmus tenet de æcclesia CERLECVME. Vnus tainus tenuit tempore Regis Edwardi de æcclesia. et geldabat pro III. hidis. Terra est III. car. In dominio sunt II. car. et III. servi. et v. villani et III. bord. cum II. car. Ibi v. acr. prati. et x. acr. silvæ minutæ. Valuit L. solid. Modo VI. lib.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet LINCUME. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro x. hid. Terra est VIII. car. De ea sunt in dominio VII. hidæ. et ibi III. car. et VIII. servi. et III. villani et x. bord. cum III. car. Ibi II. molini redd. x. solid. et xxx. acr. prati. et cc. acr. pasturæ. Valuit VI. lib. Modo VIII. lib.

Walterius tenet de ipsa æcclesia ESTONE. Vluuarius abbas tenuit tempore Regis Edwardi, et geldabat pro una hida et dim. Terra est II. car. In dominio est I. car. cum I. villano et VIII. bord. cum I. car. Ibi II. molini reddentes VI. solid. et VIII. denar. Ibi II. acr. prati. Valuit xxx. sol. Modo XL. solid.

III. hid. III. hid.

Hugo et Colgrim ten. de ipsa æcclesia HANTONE. Duo taini tenuerunt tempore Regis Edwardi, nec poterant ab æcclesia separari. et geldabant pro v. hid. Terra est VI. car. In dominio sunt III. car. et III. servi. et III. villani et VI. bord. cum III. car. Ibi XXVIII. acr. prati. et VI. quar. pasturæ inter long. et lat. et x. quarent. silvæ minutæ in long. et latit. Valet cx. solid.

Rannulfus Flambard tenet de ipsa æcclesia VNDEWICHE. Vnus monachus de eodem monasterio tenuit tempore Regis Edwardi, et geldabat pro II. hid. et dim. Terra est III. car. Ibi sunt v. bord. et dimid. molinum reddens v. solid. et XII. acr. prati et xxx. acr. pasturæ. Valuit et valet xx. solid.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet CORSTVNE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro x. hid. Terra est IX. car. De ea sunt in dominio v. hid. et ibi II. car. et III. servi et v. villani et VIII. bord. cum III. car. Ibi molinum reddens xxx. den. et VI. acr. prati. Valet VIII. lib.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet EVESTIE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro una hida. Terra est I. car. quæ ibi est in dominio. et III. servi. et III. acr. prati. Valet xx. solid.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet ESCEWICHE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro dimidia hida. Terra est dimid. car. Ibi est unus servus. et II. villani redd. XLII. den. et XII. acr. prati. et III. acr. silvæ minutæ. Valet et valuit XLII. denar. Tota hæc terra jacuit in ipsa æcclesia tempore Regis Edwardi; nec poterat inde separari.

Glowec'scire, fol. 165.

TERRA ÆCCLESIAE DE BADE. In Langelei Hund. Sanctus Petrus de Bada tenuit ALVESTONE. Ibi v. hidæ. Tres geldant ex his. et II. non geldant concessu Edwardi et Willielmi Regum. In dominio sunt II. car.

et IX. villani et VI. bord. et presbiter et unus radchen. cum x. car. Ibi VII. servi. et prata et silva ad manerium sustinendum. Valuit c. sol. Modo III. lib. Ipsa æcclesia tenet adhuc.

In Pulrecerce Hund. Ipsa æcclesia tenet ESCE-TONE. Ibi v. hidæ. Harum II. sunt a geldo quietæ concessu Edwardi et Willielmi regum. Tres vero geld. In dominio est una car. et III. villani et III. bord. et unus radchen. Inter omnes III. car. Ibi I. colibertus. et molinum de I. denar. et VI. acr. prati. Valet et valuit III. lib.

NUM. IX.

Carta Willielmi II. Regis, qua Abbatiam S. Petri Bathoniæ Johanni Episcopo Sumersetensi ad ampliandos Episcopatus donat.

[Registr. Well. I. fol. 14. Hearn. Ad. de Domerh. tom. i. p. 278. Vide etiam Hickes. Dissert. Epist. p. 47.]

PAX in perpetuum deicolis omnibus, tam futuris quam præsentibus. Quoniam Deo omnipotente tempora sæculorum ordinante, et his, prout placuerit, finem imponente, cælum et terra, et omnia quæ in eis sunt, suo fine transibunt, et vita nostra, quæ ad tempus floret, et cito tanquam flos fœni decedit, videtur esse momentanea; idcirco cunctis agendum, ut hic bonis actibus futuræ beatitudinis mercemur gaudia, absque omni immutatione perenniter mansura. Quocirca ego Willelmus Willielmi regis filius, Dei dispositione monarches Britanniae, pro meæ meique patris remedio animæ, et regni prosperitate, et populi a Domino mihi collati salute, accessi Johanni episcopo abbatiam sancti Petri Bathoniæ, cum omnibus appendiciis, tam in villis quam in civitate et in consuetudinibus, illis videlicet quibus saisita erat ea die qua regnum suscepi. Dedi inquam ad Sumersetensis episcopatus augmentationem eatenus præsertim ut inibi instituat præsuleam sedem. Anno Dominicæ incarnationis mill. xc. regni vero mei III. indictione XIII. vi. kal. Febr. luna III. pepigi id, in eorum optimatum meorum præsentia ✠ quorum nomina subtus sunt annexa; et ut per posteritates succedentes apud quosque homines, veritatis amatores, perseveret ratum, meæ regiae auctoritatis annecto sigillum, sed et propria manu mea depingo crucis Dominicæ signum ✠ Lanfranco archipræsule machinante. Wintoniæ factum est donum hujus beneficii, mill. LXXXVIII. anno ab incarnatione Domini, secundo vero anno regni regis Willielmi filii prioris Willielmi. Confirmatio autem hujus chartæ facta est apud Doveriam, eo tempore quod superius determinatum est. ✠ Ego Thomas archiepiscopus Eboracensis laudavi. Ego Mauricius Londoniensis episcopus corroboravi. ✠ Ego Walchelinus Wintoniensis episcopus aptavi. Ego Osmundus Sarbiensis episcopus consolidavi. Ego Osbernus Exoniensis episcopus confirmavi. Ego Remigius Lincolniensis episcopus astruxi. Ego Rotbertus Herefordensis episcopus audivi. Ego Rotbertus Cestrensis episcopus conspexi. ✠ Ego Cunulfus Rouercestrensis episcopus annui. Ego Wolestannus Wigrecestrensis episcopus accessi. Ego Radulfus Cicestrensis episcopus vidi. Ego Herbertus Tetfordensis episcopus audivi. Ego Goiffridus Constantiensis hoc exquisivi. ✠ Ego Hoellus Cenomannensis episcopus interfui. ✠ Ego Wido abbas sancti Augustini Cantuarii. ✠ Ego Gislebertus abbas sancti Petri Westmonasterii. Ego Turstinus abbas Glestoniensis. Ego Symeon abbas de Eli. Ego Balduinus abbas sancti Eadmundi. Ego Raginaldus abbas de Abendona. Ego Rotbertus abbas S. Petri Wintoniæ. Ego Walterus abbas de Evesham. Ego Paulus abbas sancti Albani. Ego Odo abbas de Certiseio. Ego Godefridus abbas de Malmesberia. Ego Grisbertus abbas de Bello. Ego Serlo abbas de Gloecastria. Ego Goisfridus Mala Terra. ✠ Ego Rogerus comes. Ego Rotbertus comes. ✠ Ego Symon comes. Ego Hugo comes. ✠ Ego Alanus comes. Ego Henricus comes. Ego Walterus comes. Ego Willelmus comes. Ego Rotbertus filius Hannonis. Ego Philippus capellanus. ✠ Ego Rotbertus cancellarius. Ego Samson capellanus. ✠ Ego Turgisus capellanus. ✠ Ego Geraldus capellanus. Ego

Ansgerus capellanus. Ego Herbertus capellanus. ✠ Ego Willhelmus capellanus. ✠ Ego En rannus capellanus. ✠ Ego Ranulfus capellanus. ✠ Ego Petrus capellanus. ✠ Ego Tusaldus capellanus. Ego Eudo dapifer. Ego Ivo dapifer. Ego Hanno dapifer. Ego Rogerus dapifer. Ego Willhelmus dapifer. Ego Rotbertus de Oili. Ego Vrso de Abetot. Rotbertus dispensator. Hugo de Portu. Rogerus de Busleio. Ranulfus Peverellus. ✠ Aiulfus vicecomes. ✠ Alveradus de Lincoln. ✠ Ernulfus de Hesding. ✠ Folco Crispinus.

NUM. X.

Carta Willielmi Regis II. de Civitate Bathoniæ.

[Ex vetusto Exemplari in Bibl. Deuvestana, an. 1644, hodie MS. Harl. Brit. Mus. 358, fol. 39.]

W. REX Anglorum, O. episcopo Saresbergensi, et L. abbati Glastoniensi, et A. vicecomiti, omnibusque baronibus, Francigenis et Anglis, de Sumerseta, et de Wiltunsire, salutem. Sciatis me dedisse Deo et sancto Petro in Bathonia, et Johanni episcopo, totam civitatem Bathoniæ in elemosinam, et ad augmentationem pontificalis sedis suæ, et omnibus successoribus suis, pro remedio animæ patris mei, matrisque meæ, et mei ipsius, et antecessorum et successorum meorum; dedi, inquam, ei ita liberè et honorificè, cum omnibus appenditiis, quicquid ego ibi habui, vel pater meus, dum meliùs habuimus, cum omnibus consuetudinibus extra et infra, ut liberaliùs habeo civitatem in tota Anglia, cum moneta, cum theloneo, tam in campis quàm in silvis, tam in foro quàm in pratis, et in terris, ut cum maximo honore ibi pontificalem suam habeat sedem. Et de hoc propalantur testes, Walkelinus Wintoniensis episcopus, Robertus Lincoliensis episcopus, Robertus comes de Mellent, Henricus comes de Warwic, Robertus filius Hamonis, Eudo dapifer, Ivo dapifer, Robertus filius Gerald, Robertus dispensator, Williel. de Carokela.

NUM. XI.

Carta Henrici Regis I.

[Ibid. fol. 38.]

✠ In nomine Patris, et Filii, et Spiritus Sancti. Amen. Dominus et Redemptor noster Jesus Christus, eo sanctam dilexit ecclesiam, ut eam suo sanguine redimeret, et suo spiritu insigniret, dilexit eam et sibi copulavit, et omnium virtutum vestibis adornavit, ditavit eam muneribus, et coronavit diademate regni, unde Propheta, 'Astitit regina a dextris tuis in vestitu deaurato, circumdata varietate. Omnis gloria filiae regis ab intus in fimbriis aureis circumamicta varietate.' Quod considerantes terræ reges et principes ad hujus reginæ obsequia convenerunt, et summi imperatoris exemplo, qui eam interius illustrabat, exterius adornaverunt. Inde in jus ecclesiasticum terrena sunt collata bona, fiscus, et prædia, et quæcumque religiosæ mentes in sanctæ ecclesiæ officiis commemoraverunt utilia. Quod ego Henricus rex, Willielmi regis filius, considerans, ipse quoque huic reginæ servire studui; eamque rebus quas ab antecessoribus meis, jure hæreditario acceperam honoravi, Renovavi igitur donum quod fecerat frater meus Willhelmus rex de civitate Bathoniæ, et eandem civitatem donavi Deo et beato Petro apostolo, et Johanni episcopo, cum omnibus consuetudinibus et appendiciis quæ ad ipsam pertinent civitatem constitui et concessi, ut ibi deinceps sit caput et mater ecclesia totius episcopatus de Somersete. Hoc autem feci consilio primatum meorum et intercessionem Johannis episcopi qui eo tempore episcopatum tenebat et regebat. Feci hoc pro anima mea, et patris mei, et matris meæ, et fratrum meorum, et antecessorum et successorum meorum, qui usque ad finem sæculi futuri sunt. Facta autem est hæc donatio anno ab incarnatione Domini millesimo centesimo primo. Indictione nulla. Epacta nulla. Concurrente i. Presente Matthilda regina, et viris illustribus et prin-

cipibus totius Angliæ, ecclesiasticis et sæcularibus, et ut hæc rata et in æternum perseverent, præsentem signo sanctæ crucis confirmo, et meæ reginæ potestatis sigillo corroboro. ✠. Confirmatio hæc facta est anno regni mei secundo. Ego regina Mathildis confirmavi. ✠. Ego Anselmus archiepiscopus Cantuariensis laudavi. ✠. Ego Girardus archiepiscopus Ebor. aptavi. ✠. Ego Mauricius London. episcopus corroboravi. ✠. Ego Willhelmus Winton. episcopus aptavi. Ego Osbernus Exon. episcopus confirmavi. Ego Robertus Lincoln. episcopus astruxi. Ego Robertus Cestrensis episcopus conspexi. Ego Herebertus Norwicensis episcopus concessi. Ego Gunnulphus Rovercestren. episcopus annui. Ego Sampson Wigrecestren. episcopus concessi. Ego Radulphus Cicestren. episcopus vidi. Ego Rannulphus Dunelmen. audivi. Ego Johannes Tusculanus episcopus interfui et concessi. Ego Tyberius dapifer et legatus audivi. Ego Grymbaldus medicus affui. Ego Gislebertus S. Petri Westm. abbas. Ego Odo abbas Certesiensis. Ego Serlo abbas Glocestrensis. Ego Stephanus abbas Eboracen. Ego Henricus abbas de Bello. Ego Ælduinus abbas Ramesiæ. Ego Walterus abbas de Evesham. Ego Geroldus Teotecensis. Ego Richerus abbas de Holma. Ego Rainelmus reginæ cancellarius. Ego Arnulfus capellanus. Ego Stephanus comes Britannia. Ego Simon comes. Ego Willhelmus comes de Warena. Ego Willhelmus comes de Montjoi. Ego Robertus filius Hamonis. Ego Eudo dapifer. Ego Rogerus Bigot dapifer. Cum multis aliis.

Confirmatio hujus cartæ facta est apud Windresoras, in die ordinationis sancti Gregorii iiiº. non. Septemb. luna vi. Confirma hoc Deus quod operatus es in nobis.

NUM. XII.

Charta alia Henrici Regis Primi.

[Ibid. fol. 39.]

In nomine Patris, et Filii, et Spiritus Sancti, Amen. Henricus gratia Dei rex Anglorum, omnibus archiepiscopis, episcopis, abbatibus, comitibus, baronibus, et fidelibus suis, Francis et Anglis, totius regni Angliæ salutem. Notum sit vobis, quod eam donationem quam donavi Deo, et sancto Petro in Batha, ubi frater meus Willielmus et ego constituimus et confirmavimus sedem episcopatus totius Summersetæ quæ olim erat apud villam quæ dicitur Wella; scilicet, ipsam urbem, et omnia pertinentia ad firmam ejusdem civitatis, dono et confirmo ipsi Domino nostro Jesu Christo, et beato apostolo ejus Petro, et Johanni episcopo, ejusque successoribus jure perpetuo, et hæreditario. Dono etiam hidagium, quod exigebatur de viginti hidis ad eandem urbem pertinentibus, et omnia placita et leges, justitias, et omnes consuetudines omnino, et adjutoria, et si quæ alia sunt, quæ pater meus, vel frater, vel ego ipse habuimus in ea: omnia plenariè et integrè dono Deo et concedo, et ecclesiæ ejusdem civitatis, et Johanni episcopo ejusque successoribus, ut sit rata et perpetua elemosina pro anima mea, et conjugis meæ, ac filiorum meorum, necnon patris ac matris, fratrumque meorum. S. Rogeri ✠ Salesberiensis episcopi. S. Willielmi ✠ Exon. episcopi. S. ✠ Roberti Lincoliensis episcopi.

Signum re ✠gis. Signum reginæ ✠. S. Willielmi ✠ Winton. episcopi. S. Ricardi ✠ London. episcopi. S. Kein ✠ elmi, Hereford. episcopi. S. Herve ✠ ii, Eliensis episcopi.

Hujus rei testes sunt, Rogerius Salesberiensis episcopus, Willhelmus Exon. Willhelmus Winton. Richardus London. Robertus Lincoln. Keinelmus Hereford. Herveius Eliensis, Ranulphus cancellarius, Johannes Baio-censis, Ebrard. Bernardus, Grumbaldus medicus, Gislebertus de Aquila, Gosfricus de Magnevilla, Thomas de S. Johanne, Willhelmus Peverell de Dovra.

Hæc cartula confirmata fuit apud Waltham, Wintoniensis episcopi, a rege et regina, anno ab incarnatione Domini mxi. vj. idus Aug. in transitu regis in Normanniam, anno xijº. regni sui.

NUM. XIII.

Carta Henrici Regis qua Civitatem Bathon. et ferias in Festis Sancti Petri Johanni Episcopo Bathon. concessit Anno 1102.

[Hearne, Ad. de Domerh. tom. i. p. 285. Reg. Well. i. fol. 16.]

HENRICUS Dei gratia rex Angliæ Anselmo Cantuariensi archiepiscopo, Girardo Eboracensi archiepiscopo, Mauricio Londinensi episcopo, Remigio Lincolnensi episcopo, Sampsoni Wigrecestrensi episcopo, Rotberto Cestrensi episcopo, Osberno Exoniensi episcopo, Willelmo Wintoniensi episcopo, Radulpho Cicestrensi episcopo, Gunnulpho Rovercestrensi episcopo, Herberto Thetfordensi episcopo, Herlewino Glastoniensi abbati, Willelmo comiti Moretonii, Roberto filio Hamonis, Alano comiti, omnibusque baronibus Francigenis et Angligenis de Sumerset, et de omni Anglia, salutem. Sciatis me dedisse Deo et sancto Petro in Bathonia, et Johanni episcopo et omnibus successoribus suis, totam civitatem Bathon. in eleemosynam et ad augmentationem pontificalis sedis suæ, pro remedio animæ patris mei, matrisque meæ, et fratris mei, et mei ipsius, et antecessorum vel successorum meorum; dedi inquam ei ita libere et honorifice, cum omnibus appendiciis, quicquid ego ibi habui, vel pater meus aut frater meus, dum melius et liberius habuimus, cum omnibus consuetudinibus extra et infra, ut liberalius habeo civitatem in tota Anglia, cum moneta, cum theolonio, tam in campis quam in silvis, tam in foro quam in pratis, et in terris et in propriis domibus. Insuper concedo ei ferias in festis sancti Petri, ut cum maximo honore ibi pontificalem suam sedem habeat. Et ex hoc enim proponantur testes, Mauricius Lond. episcopus, Remigius Lincoln. episcopus, et multi alii, apud Gedinton in die apostolorum Petri et Pauli.

NUM. XIV.

Carta Johannis Episcopi Bathon.

[Ex vetusto Exemplari in Bibl. Deuves. ut supr. fol. 39 b.]

IN nomine Patris et Filii, et Spiritus Sancti. Ego Johannes gratia Dei Bathoniensis episcopus, futuris post me episcopis et omnibus ecclesiæ sanctæ filiis salutem. Notum vobis facio, quod, ad honorem Dei et sancti Petri, elaboravi, et ad effectum perduxì, cum decenti autoritate, ut caput et mater ecclesia totius episcopatus de Sumerseta sit in urbe Bathonia, in ecclesia S. Petri. Cui beato apostolo, et servitoribus ejus monachis reddidi terras eorum, quas aliquandiu injustè tenueram in manu mea, ita integrè et liberè sicut Alsus abbas ante me tenuit; et si quid melioravi vel acquisivi, et quicquid boni super ipsas habetur, totum reddidi potestati eorum. Donavi etiam eis ad supplementum victus et vestitus eorum, et ut augeatur conventus fratrum ibidem Deo servientium, et ad restaurandum thesaurum quem accepi de ecclesia, eas terras quas labore meo acquisivi, et pretio emi, scilicet v. hidas in Westona quas emi à Patricio de Caurcia,^a et terram Hugonis cum barba, scilicet Clafortonam, Doene, Meresfeldam, et Estonam, et Herleiam, et Arnemudam super mare, et quicquid ad eas pertinet, et unam domum in Batha, et alteram in Wintonia. De urbe vero Bathonia, quàm primùm rex Willielmus, et postea frater ejus rex Henricus donaverunt sancto Petro pro elemosina sua: et propter meam deprecationem, hoc constitui, ut omnes redditus ponantur ad perficiendum novum opus quod incepi. Præterea quæcunque acquisivi in ornamentis ecclesiasticis, in cappis, in pallis, in cortinis, in dorsalibus, in tapetis, in crucibus, in textibus, in calicibus, in filacteriis, et quicquid de proprio addidi in capella episcopali, et plenarium armarium meum, pannos etiam meos, scifos, et coclearia argentea, et omnem omnino supellectilem domus meæ, perpetuo et hæreditario jure donavi sancto Petro et monachis ejus, pro remissione peccatorum meorum. Quicumque ergo hanc donationem meam infregerit, Dei et sanctorum apostolorum et omnium sancto-

rum, et meâ quamvis peccatoris autoritate anathema sit. Acta sunt hæc anno ab incarnatione Domini millesimo centesimo sexto, regnante Henrico filio magni Willielmi, Northmannorum ducis et Anglorum regis, Anselmo archiepiscopo, anno ordinationis nostræ nonodecimo, indictione xiiij. Et ut rata et inconcussa permaneat hæc nostra constitutio, signo sanctæ crucis eam manu mea confirmavi ✠ et idoneos testes adhibui, quorum nomina sunt, Herevius episcopus, Herlewinus abbas Glaston. Walkerius archidiaconus, Robertus archidiaconus, Girbertus archidiaconus, Agelbertus capellanus, Vitalis clericus, Walterius Hosatus, Hildebertus dapifer, Tuoldus, Willielmus, Athelardus filius Fastredi, et omnes alii milites et ministri mei qui affuerunt.

NUM XV.

De Terra Grantæ in Stochia North.

[Madox, Hist. Excheq. edit. 1769, vol. i. p. 110, e Cod. MS. C.C.C.C.]

MENSE Junio in crastino festivitatis apostolorum Petri et Pauli, residente in curia sua Bathæ Johanne episcopo, cum amicis et baronibus, qui simul ad diem festum aderant, delatæ sunt ei litteræ cum sigillo regio, quarum forma hæc: Willielmus filius regis, Johanni episcopo de Batha salutem. Præcipio ut saisias Modbertum juste de terra quam tenuit Grenta de Stoca, sicut hæreditavit eum in vita sua. Teste episcopo Salesberien. Lectis litteris, Episcopus dixit: 'Sicuti per has mihi litteras a filio Domini mei mandatum est fieri, si tamen justum est acquiesco. Vos autem, vos amici mei et domini, qui propter apostolicum diem sollemniter huic adestis curiæ, quid in hoc justius sit discutere precor dignemini.' Ad hæc dominus Prior, habito cum fratribus consilio, data diligenter ab omnibus audientia, sic locutus est: 'Quoniam quidem non nisi juste aliquid hic fieri neque rex neque regis filius præcipit, et vobis tanquam viris bonis et juris peritis utrum justum sit quod præcipitur discutere committitur, quomodo se rei veritas habeat manifestius videbitis, si me breviter locuturum patienter audire velitis. Constat quidem quod terra hæc de qua nobis hic sermo oritur, a diebus antiquis hujus sanctæ domus domini fratribus in usus proprios et possessionem liberam data, nullius unquam mutatione regis, episcopi, vel abbatis, in jus militare transiit. Quod ipse Grenta de cujus hæreditate nunc agitur moriens etiam non tacuit. Nam cum, nobis præsentibus, domui suæ disponderet, et rei peculiaris partes nominatim disponderet, et rei peculiaris partes nominatim divideret, secreto monitus a domesticis ut testamentum faciens publice sibi hæredem substitueret. Ait hæc est hæreditas servorum Domini; quam vice stipendii non hæreditatis lege quoad viverem tenere permissus, ipsum me cum terra, fratribus quibus id juris est, nunc moriens relinquo. Hoc est quod fecit testamentum: et hæc verba illius novissima. Post quæ vexatus per dies aliquot, monachus diem obiit. Præsentes hic etiam quosdam video, quos omnibus his interfuisse simul et audisse gratissimum habeo.' Surgentes illico testes quidam legitimi, stantes in medio, constanter assecebant, se modis omnibus probaturos, eum ne uno quidem verbo veritatis præterisse vestigia. Carta nichilominus donationis antiquæ mox lecta est; quam Kenulfus rex Saxonum scribi præcepit et manu proprio signavit, consentientibus et annuentibus archiepiscopis, episcopis, abbatibus, et omnium dignitatum primatibus ac ministris. Et ut ibi legebatur, eandem cartam signo crucis notantes imprecati sunt in illum iram furoris Domini, quicumque tam liberale Christianissimi regis donativum quocunque deteriorationis genere pervertere præsumpsisset in æternum. Lectis igitur et expositis quæ carta continere videbatur, ratiocinationis jam dictæ veritas solidata est; aliis bona laudantibus, aliis ex adverso tumultuantibus; illo præcipue oclamante, qui se non minus procaciter quam mendaciter hæredem contendebat esse; justissime; quippe cui filiam defuncti conjugem habuerit; adoptatus ab ejusdem patre dum

^a Alias Chaurcis.

viveret in filium; patrem vero non stipendiarie, ut oppositum est, sed libere potius et hæreditarie terram de qua quæstio erat tenuisse. Cumque diutius variis ab alterutrum contradictionibus causa protenderetur, dixit episcopus: 'Quia dies præterit, et ad nos alia spectant negotia, placet ut vos quos nec advocatos nec partium fautores esse cognovimus causam diligenter perpendentes quo termino sopiri debeat judicetis.' Secedentes igitur a turba qui majores natu qui juris peritiores esse videbantur, singula juxta quod audierant subtiliter et discrete pensantes causam dijudicaverunt. Quibus iterum introgressis, sic unius ore pro omnibus relatum est. 'Considerantes,' inquit, 'totam hujusce causæ circumstantiam hoc diffinientes statuimus, ut hæredem jure qui se nominat id quod in assertionem suæ causæ paulo ante declamavit, testibus ad minus duobus de ecclesiæ familia liberis et legitimis hodie nominatis et octavo productis, vel cyrographo credibiliter signato, irrefragabiliter probet. At in utroque si defecerit, ne quidem audiatur in reliquum.' Respondentibus ad hæc omnibus dignum et justum esse, calumpniator obticuit. A curia discessum est. Acta sunt hæc anno Domini m.c.xxi.; præsentibus et quod justum est approbantibus episcopis duobus, Johanne Bathensi et Mauritio Hiberniensi; cum archidiaconis tribus, Johele Salesberiensis, et Girberto Bathensi, et Araldo, cum clericis pluribus et capellanis, Atselino Hosato, Girberto Rufo, Radulfo Lunduni, Henrico de Lidiard, Rodberto de Betuna; horum testes sunt Patricius de Caurz, Hubertus de Sancta Susanna, Winebaldus de Baalun, Alexander de Alnoth, Reinaldus de Dunstanvilla, Giffardus de Salforda, Helias de Deingt, Thomas de Bacuuil, Rodbertus, Rogerus de la Mare, Willielmus Dapifer, item Willielmus.

NUM. XVI.

Concordia inter Conventum Bathoniæ et Willielmum Hosatum, A.D. 1123.

[MS. in Bibl. Coll. Corp. Christi Cantab. Num. cxi. p. 112. Vid. Madox. Formul. Anglic. p. 73.]

HÆC est conventio et concordia quam totus conventus Bathæ cum Willielmo Hosato firmaverunt et consenserunt, in die quâ reconciliatus est eis de omnibus causis quæ inter eos erant. Monachi concesserunt Willielmo, ut libere et honorifice teneat et habeat totam terram quam pater suus die qua mortuus est de eis tenebat. Insuper ii. acras ei dederunt; unam quæ dicitur Acra Præpositi, et alteram de Stabergâ; et tantum de sarto quantum pater ejus fecerat; eo pacto ne amplius aliquid sibi augeat. Willielmus vero susceptâ per textum evangelii fraternitate, juravit monachis per eadem evangelia, quod verus amicus et fidelis eis esset in omnibus locis sicut dominis suis, et quod plenariam decimam eis daret de omnibus suis quæ ad decimam pertinent in villâ Esctonæ; et quod pro illâ dimidiâ hidâ ulterius gildaret, cujus gildum antè injustè retinuerat. Reddidit etiam eis omnes purpresturas, de quibus inter eos discordia et calumpnia erat. Conventioni quoque addidit, quod seriret eis nominatim in omnibus placitis, ad quæ convenientè submonitus erit; et ad defensionem totius villæ Esctonæ aderit in hundredis et seyris, in quibus erit quantum poterit. Facta est autem hæc concordia, anno incarnationis Dominicæ m.c.xxiii. die Martis, x. kal. Febr. in capitulo Bathæ, sub testimonio totius capituli et subscriptorum, Reinbaldi Huscal, Ricardi nepotis ejus, Helie de Dedingtoniâ, Henrici Hosati, Rodberti fratris ejus, Atselini Hosati et fratrum ejus, Rogeri filii Viviani, Radulfi clerici de Esctonâ, Radulfi Francisci, Adeulfi fabri, Rodberti fratris Drogonis, et Salidæ, et aliorum.

NUM. XVII.

Carta Henrici III. Regis.

[Warner, Hist. Bath. App. xxxii. p. 20, ex orig. in Cur. Augm.]

HENRICUS Dei gratia rex Angliæ, dominus Hiberniæ, dux Normanniæ, Aquitanniæ, et comes Andegaviæ, archiepiscopis, episcopis, abbatibus, prioribus,

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comitibus, baronibus, justiciariis, vicecomitibus, præpositis, ministris, et omnibus ballivis et fidelibus suis salutem. Sciatis nos intuitu Dei, et pro salute animæ nostræ et animarum antecessorum et successorum nostrorum concessisse et præsentī carta nostra confirmasse Deo et ecclesiæ apostolorum Petri et Pauli Bathon. et priori et monachis in ea Deo servientibus Berthonam nostram extra civitatem Bathon. cum toto hundredo forinseco ad prædictam Berthonam pertinentem, et omnibus pertinentiis suis, habend. et tenend. in perpetuam elemosinam; reddendo inde annuatim ad scaccarium nostrum London. viginti libr. ad duos scaccar. scil. ad scaccarium Paschæ decem libras, ad scaccarium sancti Michaelis decem libras. Quare volumus et firmiter præcipimus quod prædicti prior et monachi prædictam Berthonam cum prædicto hundredo forinseco ad prædictam Berthonam pertinente, et omnibus aliis pertinentiis suis, habeant, et teneant, bene et in pace, libere et quiete, integre, plenarie, et honorifice, in bosco et plano, in pratis et pascuis, in viis et semitis, in aquis et molendinis, et in omnibus aliis locis, cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus ad ea pertinentibus, præter prædictas viginti libras pro omni servitio sicut supra dictum est, sicut carta domini Johannis regis patris nostri quam inde habent rationabiliter testatur hiis testibus venerabilibus patribus L. Dublin. archiepiscopo; R. Dunelm. H. Roff. W. Exon. et W. Carleol. episcopis; W. comite Warenn. W. de Ferariis com. Derb. G. Marescallo com. Pembrok. R. le Bigod com. Norf. Godefrido de Craucumb. Hugone dispensat. Johanne filio Philippi, Gaufrido dispens. Gaufrido de Caur. Henr. de Capella, et aliis. Dat. per manum venerabilis patris R. Cycest. episcopi, cancellarii nostri apud Westm. secundo die Julii anno regni nostri decimo octavo.

NUM. XVIII.

Pro. R. Bathon. et Wellen. Episcopo de Escambio cum Rege de Civitate Bathon. pro Patronatu Abbatiae de Glaston.

[Pat. 3 Edw. I. m. 19.]

REX civibus Bathon. et omnibus aliis tenentibus de eadem civitate salutem. Cum per cartam nostram concesserimus venerabili patri R. Bathon. et Wellen. episcopo et successoribus suis ejusdem loci, necnon ecclesiis suis Bathon. et Wellen. civitatem nostram Bathon. cum suburbis et omnibus aliis pertinentiis suis, sine aliquo retinemento, excepta Bertona nostra Bathon. habend. in escambium pro patronatu abbatiae Glaston. prout in carta nostra eidem episcopo inde confecta plenius continetur; vobis mandamus quod eidem episcopo et successoribus suis prædictis tamquam dominis vestris in omnibus quæ ad civitatem prædictam pertinent de cætero intendentes sitis et respondentes sicut prædictum est. In cujus &c. Teste rege apud Westm. decimo quinto die Junii.

Rex dilectis sibi Willielmo Sleighe et Godefrido Houset salutem. Cum per cartam nostram concesserimus venerabili patri R. Bathon. et Wellen. et successoribus suis episcopis ejusdem loci necnon et ecclesiis suis Bathon. et Wellen. civitatem nostram cum suburbio et omnibus aliis pertinentiis suis excepta Bertona nostra Bathon. habend. in escambium pro patronatu abbatiae Glaston. prout in carta nostra eidem episcopo inde confecta plenius continetur, vobis mandamus quod dictam civitatem cum omnibus pertinentiis suis excepta Bertona prædicta eidem episcopo vel suo attornato literas nostras deferenti sine dilatione liberetis, et plenam seisinam inde habere faciat. In cujus, &c. Teste ut supra.

NUM. XIX.

Bulla Honorii III. Papæ de Dissolutione Unionis Bathon. et Glaston. Ecclesiarum.

[Wilk. Concil. tom. i. p. 569, ex Reg. Well.]

HONORIUS, servus servorum Dei, venerabili fratri episcopo Bathon. ejusque successoribus, &c. Cum inter te, et Priorem et Conventum Glaston. super unione Bath.

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et Glaston. ecclesiarum, quam ipsi dissolvi petebant, fuisset quaestio diutius agitata Nos . . . vener. fratri nostro R. Saresbur. episcopo, et P. Norwicen. electo, camerario nostro, sedis apostolicæ legato, nostris dedimus literis in mandatis, ut tam te, quam Priorem et Convent. prædictos ad concordiam prudenter moverent. Sed quia legatus interesse non potuit, commisit vices suas abbati de Radinges, coram quibus cum tu personaliter, et illi per procuratores comparuissetis, tandem in compositionem amicabilem convenistis quam auctoritate apostolica confirmamus, unionemque prædictam penitus dissolventes, statuimus, ut monasterium Glaston. de cætero sub proprii abbatis regimine a conventu libere eligendi, juxta regulares observantias gubernetur . . . salvo jure patronatus quod rex Johannes tibi contulit in monasterio supradicto. Dat. Romæ 16 cal. Junii, Indict. vii. m.cc.xviii. Pontif. III.

Compositio inter eos fuit talis. Quod de portione, quæ cesserat in partem episcopi per ordinationem Innocentii papæ III. remanebunt ipsi episcopo et successoribus suis inperpetuum, maneria de Wynescumbe, Pukeleschirch, Blakeford, et Cranemer; de portione etiam, quæ per ordinationem prædictam monachis cesserat, remiserunt dicti monachi eidem episcopo et successoribus suis sectam, quam prædictum manerium de Crane-mer faciebat hundredo eorum. Revertentur autem ad monachos prædictos de portione ipsius episcopi maneria subscripta, Mere, Bokelande, Kynton, Cristemeleford, Badebyr, et Aissebyr, cum libertatibus, per episcopum eisdem acquisitis, quantum in eo est, et omnibus aliis pertinentiis suis, exceptis advocacionibus ecclesiarum. De militibus ita quoque convenit, quod episcopus habeat et successores sui inperpetuum illam partem militum, qui pertinere noscuntur ad feuda, et terras ipsi episcopo remanentes, et præterea feudum et servitium unius militis in Kamelarton cum omnibus pertinentiis suis. Monachi vero habebunt omnes alios milites de portione episcopi ad eos reversura, et tam de illis quam aliis, quos prius habuerant per ordinationem memoratam, excepto feudo de Kamelarton, quod respondebit episcopis immediate, facient servitium regale prædicto episcopo et succ. suis inperpetuum. Et episcopus et succ. sui per manus suas illud facient domino regi, et inde eos erga dominum regem acquietabunt. De spiritualibus autem et spiritualibus annexis partes eadem ordinationi dicti episcopi Salesbir. et abbatis sese pure et absolute commiserunt; qui ordinarunt, quod dictus episcopus et successores sui habeant patronatum monasterii Glaston. advocaciones etiam ecclesiarum de Aissebyr, Cristemeleford, Kynton, et Bokelande, quæ prius per ordinationem episcopo remanserant, et advocacionem ecclesiæ de Kamelarton. Habebunt etiam dicti episcopus et successores sui inperpetuum plenam jurisdictionem in monasterio Glaston. ad diocesanum jure ordinariæ potestatis pertinentem. Idem autem episcopus concessit monachis liberaliter, quod ad eos revertatur advocatio ecclesiæ de Mere, quæ prius in portionem episcopi devenerat, et quod habeant antiquas et debitas pensiones, scil. de ecclesia de Pukeleschirch, Wynescumbe, et Kamelarton, quarum advocaciones episcopis remanebant. Hæc Concordia confirmatur per dominum Papam.

NUM. XX.

Injunctiones factæ Priori et Conv. Bathon. 9 Oct. A. D. 1500.

[Harl. MS. 6966, e Registro Oliveri Kyng Episc. Bath. Well. fol. 62.]

OLIVERUS permissione divina B. W. episcopus dilectis nobis in Christo confratri nostro priori et conv. Bathon. salutem, gratiam, et benedictionem. Tandem dolenter inter cætera invenimus dictam nostram ecclesiam cath. Bathon. per incuriam multorum priorum non reparatam aut reffectam, imo funditus dirutam, ipsisque in voluptatibus evanuisse, Prioremque modernum, cui prædecessorum suorum culpam non ascribimus, remissum non benevolum ad dictæ ecclesiæ refectionem seu edificationem, paterna compassione deploramus. Nos igitur præmissis consideratis de consilio multorum no-

bilium, prælatorum, et abbatum, ac aliorum jurisperitorum, de Dei misericordia et apostolorum ejus Petri et Pauli patrocinio confisi, necnon aliorum Christi fidelium, et amicorum nostrorum elemosyna freti, eo libentius quo celerem dicti operis expeditionem et perfectionem conspiciamus manus nostras adjutrices duximus apponend. non laboribus aut expensis nostris parcentes. Speramus itaque dictum opus perfectum volentes infra paucos annos facere quod nunquam impensis dictorum prioris et conventus, aut vix infra centum annos nostra et amicorum nostrorum omissa vel sprete diligenter posse fieri existimamus. Quamobrem præfatos defectus monachorum, voluptates, otia, ecclesiæ ruinam, ex superfluitate pensionum, indumentorum, cibariorum, et potuum orta, temperare volentes. Ut etiam aliis Christi fidelibus in elemosynarum suarum largitione pios animos non auferamus si dictos priorem et conventum non reformatos, aut competentes expensas ad dictum opus juxta vires non conferre dimittemus, præsentis Injunctiones ab eisdem fidelibus observandas decrevimus.

Et quia per visum Compoti vestri luculenter nobis apparet quod redditus assisæ beneficiorum, firmarum, et pensionum, cum exitibus lanæ extendit ad summam iiij^c. iiij^{xx}. libr. xvj^s. vj^d. ob. Vobis domine prior ad sustentationem vestram iiij^{xx}. marc. injungendo assignamus. Item conventui vestro, qui xvi. numero existunt, et ut arbitrio abundantius exhibeantur quam stricte regulæ vestræ intellectu ad nudam literam cavetur iiij^{xx}. lib. Item cætera onera rationi consona, prout in eodem visu continentur, de summa etiam prædicta deducenda censemus omnia præter xx. li. de firma feudi de Berton et clx. li. ad exhibitionem monachorum, cum credamus et sufficienter experimur quod iiij^{xx}. li. summa ad sustentationem eorum sufficiat. xl^s. de feudo celerarii. xxvj^s. viij^d. de feudo sacristæ. xx^s. de decima fœni sacristæ antedicto assignat. xxx^s. pro decima agnellorum etiam sacristæ assignat. cum monachis solus victus et vestitus, non pensio aut proprium concedatur, præter etiam l. libr. pro reparationibus vestris in maneriis faciendis cum judicio nostro xl. li. sufficiant; nec non xx. libr. pro stipendio servientum, cum etiam ipsis x. lib. sufficiant: residuam vero omnium proventuum, deductis necessariis loco tempore per nos vobis citra festum natalis Domini assignand. in constructionem dictæ ecclesiæ nostræ cath. exponend. et realiter expendend. mandamus et injungimus sub pœna juris. Volentes quod omnium casualium anni instantis, et aliorum annorum futurorum, viz. terrarum, ecclesiarum in manibus vestris tentarum, finium, heriotorum, mortuorum, releviorum, custodiarum juvenum, et eorum maritagiorum, wevarum, streyarum, amerciamentorum, reddituum capitalium, venditionum agnorum, ovium matricum, sub-bosci, et cæterorum omnium quorumcumque, quocunque nomine censeantur fidelem nobis compotum infra mensem post compotum vestrum generalem apud vos ut moris est tenend. et celebrand. una cum compoto omnium beneficiorum, pensionum, et portionum vestris officiariis deputat. archi. exhibeatis.

NUM. XXI.

De Officio Magistri Operum Prioratus.

[MS. Harl. 3970, fol. 4 b.]

OMNIBUS Christi fidelibus ad quos hoc præsens scriptum pervenerit, Willielmus permissione divina prior ecclesiæ cathedralis Sancti Salvatoris ac beatorum apostolorum Petri et Pauli Bathon. et Bathonien. et Wellen. dioc. in com. Somerset. et ejusdem loci conventus sive capitulum salutem in omnium salvatore. Noveritis nos præfatos priorem et conventum sive capitulum unanimi assensu nostro pariter et consensu, in considerationem diligentis et fidelis obsequii et servitii nobis antehac a dilecto nobis in Christo Johanne Multon freemason impens. necnon nobis et successoribus nostris imposterum impendend. dedisse et concessisse, et tenore præsentium dare et concedere eidem Johanni Multon officium magistri omnium operum nostrorum vulgariter nuncupatorum Fremasonrye, cum primum vacaverit per mortem naturalem Edwardi Lyecestre modo magistri operum

nostrorum, prædictorum sive alia quacunque occasione, habendum, occupandum, et exercendum officium illud præfat. Johanni, per se vel per sufficientem deputatum suum, durante vita sua naturali, prout dictus Edwardus modo magister idem officium antehac exercuit et modo exercet, percipiendo inde annuatim pro officio illo debite exercendo per manus prioris nostri sive alicujus alterius prioris prioratus prædicti pro tempore existentis quadraginta solidos bonæ et legalis monetæ Angliæ, ad festa sancti Michaelis archangeli et Annunciationis beatæ Mariæ Virginis, æquis porcionibus, annuatim solvendum, necnon liberatam panni ad togam cum et quoties liberatam dari contigerit. In cujus rei testimonium nos præfati prior et conventus, sive capitulum, huic præsentis scripto nostro sigillum nostrum commune sive conventuale apposuimus. Dat. in domo nostra capitulari primo die Februarii, anno regni regis Henrici octavi vicesimo octavo.

NUM. XXII.

Pro Thoma Cromwell, Secretario Regis, de Annuitate.

[Ibid. fol. 4.]

OMNIBUS Christi fidelibus ad quos hoc præsens scriptum pervenerit Willielmus patientia divina prior ecclesiæ cathedralis sancti Salvatoris ac beatorum apostolorum Petri et Pauli Bathon. ordinis domini Benedicti, Bathonien. et Wellen. dioc. et ejusdem loci conventus sive capitulum, salutem in Domino sempiternam. Sciatis nos præfatos priorem et conventum unanimi nostro assensu pariter et consensu dedisse, concessisse, et hoc præsentis scripto nostro confirmasse magnanimo et præexcellenti domino domino Thomæ Cromwell, domino de privato sigillo, necnon serenissimi ac præpotentissimi principis Henrici octavi Angliæ et Franciæ regis, domini Hiberniæ, ac ecclesiæ Anglicanæ in terra sub Christo supremi Capitis primario secretario, propter præclara et ingentia illius merita nobis et domui nostræ antehac exhibita et impensa, et ut sane speramus nobis et successoribus nostris imposterum exhibenda et impendenda, quandam annuitatem sive annualem redditum quinque librarum sterlingorum annuatim exeuntium de manerio nostro de Forde cum suis pertinentiis in com. Somerset. habendum et percipiendum prædict. annuitatem sive annualem redditum quinque librarum eidem magnanimo et præexcellenti domino et assignatis suis, pro termino vitæ suæ, per manus proprias præfati prioris et successorum suorum, sint per manus generales receptoris nostri et successorum nostrorum pro tempore existentium, ad festum Purificationis beatæ Mariæ Virginis annuatim solvend. Et si contingat prædictam annuitatem sive annualem redditum quinque librarum aut aliquam inde parcellam a retro fore in parte vel in toto insolutam per spatium unius mensis post festum prædictum quo solvi debeat, quod extunc bene licebit præfato magnanimo et præexcellenti domino et assignatis suis in prædictum manerium de Forde cum suis pertinentiis, et in quamlibet inde parcellam intrare et distringere, et distractiones sic ibidem captas licite asportare, effugere, abducere, imparcare, et penes se retinere quousque de prædicta annuitate sive annuali redditu quinque librarum et omnibus inde arreragiis si quæ fuerint sibi plenarie fuerit satisfact. et persolut. De qua quidem annuitate sive annuali redditu nos præfati prior et conventus die confectionis præsentium posuimus prædictum manerium et præexcellenter dominum in plenam possessionem et seisinam per solutionem quinque librarum sibi per nos factam. In cujus rei testimonium huic præsentis scripto nostro sigillum nostrum commune sive conventuale apposuimus. Dat. in domo nostra capitu-

lari quinto die Februarii, anno regni regis Henrici octavi vicesimo octavo.

NUM. XXIII.

From a Book of Pensions remaining in the Augmentation Office.

Soms. Bathe.

HERE followeth the yerely pençons and anuyties graunted by the kings highnes to the p^ror and bretherne of the late surrendred howse of Bathe and they and e^vy of them to have there hialfe yeres pençon at thannuncia-cion of o^r. Lady next endyng whiche shalbe in the yere of o^r. Lorde God a thousand fyve hundreth xxxix. and soo from halfe yere to halfe yere duryng there lyves and the lyfe of e^vy of them.

That is to say,

Efirst to Willm Holeway p ^r or for his yerely in mone	lxxxli.
More is appoynted to hym for hys dwelling howse one tenement sett and lying in Stalls strete w th in the southgate of Bathe, wherein one Jeffrey Staynder lately dwellyd being of the yerely rente of	xxs.
To John Pytt supp ^r or	ixli.
To Richarde Griffith p ^r or of the celle of Dunster	vijli.
To Thom ^s Bathe impotent	vijli.
To Nycolas Bathe bachelor of devynite	vijli.
To Alysanner Brystow	vli. xiijs. iiij ^d .
To Richarde Lyncolne	vli.
To John Bekenton	vli. xiijs. iiij ^d .
To Thom ^s Powell	vli.
To Richarde Gules	vli. vjs. viij ^d .
To Thomas Worceter	vli. vjs. viij ^d .
To Willm Clement	vli. vjs. viij ^d .
To John Arleston	vli.
To John Edgar	vli. vjs. viij ^d .
To Edward Edwey	vli. vjs. viij ^d .
To Patryche Vertue	vli. vjs. viij ^d .
To John Humylte	vli. vjs. viij ^d .
To John Gabriell	vli. vjs. viij ^d .
To Willm Bewachyn	vli. vjs. viij ^d .
To John Benet	vli. vjs. viij ^d .
To John Pacyence	iiijli. xiijs. iiij ^d .

THOMAS CRUMWELL.
JO. TREGONWELL.
WILLIAM PETRE.

William Gybbs als Holeway prior	lxxxli.
John Pytt supprior	ixli.
Thomas Sexten als Bath	vijli.
Richard Griffith	vijli.
Nycholas Jobbyn als Bath	vijli.
Alexander Bull als Bristow	vli. xiijs. iiij ^d .
Richard Kygge als Lincombe	vli.
John Romesey als Bekenton	vli. xiijs. iiij ^d .
Thomas Powell	vli.
Richard Gybbs als Gules	vli. vjs. iiij ^d .
Thomas Stylband als Worcetter	vli. vjs. iiij ^d .
William Clemente	vli. vjs. viij ^d .
John Browne als Adelston	vli.
John Sodbury als Edgare	vli. vjs. viij ^d .
Edward Style als Edive	vli. vjs. viij ^d .
Patryke Archur als Vertue	vli. vjs. viij ^d .
John Colyn als Humyltè	vli. vjs. viij ^d .
John Style als Gabriell	vli. vjs. viij ^d .
William Bewachyn	vli. vjs. viij ^d .
John Pennell als Benett	vli. vjs. viij ^d .
John Longe als Pacience	iiijli. xiijs. iiij ^d .

COMPUT' MINISTRORUM DOMINI REGIS TEMP. HEN. VIII.

(Abstract of Roll, 31 Hen. VIII. Augmentation Office.)

MONASTERIUM DE BATHON.

Com' Somers'		£.	s.	d.
Civitas Bathon'	Redd' Assis'	56	6	8
-	Firma Terr' Dñical'	0	8	0
Berton cum Rectoria	Firma Grangie	18	0	0
-	Firma Rectorie	10	0	0
Hundredum de Berton cum exit' Hund' de				
Hudcote et Launceton	Perquis' Cur'	7	17	0
-	Redd' voc' Pyncreche Yeld	0	13	4
-	Exit' Hund'	1	8	4
Walcote	Redd' Assis'	8	17	10
-	Redd' Mobil'	0	7	4
-	Perquis' Cur'	0	5	7
Weston cum Launcedon, Parcell' de Weston	Redd' Assis'	25	12	10
-	Firma Manerij	44	10	6
-	Perquis' Cur'	1	19	8
-	Agistament'	2	2	0
-	Redd' Mobil'	0	3	9
Manerium de Launcedon	Firma Manerij	10	15	0
Northstocke	Redd' Assis'	8	11	6 ob'
-	Firma Manerij	8	15	4
-	Firma Gregis	7	0	0
-	Agistament'	1	13	4
-	Perquis' Cur'	0	13	4
Eston et Katerine	Redd' lib' Ten'	0	8	0
-	Redd' Assis'	13	0	11 ob' q'
Sanctus Martinus	Redd'	1	4	4 ob' q'
-	Firma Tam Manerij quam Gregis	17	10	0
-	Perquis' Cur'	0	19	2 ob'
Forde Manerium cum Rectoria	Redd' Assis'	17	8	9
-	Firma Manerij	19	6	8
-	Firma Rectorie	5	6	8
-	Redd' Mobil'	0	14	8
-	Perquis' Cur'	0	14	4
Manerium de Combe.	Redd' Assis'	7	19	10
-	Firma Manerij	13	14	4
-	Redd' Mobil'	0	3	9
-	Perquis' Cur'		nihil	
Manerium de Sowthstocke	Redd' Assis'	9	6	2 ob'
-	Firma Manerij	12	0	2
-	Redd' Mobil'	0	3	2 ob'
-	Perquis' Cur'	0	8	1
Manerium de Preston	Redd' Assis'	17	19	3
-	Firma Manerij	11	8	4
-	Redd' Mobil'	0	4	1
-	Perquis' Cur'	0	13	4
Staunton Prior	Redd' Assis'	5	8	10
-	Firma Manerij	4	2	0
-	Perquis' Cur'	0	6	4 ob'
Rectoria de Castelcary	Firma Rectorie	12	0	0
Manerium de Corston cum Rectoria	Redd' Assis'	13	4	1 ob'
-	Firma Manerij	12	0	0
-	Firma Rectorie	2	0	0
-	Redd' Mobil'	0	6	3
-	Perquis' Cur'	3	11	1 ob'
Lyncombe et Wydcombe	Redd' lib' Ten'	0	15	7
-	Redd' Assis'	19	2	8

Com' Somers'		£.	s.	d.
Manerium de Lyncombe	Firma Manerij	19	17	8
- - - - -	Cert' Redd' cum Operibus	0	5	10 ob'
Rectoria de Weston	Firma Rectorie	4	0	0
Manerium de Chelworth	Redd' Assis'	3	2	8
- - - - -	Firma Manerij	2	13	4
Ivelton	Redd' Assis'	7	15	8
Maner' de Aysshewyke et Illewyke	Redd' Assis'	1	18	8
- - - - -	Firma Manerij	4	0	0
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'	nihil		
Aysssheton et Meryet cum Rectoria ibidem	Firma Rectorie	23	6	8
Hameswell, Tatwyke, et Coldeassheton	Firma Manerij	20	4	0
- - - - -	Redd' Assis'	18	7	2
- - - - -	Redd' Mobil'	0	3	0
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'	0	17	0
Rectoria de Hamton	Firma Rectorie	10	0	0
Compton Dando cum Rectoria ibidem, &c.	Redd' Assis'	2	13	4
- - - - -	Firma Rectorie	2	0	0
Rectoria de Combe	Firma Rectorie	2	0	0
Rectoria de Wydcombe et Lyncombe	Firma Rector'	12	6	8
Hospitale Beate Marie Magdalene	Redd' Assis'	4	15	8
Rectoria de Batheston	Firma Rectorie	12	0	0
Rectoria de Ingyscombe	Firma Rectorie	7	10	0
Rectoria de Corston	Firma Rectorie	2	0	0
Kyhaven, Leyton, et Stapelford	Redd' Assis'	9	16	5
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'	nihil		
Olneston cum Rectoria	Redd' liberorum Tenentium	2	16	10
- - - - -	Redd' Assis'	19	12	4
- - - - -	Redd' Terr' et Teñt' pertin' Rectorie	3	8	8
- - - - -	Firma Rectorie	17	16	0
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'	nihil		
Bristoll	Redd' Assis'	17	3	4
Cella sive Domus de Dunster Monasterio de Bathe pertin'				
Rectoria de Dunster	Firma Decimarum	7	2	3
Rectoria de Kylllyton	Firma Decimarum	3	0	0
Rectoria de Carhampton	Firma Rectorie	14	6	0
Manerium de Allcombe	Redd' lib' Ten'	1	2	0
- - - - -	Redd' Assis'	7	13	1
Budcomb, Keynsham, Freeokeword, et Marshe	Redd'	4	10	4
Alcombe	Redd' Terr'	4	13	10
Dunster	Redd' Burg'	5	7	10
Karanton	Redd' Terr'	1	0	6
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'	0	2	6

Cathedral of Wells,

IN

SOMERSETSHIRE.



IN conformity with Sir William Dugdale's arrangement, the Cathedral of WELLS is here placed immediately after the monastery and cathedral of Bath, among the houses of the Benedictine Order. The intimate connection of the two churches in their history, indeed, renders it almost impossible that they should be placed asunder. Sir William Dugdale, however, had

another reason for recording what he thought the abbey of Wells in the early part of his work. Bishop Godwin, in his Catalogue of Bishops, had given a Charter from Cynewlf king of the West Saxons, granted to Wells as a monastery, "ad augmentum Monasterii quod situm est juxta fontem magnum quem vocitant Wielea," A. D. 766, which Dugdale copied without suspecting it to be spurious.^a

It is said that Ina, about the year 704, founded a collegiate church at Wells to the honour of St. Andrew the Apostle, and removed hither the episcopal seat of the bishop of Somersetshire, which had previously been fixed at Congresbury: Daniel being at that time prelate.^b

Other historians, says Tanner, with greater certainty affirm, that

^a See Num. I. "Kenulphi cartam, says Wharton, "Godwinus episcopus exhibuit, quasi indubium antiquitatis Wellensis monumentum, consueta deceptus in curiâ. Quod si episcopus subscribentes investigasset, annosque Dominicæ incarnationis et indictionis contulisset, commentitium esse facile perspexisset." Angl. Sacr. tom. i. p. 553. Bishop Tanner is mistaken in stating that this Charter is commented upon by Dr. Hickes in the Thesaurus.

^b Wharton has given an extract from one of the Glastonbury Chronicles, detailing the foundation of this see of Congresbury by St. Fagan and St. Deruvian, in the year 167. Capgrave, however, says, that Congresbury was a very solitary place, and had its name and renown from a religious hermit called Cungar, who, by the gift of King Edgar, had the adjacent territory, and here, about the year 711, according to Cressey, founded a Collegiate Church for twelve canons, to the honour of the Holy Trinity, which, as is said, was further endowed by King Edgar. Bishop Tanner animadvertens on the anachronisms both of the Glastonbury Chronicle and Capgrave. Neither, indeed, seem entitled to the smallest share of credit. The following are Wharton's words, who also remarks, in the same paragraph, upon the ancient names of Wells: "Statutum à suscepti operis initio mihi erat de fabulosis Britanniae episcopis tacere. Cum autem historicus noster de Daniele Congresberiensium mentionem ingesserit, hunc penitus intactum prætermittere non possumus. Sic igitur habet fabula, prout apud Chronicon Glastoniense legitur. 'Anno Domini CLXVII. Episcopatus Somersetiæ per SS. Faganum et Deruvianum sumpsit exordium, et in Kungresburiâ per multum tempus Sedes Episcopalis fuit. Sederunt itaque in eadem sede plurimi pontifices successivè usque ad tempus Inæ regis Westsaxonum; quorum numerum, gesta, et tempora, nusquam reperimus descripta. In tempore autem prædicti regis Daniel, qui in cathedrâ de Kangresburiâ sedebat ultimus, sedem illam, quæ illic per DC. annos vel amplius remanserat, ad villam quæ tunc TETHISCINE nunc vero

ATHIEMUS was the first *Bishop of WELLS*, placed here by King Edward the elder and Plegmund archbishop of Canterbury, A. D. 909.^c He succeeded to the archbishoprick of Canterbury in 924.^d

WLFELMUS, or WOLFELMUS, became bishop of Wells in 924. He also was translated to Canterbury in 927.^e

ELFECH, or ELFEGE, was the next bishop. The Textus Roffensis calls him *Ælfheah*.^f

WLFELMUS, or WOLFELM, II. He occurs in 938.^g Le Neve says in 942.^h

BRITHELMUS, a monk of Glastonbury, is the fifth bishop upon record. He was translated in 959 to Canterbury; but, within a short time, upon the pretext of insufficiency, was removed back to the see of Wells.ⁱ

KYNEWARD, abbat of Middleton, succeeded upon Brithelm's death in 973. He died, according to Florence of Worcester, in 975; others say in 985.^k

SIGAR, abbat of Glastonbury, was the next bishop, holding his abbey, to which he had been appointed in 972, together with his see. He died on the 28th of June, 997.^l

ADELWYNUS, ALFWINUS, or EALWYNUS, became bishop upon Sigar's death. He died, himself, about the year 1000.^m

BURWOLD was commemorated in the Martyrology of the Church of Wells as the ninth bishop. He is unnoticed in William of Malmesbury's book "de Pontificibus:" but a tomb in the church was ascribed to him.ⁿ

WELLES nominatur, Ina rege donante et ei consentiente, transtulit. Iste autem Daniel in eodem episcopatu ultimus erat episcopus Britonum.' Translationem sedis episcopalis istam cl. Usserius in annum 721, retulit in Indice Chronol. ad Antiqu. Britann. Annus 704, historico nostro magis placuit *Welliam* eo tempore TETHISCINE dictam fuisse Chronicon Glastoniense prodit. Et sane TUDINGTUN eam antiquitus dictam fuisse Registrum Wellense confirmat; neque aliunde THEORODUNI nomen hausit Lelandum, qui ut voces barbaras in Latinas convertat vim prisca vocabulis inferre solet." Angl. Sacr. ut supr.

Collinson says, the manor of Congresbury was granted at a later period to the church of Wells, by King Edward the Confessor. In the Domesday Survey, however, we find the bishop holding a single hide only of the manor.

CVNGRESBERIE. "De ipsa terra hujus manerii ablata sunt 11. hidæ quæ ibi jacuerunt tempore regis Edwardi. *Giso episcopus tenet unam et valet iii. lib.*" Somers. fol. 87. *Terræ Regis*. The pasture called Waimora, belonging at the time of the Survey to the church of Wells, is also said to have been a member of the manor of Congresbury in the time of King Edward. Ibid. fol.

^c Rad. de Diceto, Script. x. Twysd. col. 453.

^d Sim. Dunelm. ibid. col. 154. Rad. de Diceto, col. 453. Jo. Brompt. col. 838.

^e See before, vol. i. p. 83.

^f Whart. Angl. Sacr. tom. i. p. 556.

^g Ibid.

^h Fasti Eccl. Angl. p. 31.

ⁱ —"Brithelmus Wellensis episcopus in archiepiscopum electus, archiepiscopus non permansit, sed quia ad tantum pondus minus sufficiens erat, jussu regis, ad sedem suam primam Welliæ, Cantuariæ relicta, rediit." Jo. Brompt. col. 864.

^k Whart. Angl. Sacr. tom. i. p. 557.

^l Ibid.

^m Ibid.

ⁿ Ibid.

MONUMENTS.

EAST

- 1 Bishop W^m de Marchia.
- 2 Viscountess de Lisle.
- 3 John Northwait, Presenter.
- 4 Dean Hussey.
- 5 Bishop Harewell.
- 6 Bishop Barwell.
- 7 Bishop Ethebyrn.
- 8 Bishop Brithwyn.
- 9 Bishop Bitten the 1st.
- 10 Bishop Hooper.
- 11 Bishop Beckington.
- 12 Dean Guntherpe.
- 13 Bishop Drekenstord.

- a. a. a. West Entrances.
- b. — Ecclesiastical Court.
- c. — South Tower.
- d. — Entrance to Cloisters from Cathedral close.
- e. e. e. Cloisters.
- f. — Sewer.
- g. g. g. Nave & side aisles.
- h. — North Porch.
- i. i. — Clock rooms.
- k. k. — North & South Transepts.
- l. — Font.
- m. — Center Tower.
- n. — Bishop Budwith's Chapel.
- o. — Bishop Knights Chapel.
- p. — Stone Pulpit.
- q. — St. Martins Chapel.
- r. — St. Calistus's Chapel, now the Canons Vestry.
- s. — Entrance over gateway to Cathedral from the Vicar's close.
- t. — Chapter House.
- u. — Entrance to Crypt under Chapter House.
- v. v. v. Choir & side aisles.
- w. — St. Mary's Chapel.
- x. — St. Catherine's Chapel.
- y. — Virgin Mary's Chapel.
- z. — St. John's Chapel.

NORTH

SOUTH

- 14 Bishop Bitten the 2nd.
- 15 Rev^d Th^o Eyre, Chancellor.
- 16 Richard Healy.
- 17 Oliver Morris.
- 18 Rev^d Th^o Turner.
- 19 Lord Francis Seymour, Dean.
- 20 Dean Forest.
- 21 Bishop Greville.
- 22 John de Middleton, founder of the Chapel.
- 23 Bishop Berkeley.
- 24 Bishop Kidder.
- 25 Bishop Stills.
- 26 Bishop Ralph de Salopia.
- 27 Effigies of Bishops supposed to represent Bishops Gise, Abyn, Kiquenard, and Brithelm.
- 28 Thomas Cornish, Suffragan Bishop contains the remains of the Bishops Officer.
- 29 Names not known.
- 30 Pulpit.
- 31 Bishops Throne.
- 32 Altar.

WEST

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Ground plan of Wells Cathedral



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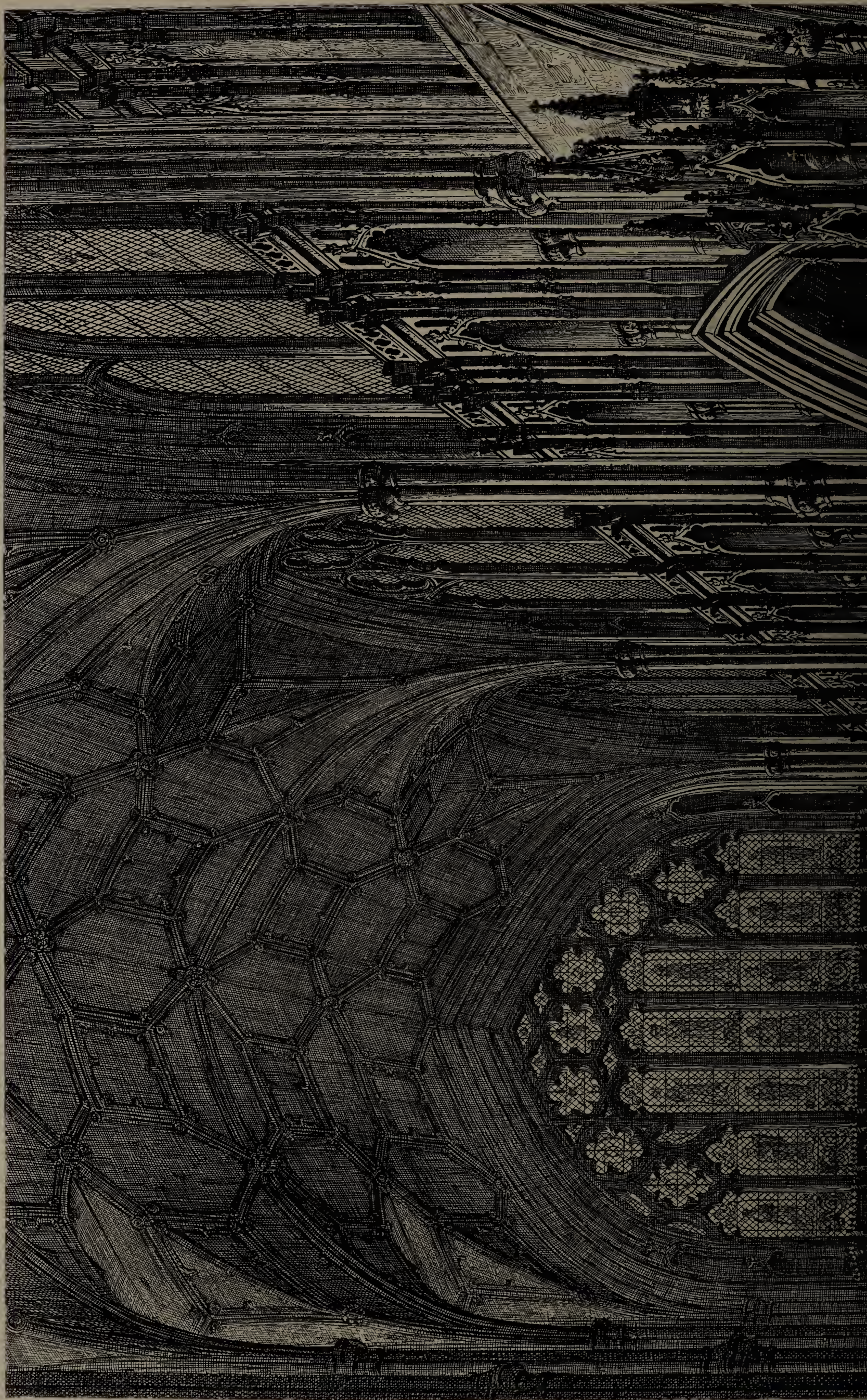
, North West View.



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St. Peter's Cathedral

Great Hall, London





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Wells Cathedral. The Floor.



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Crypt of Wells Cathedral.

LIVIG, or LEOVINGUS, who is also called ELSTAN, or ETHELSTANUS, succeeded before the year 1001. He was removed to the see of Canterbury in 1013.^a

EATELWYNUS, abbat of Evesham, succeeded to the bishopric of Wells on Living's promotion.^b He was ejected in 1023, when

BRITWINUS occurs bishop. Eathelwyn and Brithwin are both stated to have died in 1026.^c

MERVYNIT, abbat of Glastonbury, was made bishop in 1027. He died in 1034.^d

DUDU, or DUDOCOS, was the next bishop, a native of Germai.^e He is said to have obtained for his see, from King Edward the Confessor, the manors of Congresbury and Banwell. Simeon of Durham places his death in the year 1060.

GISO, GISA, or GISO HASBAN, a native of St. Trudo, a village in the territory of Hasban, in Lorraine, succeeded Duduc. He was consecrated bishop, April 15th, 1061^f. Other accounts say he was consecrated in 1060. Gdwin says in 1059.^g Upon taking possession of his see, he is stated to have found ten canons only at Wells.

Collinson says, "On his entry into his diocese he found the states of the church in a sad condition; for Harold earl of Wessex having, with his father, Godwin earl of Kent, being banished the kingdom, and deprived of all his estates in this county by King Edward, who bestowed them on the church of Wells, had in a piratical manner made a descent in these parts, raised contributions among his former tenants, spoiled the church of all its ornaments, driven away the canons, invaded their possessions and converted them to his own use. Bishop Giso in vain expostulated with the king on this outrageous usage; but received from the queen, who was Harold's sister, the manors of Mark and Mudgeley, as a trifling compensation for the injuries which his bishopric had sustained. Shortly after, Harold was restored to King Edward's favour, and made his captain-general; upon which he, in his turn, procured the banishment of Giso, and, when he came to the crown, resumed most of those estates of which he had been deprived. Bishop Giso continued in banishment till the death of Harold, and the advancement of the Conqueror to the throne, who in the second year of his reign restored all Harold's estates to the church of Wells, except some small parcels which had been conveyed to the monastery of Gloucester; in lieu of which he gave the manor and advowson of Yatton, and the manor of Winsham. Giso being thus reinstated, used his utmost diligence in recovering other estates which had been embezzled from his church, in procuring Charters of confirmation for the better security of what it already had, and making provision for its better subsistence. In particular he recovered from one Arser, who had been a favourite in the court of Edward the Confessor, the manors of Combe St. Nicholas, Worminster, and Litton, all which he had obtained by his intrigues and interest with the king.^h

The origin of this account is to be found in the

^a Sim. Dunelm. col. 169. Rad. de Diceto, col. 465. See also the Evidentiæ Eccl. Christi Cant. Script. x. col. 2223.

^b Angl. Sacr. tom. i. p. 558.

^c Ibid.

^d He was also called Brithwin. See vol. i. p. 3, in the Account of Glastonbury monastery.

^e "De Saxoniâ, in partibus Alemanniæ oriundus." Angl. Sacr. tom. i. p. 558. — "de Lotharingia." Sim. Dunelm. col. 190.

^f Rad. de Diceto, Script. x. col. 478. See also Ailred. Riev. ibid. col. 387. Chron. Sax. edit. Gibson. p. 170.

^g See Angl. Sacr. tom. i. p. 559.

^h Collinson, Hist. Somers. vol. iii. p. 378.

ⁱ The following is the passage. "Et sic in episcopum consecratus est Romæ die Paschæ, i. e. xvii. cal. Maii, anno Domini MLX. Hic invenit tantum x. canonicos in ecclesia Wellensi, tam bonis mobilibus et ornamentis ecclesiasticis quam possessionibus ad ecclesiam suam spectantibus per Haroldum comitem Cantiae et Westsexiae spoliatis, et publicæ mendicitati subjectos. Unde a domino suo S. Edwardo rege possessionem de Wedmore, et de regina Editha terram quæ Merken et Modesley vocatur, ad sui et fratrum suorum sustentationem impetravit. Deinde post mortem Edwardi regis præfatus Haroldus regnum Anglorum invasit in festo Epiphaniæ Domini apud Lambhith; ubi ipse præter consensum procerum capituli suo propriis manibus regium diadema imposuit. Is statim omnes possessiones dicti Gisonis et canonicorum Wellensis ecclesiæ perpe-

'Historia de Episcopis Bathoniensibus et Wellensibus ad annum M.CCCC.XXIII. authore Canonico Wellensi,' printed in the Anglia Sacra:¹ but there seems considerable reason to doubt its accuracy. According to the Domesday Survey, the church of Wells, at least in the Conqueror's time, possessed but one manor which had belonged to Harold:^k and in proof that Harold confirmed to Giso all the privileges of the bishopric in their fullest tenure, we have the evidence of his own Charter.^l Editha also, the queen of Edward the Confessor, was a benefactress during her widowhood, as well as in the reign of her husband.^m

Having increased the revenues of the church, Giso augmented the number of the canons, and placed over them a provost. He also built a cloister, a dormitory, and a refectory. He died A.D. 1088;ⁿ and was buried on the north side of the altar of his church.

It was toward the close of Bishop Giso's pontificate that the Domesday Survey of the church property of Wells was taken. The bishop possessed lands in no other county than Somerset. At Wells he held fifty hides of land, with four mills, three hundred acres of meadow, three leuua in length and one in breadth of pasture land, wood two leuua in length and two quarentenes in breadth, and three leuua of moor land. Of these fifty hides, fourteen were tenanted by the canons of the church, and twenty-two by other persons. The bishop, beside these fifty, held two hides which had not been assessed in the time of the Confessor. At Cumbe the bishop held twenty hides of land, twelve acres of meadow, half a leuua of pasture, and a leuua of wood. At Chingesberie twenty hides, with two mills, a hundred acres of meadow, and pasture a leuua in length and three quarentenes in breadth. At Cerdre eight hides, a mill, twenty acres of meadow, woodland and pasture each two leuua in length and four quarentenes in breadth. At Litelande two hides, twelve acres of meadow, a hundred of pasture and twenty of wood. At Wivelescome fifteen hides, a mill, thirty-four acres of meadow, two hundred acres of pasture, and eighty acres of wood. At Walintone fourteen hides, two mills, a hundred and five acres of meadow, pasture a leuua in length and half a leuua in breadth, and wood three quarentenes in length and breadth. One hide was added to this manor which in the reign of the Confessor had been held as a distinct manor of itself. At Lidegar the bishop held ten hides all but a virgate, a mill, thirty acres of meadow, pasture a leuua in length and three quarentenes in breadth, and the same measure of wood. At Banwelle, which in King Edward's time had been the property of Earl Harold, the bishop held thirty hides, a hundred acres of meadow, a square leuua of pasture, and two leuua and a half of wood. Upon the tenanted part of this land there were three mills. At Evreeriz the bishop held twenty hides, a mill, sixty acres of meadow, two hundred of pasture, and wood a leuua in length and one quarentene in breadth. At Westberie six hides, thirty acres of meadow, and a wood one leuua in length and two quarentenes in breadth. At Winesham ten hides, two mills, six acres

tim confiscavit. Sed juvante S. Andreâ dictæ ecclesiæ patrono, impius super iniquitate suâ paulo tempore gavisus est. Regnavit tamen in Anglia a vi. die Januarii usque ad x. diem Novembris proximè sequentis. Quo die, in loco ubi nunc est monasterium et villa de Bello in Suthsexiâ, in prælio inter ipsum et Willelmum ducem Normanniæ inito, est occisus. Nam vi. anno episcopatus Gisonis, Willelmus dux Normanniæ armatâ manu Angliam ingressus, illam in lxxii. diebus totaliter conquisivit. Et die sequenti, i. e. feriâ secundâ, in die Natalis Domini, fuit in regem Angliæ coronatus; et cito postea ferè omnes possessiones ab ecclesia Wellensi per Haroldum ablatas Gisoni restituit, exceptis quibusdam ad monasterium S. Petri Gloucestriæ applicatis, et exceptis Congresburie, Banewell, et Kilmington, et plurimis [al. paucis] aliis. Anno tamen xi. regni sui restituit Banewell; et donavit eidem episcopo et suis successoribus Jatton cum ecclesia. Giso etiam ecclesiam de Wynesham, a quodam prædecessore suo alienatam, de manibus ejusdem Ealsiæ recuperavit; et iterum eandem villam de manibus dicti regis Willelmi Conquestoris ecclesiæ Wellensi restitui procuravit; necnon maneria de Combe S. Nicholai, Wormestorre, Lydtun, à quodam Arsero in Willelmi regis præsentia comparavit." Angl. Sacr. tom. i. p. 559.

^k See Num. XII.

^l Num. VIII.

^m See Numm. VII. X.

ⁿ Annal. Winton. Angl. Sacr. tom. i. p. 295.

of meadow, and wood half a leuua in length and a quarentene and half in breadth. In Chivvre thirty hides, three mills, a hundred acres of meadow, and fifty of pasture, with woodland two leuua in length and half a leuua in breadth. In Latune twenty hides of land, thirty-two acres of meadow, wood a leuua in length and two quarentenes in breadth, and a square leuua of moorland. At the time of the Survey a pasture called Waimora belonged to this manor, which in the time of King Edward had appertained to Congreberie, upon the royal demesne. At Wedmore the bishop held eleven hides, seventy acres of meadow, two fisheries, fifty acres of wood, and a leuua of pasture both in length and breadth.

The canons of St. Andrew Wells are stated to have held, both at the time of the Survey and in the Confessor's reign, of the bishop, four hides in Wandestrev, twelve acres of meadow, and wood three quarentenes in length and two in breadth: and in Litune, in the same manner, eight hides and a half of arable, sixty acres of meadow, a thousand acres of pasture, and three quarentenes of wood.

At the close of this part of the Domesday Survey, the royal manor of Milvertune is stated to have been held by Bishop Giso in King Edward's time, when it was assessed for a virgate of land only. The manor of Aissa also, held at the formation of the Survey as a distinct manor by Roger Arundel, is recorded to have been, in the time of King Edward the Confessor, a member of the bishop's manor of Lediart. Bishop Giso was then assessed for it as for three hides and a virgate. It is added, "Rogerus tenet de rege injuste."

The number of hides held by the bishop appear to have amounted to two hundred seventy-nine and a half: and the total rents, as near as can be computed, at the time of the Survey, to the sum of 315*l.* 10*s.*

Latune is the only manor belonging to the see within which a church is noticed.^a

JOHN DE VILLULA, a native of Tours in France, thence also called JOHANNES TURONENSIS, succeeded Giso. He appears to have practised physic; and, at the time of his promotion, was one of the king's chaplains.^b This prelate destroyed the cloister and other buildings which Giso had erected at Wells for the use of the canons, and in the place where they stood built a palace for himself and his successors. His removal of the seat of his bishoprick to Bath, in 1090, has been already noticed in the account of Bath abbey; the church of which he rebuilt. Ralph de Diceto places this removal in the year 1091.^c Bishop John even took upon himself the title of *Bishop of BATH*: uniting the monastery of that city and his bishoprick in one. The canon of Wells, whose history of the bishops of the see is published in the *Anglia Sacra*, says, "Hic etiam, inconsultis canonicis Wellensibus, et præter eorum consensum, transtulit sedem Episcopalem Wellensem in Abbatiam Bathoniensem; et redditus pertinentes ad mensam abbatialem monasterii Bathoniensis mensæ suæ episcopali univit; et dimisso nomine episcopatus Wellensis, primus omnium fecit se Bathoniensem episcopum appellari. Hic etiam urbem Bathoniæ a rege Willielmo II. sibi et successoribus suis emit pro quingentis marciis argenti."^d Bishop John de Villula died in 1123.

GODFREY, a Belgian, and chaplain to King Henry the First's queen, was the next bishop. He received his consecration Aug. 26th, 1123.^e After holding the

bishoprick twelve years, he died Aug. 16th, 1151.^f His successor was

ROBERT, a monk of Lewes, and a native of Normandy. Four years after the consecration of this prelate, the church of Bath which John de Vlula had erected was destroyed by fire: but Bishop Robert rebuilt it. He did not, however, confine himself entirely to ecclesiastical concerns, since it appears that he embroiled himself in the civil commotions between King Stephen and the Empress Maud. It so happened that one Geoffrey Talbot, a commander of the empress's forces, coming into Bath in the capacity of spy, was discovered by the bishop, and detained in durance. The inhabitants of Bristol, who were strongly attached to Maud's interest, came over immediately to Bath in a large party unexpectedly, took the bishop away with them to Bristol, and there imprisoned him in the castle: nor would they deliver him up till the king had consented to the release of Talbot; which he at length did with much regret, and with many severe animadversions on the conduct of the bishop, who he thought had suffered himself to be taken prisoner, that he might have a pretence of freeing Talbot, the king's inveterate enemy.^g In the mean time, a violent contention arose between the monks of Bath and the canons of Wells, as to which of these cities should be honoured with the episcopal seat: but this business being referred by compromise to the bishop's arbitration, he ordained that the bishops of this diocese should neither be called "*Bishops of Wells*," as they had been of old, nor "*Bishops of Bath*," as they had been of later times; but that, taking their name from both Churches, they should in succeeding time be called *Bishops of BATH and WELLS*; that each of the churches, when the see was vacant, should appoint an equal number of delegates, by whose votes the bishop should be chosen, and that he should be installed both at Bath and Wells.^h For the better regulation of the possessions of the church of Wells, he divided the estates into two parts; one of which he appropriated to the chapter in common, and out of the other he allotted to every canon a portion called a prebend. He appointed one Ivo their dean, to preside over the chapter, and a sub-dean to supply his place when absent; a precentor, or chanter, to regulate the choir, and a subchanter under him; a chancellor, to instruct the younger canons; and a treasurer, to take care of the ornaments of the church.ⁱ The Canon of Wells, whose history is given in the *Anglia Sacra*, says, he dedicated the church of Wells in the presence of Josceline bishop of Salisbury, Simon bishop of Worcester, and Robert bishop of Hereford. He also separated the different prebends of the church, the profits for the support of which had before his time been held in common; and founded the two new prebends of Jatton and Hyswich in the marsh, to the latter of which he annexed the church of Bishop's Compton.^k Bishop Robert died on the first of the kalends of September, 1166: and was buried in the church of Bath.^l

King Henry the Second held the bishoprick of Bath and Wells in his own hands eight years, eight months, and fifteen days after the decease of Robert; receiving during that time all the rents, issues, and profits of the vacant see, such as the farms of manors, the rents of the archdeaconries, and the pleas of the bishoprick;^m but bestowed it, at length, on

REGINALD FITZ-JOCELINE, son of Joceline, a

^a Compare Num. XII. Under ALSEBRUGGE, fol. 86 of Domesday, it is said, "De hoc manerio tenet Giso episcopus unum membrum Wetmore quod ipse tenuit de rege Edwardo. Pro eo computat Willielmus vicecomes in firma regis XII. lib. unoquoque anno."

^b Annal. Winton. Angl. Sacr. tom. i. p. 295.

^c "Johannes Wellensis episcopus, natione Turonicus, sedem præsulatus transtulit Batoniæ regis consensu." Abbrev. Chron. autore Rad. de Diceto, col. 490.

^d Angl. Sacr. tom. i. p. 560. The writer adds, "Tempore hujus Johannis episcopi Johannes archidiaconus terras ecclesiæ Wellensis et præposituram canonicorum sibi indebitè usurpavit; dicto episcopo non resistente, sed potius annuente. Unde canonici Wellenses ad pristinam inopiam fuerunt redacti, et publicæ mendicitati subjecti."

^e Angl. Sacr. ut supr.

^f Ibid. He was buried at Bath.

^g Collinson, vol. iii. p. 379.

^h Ibid. See also Angl. Sacr. tom. i. p. 561.

ⁱ Collinson, ut supr. The canon of Wells before quoted says, "Hic ecclesias de Northcory et Pederton a rege Stephano impetravit; necnon terras et præposituram ecclesiæ Wellensis per Johannem archidiaconum nuper distractas et flebiliter dissipatas eidem ecclesiæ restituit; auxilio et consilio regis Stephani mediante." Angl. Sacr. ut supr. Compare Num. XIV.

^k Angl. Sacr. ut supr.

^l Collinson, vol. iii. p. 380.

^m Warner, p. 139, says, "In the thirteenth year of Henry II. Richard de Wilton rendered to the king an account of the issues of the bishoprick of Bath; they were as follow:

"Episcopatus de Bada.

"Ricardus de Wiltona reddit compotum de xx^{li}. de episcopatu de Bada, post mortem episcopi, usque ad festum sancti Michaelis, in thesauro liberavit, et quietus est.

Idem reddit compotum de cccc. et xv^{li}. et v^s. de firma maneriorum;

Lombard, bishop of Salisbury; who was consecrated in 1174.^a Soon after his consecration, he rebuilt the churches of St. Mary and St. Michael within the walls, in the city of Bath; and, not far from the latter, founded the hospital of St. John Baptist. He procured from King Richard I. the confirmation of a right which he claimed of keeping dogs for the purpose of sporting throughout the county of Somerset:^b and afterwards obtained from the same king, for the use of his chapter, the manors of North Curry, Wrantage, and West Hatch; and founded several prebends in the church. He likewise incorporated the town of Wells, and constituted it a free borough. In 1191 he was translated to the see of Canterbury; but died in that same year, at his house at Dogmersfield in Hampshire, and was buried at Bath.^c

SAVARIC, archdeacon of Northampton, and treasurer of the church of Salisbury, succeeded to the bishoprick of Bath and Wells in 1192.^d Some little time after his consecration, King Richard I. in his return from Palestine, was taken prisoner in a small village near Vienna, by Leopold duke of Austria, who delivered him up to Henry VI. emperor of Germany, who was then at variance with the king. The emperor being nearly allied to Bishop Savaric, with whom he had held a correspondence on the state of the English church, among other hard conditions of Richard's release, insisted on a promise from him that the abbacy of Glastonbury, which was then vacant, should thenceforth be annexed to the bishoprick of Bath and Wells.^e To effect this, Savaricus engaged to return to the king the city of Bath, which his predecessor John de Villula had purchased; and transferring the episcopal seat to Glastonbury, styled himself BISHOP of GLASTONBURY till his death, which happened Aug. 8th, 1205. He was buried at Bath, with the following epitaph, expressive of the rambling inquietude of his life:

"Hospes erat mundo, per mundum semper eundo,
Sic suprema dies fit sibi prima quies."^f

JOSELINE DE WELLES, called in the 'Annales Marganenses' JOCELINE TROTMAN, was the next bishop: elected by the joint suffrages of the canons of Bath and Wells. He was consecrated at Reading, in the chapel of St. Mary, May 28th, 1206. The monks of Glastonbury, immediately after his election, petitioned the court of Rome to be separated from the bishoprick, and to be restored to the wonted government of an abbat. For twelve years Bishop Josceline supported his claim: till, in 1218, the liberation of the monastery was effected. The particulars of the adjustment on this occasion, with the enumeration of the manors which formed the bishop's compensation for the release, have been already given in the Account of Glastonbury.^g Bishop Josceline now assumed the former title of BISHOP of BATH and WELLS, which has ever since been used by the successive prelates of this see. Very soon after this, having incurred the king's displeasure by interdicting the nation, pursuant to the pope's command, he was

obliged to relinquish his bishoprick and the kingdom, and passed five years abroad in banishment.^h After his return, he applied himself to the adorning and enlarging the church of Wells. He founded several prebends, appropriated divers churches to the use of the chapter, and gave them out of his own estate the manor of Winscombe.ⁱ He augmented the revenues of the dignitaries, and first ordained vicars choral, who were to supply the place of the canons in singing and performing divine service. He obtained of Hugh bishop of Lincoln the manors of Congresbury, Chedder, and Axbridge; and, jointly with him, founded the hospital of St. John at Wells. He built two costly chapels; one in his palace at Wookey, and the other at Wells. The church itself of Wells being in many parts decayed, notwithstanding the vast sums of money expended upon it, he entirely rebuilt the west end thereof, as it now stands, of marble and polished stone, and dedicated it Oct. 23d, 1239. Bishop Josceline died Nov. 19th, 1242, and was buried in the middle of the choir at Wells, beneath a marble tomb, now much defaced and mutilated.^k

An interval of two years elapsed between the death of Josceline and the appointment of his successor, during which time the see remained in the hands of the king. The monks of Bath, at length, neglecting the regulation made by Bishop Robert with respect to the election of a prelate, held a chapter without consulting the canons of Wells, and elected of their own accord^l one

ROGER, precentor of the church of Salisbury, who was accordingly consecrated September 11th, 1244. This step occasioned a long litigation between the two churches, and the pope was appealed to;^m but it at length terminated with a promise from the monks of their stricter observance of the compact for the future, and a trifling concession on the bishop's part to the canons. He died Jan. 13th, 1247, having sat only three years: and was buried at Bath.ⁿ

WILLIAM BITTON, or BUTTON, first sub-dean, and afterwards archdeacon of Wells and rector of Middlezoy in Somersetshire, with the common concurrence of the monks of Bath and the canons of Wells, was elected bishop in the beginning of the year 1248. The monks of Glastonbury made frequent murmurings in his time, respecting the loss of those estates which had been given up on Josceline's relinquishing the abbacy; but they did not recover any thing. In 1257 he procured of Henry III. a Charter of free-warren for his manor of Wells;^o and in 1263 appropriated the church of St. Mary de Stall to the monks of Bath: the year after which he died, and was buried under a marble tomb in the middle of Our Lady chapel, where, in digging a grave in 1727, the bones of this prelate were discovered, with a large stone ring on his finger, and a small silver cup full of liquor.^p

WALTER GIFFARD, canon of Wells and one of the pope's chaplains, was elected bishop May 2d, 1264. In

et de xvj^{li}. et x^s. de redditibus archidiaconatum; et de lvj^s. viij^d. de lxx. mensuris salis.

Summa cccc. et xxxiv^{li}. et xi^s. viij^d. de hoc anno.

In thesauro cccc. et xxv^{li}. et x^s.

Et Johanni Cummin, xl^s. pro præbenda sua, per breve regis; et Willelmo de Gundevill, xx^s. pro præbenda sua.

Et in liberatione custodis domorum episcopi, xv^s.

Et debet c. et vj^s. et viij^d.

Idem debet iv^{li}. de placitis episcopatus." Mag. Rot. 13 Hen. II. rot. 13 a.

In the ensuing year the bishoprick paid its proportion of the aid towards marrying the king's daughter Matilda to the duke of Saxony.

^a Rad. de Diceto, Script. x. Twysd. col. 581. Brompton, ibid. col. 1090.

^b See Num. XVI.

^c Collinson, vol. iii. p. 580. Ralph de Diceto, in his Ymagines Historiarum, Script. x. Twysd. col. 667, says, A. D. 1192:—"diem clausit extremum apud Dogmerefeld in territorio Wintoniensi. Sepultus est autem in ecclesia sua Bathoniæ, prope majus altare die festo sancti Thomæ martyris." See also Brompt. ibid. col. 1189.

^d Wharton, in the Notes to his Anglia Sacra, tom. i. p. 562, says, "electus est a monachis Bathon. sine canonicis Wellensibus, ipsis irrequisitis et hoc penitus ignorantibus" verbasunt registri Wellensis."

^e The particulars of this annexation have been already given at

considerable length in the Account of the monastery of Glastonbury. See Vol. i. p. 5.

^f Collinson, vol. iii. p. 380.

^g Ut supr. See also the Append. to the Account of Bath monastery, Num. XIX.

^h Warner says, "During his exile, John seized the temporalities of the bishoprick, and in the fourteenth year of his reign, Thomas Peverel, his escheator, accounted to him for the profits of it; consisting of the assized rents, farms, and issues of mills, pleas, and perquisites, pannage, herbage, and hay sold, church-shot, customs, small sales, and corn disposed of; an account which makes the annual value of the bishoprick in the early part of the thirteenth century, clear of all deductions, 213*l*. 14*s*. 6*d*."

ⁱ See Num. XXIII.

^k Compare Collinson, vol. iii. p. 381. Whart. Angl. Sacr. tom. i. pp. 563, 564.

^l See MS. Harl. 6968, p. 88.

^m "Monachi Bathon. eligunt R. præcentorem Sarum. in episcopatum Bath. et Well. canonici Well. appellant ad papam 24 Mar. 27 Hen. III." Kennett, MS. Dipt.

ⁿ Angl. Sacr. tom. i. p. 565.

^o Cart. 41 Hen. III. m. 5.

^p Collinson, ut supr. pp. 381, 382. See the account of the discovery of abbat Bitton's coffin in Hearne's Preface to Adam of Domerham's History, p. xxvii.

1265 he was made lord chancellor, and in the following year was translated to the see of York.^a

WILLIAM BYTTON, or BUTTON, the second of that name, and nephew to the former bishop, was elected Feb. 10th, 1267: the king restoring the temporalities of the see on March 4th following. Matthew Paris notices him as archdeacon of Wells. He enacted different statutes for the regulation of his church, and gave to it the manor of Bicknoller and the church of Stogumber.^b He died Dec. 4th, 1274; and was buried on the south side of the choir of the church of Wells.^c

ROBERT BURNELL, son of Robert and brother of Hugh Lords Burnell, was elected bishop of Bath and Wells Jan. 23, 1274. He was treasurer and chancellor of England, and of the council to King Edward I.; by which public offices he amassed a large fortune, part of which he expended on the buildings at Wells. Among others, he erected the great hall on the west side of the palace, which was demolished by Sir John Gates in the time of King Edward the Sixth. He presided over the see eighteen years; and dying at Berwick-upon-Tweed Oct. 25th, 1292, was brought to Wells, and there buried, Nov. 23d following, in the middle of the nave of his cathedral church.^d

WILLIAM DE MARCHIA, or DE LA MARCH, was elected bishop Jan. 30th, 1293.^e He was a great favourite with King Edward the First, and held the treasurer'ship of England from 1290 to 1295. He obtained from the same king a grant for two fairs for the lordship

^a Collinson, ut supr. p. 382. Angl. Sacr. tom. i. p. 566. Act. Pontif. Ebor. Script. x. col. 1726.

^b "Dedit ille capitulo Wellensi ecclesiam de Stokegummer 1271. 2 Oct. eâ conditione ut l. solidos capellano pro animâ ipsius quotidie celebraturo, et totidem pro anniversario ejusdem, annuatim solverent." Angl. Sacr. ut supr.

^c Collinson, ut supr. His tomb is said to have been an object of superstitious worship to the ignorant populace, particularly as a relief for the tooth-ache. See Gough, Sep. Monum. vol. i. p. 197.

The Seal of this second Bishop William Bytton, or Button, is thus noticed in the Excerpts from the Register of Wells, Harl. MS. 6964, p. 55. "Describitur sigillum magnum authenticum Willielmi But-ton episcopi, in cujus medio erat imago cujusdam pontificis, baculum pastorem tenentis et manum dextrum sublevantis in modum benedictis. A lateribus vero imaginis, duæ ecclesiæ erant sculptæ cum campanilibus et crucibus suppositis. In circumferentia vero ejusdem, literæ continebantur infra scriptæ 'Will. Dei gratia Bathon. et Wellen. episcopus.' In suprema vero parte sigilli minoris indorsati erant duæ imagines sculptæ, viz. beatorum apostolorum Petri et Andree cruce in manibus tenentium, sub quibus imaginibus erat imago cujusdam episcopi genua flectentis et manus sublevantis ad modum orantis. In circumscriptione dicti Sigilli minoris hæc literæ legebantur, 'Crux germanorum Willielmo sit via morum.'"

^d Collinson, ibid. See Gough, ut supr.

^e Angl. Sacr. ut supr.

^f Pat. 32 Edw. I.

^g Collinson, ut supr.

^h "Obiit Willielmus 1302. 11 Junii, relictâ haud vulgari sanctitatis famâ. Annis enim 1324 et 1325. capitulum Wellense procuratores suos ad papam legavit ad petendam illius canonizationem. Idem et episcopi Angliæ universi postularunt literâ datâ 1325. 4 Dec. idem et Edwardus rex. Transmisit insuper capitulum amplam miraculorum, quæ ab illo post mortem patrata dicebantur, relationem. Nil tamen impetratum reperio. In fatis enim non erat, ut Willielmus Sanctorum albo inferretur." Whart. Angl. Sacr. tom. i. p. 567. See also MS. Harl. 6968, pp. 112, 113, among the Excerpts from the Registers of Wells.

The following regulations respecting the cathedral of Wells, issued during this bishop's time, occur in the same manuscript, p. 104.

A.D. 1297. "Ordinatum fuit per decanum et capitulum quod magni hostium ecclesiæ sub campanili versus claustrum, tam de die quam de nocte, sit clausum nisi quando pro processione vel alia causa necessaria debeat aperiri. Item quod duo hostia de la Karole, ex utraque parte chori, sint clausa de nocte. Ita tamen quod hostium de la Karole versus librariam sit apertum a prima pulsatione matutinarum donec post tertiam pulsationem hostium chori aperiatur. Item quod idem hostium semper sit clausum de die propter conculcationem librorum ecclesiæ quæ fit per extraneis, et propter exclusionem laicorum ne audiant secreta capituli, nisi de præcepto alicujus canonici illud contigerit aperiri. Item quod post Gloria Patri primi Psalmi hostium chori claudatur et seratur per sacristam dum matutinæ dicuntur, nisi ex rationabili causa illud oporteat aperiri. Et quod hostium versus capellam beatæ Virginis in claustrum propter cameram necessariam aperiatur dum matutinæ dicuntur qualibet nocte."

Again, p. 132,

"In Convocatione generali omnium canonicorum eccl. Well. qui voluerunt et potuerunt commode interesse in capitulo Well. in crastino sancti Andree 1298, varia statuta et ordinationes præcipue concernentes Vicarios conduntur, inter quæ hæc sunt:

"Quoties Gloria Patri dicitur, in signum devotionis et reverentiæ vertant se psallentes sicut moris est versus magnum altare, qui vero hoc non fecerit judicio capituli puniatur."

"Canonici omnes et singuli de præbendis suis decimam per quinquennium secundum taxationem Norwic. conferant ad reparationem defectuum fabricæ ecclesiæ."

of Bath; one to be held in the Barton, or the Ham, the other at Lyncombe.^f He died June 11th, 1302; and was interred in the south transept of Wells cathedral.^g Great efforts appear to have been made for his canonization, but without effect.^h

WALTER HASELSHAWE, or HESTELSHAGH, dean of Wells, was elected bishop Aug. 7th, 1302, and received the temporalities of his see from the king on Sept. 12th following.ⁱ Both when dean and bishop, he made several useful statutes for the cathedral. He died Dec. 11th, 1308. Collinson says he held this see nine years, which is certainly a mistake. He was interred in the nave of Wells cathedral, near Bishop Bubwith's chapel.^k

JOHN DROKENESFORD, or DE DROKENSFORD, was the next bishop; who, at the time of his election, was keeper of the king's wardrobe and under-treasurer of the exchequer, having before been prebendary of Wells, York, and Southwell. He was elected Feb. 5th, 1309.^l Collinson says he was a liberal benefactor to his church, the buildings and privileges of which he greatly amplified.^m He died at Dogmeresfeld May 9th, 1329, and was buried in the chapel of St. Catherine, in which he a little time before had founded a chantry at the altar of St. John Baptist.

RALPH DE SALOPIA, or SHREWSBURY, was elected bishop June 2d, 1329. His munificent acts for the benefit of his see will be found enumerated in the Note.ⁿ The vicars close which he began, was finished

'Ne Eschaetor Capituli causari posset ignorantiam pro quo pretio ad minus vendere debeat fructus præbendarum primi anni ad capitulum et canonicum def. . . spectantes, estimationem præbendarum in possessionibus consistentium ad perpetuam rei memoriam præsentibus duximus inserendam.

Præbenda de Wedmor, xl. lib.
Præbenda de Milverton, l. marc.
Præbenda de Ayshull, xxii. marc.
Præbenda de Cumptun, xx. lib.
Præbenda de Jatton, l. marc.
Præbenda de Hengestrugg, xxv. marc.
Præbenda de Haselbere, xx. marc.
Præbenda de Wandestre, x. marc.
Præbenda de Eston, xx. marc.
Præbenda de Ilton, xxvi. marc.
Præbenda de Wyvelscomb, xl. marc.
Præbenda de Dunden, xx. marc.
Præbenda de Hywis et Brent, xl. lib.
Præbenda de Sancto Decumano, l. marc.
Præbenda de Wylakynnton, xx. marc.
Præbenda de Wytechurch, xx. marc.
Præbenda de Cuddeworth, x. marc.
Præbenda de Lutton, xxv. marc.
Præbenda de Harpetr, xx. marc.
Præbenda de Dultingcote, xx. marc.
Præbenda de Wormestr, xvi. marc.
Præbenda de Bocland, x. lib.
Præbenda de Tymbercumb, viii. marc.
Præbenda de Werministr, xx. marc.
Præbenda de Dynre, viii. marc.
Præbenda de Barton, xii. marc.
Præbenda de Holecumb, iv. marc.
Præbenda de Scandeford, xx. marc.

'Memorandum quod prædictæ præbendæ, cum vacaverint, nunquam vendantur pro minori pretio quam taxantur superius in præsentibus cedula, sed pro majori si fieri potest.' Harl. MS. 6968, p. 132.

ⁱ Angl. Sacr. tom. i. p. 567.

^k Collinson, ut supr. Gough, Sep. Mon. vol. i. p. 198.

^l Angl. Sacr. tom. i. p. 568.

^m In the Harl. MS. 6964, we have, "1325. 2 kal. Febr. Indulgentia xl. dierum concessa contribuentibus ad novum opus eccl. cathedral. Well."

ⁿ "Hic appositis laboribus magnis et expensis non modicis, procuravit a rege deafforestari maneria de Chedder et Axbrigge existentia tunc infra Forestam de Mendepe. Et ejus maneriorum deafforestatio fuit in ejus perambulatione certis metis et bundis inter eandem forestam et dicta maneria positae evidenter distenta. Hic etiam annuente rege omnes feras dictæ forestæ venando destruxit: et sic violentia forestariorum cessavit, qua ipsi communem plebem solebant indies opprimere. Hic etiam episcopale palatium apud Welliam forti muro lapideo circumcinxit; et aquam undique circumduxit. Quendam habitationem perpulchram pro vicariis et choristis ecclesiæ Wellensis, loco ad ædificandum impetrato, suis sumptibus construxit; ipsumque locum sic constructum eisdem vicariis et successoribus suis ad perpetuam ipsorum cohabitationem libere dedit, et donum chartis regis confirmavit, absque aliquo redditu inde reddendo præter Orationes Dominicas et Salutationes Angelicas. Perquisivit etiam x. libras annui redditus solvendas dictis vicariis et successoribus per manus suas et successorum suorum. Univit ecclesiam plebanalem de Chyw mensæ suæ episcopali; decimas terrarum dominicalium manerii de Chyw et jurisdictionem ordinariam totius parochiæ sibi et successoribus suis tantummodo reservando. Residuum vero omnium decimarum et reddituum ad dictam ecclesiam de

by Bishops Erghum and Beckington. He died at Wyvelescombe Aug. 14th, 1363, and was buried in the presbytery of Wells, near the high altar.^a

JOHN BARNET, treasurer of England, and afterwards bishop of Worcester, was translated to this see Nov. 24th, 1363.^b In 1366 he was removed to the see of Ely.

JOHN HAREWELL, or DE HAREWELL, LL.B., chaplain to Edward the Black Prince, and chancellor of Gascony, succeeded to this bishoprick Dec. 15th, 1366. He was a considerable contributor to the erection of the south-west tower of the church; and gave a hundred marks toward glazing the great west window. He gave also to the church a missal which cost twenty pounds, with various rich vestments. His will bore date June 29th, and was proved Aug. 20th, 1386. He was buried at Wells before the altar of St. Kalixtus.^c

WALTER SKYRLAWE was translated to Bath and Wells, from the see of Litchfield and Coventry, Aug. 18th, 1386; within two years after which, April 3d, 1388, he was again removed to Durham. His executors gave vestments to the church, for the celebration of his obit, to the value of a hundred and fifty pounds.^d

RALPH ERGHUM, or ARGUM, LL.D., bishop of Salisbury, was translated to the see of Bath and Wells by a bull of Pope Urban VI. bearing date April 3d, 1388. He gave to the dean and chapter of Wells the parsonage of Pucklechurch, with fifty marks, and a messuage in Wells called The George. He also gave them a gold chalice and paten of the price of fifty-four pounds, a missal which cost twenty-two pounds, and other ornaments. By deed, dated Jan. 20th, 1399, he founded a chantry in his cathedral for the souls of Gilbert and Agnes, his father and mother, and of Agnes his sister: and by his will appointed his executors to build in the street then called 'La Mounterye,' but afterwards College Lane, a house, or college, for fourteen priests to celebrate divine service in the church of Wells. He died April 10th, 1400.^e

Collinson says, "This Bishop Erghum fortified the episcopal palace, surrounding it with a deep moat, and an embattled wall, flanked by semi-circular towers, as it stands to this day." He quotes as his authority the 'Lib. Rub. Bathon.' then in the possession of Viscount Weymouth; observing that Godwin, in his Commentary

de Præsulibus, p. 377, erroneously ascribes this to Ralph de Salopia. The canon of Wells, whose history, ending in 1423, is printed in the *Anglia Sacra*, concurs with Godwin.^f

RICHARD CLIFFORD, archdeacon of Canterbury, and keeper of the privy seal, was preferred to this bishoprick by Pope Boniface IX. upon the death of Erghum: but the king disapproving of, and Clifford renouncing the promotion, he was in the following year made bishop of Worcester. The actual successor of Erghum was

HENRY BOWETT, LL.D., canon of Wells, who was consecrated Nov. 20th, 1401, in the king's presence, at St. Paul's. He had been a steady adherent to King Henry the Fourth when earl of Hereford; for which, in 1398, he was condemned by King Richard II.; but his life was spared on condition that he should go into banishment. He returned with King Henry IV. to England; was made treasurer of England in 1402; and in the middle of 1406 conducted Philippa, the king's daughter, into Denmark, to be married to the king. On the 7th of October, 1407, he was preferred, by papal provision from Pope Gregory XII. to the archbishoprick of York.^g

NICHOLAS BUBWITH, who had been successively bishop of London and Salisbury, was translated to Bath and Wells October 7th, 1407. He received the temporalities of the see from the king on April 1st, 1408. He built the alms-house called after his name, for twenty-four poor men and women, on the north side of St. Cuthbert's church in Wells, the library over the cloisters of the cathedral, and within it, opposite the pulpit, a little chapel, still called 'Bubwith's chapel,' wherein he was buried in 1424, and where he appointed certain priests to say mass for his soul.^h Collinson says one priest only.ⁱ Bishop Bubwith was a contributor towards the building of the north-west tower at the west end of the church of Wells, and otherwise improved that structure.^k He was also a benefactor to the church of Bath.^l

JOHN STAFFORD, the ninth son of Humphrey earl of Stafford, afterwards duke of Buckingham, was the next bishop. After possessing different preferments of a minor kind, he became keeper of the privy seal to King Henry VI. and in 1422 high treasurer of England. He

Chyw qualitercunque spectantium assignavit vicario ejusdem ecclesiæ pro tempore existenti; ut inde ipse solvat annuatim priori et capitulo Bathoniensi xx. marcas de novo, et v. marcas eis debitas ad antiquo, et v. marcas annuas inter præsentis ministros ecclesiæ Wellensis dividendas in obitu suo ibi tenendo. Multa etiam vestimenta ecclesiastica præciosa dictis ecclesiis Bathoniensi et Wellensi in testamento suo reliquit; quæ in eis usque hodie perseverant. Palatium episcopale Wellense muro lapideo batellato et cornellato cum fossatis claudere fecit. Construxit de novo capellam de Wyvelescombe [alias Wynescombe], et totam curiam de Claverton, et unam cameram honestam valde sumptuosam apud Evercrich."

^a Compare Gough, Sep. Mon. vol. i. p. 198. The Harl. MS. 6968, p. 115, says, "Dominus Radulphus de Salopia episcopus B. W. redemit unam mitram preciosam, quam Johannes prædecessor suus cuidam burgensi London. pro magna summa pecuniæ exposuit, in usum Ecclesiæ suæ." It then adds, "Mitra pret. cent. sol. unum bacul. pastoral. pret. x. marc. unum turibulum argenteum pret. iv. marc. et dimid. et ii. candelabra argentea pret. xii. marc. has dominus Radulphus episcopus recepit de capitulo Well. et obligavit se et executores suos ad restituendum nisi satisfecerit pro eisdem. A.D. 1329. Consecr. 1." In 1361 Ralph de Salopia was excused, on account of his age, from attending parliament. Ibid. p. 152.

^b Wharton, in the *Angl. Sacra*, tom. i. p. 569, says, "'Post Radulphi mortem Walterus de Monyngton abbas Glastoniensis in episcopum subdolè electus est. Electio autem cassata est a Simone archiepiscopo Cant.' Sic Registrum Wellense. E contra monachus Eveshamensis qui Higdeni Polychronicon continuavit, in gregalium suorum partes pronus, rem ita narrat. 'Loco Radulphi abbas Glastoniensis, vir multum venerabilis, unanimiter erat electus. Sed ab æmulis, qui ad illum episcopatum conspiraverunt, ne ad curiam Romanam transiret, impediatur.' Walterum enim, canonicis Wellensibus invitis vel prætermisiss, monachi Bathonienses elegisse videntur. Isto igitur juste rejecto, Johannes Barnet, summus Angliæ thesaurarius, translatus est a sede Wigorniensis ad Bathoniensem bullâ Urbani V. papæ 1363. 24 Nov. spiritualem episcopatus sui jurisdictionem ab archiepiscopo accepit 1364. 7 April. Ad Eliensem demum sedem transiit bullâ ejusdem papæ translatus 1366. 15 Dec. Ex Registris Islip et Langham. Dum sedi Bathoniensi adhuc præesset anno 1365. dedit ecclesiæ Paulinæ London. molendinum aquaticum et xcviij. jugera terræ et annuum xliv. solidorum redditum, eâ conditione, ut hymnus decantetur, et oratio ad B. Virginem et altera pro Defunctis recitentur quotidie coram Imagine B. Virginis."

^c *Angl. Sacr.* tom. i. pp. 569, 570.

^d "Cujus executores dederunt ecclesiæ Wellensi pro obitu suo ibi tenendo xxxi. capas choristales albas, pretii ut creditur cl. librarum." *Angl. Sacr.* tom. i. p. 570.

^e *Angl. Sacr.* ut supr. Collinson, tom. iii. p. 383.

^f See Note (") of the preceding page.

^g *Angl. Sacr.* tom. i. p. 571.

^h "Nich. Bubbewith episcopus B. W. pro l. libris obtinet a rege Hen. VI. licentiam appropriandi eccl. de Buckland Abbatis, dioc. Sarum, de patronatu suo ut de jure episcopatus, decano et capitulo Wellen. ad sustinendum tres capellanos celebraturos singulis diebus pro anima sua ad altare in navi ecclesiæ Well. in boreali parte ejusdem sumptibus dicti Nicholai erectum. Singuli capellani habeant annuatim c. solidos et iii. marc. distribuend. annuatim pauperibus parochianis infra parochiam de Bokeland. Hæc ecclesia appropriatur illis per Johannem Sarum episcopum, salva annua pensione (in recompensatione læsionis ecclesiæ Sarum, et propter indemnitate ejusdem, ac in signum subjectionis ecclesiæ de Bokeland quæ amplius verisimiliter non vacabit) vj^s. viij^d. nobis et successoribus nostris episcopis Sarum. Et alia pensione annua vj^s. viij^d. solvend. decano et capitulo Sarum. Et alia pensione annua vj^s. viij^d. solvend. archidiacono Dorset. et successoribus suis, ad festum Annunciationis. Dat. ult. Feb. mcccc.xxiv. consecr. viii." Harl. MS. 6968, P. ii. p. 38.

ⁱ Hist. Somers. tom. iii. p. 384.

^k Ibid. See also Leland. Itin. vol. iii. p. 122.

^l "Nicholaus Bubbewyth B. W. episcopus dedit Johanni priori Bathon. et conv. ccc.xx. marc. pro certis domibus et edificiis in solo sive fundo dicti prioratus infra tres annos de novo construendis ad valorem annum vii. libr. et xvi. denar. dicto prioratui imperpetuum applicand. necnon vestimenta pretiosa valoris cc. libr. pro quibus beneficiis prior et conv. Bathon. promittunt quod in capella quam dictus episcopus de novo construi et ædificari fecit infra ecclesiam cathedralem Bathon. in navi ejusdem ecclesiæ ex parte australi situata ad altare in honore sancti Johannis Baptistæ, Georgii, Fabiani et Sebastiani, per eundem episcopum de novo erectum et dedicatum, duo monachi dicti conventus quotidie pro eo celebrabunt, qui monachi singuli singulis septimanis xiv. denar. et in die obitus dicti episcopi anniversarii, nocte precedente Exequiæ decantabuntur quæ vulgariter dicuntur Placebo et Dirige, et in die sequente, missa solemniss de Requiem, ad summum altare ibidem una cum solemnibus pulsationibus campanarum. In quo anniversario distribuentur xx. sol. inter monachos præsentis. Dat. 16 Oct. 1424." Harl. MS. 6968, P. ii. p. 44.

had been made a canon of Wells by Bishop Bubwith in 1413, and in 1423 succeeded to the deanery of the cathedral. He was consecrated bishop of Bath and Wells May 27th, 1425. From 1432 to 1450 he held the office of lord chancellor, having in 1443 succeeded to the archbishopric of Canterbury.^a He died on the 8th of the kalends of June, 1452.^b

THOMAS DE BECKINGTON, or BEKYNTON, LL.D. was consecrated bishop of Bath and Wells Oct. 13th, 1443.^c He was born at Beckington, or Beckhampton, in Somersetshire, received his earliest education in Wickham's college at Winchester, and in 1408 became a fellow of New college Oxford. He was afterwards chancellor of the university. Being called to court to superintend the education of King Henry the Sixth, he had numerous preferments heaped upon him. He held the livings of St. Leonard near Hastings in Sussex, and of Sutton in the diocese of Salisbury: and about 1430 became dean of the arches. He was also chancellor to Humphrey duke of Gloucester, archdeacon of Buckingham, canon of York in 1435, and in 1439 canon of Wells, principal secretary of state, and keeper of the privy seal.^d

Bishop Beckington was also an author. He wrote an elaborate treatise in confutation of the Salique law:^e and has also left a collection of letters.^f

^a Angl. Sacr. tom. i. p. 572.

^b Obituar. Cant. MS. Lambeth. Angl. Sacr. tom. i. p. 122. It was during Bishop Stafford's time that Cardinal Beaufort, by his last will, became a benefactor to the cathedral of Wells. "Executores Henrici cardinalis episcopi Winton. inter cæteras ecclesias cathedrales, monasteria, pique loca, largitione bonorum dicti testatoris honoraverunt ecclesiam Well. conferendo ei certa jocalia argentea deaurata, viz. unam ymaginem argenteam deauratam resurrectionis dominicæ stantem super viride, terragium amilasatum, habentem birillum in pectore, pro corpore dominico imponendo ponderis trojani octuaginta et quindecim unc. Item ii. pelves argenteas deauratas, operis chaceati de foliis columbinarum, ponderis trojani clxxxviii. unc. Ac summam cxlviii. libr. monetæ Angliæ. Pro hac liberalitate dictus Decanus et Capitulum Well. concedit ut dictus cardinalis sit particeps orationum, et suffragiorum, ac sacrificiorum spiritualium, ac pietatis operum in dicta ecclesia fiendorum, et etiam singulis annis in perpetuum observabunt dicti dec. et capit. diem anniversarium obitus dicti cardinalis ii. die Aprilis, nisi fuerit dies Jovis in cœna Domini, dies Parasceues, Sabbatum sanctæ Paschæ, aut ipse dies Paschæ, vel dominica in albis, quo casu dictum diem anniversarium observabunt die Martis dictum diem dominicam in albis proxime sequentem; et insuper promittunt dicti decanus et capitulum quod singulis diebus dominicis in quibus pro benefactoribus ecclesiæ tempore processionis solennis in navi dictæ ecclesiæ preces fient in publico, anima dicti cardinalis erit nominatim et specialiter recommendata, et quod in missis pro benefact. dictæ ecclesiæ quotidie fieri consuetis idem in perpetuum observetur. Dat. 24 Apr. 1448." MS. Harl. 6968, P. ii. p. 39.

^c The following is recorded in the Excerpts from the Registers of Wells, Harl. MS. 6966, p. 57, as the title of this bishop's register: "Registrum Thomæ de Bekynton episcopi Bath. et Wellen. qui consecratus fuit per Will. Lincoln. episcopum in veteri Ecclesia Collegiata B. Mar. de Etona, die dominica, viz. in festo sancti Edwardi 13 Octob. 1443. Quo die idem Thomas post consecrationem suam in nova ecclesia B. Mar. ibidem nondum semiconstructa sub papilione ad altare erectum directe supra locum ubi rex Henricus sextus primum posuit lapidem, primam in pontificalibus celebravit missam, et in nova fabrica collegii ibidem ex parte boriali, dum adhuc cameræ non erant condistrictæ subitus tenuit convivium. Eo die presentes erant episcopi coadjutores Willielmus Sarum et Nicholaus Landav. episcopi."

^d Angl. Sacr. tom. i. p. 573.

^e See MS. Cotton. Tib. B. xii. "Opus collectum et compilatum per ven. patrem Thomam Bathon. et Wellens. episcopum ex literis, allegationibus, conclusionibus, conventionibus, et tractatibus, nonnullisque aliis negotiis et materiis concernentibus jus et titulum regis Angliæ ad regnum Franciæ; cum aliis multis quæ ea occasione secuta sint." Folio. Another of his manuscripts in the same collection, formerly marked Tib. B. vi. was destroyed in the fire of the Cotton library, A.D. 1731.

^f Cod. MS. Lambeth. num. 211. "Thomæ de Bekyntona regi Henrico VI. ab epistolis (et postea episcopi Bathoniensis et Wellensis) Epistolæ. Titulus 'Opusculum ex missivis literis serenissimi principis Henrici VI. Angliæ et Franciæ regis, tempore venerabilis viri Thomæ de Bekyntona, legum doctoris, ejusdem regis secretarii et aliorum, ad utilitatem simplicium in unum collectum et compilatum.'" Cod. MS. Wharton. also in the archbishop of Canterbury's library at Lambeth, num. 585, p. 311, contains an expostulatory letter from Bishop Beckington to the duke of Somerset. See more of him as an author in Tanner, Bibl. Brit. Hib. p. 84.

^g Rym. Fœd. tom. xi. p. 7.

^h Collinson, tom. iii. pp. 384, 385. The following is the account of this grant in Bishop Beckington's register:

"20 Sept. 1451. Dominus episcopus concedit Willielmo Vouell magistro et confratribus et concivibus burgensibus civitatis seu burgi

In 1442, he was one of the ambassadors who were sent to treat for the king's marriage.^g

Soon after his promotion to the see of Bath and Wells, he erected a row of houses on the north side of the market-place at Wells, which he called his "Nova Opera;" as also two large gate-houses at the east end. In 1451, also, he gave to William Vowel master, and the brethren, citizens, and burgesses of Wells, to have and to hold of him the said bishop and his successors, bishops of Bath and Wells, for ever, a reservoir, or conduit, near the high cross in the market-place, supplied by pipes with water from St. Andrew's well; appointing the overplus water to run, night and day, for the supply of the bishop's mills upon St. Andrew's stream. In commemoration of which public benefaction, the master, brethren, and burgesses of the city bound themselves and their successors, for ever, to visit once a year the spot in St. Andrew's church where the said bishop should be interred, and there pray for his soul, and the souls of all faithful deceased; and the said bishop granted an indulgence of forty days to all such as should duly perform this solemn service. This grant was confirmed by the dean and chapter of Wells, and by the prior and chapter of Bath, Sept. 20th, 1451.^h

It was about this time that Bishop Beckington consecrated the chapel for his own interment.ⁱ

Welles, et singulis incolis ejusdem loci quod ipsi et successores sui habeant et teneant de episcopo et successoribus suis in perpetuum unum caput pro conductu aquatico cum augeis suspuralibus cæteris machinis sub et supra terraneis necessariis ad habend. recipiend. includend. et conducend. quandam parcellam aquæ nostræ (episcopi) salientis et emanantis infra terras et procinctum palatii nostri Wellen. de quodam fonte nostro limpidissimo vocato Seynt Andrew Welle in eo situ seu loco quem ad hoc opus jam assignavimus et in quo nostris sumptibus et expensis propter affectionem quam ad ipsos gerimus nunc caput hujusmodi ereximus sufficiens et compotens ad abinde conducend. et satisfaciend. quibusdam fistulis plumbeis continen. xii. pollices in circumferentia de petra, calce, vel alia materia quacunque cum fossatis, trenchis, standardis, cisternis, cæterisque provisionibus sub et supra terraneis ubilibet prout decet, sub modis et formis inferius annotatis tam infra procinctum dicti nostri palatii quam infra stratas et plateas publicas dictæ civitatis nostræ, et quod caput hujusmodi de cætero quotiens et quando necesse fuerit ponere, construere, erigere, reficere, reparare, et habere valeant in perpetuum terramque nostram ibidem frangere, fodere, ac pipas fistulasque plumbeas, augeas cisternas, cæterasque machinas in quibus aqua ipsa in et a prædicto capite ac fonte sancti Andreæ descendere et decurrere valeat usque et ad crucem altam in foro dictæ civitatis nostræ constitutam, necnon abinde ad alia loca diversa. Proviso semper quod primum caput et augea in quo tota aqua nostra recipietur fiet rotunda in latitudine infra muros decem pedum de petra, calce, vel alia materia nostris sumptibus et expensis ob zelum et exonerationem custuum et expensarum magistri et burgensium nostrorum prædictorum cum una cisterna rotunda plumbea fabricata v. pedum in profunditate et iv. pedum directe in latitudine, cum pipis ex utraque parte dictæ augeæ sive cisternæ annexis custibus et expensis dictæ civitatis, in qua assignabitur et dividetur una pars aquæ superius concessæ, ad conducend. versus dictam civitatem, altera vero pars decurret ad et infra partes diversas nostri palatii. Quod quidem caput sive augea unico hostio et ii. clavibus firmabitur, una clavis penes nos et successores nostros, altera penes magistrum et burgenses dictæ civitatis, pro supervisione ejusdem, in perpetuum remanebit. Concordatum insuper et conventum est quod dictum caput sive augea saltem ad minus quolibet sexto mense annuatim in perpetuum per dictos magistrum et burgenses aperietur, scrutabitur, et mundabitur, ad eorum custus et expensas. Proviso etiam quod vastum aquæ a dictis conductibus et standardis sic factis ac de novo per eosdem faciendis et erigendis nocte dieque decurrens rectius, melius, et commodius quo fieri id potest, decurret et procedat ad cursum magni rivuli nostri pro molendinis nostris ibidem in posterum deserviturum. Et nos magister, confratres, et burgenses antedicti ut tam grati beneficii memoria apud nos et successores nostros sit celebris supra terram, concedimus pro nobis et successoribus nostris quod magister vel ejus deputatus, burgenses, et confratres burgi prædicti, singulis annis semel in perpetuum locum ubi præfatum dominum episcopum infra ecclesiam sancti Andreæ Well. prædictam humari contigerit visitabunt, preces ibidem pro anima sua et omnium fidelium defunctorum devotissime reddituri. Et nos Thomas antedictus episcopus ut dicti magister et burgenses ad præmissa propensius excitentur, xl. dies indulgentiæ totiens quotiens ipsi locum hujusmodi, visitabunt et preces pro anima nostra reddent, concedimus per præsentis perpetuis futuris temporibus duraturas. Confirmatur hæc per decanum Well. et capitulum et priorem et capitulum Bathon."

ⁱ A.D. 1452. "13 Jan. dominus episcopus mane circiter horam quintam in honore sanctissimæ Mariæ Virginis et sancti Thomæ Martyris gloriosi altare quod erexerat in capella quam construi fecit in ecclesia sua cath. Well. immediate juxta presbiterium ibidem in persona sua propria consecravit et dedicavit, et ad idem altare tunc consequenter missam de beata Virgine solempniter celebravit.

"15 Jan. de mane circa horam quintam dominus episcopus indutus ornamentis pontificalibus diei consecrationis suæ in quibus et sepellitur, officio sancto et permultum devoto sepulchrum suum infra capellam

Bishop Beckington also built the west side of the cloister of the cathedral, where his arms are still to be seen upon the vaulting, and spent six thousand marks in repairing and beautifying the several houses belonging to the bishoprick; on most of which he caused his device, a flaming *beacon* upon a *tun* or large cask, allusive to his name, to be engraved.^a Collinson says, by his Will, dated Nov. 3d, 1464, he bequeathed to the church of Wells, for the reparation thereof twenty pounds, four very costly vestments, four hundred pounds to buy copes, a silver vessel for holy water ten pounds in weight, a silver cross, partly gilt, of the same weight, a chair for the bishop's use in the church, cushions, and other ornaments. To the church of Bath, also, he bequeathed a cup, a censer, and a pax of silver thirty ounces in weight, besides thirty copes, and other vestments. The rest of his legacies, not belonging to Wells, are omitted here. His executors, Collinson adds, bestowed such of the bishop's effects as remained unbequeathed in building the Vicars-Close, which had been begun by Bishop Ralph de Salopia.

Bishop Beckington died Jan. 14th, 1465, and was buried in the chapel on the south side of the cathedral, which he had himself prepared.

JOHN FREE was preferred to this bishoprick, on the death of Beckington, by Pope Paul the Second; but died within a month of his appointment,^b without having been consecrated. The real successor of Beckington was

ROBERT STILLINGTON, LL. D., archdeacon of Taunton. He was consecrated March 16th, 1466. He was a close adherent to the cause of the house of York, and in 1475 was sent by King Edward the Fourth to the duke of Brittany to demand the person of Henry earl of Richmond, though without success. Upon the accession of the earl of Richmond to the throne, as King Henry the Seventh, he remained unmolested: but taking part with Lambert Simnell in 1487, he was seized and sent to prison, where he died in 1491.^c His body was interred in a chapel which he had built and dedicated to the Virgin Mary, adjoining the cloister of Wells cathedral; in after times stripped and destroyed by Sir John Gates.^d

RICHARD FOX, LL. D., was translated to Bath and Wells, from the see of Exeter, Feb. 8th, 1492; whence, toward the close of the year 1494, he was translated to Durham. The author of the Continuation of the History of the Bishops of Bath and Wells, published in the *Anglia Sacra*, says, "*Spiritualia episcopatus Well. post translationem ejus in manus archiepiscopi Cant. accepta sunt 1494, 12 Decemb. et penes eundem remanserunt usque ad initium anni 1496.*"^e

OLIVER KING, LL. D., was also translated from Exeter to this see Nov. 6th, 1495; but was not en-

throned till March 12th, 1496.^f He has been already mentioned as the restorer of the abbey and cathedral church of Bath.^g By his will, which bore date October 24th, 1503, he directed his body to be buried in the choir of his new church of Bath, near the first arch on the north side toward the high altar. He was succeeded, here, by

ADRIAN DE CASTELLO, a native of Cornetto in Tuscany, who was sent over by Pope Innocent the Eighth, to quiet the disturbances in Scotland. In 1502 he was made bishop of Hereford; in the next year a cardinal; and on October 13th, 1504, was translated to this bishoprick, which he let out to farmers, himself residing at Rome.^h For conspiring against Pope Leo the Tenth, whom he had hoped to succeed in the papacy, he was deprived of all his numerous preferments. He was succeeded in this bishoprick by

THOMAS WULCY, or WOLSEY, the great favourite of King Henry the Eighth, who received the temporalities of the see from the king August 28th, 1518. He had before rented the bishoprick, of de Castello. Cardinal Wolsey held this see in commendam till the month of April, 1523.ⁱ

JOHN CLERK, D. D., was consecrated bishop of Bath and Wells in the spring of 1523: the temporalities were restored to him on May 2d. He had previously been made dean of Windsor, master of the rolls, and one of the king's privy council. He was much employed by King Henry the Eighth in foreign embassies. While upon his last embassy, to the duke of Cleves, he fell ill, as it was supposed from the effects of poison: he recovered so far as to return to England, but died Jan. 3d, 1541. His body was interred in the church of the Minors by Aldgate.^k

WILLIAM KNIGHT, LL. D., fellow of New college Oxford, and archdeacon of Richmond, was consecrated bishop of Bath and Wells May 29th, 1541.^l Like his predecessor, he was much employed in foreign embassies. In his time, that is in the 35th of Henry the Eighth, an act of parliament passed for settling the right of election of the bishops of this see, whereby the dean and chapter of Wells being made one sole chapter, were vested with that power.^m He died Sept. 29th, 1547, and was buried under the great pulpit in the nave of the cathedral church, which he had caused to be constructed for his tomb.ⁿ

WILLIAM BARLOW, D. D., was translated to this see from St. David's Feb. 3d, 1547.^o In his time great havoc was made with the buildings and revenues of the church. What with selling, exchanging, and spoiling, the see lost in very few years nearly half of its possessions.^p In 1553, when Queen Mary came to the crown, Bishop Barlow fled to Germany.

GILBERT BOURN, or BOURNE, B. D., was elected

supradictam subtus quasi imaginesquæ suprasunt vitæ et mortis situationem solemniter consecravat. Consequenterque tunc ibidem ad altare supradictum in memoratis ornamentis pontificalibus suis missam de requiem pro animabus Pontificum simul et parentum suorum et omnium fidelium defunctorum solemniter celebravit, præsentibus tunc ibidem Decano ac nonnullis canonicis dictæ ecclesiæ suæ Cath. et aliis viris et feminis in multitudine copiosa." MS. Harl. 6966, p. 75.

^a Collinson, ut supr.

^b Angl. Sacr. tom. i. p. 574.

^c Ibid. pp. 574, 575.

^d Collinson, tom. iii. p. 386.

^e Angl. Sacr. tom. i. p. 575.

^f Ibid. p. 576.

^g See p. 260. His legacy of personal property to the cathedral is thus noticed in the Excerpts from the registers of Wells:

"6 Apr. 1504. Capitulum recepit legata Oliveri nuper episcopi; viz. duo candelabra argentea deaurata ponderan. ci. unc. di. di. quart. item i. vas pro aqua benedicta cum aspersorio, ponder. xxxiv. unc. quart. di. item ii. phiolas argent. deaurat. pond. xxix. unc. quart. item i. imaginem sancti Georgii argenteam deaurat. ponderan. xlviii. unc. ex cambio cum ymagine sancti Andreæ, pond. xlvii. unc. quam ymaginem sancti Georgii dictus dec. et capitulum receperunt loco imaginis sancti Andreæ, præsertim quod ii. imagines sancti Andreæ sunt in thesaurar. ejusdem ecclesiæ." Harl. MS. 6968.

^h Bishop Kennett says, "Episcopus in curia Romana versatus concecit domino regi ad clementiam suam et bonitatem potestatem nominandi ad quæcunque beneficia et dignitates ad dominum episcopum B. W. pertinentia. Dat. 19 Jan. 1505." MS. Diptycha.

ⁱ Angl. Sacr. tom. i. pp. 576, 577.

^k Ibid. p. 577. Bishop Kennett, in his MS. Diptycha, says he

was interred in the church of S. Botolph Aldgate, with this inscription: "Hic jacet Johannes episcopus Bathon. et Wellensis qui cum obiisset plures insign. legationes tandem obiit summa in legatione Clevensi in mense Januar. M.D.XL. Cujus animæ propicietur Deus."

^l Strype's Mem. of Cranmer, fol. edit. p. 95.

^m Collinson, tom. iii. p. 387. See the act, which is not printed at length among the Statutes at large, in the Append. of Instruments, Num. XXVIII.

ⁿ Ibid.

^o Le Neve, Fasti Eccl. Anglic. p. 32.

^p Collinson, ut supr. Collinson says, "In 1509, 1 Hen. VIII. the bishoprick had the following possessions, viz. the manor and borough of Wells, the hundred of Wells Forum, the manors of Wookey, Westbury, Chedder, Compton, Banwell, Congresbury, Yatton, Chew, Pucklechurch, Westerleigh, Wick, Hampton, Claverton, Cranmore, Evercreech, Huish, Kingsbury, Chard, Wellington, Buckland, Wiveliscombe, Lydiard, Dogmersfield, Compton Parva, Stoke, Draycot, Badgworth; tenements in the city of London; the boroughs of Axbridge, Wellington, Chard, and Kingsbury; the hundreds of Pucklechurch, Winterstoke, and Chew; the palace and city of Bath; and a pension from the monastery of Stavordale.

"26 Henry VIII. these revenues were valued at 1843*l.* 19*s.* 4*d.* per annum, and the bishop paid out of them to the pope, for an income, the sum of four hundred and thirty florins. How these revenues became in a little time after so strangely dwindled, I shall now proceed to shew.

"King Henry VIII. dying in the minority of his son and heir Edward, the protectorship of the young king's realms, and the government of his person, were committed to his uncle Edward earl of Hertford, and afterwards duke of Somerset. His ancient and very noble descent,

bishop March 28th, 1554, and was consecrated on April 1st following in the church of St. Saviour Southwark. He was deprived in the beginning of the reign of Queen Elizabeth, and died at Sylverton, in Devonshire, Sept. 10th, 1569.^a

GILBERT BERKELEY, or BARKLEY, D. D., was elected bishop Jan. 29th, 1559-1560, and consecrated March 24th. He died in the episcopal palace at Wells Nov. 2d, 1581, and was buried in his cathedral. After a vacancy of near three years,

THOMAS GODWIN, D. D., was elected bishop Aug. 10th, 1584, and consecrated Sept. 13th. He died at Oakingham, in Berkshire, where he had been born, at the age of seventy-three, Nov. 19th, 1590.^b

JOHN STILL, D. D., master of Trinity college Cambridge, was elected bishop, after a vacancy of two years in the see, Jan. 23d, 1592. He died Feb. 26th, 1607. By his will he gave five hundred pounds for the perpetual relief of the poor of Bishop Bubwith's hospital at Wells; with which his son, Nathaniel Still, Esq. in 1614, purchased lands, and built a house for the reception of six poor people, in addition to the original number of twenty-four.^c

JAMES MONTAGUE, D. D., was elected bishop March 29th, 1608.^d On his advancement to this see, he, at a very considerable expence, repaired and beautified the palaces of Wells and Banwell, the cathedral of Wells, and the abbey church of Bath; on which last he expended the sum of one thousand pounds. On Oct. 4th, 1616, he was translated to Winchester. He died July 19th, 1618, and was buried at Bath.^e

ARTHUR LAKE, D. D., was elected bishop Oct. 17th, 1616. He was preferred from the Deanery of Worcester. He died May 4th, 1626, and was buried in the cathedral of Wells.

WILLIAM LAUD, D. D., was translated to this see from the Bishoprick of St. David's June 20th, 1626: whence, in June, 1628, he was translated to the see of London.

LEONARD MAWE, D. D., was elected bishop July 24th, 1628. He was prebendary of Wells and chaplain to Prince Charles, afterwards King Charles I. whom he attended in the journey to Spain. He died at Chiswick, in Middlesex, Sept. 3d, 1629.^f

WALTER CURLE, D. D., bishop of Rochester, was translated to this see Oct. 29th, 1629: whence, in 1632, he was removed to Winchester.

WILLIAM PIERCE, or PIERS, D. D., was translated from the see of Peterborough to Bath and Wells Nov.

his experience in war, negotiations, and civil affairs; but above all, his propinquity in blood, betimes endeared him to the affections of his royal charge, who, in opposition to the avowed will of his people, both laity and clergy, loaded him with extravagant favours; and, when he returned victorious from the wars of Scotland, where in the field of Pinkey he cut off upwards of a thousand gentlemen, and ten thousand common souldiers, he extended his generosity towards him beyond the bounds of equity. For, not out of his private purse, or exchequer, nor out of his manors or castles, or such other funds as would publicly have been little felt, however somewhat diminished, but out of the lands and possessions of this bishoprick, he bestowed on him a large gratuity for his services; insomuch that the liberty, borough, and manor of Wells, the hundred of Wells-Forum, the manors of Wookey, Banwell, Chew-Magna, Blackford, Wellington, Cranmore, and Evercreech, the borough of Wellington, the hundreds of Winterstoke and Chew, as also the parks of Wells, Banwell, and Evercreech, with all their appurtenances, were at one stroke alienated from the bishoprick to the said duke of Somerset, his heirs and assigns; Barlow, then bishop of the see, acquiescing in the disposal of them, upon the duke's promise of two thousand pounds; and the dean and chapter confirming the bishop's deed.

"The court, perceiving the bishop so easy to be wrought on, and so complacent in giving up the revenues of his church, tried him still farther; and on May 20th, 1548, prevailed on him by a licence to consign to the king all the demesnes and manors of Claverton, Hampton, Lydiard, Compton Magna and Parva, in this county; the demesne, manor, and hundred of Pucklechurch, in the county of Gloucester; the demesne and manor of Chard, and the borough of Chard, in Somersetshire; the demesne and manor of Westerleigh, in the county of Gloucester; and the manors of Cheddar and Huish, with their rights, members, and appurtenances; and that all his messuage called Bathe Place, formerly called the Myneryes, in the parish of St. Botolph without Aldgate, London; and the scite of the hospital of St. John at Wells, and all those farms and hereditaments of Westdown and Pinkesmoor, and the rectory of Evercreech, and the advowson and right of patronage of the vicarage of the parish church of Evercreech; and all and singular the messuages, lands, tenements, mills, meadows, pastures, woods, under-woods, commons, wastes, heaths,

26th, 1632. He was deprived by the parliament of his bishoprick, but recovered it again at the Restoration. He died at Walthamstow, in Essex, in the month of April, 1670, where he was buried.

ROBERT CREIGHTON, D. D., dean of Wells, was elected bishop May 25th, 1670. He died Nov. 21, 1672, at the age of seventy-nine, and was buried in his cathedral.^g

PETER MEW, LL. D., was elected Dec. 19th, 1672, and consecrated Feb. 9th following. On Nov. 22d, 1684, he was translated to Winchester.

THOMAS KENN, D. D., succeeded Bishop Mew. He was consecrated Jan. 25th, 1684. Refusing to take the oaths to King William and Queen Mary, he was first suspended from his see Aug. 1, 1689, and on Feb. 1st, 1690, was deprived. He retired to Longleat, the seat of his patron, Viscount Weymouth, where he died March 19th, 1711.

WILLIAM BEVERIDGE, D. D., was nominated to this see by the king April 23d, 1691, but refused accepting it: whereupon

RICHARD KIDDER, D. D., was nominated June 13th, 1691, and consecrated in the church of St. Mary le Bow Aug. 30th following. He was killed in his bed at Wells by the fall of a stack of chimneys, which were blown down in the great storm of wind Nov. 26th, 1703. Bishop Kennett, in his manuscript Diptycha, says, "Upon the accession of Queen Anne to the crown, 1702, a proposal was made, by the interest of the Lord Weymouth, that Bishop Kidder should be translated to the see of Carlisle, and Dr. Kenn restored to Bath and Wells. Bishop Kidder sent his consent to the queen by the mouth of the archbishop of York: but, when all things were ready, Dr. Kenn declined it upon new exception to the oath of abjuration."

GEORGE HOOPER, D. D., was translated to this see from St. Asaph March 14th, 1703. He died at the age of ninety Sept. 6th, 1727, and was buried in the church of Wells.

JOHN WYNNE, D. D., was likewise translated to Bath and Wells from the see of St. Asaph Nov. 11th, 1727. He died at his seat at Soughton, in Flintshire, in 1743.

EDWARD WILLES, D. D., was translated to this see from the bishoprick of St. David's in Sept. 1743. He died at his house in Hill-street, Berkley-square, in his eightieth year, Nov. 24th, 1773.

CHARLES MOSS, D. D., was translated from St. David's to this see April 26th, 1774: upon whose death,

marshes, waters, fisheries, rents, reversions, services, courts-leet, view of frank-pledge, parks, warrens, and advowsons of churches; and all other possessions and hereditaments whatsoever, in Claverton, Hampton, Lydiard, Compton-Magna, Compton-Parva, Chard, Cheddar, and Huish, in this county, and Pucklechurch and Westerleigh in the county of Gloucester, to hold to the said king his heirs and assigns for ever. In lieu whereof the king granted to the said bishop the church and rectory of St. John the Baptist at Glastonbury, and the rectory or chapel of St. Bennet in that town; as also the rectories or chapels of Bradley and West Pennard, and the churches and rectories of North-Load, East Brent, East Pennard, and Weston, parcel of the possessions of the late monastery of Glastonbury; and also the churches and rectories of Corston, Cumpston-Dunden, and Castle-Cary, parcel of the possessions of the priory of Bath, with the advowsons and right of patronage of those several churches, lands, glebes, pensions, tithes, &c.—all a very insufficient consideration for the lands thus shamefully dismembered from the bishoprick.

"After the death of the duke of Somerset, Bishop Bourne, Barlow's successor, with the utmost difficulty, and after repeated solicitations, found means to recover the following possessions, viz. Wells, Chard, Huish, Wookey, Dulcot, Hurcot, Ashton, East and West Horington, Priddy, Westbury, Coxley, Milton, Dinder, Evercreech, Cranmore, Whitchurch, Yardley, Chesterblade, Worminster, Wookey-Hole, Combe, Southwik, Old-Chard, Crin-Chard, Banwell, Chew, and Cheddar, to the yearly value of 332*l.* 18*s.* 11*d.* But this favour was granted to the bishop upon the hard condition of his giving up in consideration thereof the manors of Congresbury and Yatton." Hist. Somers. tom. iii. pp. 395, 396. Compare also Harl. MS. 4316, p. 250.

Of the depredations made at this time upon the church and buildings at Wells, see the *Nugæ Antiquæ*, vol. i. p. 126.

^a Le Neve, ut supr.

^b Collinson, tom. iii. pp. 387, 388.

^c Ibid. p. 388.

^d Le Neve, Fasti, p. 34.

^e Collinson, ut supr.

^f Ibid. p. 389.

^g Ibid. Le Neve.

RICHARD BEADON, D.D., was translated from the see of Gloucester to Bath and Wells April 12th, 1802.

The diocese of Bath and Wells contains all Somersetshire, except Holy Cross, or the Temple Church, St. Mary Redcliffe, and St. Thomas with Leigh, chapels to Bedminster, in the county of Somerset; which three first, lying in the city of Bristol, belong to that diocese, as do all the other Bristol churches, in number fifteen, besides the cathedral: though they are in the ancient limits of Gloucestershire, and were ever

^a See Willis's *Parochiale Anglic.* 4to. Lond. 1733, p. 132.

^b It may not be irrelevant here to add a list of the

DEANS OF WELLS.

Ivo, the first dean of Wells, was so constituted about the year 1135. He occurs again under the year 1159.

RICHARD DE SPAKESTON occurs dean in 1160; and again, according to Wharton, in 1174.

ALEXANDER occurs in 1180, and again in 1209.

LEONIUS is noticed in 1213, and again in 1215.

RALPH DE LECHLADE is the next who occurs, in the time of Bishop Josceline.

PETER DE CICESTRIA attended as dean at a synod held in the church of Bath April 4th, 1220. His death is noticed in the Register of the dean and chapter in 1237; before the end of which year a chantry was founded for his soul in the cathedral, before the altar of St. Kalixtus.

WILLIAM DE MERTON was elected dean on the 13th of the kalends of October, 1237.

JOHN, called SARACENUS, was appointed by the pope's letters in 1242. He occurs again in the Chartulary of Glastonbury monastery in 1252.

GILES DE BRIDPORT received the king's assent to his election April 15th, 1253: upon whose advancement to the see of Salisbury,

EDWARD LE CNOll, or DE LA CNOll, was chosen dean in the month of Sept. 1256. He died Sept. 16th, 1284.

THOMAS BUTTON, or DE BUTTON, was elected Nov. 15, 1284. On his promotion to the see of Exeter, in 1292,

WILLIAM BURNELL was chosen dean.

WALTER DE HASELCHAW, who has been already noticed among the bishops of the see, was made dean, not, as Le Neve says, in 1295, but on the 16th of the kal. of Jan. 1298. The deanery having remained vacant from the death of Burnell in 1295.

HENRY HUSE, or HUSEE, succeeded to the deanery in 1302. His death is noticed in 1305.

JOHN GODELEGH succeeded on the death of Huse. He was a considerable benefactor to the fabric of his church; insomuch, that, in 1330, the chapter of the cathedral founded a chantry for two priests to pray for his good estate. He died Feb. 4th, 1332.

RICHARD DE BURY, also called RICHARD DE ST. EDMUND, was admitted dean in consequence of the pope's letters, Feb. 20th, 1332. He was, in the next year, preferred to the see of Durham, when,

WIBERT DE LITTLETON was elected on the 10th of the kal. of May, 1334. He died before the 2d of the kal. of Sept. 1335, when

WALTER DE LONDON was admitted dean. He died in 1350, when

JOHN DE CARLETON was elected to succeed him. He died in 1361.

WILLIAM DE CAMEL was the next elected, but refused the preferment: in consequence of which

STEPHEN DE PEMPELL, or PYMPEL, was chosen dean Nov. 3d, 1361. He died Feb. 3d, 1378, and was buried in the cathedral, before the altar of St. Stephen.

JOHN FORDHAM was elected Feb. 22, 1378. He was promoted in 1381 to the bishoprick of Durham.

THOMAS DE SUDBURY was made dean of Wells in the same year.

NICHOLAS SLAKE occurs dean in 1396. Le Neve, in his *Fasti Eccl. Anglic.* p. 36, quotes the Registers of Braybroke bishop of London, and Medeford bishop of Salisbury, to show that

HENRY BEAUFORT held this deanery in 1397. This was no other than the cardinal, the son of John of Gaunt. It is singular, however, that Kennett should have preserved the following memorandum from the Register of Bishop Bowet. "1401. 14 Nov. Dominus archiepiscopus Cant. contulit decanatum Well. (qui per tantum tempus notorie vacavit, et ad se devolutus est) domino Thomæ Tuttebury presbytero, amoto Nicholao Slake, dicti decanatus tunc illicito detentore, ex decreto Johannis Maydenhith decani Cicestr. commissarii in ea parte specialis domini archiepiscopi Cantuar. et die 26 Nov. episcopus B. W. admisit eundem Thomam Tuttebury ad decanatum Well. et installari mandavit."

The preferment of Cardinal Beaufort to this deanery in early life sufficiently accounts for his legacy to the church; the particulars of which have been already detailed from his will. The date of

THOMAS TUTTEBURY's admission to this deanery has been just noticed. He held it but a short time: nor is it said whether he vacated it by death or preferment.

THOMAS STANLEY was elected dean Sept. 20th, 1403. Le Neve, after Godwin, makes him dean as early as 1401. He died March 11th, 1409.

RICHARD COURTNEY was elected May 26th, 1410. In 1413 he was removed to the bishoprick of Norwich.

THOMAS KARNEKE, or KARNEKA, was elected upon Courtney's promotion, but died in the month of September in the same year.

WALTER MEDFORD, or METFORD, archdeacon of Salisbury, was confirmed dean Nov. 8th, 1413. Upon whose death

reckoned within that county till such time as Bristol became a county and city of itself.^a

The MEMBERS OF WELLS CATHEDRAL are, the bishop, dean,^b precentor, chancellor, treasurer, three archdeacons, a subdean, and forty-nine prebendaries, seven of whom, beside the dean, are residentiaries. Some of the prebends being annexed to and included within the dignities, their regular stated number is reduced. Beside these, there are five priest vicars, eight lay vicars, six choristers, an organist, a sacrist, and

JOHN STAFFORD, LL.D., was confirmed in the deanery, Sept. 9th, 1423. In 1425 he was preferred, as has been already noticed, to the bishoprick of Wells.

JOHN FORREST was confirmed dean Nov. 19th, 1425. He died March 25th, 1446, and was buried in the cathedral.

JOHN DE LA BERE, bishop of St. David's, is said by Godwin to have held this deanery for a short time in 1447: but Le Neve thinks the mention of him alludes only to some controversy in the election of a successor to Forrest, as

NICHOLAS CARENT appears to have been confirmed as Forrest's successor Aug. 28th, 1446. He died possessed of this deanery May 3d, 1467.

WILLIAM WYTHAM, LL.D., succeeded upon Carent's death. He died July 16th, 1472, and was buried in the cathedral.

JOHN GUNTORP, B.D., was elected Dec. 18th, 1472. Kennett, from the register of Wells, says that in 1487 he gave to the treasury of the church a massive silver image of the Virgin. "A.D. 1487 Sept. 8. Johannes Gunthorp decan. Well. imaginem quandam ex argento factam et deauratam gloriosæ Virginis Mariæ CLXIII. uncias ponderantem obtulit et præsentavit in thesauraria dictæ ecclesiæ Well. Reg. Well." He died June 25th, 1498.

WILLIAM COUSYN was elected dean Dec. 25th, 1498. He was confirmed April 15th, 1499; installed by proxy June 23d the same year, and in person June 8th, 1502. He died in 1525.

THOMAS WINTER succeeded March 26th, 1526. He was called the nephew, but is supposed to have been the son of Cardinal Wolsey. He resigned this deanery toward the close of the year 1528.

RICHARD WOLEMAN, LL.D., became dean in 1529. Wood says he died in the summer of 1537, and was buried in the cloister of St. Stephen's chapel Westminster. His successor was the celebrated

THOMAS CROMWELL earl of Essex, who appears to have held this deanery from 1537 till the time of his attainder. At the close of the statute of attainder enacted against him, a proviso was especially inserted, that nothing therein contained should extend or be in any wise prejudicial unto the bishop of Bath and Wells, the deanery, or the dean and chapter of Wells. See MS. Harl. Brit. Mus. 7089. Lord Cromwell was beheaded July 28th, 1540.

WILLIAM FITZJAMES was the next dean: appointed in the same year. He resigned the deanery in 1548: in which year

JOHN GOODMAN was appointed. He was deprived in 1550, when he was succeeded by

WILLIAM TURNER. Turner was deprived in 1553; when

JOHN GOODMAN was restored. Goodman was again deprived

in 1559. He was once more succeeded by

WILLIAM TURNER, who held the deanery till his death, July

7th, 1568.

ROBERT WESTON, LL.D., succeeded to the deanery in 1570. He died in Ireland May 20th, 1573: and was buried in the cathedral of St. Patrick Dublin.

VALENTINE DALE, LL.D., was chosen dean in 1574. He died Nov. 17th, 1589.

JOHN HERBERT became dean in 1589.

BENJAMIN HEYDEN, D.D., succeeded in 1602. He died in 1607.

RICHARD MEREDITH, B.D., was installed Nov. 21, 1607. He died Aug. 15th, 1621, and was buried in the cathedral.

RALPH BARLOW, D.D., was installed in the month of September, 1621. He died at Wells, and was buried in the cathedral July 27th, 1631.

GEORGE WARBURTON, D.D., was collated Aug. 25th, 1631. He died in December, 1641.

WALTER RALEIGH, D.D., was collated Jan. 13th, 1641. He died Oct. 10th, 1646, and was buried in the cathedral. From this time the deanery was vacant fourteen years.

ROBERT CREIGHTON, D.D., was constituted dean in 1660: whence, in 1670, he was promoted to the bishoprick.

RALPH BATHURST, M.D., was installed June 28th, 1670.

WILLIAM GRAHME, D.D., was installed July 28th, 1704.

MATTHEW BRAILSFORD, D.D., was installed July 23d, 1713. He died Dec. 13th, 1733.

ISAAC MADOX, D.D., became dean the same year. He became bishop of St. Asaph in 1736, and finally, in 1743, bishop of Worcester.

JOHN HARRIS, D.D., succeeded to this deanery in 1736: holding it in commendam with the bishoprick of Landaff. He died Aug. 28th, 1738.

SAMUEL CRESWICK, D.D., was made dean Nov. 6th, 1739. He died Jan. 13th, 1766.

LORD FRANCIS SEYMOUR, son of the duke of Somerset, was appointed dean in the same month. He died Feb. 9th, 1799.

GEORGE WILLIAM LUKIN, D.D., became dean March 26th, 1799. He died Nov. 27th, 1812.

THE HON. and REV. HENRY RYDER, M.A., became dean of Wells Dec. 12th, 1812. Since, lord bishop of Gloucester.

three assistant clerks. The following are the names of the prebends. Ashill, Buckland-Dinham, Combe 1, Combe 2, Combe 3, Combe 4, Combe 5, Combe 6, Combe 7, Combe 8, Combe 9, Combe 10, Combe 11, Combe 12, Combe 13, Combe 14, Combe 15, Compton-Episcopi, Compton-Dunden, Cudworth, Curry, St. Decuman, Dinder, Dultingcot, Easton in Gordano, East-Harptree, Haselborough, Henstridge, Holcombe, Huish and Brent, Ilton, Litton, Milverton 1, Milverton 2, Sampford, Taunton, Timberscombe, Wanstrow, Warminster, Wedmore 1, Wedmore 2, Wedmore 3, Wedmore 4, Wedmore 5, Whitchurch, Whitelackington, Wiveliscombe, Worminster, Yatton.^a

During the time of Bishop Adrian de Castello, many of the *MUNIMENTS of the Cathedral of WELLS* appear to have been lost. In the Extracts from the register of his episcopate, contained in the Harleian manuscript 6966, we read, "Excommunicatio in eos qui Munimenta, Registra, et alias Scripturas publicas ex Archivis domini episcopi furto abstulerunt, Sept. A. D. 1515." We have Wharton's authority, also, for the fact that they again suffered in the duke of Monmouth's rebellion, A. D. 1685. "Nuper enim direpta sunt, et impio furore mutilata ac discissa a schismaticis in rebellione Somersetensi anno 1685 mota."^b

The Harleian manuscript num. 1682 contains a col-

^a Compare Collinson, vol. iii. p. 396.

^b Wart. Anglia Sacra, tom. i. p. 588.

^c They are,

* I. Statuta Joscelini episcopi acta in capitulo Wellen. 16 kal. Nov. 1242, fol. 1.

II. Statuta edita tempore Joscelini episcopi de compoto sive ratiocinio reddendo in oct. sancti Kalixti. Dat. in crast. S. Augustini, 1241, fol. 2.

III. Statuta antiqua de officio cujuslibet personæ ecclesiæ cath. Wellen. fol. 2 b.

IV. De officio thesaurarii, fol. 3 b.

V. Statuta edita per decanum et capitulum tempore Willielmi de Bucton episcopi secundi. Id. Julii, 1273, fol. 5.

VI. Statuta edita tempore Walteri de Haselchawe decani Wellensis in crast. sancti Andreæ apostoli. A.D. 1298, fol. 6.

1. Qualiter vicarii tenentur interesse omnibus horis, et qualiter habent facere fidem quod per causam rationabilem fuerunt absentes, fol. 6 b.

2. De vicariis vagantibus circa columnas Ecclesiæ dum divina officia celebrantur, fol. 7.

3. De mercatura in ecclesia, et de pulsatione campanarum, ibid.

4. Quod non fiat tumultus in ecclesia et de silentio in choro servando, fol. 7 b.

5. Quod vicarii non vadant ad forum in habitu suo, nec ingrediantur ecclesiam sine habitu post ultimam primam pulsatam, ibid.

6. Qualiter vicarii tenentur celebrare annualia sua, fol. 9.

7. Quod nullus vicarius solus maneat in domo, fol. 9. b.

8. De hiis qui convicti fuerint habuisse concubinas, ibid.

9. De duabus partibus præbendarum vicariorum spectantium ad capitulum, fol. 11.

10. Quod nullus canonicus poterit distributionem in fine anni residentibus debitam vendicare, fol. 11 b.

11. Quod præbendæ subscriptæ cum vacaverint vendantur per eschaetorem capituli pro summis subscriptis, fol. 12.

VII. Statuta edita tempore domini Johannis Goddele nuper decani ecclesiæ Wellen. A.D. 1331, fol. 13.

VIII. Statuta edita per dominum Walterum London. decanum, et capitulum, tempore Radulphi episcopi, anno Dom. 1338, de negotiis et ministris ecclesiæ Wellen. fol. 15.

IX. Consuetudo secundum usum ecclesiæ cathed. Wellen. ad intronicend. episcopum, fol. 23 b.

X. Juramentum decani ecclesiæ Wellen. quando debet instalari, fol. 24.

XI. Juramentum præpositi ecclesiæ Wellen. fol. 24 b.

XII. Juramentum canonicorum ecclesiæ Wellen. fol. 25.

XIII. Juramentum vicariorum ecclesiæ Well. cum debeant perpetuari secundum statuta ecclesiæ prædictæ, ibid.

XIV. Carta Joscelini episcopi Bathoniensis de hospitali sancti Johannis de Welles et subjectione ejusdem domus ecclesiæ cathedrali Wellen. fol. 25 b.

XV. Statuta tempore Johannis Carleton decani ecclesiæ Wellen. A.D. 1351, fol. 25 b.

The first article here marked with an asterisk, will be found in the Appendix of Instruments, Num. XXV.

^d See the initial letter, p. 274.

^e Collinson, tom. iii. p. 398.

^f Gough's Camd. vol. i. p. 76. Dallaway's Obs. on Engl. Archit. p. 314. Collinson, tom. iii. p. 398, says the cathedral from east to west is three hundred and eighty feet in length, and from north to south one hundred and thirty feet.

^g The following are the dimensions of this cathedral as preserved in William of Worcester's Itinerary.

"Longitudo ecclesiæ Wellensis 200 steppys meis.

Latitudo brachiorum ecclesiæ cum navi ecclesiæ 70 steppys.

lection of the different statutes for the government of the cathedral from 1241 to 1351.^c

The *ARMS of the See of WELLS* are, Az. a St. Andrew's cross, (or saltier per saltier quarterly) quartered Or, and Arg.^d This coat frequently occurs impaled with the Arms of the priory of Bath, Az. two keys endorsed in bend sinister, the upper Or, the lower Arg. enfiled with a sword in bend dexter of the last.^e Edmondson says, the two coats have been worn impaled in one shield: and Montague bishop of Bath and Wells, in 1608, bore the two keys on the dexter side of the saltier, and the sword on the sinister, both erect. Which bearing, he adds, appears to be very proper.

The *ARMS of the Deanery of WELLS* are, Az. a crozier in bend dexter Arg. between two keys indorsed and interlaced in bend sinister Or.

The *EDIFICE of WELLS CATHEDRAL* is built in the form of a cross. Its extreme length from east to west is three hundred and seventy-one feet. The transept, from north to south, a hundred and thirty-five feet.^f The nave measures a hundred and ninety-one feet in length. The choir a hundred and eight. The height of both, as well as of the transepts, is sixty-seven feet. The Lady chapel, at the east end, is fifty-two feet in length, by thirty-five in breadth.^g The western façade of this church, which is flanked by two towers, is sin-

Longitudo claustrum in directa linea sequenti ex parte australi ecclesiæ 80 steppys de meis dimensionibus." Edit. Nasmith, 8vo. Cantabr. 1788, pp. 133, 134.

"Longitudo brachiorum dictæ ecclesiæ continet 72 steppys.

Longitudo elarum continet 84 steppys.

Longitudo occidentalis partis ecclesiæ prædictæ 66 steppys." Ibid. pp. 150, 151.

William of Worcester gives these further Notitia respecting the church and its surrounding buildings.

"Memorandum quod aula episcopatus Wellensis continet per estimationem circa 80 gressus super navem et duas alas.

Latitudo ejus continet circa 46 gressus.

Et habet pulcrum porticum archuatum cum volta.

Tres claustrum archuati et volta sunt prope ecclesiam scitæ.

Et in quolibet trium claustrorum sunt 12 magnæ fenestræ, et quælibet fenestra continet . . . panas lucas, et quælibet fenestra continet 3 virgas et 1 pedem.

Mansio vicariorum continet in spatio longitudinis viæ ex utraque parte edificatæ 240 gressus.

Et in amba ex utraque parte edificatæ cum mansionibus vicariorum, in qualibet parte 22 domus edificatæ, cum cameris magnæ altitudinis ac totidem gardinis et muratis ante introitum hostii.

Memorandum quod in occidentali et boriali parte ecclesiæ principalis sancti Andreæ, sunt tres magnæ boterasses cum tribus ordinibus magnarum ymaginum de veteri lege. Et in plana occidentali ecclesiæ sunt sex magnæ et altæ boterasses scitæ, ad latitudinem sex pedum et densitudinem circa trium virgarum, cum tribus ordinibus magnarum ymaginum de nova lege sculptarum. Et in occidentali et boriali parte dictæ ecclesiæ sunt duæ magnæ boterasses ad altitudinem circa LX. pedum cum tribus ordinibus sculptarum cum magnis ymaginibus de nova lege.

Latitudo navis ecclesiæ cathedralis sancti Andreæ est 12 virgæ." Ibid. pp. 284, 285.

"De Ecclesia et Operibus Wellen.

"Porticus borealis ecclesiæ sancti Andreæ continet in longitudine 7 virgas et in latitudine 5 virgas.

Memorandum quod magister Thomas Bokympton, natus filius unicus textoris, fecit fieri ista opera magnifica.

Primo fecit novam operationem valoris 18 lib. ad opus canonicorum 14 residentium, quæ edificatio extendit ad 100 gressus longitudinis, et constabat v. . . . continet in longitudine per vicum 80 virgas vel 152 gressus.

Item fecit reparare camynos in le close clauso novo canonicorum cum reparatione murorum ortorum cujuslibet.

Item fecit fieri portam novam in Sadell-strete in le West-yate parte villæ cum tribus tenentibus, constabat edificium ccc. marcarum.

Item fecit aliam portam apud le Close, extendendo de le close usque le cathedrall chyrch per vias et voltam sicco pede cooperto ad mat. . . . et constabat in edificiis ultra d. marcas.

Item fecit fieri aliam portam ad introitum cimiterii, in fine novi cimiterii de le market-place, et constabat episcopo . . . et constabat episcopo . . . et continet 4 virgas 2 pedes latitudinis.

Item fecit fieri aliam portam ad introitum de le palays, et custus dictæ portæ fuit cc. marcarum et ultra.

Item fecit fieri de loco arborum in parte boriali aulæ archiepiscopi viz. claustrum, parluram, cameras pro dominis advenientibus, cum coquina largissima ex magnis sumptibus ultra mille lib. cum conductibus aquæ ad coquinam, ad le botrye, cellarium, le bakehous, ad lez stues ad nutriendos pisces.

Item dedit communibus et burgensibus Wellens. conductum aquæ pro communi utilitate dictæ civitatis pro 20 libr.

Item fecit fieri claustrum occidentale ecclesiæ.

Item dedit de vestibus de tissue 1111. diversas sewtes de tyssue de

regularly adorned with statues in a more perfect state than is seen in any cathedral, excepting that of Lincoln: they are of kings, queens, bishops, warriors, &c. as large as life. In the centre of the transepts rises a large square tower, a hundred and sixty feet in height, the base resting upon four broad arches. The nave is separated from the ailes by eighteen clustered pillars. The original plan of the church, as at Exeter, appears never to have been departed from, but to have been followed by successive bishops, till its completion by Bishop Stillington.

On the south side of the cathedral is the cloister: the west side of which, a hundred and sixty-two feet in length, was built by Bishop Beckington; the south side, a hundred and fifty-two feet in length, was begun by the same bishop, but completed by Thomas Henry treasurer of Wells; the east side, a hundred and fifty-nine feet in length, was the work of Bishop Bubwith.^a

The chapter-house, of an octagonal form, is fifty-two feet in diameter: the roof being supported by a central clustered column of Purbeck marble.

Among the chapels in this cathedral, Collinson

enumerates Bishop Beckwith's, in the nave; Knights chapel, built by Hugh Sugar, one of the executors of Bishop Beckington; Bishop Beckington's own chapel; St. Catherine's; and John de Middleton, or Milton's chapel: beside several others on the north side, in one of which Peter Lightfoot's astronomical clock, brought hither from Glastonbury, is still preserved.

The college of vicars, adjoining the cathedral, has been already noticed as founded by Ralph de Salopia.

Southward, at a short distance from the church, stands the bishop's palace, an ancient and august structure. Its walls are said by Collinson to encompass seven acres of ground, and they are flanked by redoubts and half-moons. A deep moat, supplied with water from St. Andrew's well, surrounds the whole: over which, on the north side, is a bridge, with a stately gatehouse, serving as an entrance to the exterior court, or ballium. On the east side of this court is the bishop's dwelling-house, containing several handsome apartments, with the chapel. On the south side of the court, nearly opposite the entrance, stood the great hall, built by Bishop Burnell.^b

Cartae ad Wellense Coenobium in agro Summersetensi spectantes.

NUM. I.

Carta Cynewulfi Regis.

[Godwin, de Præsulib. Angl. tit. Bath. et Wells.]

IN nomine Domini nostri Jesu Christi. Cum constet omnibus catholicis et rectè credentibus in Domino, quod tempora hujus temporalis vita longè latèque per orbem incertis ac diversis causis quotidie transeunt, necnon homines subitanea ægritudine præventi, statim vitam finiendo deserunt, simulque omnia fugitiva amittunt, beneficia Domini sine aliqua tarditate pauperibus hic tribuendo erogemus, ut illuc fructum mercedis in æterna patria sine fine cum Domino fœliciter accipiamus. Quapropter, ego Cynewlphus Occid. Saxonum rex, aliquam terræ partem, pro amore Dei, et pro expiatione delictorum meorum, necnon (quod verbo dolendum est) pro aliqua vexatione inimicorum nostrorum Cornubiorum gentis, cum consensu episcoporum atque satraparum meorum, Dei apostolo atque ministro, sancto Andreae, humiliter ascribendo donabo, hoc est, xj. manentium prope fluvium qui dicitur Waluue, ad augmentum monasterii quod situm est juxta fontem magnum quem vocitant Wielea, (ut eo diligentius in ecclesia S. Andreae apostoli Deo soli deserviant) hiis territoriis circumscriptam. A meridie de valle quæ dicitur Asancumb, in occidentali plaga in unum fontem qui appellatur Diern-

anwel, deinde in collem quem incolæ appellant Dornhill, deinde in desertum on Picelon dorn, et tunc ultra flumen Weluue in fontem Holanwielle, et inde in desertum in unam fossam quæ est juxta fontem rivuli quem incolæ vocitant Sealtbroc, et tunc in eundem rivulum usque flumen Welwe, deinde in ripam fluminis usque vadum Welwe, et tunc in viam publicam usque sambucum quam vocitant Ellentrow, et inde in torrentem lutosum in vadum orientalem, inde sursum per campestria inter duas petrosas vias ad supra nominatam vallem Asancumb.

Si quis hæc infringere vel imminuere ausus sit, sciat se coram Christo, et sanctis angelis ejus in ultimo examine rationem redditurum. Scripta est hæc syngrapha anno Dominicæ incarn. dcclxvj. indictione xij.

✠ Ego Cynewlphus, Gewisorum rex, hanc meam donationem cum signaculo sanctæ crucis corroboravi. ✠ Ego Herewaldus episcopus, hujus munificentiae cartulam propria manu signavi. ✠ Ego Ernehardus episcopus, huic largitati consensi et subscripsi.

NUM. II.

Carta Edwardi Regis, Confessoris dicti.

[Ex vet. Cod. MS. in Bibl. Cotton. sub effigie Tiberii E. VIII. fol. 250.]

REGNANTE in perpetuum Jhesu Christo omnium

Longitudo novæ capellæ de custubus episcopi continet 36 virgas.

Latitudo ejus continet 7 virgas.

Latitudo partis occidentalis ecclesiæ prædictæ continet sex magnas boterasses, et quodlibet boterasse est latitudinis 5 pedum, vel 6 pedum, id est duarum virgarum, et in boreali parte illius magni operis, quæ est principalis boterasse, continet in latitudine et densitate 9 pedes vel 3 virgas.

Longitudo claustrum quadratæ continet ex omni quatuor partium 53 virgas." Ibid pp. 290, 291.

^a Lel. Itin. vol. iii. p. 123.

^b See p. 278. In the time of Bishop Adrian de Castello we find a prison belonging to the palace, A. D. 1510. "Prisona domini episcopi vocatur le Cowe howse infra palatium episcopale Well." Harl. MS. 6966.

purpre blodii coloris et albi coloris cum aliis ornamentis ad valentiam quatuor mille marcarum.

Memorandum sunt de bay-wyndows 12 in spatio 80 virgarum, in altitudine trium stagarum dictarum bay-wyndowes sunt in qualibet bay-wyndow septem lyghtis, quæ faciunt 21 lyghtes.

Spatium inter duas north-boterasses dictæ ecclesiæ sunt 5 virgæ.

Et quælibet dictarum 12 bay-wyndowes sunt embatelled, viz. tres embatylles quælibet 12 fenestrarum de le bay-wyndow." Ibid. pp. 286, 287.

"Longitudo ecclesiæ cathedralis Wellensis continet a porta occidentali ad hostium principii chori 61 virgas cum dimidio.

Et a porta chori vocata lereredos usque orientem continet 47 gressus.

Latitudo ex parte chori dictæ ecclesiæ continet 23 virgas.

Longitudo de le crosse eele juxta chorum continet 42 virgas a boria in meridiem, ubi principalis turris campanarum in medio de le crosse eele scituatur.

regum principe. Ego Eadwardus secundum voluntatem ejus monarcha totius Britanniae, sciens gloriosis regibus nihil esse foelicius, et praeclaro populo salubrius, quam jus ecclesiasticae rectitudinis in omnibus servare, et in divinis atque saecularibus negotiis justa judicia agere, proposui, justè et clementer regendo, mihi subditis prodesset, et sic singularum utilitatibus providere, ut confirmatis nostrâ autoritate quæ quibusque contingunt hæreditario jure, per posteritates sibi succedentes inviolata queant esse. Unde rogatus à Gysone episcopo Wellensi, (quem ante hoc biennio Romæ cum commendatitiis literis direxi, et apostolica ordinatione Nicolai papæ functum recepi) et maximè ab Eadgytha regina mihi matrimonio sociata, et sibi gratuita miserationis dignatione propicia, ut ea quæ antecessorum largitate donata sunt, vel sagacitate confirmata, apicibus nostræ autoritatis, ecclesiæ sedis suæ literatò confirmarem, et quæ in multis chirographis regum priorum essent, aliquibus jam vetustate consumptis, in armariolo unius cartulæ congregare permitterem. Eorum justis petitionibus libens annuo, et non solum ea quæ ipse à me, vel antecessores ejus à meis impetraverunt, vel etiam pretio acquisiverunt ex his quæ regibus debentur, habere eum, et omnes successores ejus inviolabiliter permitto; sed etiam quicquid possidere videtur ecclesia quam regit, constituo in perpetua libertate, exceptis tribus, expeditione, pontis, arcisvè restauratione. Quod ut per succedentia sibi seculorum tempora apud filios justiciæ perduret fixum, et in hac cartula coram subnotatis testibus manu propria Dominicæ crucis depingo signum, et meæ imaginis adnecto sigillum. Si quis quæ a me canonicè decreta sunt fregerit, anathemate irremediabili multatus, sententiæ æternæ damnationis subjaceat nisi resipuerit. Quamvis autem in singulis chyrographis possessiones ejusdem ecclesiæ pleniter annotatæ habeantur, tamen non infructuosum ratus sum, si in hoc quoque recapitulentur.

Inprimis, in territorio Wellensi, quod antiquo vocabulo dicitur Tidington, et in singulis viculis ad se pertinentibus, sunt l. mansus, hoc est, Pauleham, Woký, Hentun, Gýnðleg, Bledenhyð et Eajrtun, Weptribur, Wokýhole et Æbbeþýrð, Buncotan, Middelton et oþer Middelton, et Ætþam. Ðænne Hopuningðun et oþer Hopuningðun, et Hpete-Cþice, Denpenn, Dulcotan, Wælj-lez, Wuorþeþtorþ, Celcotan, Bægenhangra, Wandaj-trap, Hlyttun. Item in alio quod Cþo dicitur, l. Hii sunt viculi sibi adjacentes, Læteletun, Hæjele, Dundreez et m. Sudtuner. In alio quod dicitur Evoceþic, xx. mansus, Præþtole, Ceþtnebælðe, Ðrættun. Et in illo quod vocatur Cýneþerþýr, xxxviii. mansus, et hii sunt ejus viculi, Landþnoc, Beadpelle, et Ælhambeorþe, et Lýt-leinze, Hþýr, Cuma, Þibþýrþýr, Capðnen, et oþer þýra Ceþðnen, Guæmeþertun, Langanhām, Winerham, atque Cungaperþþýr, necnon et Banapelli, cum omnibus ad se pertinentibus. In eo quod Wellingtun nuncupatur est possessio xv. cassatorum, et hæ sunt villulæ eorum, Bocland, Hamme, Huntanapoþ, Heppaðþorð, Þitnoceþ-mor, Ceolþertun. Sunt xv. in altero, Wýfeþcombe nominato in his villis distributo, Nunnetun, Upcotan, Hþitþelð, Hþitþicumb, Acumetun, Langele, Forða, Þeðþerþorð, Fýehýða, et oþer Fýehýða, Dene, Slæp, Hþent-mor. Habentur etiam in eo quod Lidegapð dicitur, xv. cassati, et hæ curticule adjacentes sibi, Cuma, Þeðden-allþar, et þ Wudu-land, Aþce, Baþzenbeorþe, Anapo, Hýlle. In eo loco quod Wedmor dicitur iv. mansuum est possessio, et hæ sunt villulæ huc pertinentes, Biðdeþham, quod Tapnuc proprie appellatur, et alia quæ dicitur Heamcan et Meþceþn.

Hæc igitur cum omnibus ad se pertinentibus i. silvis, campis, pratis, pascuis, piscariis, molendinis, ecclesiæ præfatæ vel episcopo, ut prædixi, confirmo, et libertatem ejus secundum antecessorum meorum statuta amplifico. Scripta est hæc carta ab eodem Gisone episcopo jussu meo anno Dominicæ incarnationis mxcv. indictione m. xx. die mensis Maii in regali villa Wendenleþe nuncupata.

Signum manus Gisonis episcopi. ✠

[*A tergo hæc.*]

Ðiþ iþ eallra þære landa land boc þe mid rihte hyrað into þan byscoprice þe Eadþearð cýnþe geþocode rancto Andþrea apostolo, into þam byscop rtole to Willan on ece þýrfe.

Hoc est.

Iste est omnium terrarum liber, quæ jure spectant ad episcopatum, quas Edwardus rex scripto contulit sancto Andree apostolo, apud episcopalem sedem Wellensem, in æternam hæreditatem.

NUM. III.

Carta Edwardi Regis de Hlyttun.

[Hickes. Thesaur. Lingg. Septentr. tom. i. p. 160. Harl. MS. 6968, p. 6, ex Reg. Cartarum penes Dec. et Capit. Wellen.]

Eadþarð king Ʒnet Harold erl 7 Tovid minne Ʒchýne-þeþen 7 alle mine þeiner inne Someþræten Ʒþendliche. And ich keþe eu þat Alþned hauet ýfelð Gýrþe byþþor hýr land at Hlyttun^a Ʒaclear and clæne toþoren me Ʒlven æt Þeðþeðan. on mine ipitneþre. and on Eadithe mine ibidden. 7 on Haroldes æþleþ 7 on mane-Ʒra oþra manna. þe mid me þær waren. Nu Ʒil ich þat Ʒe bissop beo þar lonðer poþthe into hýr byþþorþiche þe he under honde hauet. and alch þære þinge þar þe þar to mid rihte geþýrað. mid Ʒaca and mid Ʒocna, Ʒþo ful 7 Ʒþo fupth, Ʒþo hit ænþe bissoppe forþeþt on honde Ʒtoðon ællen þingþan. And Ʒýþ þar Ʒý anni þing out geðon þar þe þar mitteþýrþ, ich beode þat man hit lete in onþean comen. þ non oþer ne Ʒý.

[*Id est.*

Edwardus rex Haroldo comiti, Tovid vicecomiti, et omnibus ballivis suis Sumersæt. salutem. Sciatis quod Aluredus vendidit Gisoni episcopo terram suam de Lutton, pacifice et quiete, teste meipso, coram nobis apud Perret, et testibus Editha conjuge nostra, Haroldo comite, et multis aliis, qui una nobiscum, illic aderant. Volumus quoque, quod idem episcopus terram illam cum omnibus pertinentiis habeat, cum episcopatu, quem possidet, et saca et socna, ita plene sicut unquam aliquis episcoporum prædecessorum suorum in omnibus habuit, et si quid inde contra justitiam fuerit sublatum, rogamus, ut revertetur, nec aliter fiat.]

NUM. IV.

Carta Edwardi Regis, qua Haroldum Comitem, Ailnodum Abbatem, &c. certiores reddit Episcopatum se dedisse Bathoniensem Gisoni Presbytero.

[Ibid. p. 161.]

Eadþarð king Ʒnet Harold erl, 7 Aýlnoð abbot, 7 Godþine Ʒchýneþeuen 7 alle mine þeýneþ on Sumepreþen Ʒþendliche. And ich kýþe eoþ þat ich habþ gevinen Lýran minan þreþeo þeþ bissopþiche heþ mid eoþ, and alþe þate þinge þar þe ðær mid rihte geþýrað on poðe and on þelðe, mid Ʒaca and mid sokna, binnon poþe 7 buton, Ʒþo ful 7 Ʒþo forð Ʒþo Duðuc bissop oð any bissop hit fupþeþt him toþoren haveðe on ællum þingþan. And Ʒýþ heþ ani land Ʒý out of þam bissopþiche geðon ich Ʒille þ hit cume in onþeæn oþer þ man hit of-Ʒo on hýe Ʒemoð Ʒþo man wið him bet finto maze. And ich biððe eoþ allen þ ge him fulþtan to ðriuan Godeþ ge-rihte lock huen hit neoþ Ʒý and heo eoþeþ fulþumeþ biþþýrfe. And ich nelle nanne man geþeþien þ him vran honðe teo anþe þære þinge þar þe ich him unnen habben.

[*Id est.*

Edwardus rex Haroldo comiti, Ailnodo abbati, Godwino vicecomiti, et omnibus ballivis suis Somerset. salutem. Sciatis nos dedisse Gisoni presbytero nostro episcopatum hunc apud vos cum omnibus pertinentiis in

* Lutton, vel Lytton: nunc est præbenda ecclesiæ Well.

bosco et plano, et saca et socna, in villis et extra; ita plene et libere in omnibus sicut episcopus Dudocus aut aliqui prædecessorum suorum habuerunt. Et si quid inde contra justitiam fuerit sublatum, volumus quod revocetur, vel quod aliter ei satisficiat. Rogamus etiam vos, ut auxiliari eidem velitis ad christianitatem sustinendam, si necesse habuerit: nolumus autem ut ullus hominum ei auferat aliquid eorum quæ ei contulimus.]

NUM. V.

Carta Regis Edwardi qua Haroldum Comitem, Ailnodum Abbatem, Godwinum, &c. jubet esse Coadjutores Gisoni Episcopo, &c.

[Ibid.]

Eðþarð kinz gnet Harold ep̃l 7 Aylnoð abbot 7 Godpine 7 ealle mine þeiner on Sumerjeten frendliche. Ich queþe eou þ̃ ich pille þ̃ Gyre bissop beo þ̃rre bissopriches wr̃þe heep inne mid eou. And alch þape þinge þe þar þar mid richte to ge-byrað binnan porte 7 butan, mid raca 7 mid roena, ƿro uol 7 ƿro vorð spo hit eni bissop him to-uoren formejt haueþ on ealle þingz. And ich biððe eou alle þ̃ ge him beon on fultome Cristendom te ƿr̃ekene loc whar hit þarþ ƿy, 7 eower fultumes beþurþe eal ƿro ich ge tƿoppen tho eop habben þat ge him on fultome beon willen. And gif þat ƿy mid unlage out of þan bissopriche zeydon. ƿy hit londe oþer an oðð þinge þar fulƿtan him vor minan luuen þ̃ hit in on-geyn cume ƿro ƿro ge for gode witen þat hat richte ƿy. God eu ealle gehealde.

[*Vetus Versio sequitur.*]

Edwardus rex Haroldo comiti, Ailnodo abbati Godwino et omnibus ballivis suis Somerset. salutem. Significamus vobis nos velle quod episcopus Giso episcopatum apud vos possideat cum omnibus dictum episcopatum in villis et extra de jure contingentibus; cum saca et socna, adeo plene et libere per omnia sicut ullus episcoporum prædecessorum suorum unquam habebat. Rogamus etiam vos, ut coadjutores ipsius esse velitis ad fidem prædicandam et christianitatem sustinendam pro loco et tempore sicut et vobis fideliter confidimus vos velle idipsum. Et si quid de dicto episcopatu sive in terris sive in aliis rebus contra justitiam fuerit sublatum, adjuvetis eum pro amore nostro ad restitutionem, prout justum fuerit, habendam. Conservet vos Dominus.]

NUM. VI.

Carta de Terris æt Weodmope.

[Ibid.]

Eaðþarð kinz gnet Harold ep̃l 7 Ailnod abbot 7 Tovid schirereue et alle mine þeines on Sumerseten frendliche. And ich kiþe eop þ̃ ich hadde zegefen Giso þpe þæt land æt Weodmope,^a 7 ælch þape þinga þar þe þar inne mid richte tobýneð inne to h̃r cleþken bilæva æt sancte Andþea æt pillan, mid raca 7 mid roena, ƿro full 7 ƿro forþ, ƿro hit me ƿylven on hande ƿtod, mid eallon þa forþƿr̃htan, þe me oþer minon æftergenzon to honda bogen pyllon on eallen þingan, for mine raple, 7 for mine ƿader, 7 for allra minra ýlðþena saplan þe þone þp-stol gerapeloðon. And gif aniz man ƿiz þat mine gife apendan pyllan apende hine God almiht̃ fram h̃r angyne 7 fram ælpe cƿr̃tenne manna, 7 ich pille þ̃ ƿe þ̃. richte privilegium þærto bi minon fullan gelþan.

[*Vetus Versio.*]

Edwardus rex Haroldo comiti, Ealnodo abbati, et Tovid vicecomiti, et omnibus ballivis suis Somerset. salutem. Sciatis me dedisse Gisoni episcopo ad sustentationem cleri, ecclesiam beatæ Andreæ in Well. terram de Wedmore cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, adeo plene et

libere, sicut unquam plenius mihi manu stetit, aut alicui prædecessorum meorum per omnia; pro anima patris mei et animabus antecessorum meorum, qui dictam sedem episcopi statuerunt. Si quis autem hanc donationem præsumpserit evertere, avertat eum Dominus à conspectu suo, et a conspectu omnium fidelium. Volo et quod idem episcopus isto gaudeat privilegio, et vos amici mei ipsius sitis coadjutores.]

NUM. VII.

Carta Eadgithæ Edwardi Confessoris relictæ de Terris æt Merketon.

[Ibid. p. 162.]

Eaðgith ƿeo hlaveði Eaðþerðer kinger lefe gnet al þat hundreð at Wedmope frendliche. And ich cýþe eop þat ich hadde zegefen Giso þ̃. þat land at Merketon,^b 7 alch þape þinga þær þe þar mid richte tobýrð into h̃r canōcan æt Sancte Andþea æt Wýllan, mid raca and mid roena, ƿro full and ƿro forþ, ƿro hit me ƿylven on honde ƿtod for Eaðwærðer kinger saple. 7 for mine. And ic biððe eop þ̃ ge deme me richte dom of ƿudemann þe ic hops bitachite 7 mi gauil hauið of healðen ƿra gear eifer gehimiz 7 eac ƿeoch, 7 eac ƿeoth. God eop gehealde.

[*Vetus Versio.*]

Eaditha, domina regis Edwardi relictæ, hundredo de Wedmore, salutem. Sciatis me dedisse Gisoni episcopo, ad sustentationem canonicorum ecclesiæ sancti Andreæ in Wells, terram de Merke cum omnibus ipsam jure contingentibus, cum soka et sake, ita plene et libere, sicut mihi plenius manu stetit, pro anima regis Edwardi et anima mea, &c.]

NUM. VIII.

Carta Haroldi Regis.

Harold kinz gneet Ailnoð, 7 Tovid, 7 alle mine þeines on Sumerjeten frendliche. And ic cýeð eou þ̃ ic pille þ̃ Giso þ̃. beo his saca ƿerð. 7 his roena oþer h̃r lond 7 oþer h̃r mannen, 7 toller ƿerð, 7 temes, 7 infangener þefer, binnan burekh 7 butan, ƿro full 7 ƿro forþ, ƿro he formejt was on Eðward kinger ðaze on alle þingan. And ich biððe eou alle þ̃ gebien him on fultome at th̃r Cristendome Gode ƿerichtten for to retten 7 to ðriuen, loc þar h̃m neð ƿy. 7 heo eopner fultumer biþurþe ƿro ƿro ich yetƿurpan to ep hadde þ̃ ue ƿýllan for mina luuen. And ich nelle yeþerien þ̃ man him æt anie þingan anye unlaz beoðe. God eop ge healðe.

[*Id est.*]

Haroldus rex, Ailnodo, Tovid, et omnibus ballivis suis, salutem. Sciatis nos velle quod episcopus Giso habeat saca et socna de terris suis et hominibus, et toll et team, et infangenethof, in vill. et extra, ita plene et libere in omnibus, sicut unquam habuit tempore regis Edwardi. Rogamus etiam vos, quatenus eidem se necesse fuerit auxiliari velitis ad Christianitatem sustinendam, sicut de vobis confidimus idipsum velle. Nolumus autem ut ullus hominum ei in aliquo inferat injuriam. Conservet vos Dominus.]

NUM. IX.

Altera Carta Edwardi Regis.

[Ibid.]

Eðþarð kinz gnet Harold 7 Ægelnoð abbd̃. 7 Godpine ƿeýþegeþeran, 7 alle mine þegenar on Sumerjæten frendliche, 7 ic cýðe eop þ̃ ic ƿýlle þ̃ Giso þ̃p ƿerýge on h̃r lande æt Chýp,^c ælþro h̃r ƿoþegenza ætƿoren

^a Terræ fere omnes apud Wedmore, olim ad ecclesiam Wellensem pertinebant; nunc vero tantum restant decimæ loci, quæ quidem decimæ ad Decanum Wellensis ecclesiæ hodierno die pertinent. Hickes.

^b Maneria de Merke olim pertinebant omnia ad Decanum Wellensem, nunc vero solæ decimæ ad eum pertinent. Ib.

^c Manerium Chywenne olim ad episcopum Wellensem pertinebat. Nunc vero alios dominos agnoscit. Ib.

him ær dýðe, 7 ic nelle ȝeþarīan þat man hým ænige un-
lage beode.

[*Vetus Versio sequitur.*]

Eadwardus rex Haroldo comiti, Aelnodo abbati, Godwino vicecomiti, et omnibus ballivis suis Sumerset. salutem. Sciatis me velle quod Giso episcopus possideat terram suam apud Chyw, sicut fecerunt prædecessores sui. Nec autem impune feram quod aliquis ei injuriam inferat, aut molestiam.]

NUM. X.

Carta altera Eadgithæ Reginae de Terris æt Milfepton.

[Ibid. p. 163.]

Eadgith ȝe hlaueðrge ȝnet Hapolð epl mine broðar, 7 Tovið, 7 ealle ure þepena on Sumesȝreatan ȝneondliche, 7 ic cýðe eop þ 7 ic pille þ Giso ð. beo þær londes purðe æt Milfepton,^a ȝpo full 7 ȝpo ȝorð ȝpo hit me ȝelfon æn honde ȝtod to þan ȝoneparðen þæt peo ȝeporht habbað, 7 ȝýf þar hpa ænig land habbe hut buidan oððe ȝeboht of þam þe þar mīð ȝichte mte ȝebýnað ic ȝýlle þat man hýt læte in onȝean cuman 7 spece ȝe mann ȝið þone mann þe him ær land ȝealde.

[*Vetus Versio.*]

Editha domina Haroldo comiti fratri suo, et Tovid, et omnibus ballivis Sumerset. salutem. Sciatis me velle quod Gyso episcopus habeat terram de Milvertone ita plene et libere sicut mihi plenius modo stetit. Si qua autem terra ipsam jure contingens sublata vel quoque modo distracta fuerint, volo quod revocetur.]

NUM. XI.

Carta Willielmi I. Regis de Villa de Wynesham.

[Harl. MS. 6968, p. 60.]

W. REX Anglorum Ailnodo abbati, et Tovi vicecomiti, et omnibus baronibus Sumersetæ salutem. Notum vobis facio me ammonitione et prece Gisonis episcopi villam quæ Wynesham appellatur ecclesiæ Well. ad sustentationem canonicorum jure hæreditario concessisse libere et quiete tenend. et cum socha et sacha, et tollo et thema, in pascuis et silvis, intus et extra, sicut illam unquam aliquis melius tenuit, pro salute animæ meæ et animabus antecessorum et successorum meorum.

NUM. XII.

Prædia ad Ecclesiam S. Andreae Wellensis spectantia tempore Regis Willielmi Conquestoris.

[Ex Libro Censuali vocato *Domesday Book*, penes Camerar. Scacc.]

Sumersete, fol. 89.

TERRA EPISCOPI WELLENSIS. Episcopus Wellensis tenet WELLE. Ipse tenuit tempore Regis Edwardi, et geldabat pro L. hid. Terra est LX. car. De ea sunt in dominio VIII. hidæ et ibi VI. car. et VI. servi et XX. villani. et XIII. bord. cum XV. car. Ibi III. molini reddentes xxx. solid. et ccc. acr. prati. Pastura III. leu long. et una leuua lat. Silva II. leu long. et II. quarent. lat. et III. leuæ moræ. Valet xxx. lib ad opus episcopi.

De hac terra ejusdem manerii tenent Canonici XIII. hid. Ibi habent in dominio VI. car. et VIII. servi et XVI. villani. et XII. bord. cum VIII. car. Ibi II. molini reddentes L. den. Valet XII. lib.

De eadem terra ejusdem manerii tenet de episcopo Fastradus VI. hid. Ricardus V. hid. Erneis V. hid. Ibi sunt in dominio VI. car. et X. servi. et X. villani. et XVI. bord. cum XI. car. et II. molini reddentes X. solid. Inter omnes valet XIII. lib.

De ipsa terra ipsius manerii tenent de episcopo

Fastradus II. hid. Radulfus II. hid. Hæ III. hidæ sunt de dominio episcopi. Ibi in dominio II. car. et III. servi. et V. villani. et V. bord. cum I. car. Ibi molinum reddens VII. solid. et VI. denar. Totum valet LXX. solid.

De eisdem L. hid. tenet uxor Manassæ II. hid. sed. non de episcopo. Val. xx. sol.

Præter has L. hid. habet episcopus II. hid. quæ nunquam geldaverunt tempore Regis Edwardi. Aluuardus et Edric ten. de episcopo. Valent xxx. solid.

Idem episcopus tenet CVMBE. Azor tenuit tempore Regis Edwardi et geldabat pro XX. hid. Terra est XVI. car. De ea sunt in dominio VIII. hidæ. et ibi III. car. et XII. servi et XV. villani et XIII. bord. cum XII. car. Ibi XII. acr. prati et dimid. leu. pasturæ inter long. et lat. et una leua silvæ inter long. et lat. Valuit X. lib. Modo XVIII. lib.

Idem episcopus tenet CHINGESBERIE. Ipse tenuit tempore Regis Edwardi et geldabat pro XX. hid. Terra est XXIII. car. De ea sunt in dominio VI. hidæ. et ibi II. car. et III. servi. et XVI. villani. et III. bord. cum XI. car. Ibi II. molini reddentes xxx. solid. et c. acr. prati. Pastura una leu. long. et III. quarent. lat.

De eadem terra hujus manerii tenet tres milites et unus clericus VIII. hidæ. Valet ad opus episcopi XII. lib. Ad opus militum VIII. lib.

Idem episcopus tenet CERDRE. Ipse tenuit tempore Regis Edwardi, et geldabat pro VIII. hid. Terra est XX. car. De ea sunt in dominio II. hidæ et ibi II. car. et XI. servi. et XX. villani cum XIII. car. Ibi molinum reddens xxx. denar. et XX. acr. prati. Silva II. leu. long. et III. quarent. lat. et tantundem pasturæ. De eadem terra tenet unus tainus II. hid. qui non potest separari ab ecclesia. Totum valet XVI. lib.

Idem episcopus tenet LITELANDE. Ipse tenuit tempore Regis Edwardi, et geldabat pro II. hid. Terra est VIII. car. De ea est I. hida in dominio et ibi II. car. et II. servi et III. villani et VI. bord. cum II. car. Ibi XII. acr. prati, et c. acr. pasturæ. et XX. acr. silvæ. Valuit et valet XL. sol.

Idem episcopus tenet WIVELESCOME. Ipse tenuit tempore Regis Edwardi et geldabat pro XV. hid. Terra est XXXVI. car. De ea sunt in dominio III. hidæ. et ibi III. car. et VIII. servi. et XVI. villani et III. bord. cum VII. car. Ibi molinum reddens L. den. et XXXIII. acr. prati et cc. acr. pasturæ et quater xx^{ti}. acr. silvæ.

De hac terra hujus manerii ten. III. milites de episcopo. IX. hid. et ibi habent XVI. car. Hæc terra est de dominio episcopatus, nec potest ab episcopo separari. Valet episcopo X. lib. Militibus XV. lib.

Idem episcopus tenet WALINTONE. Ipse tenuit tempore Regis Edwardi et geldabat pro XIII. hid. Terra est XXX. car. De ea sunt in dominio III. hidæ. et ibi III. car. et XXXI. servi. et LIII. villani et LXI. bord. cum XXV. car. Ibi II. molini reddentes XV. sol. et cv. acr. prati. Pastura una leu. long. et dim. leu. lat. Silva III. quarent. long. et tantundem lat. De hac terra hujus manerii tenet Johannes de episcopo II. hid. de terra villanorum. Totum valet XXV. lib.

Huic manerio addita est una hida quam tenuit pro manerio Alveva tempore Regis Edwardi. Terra est III. carucis. q. ibi sunt cum VIII. villanis et III. bord. et I. servo. Ibi V. acr. prati. Silva III. quarent. long. et tantundem lat. Valet xxx. sol.

Idem episcopus tenet LIDEGAR. Ipse tenuit tempore Regis Edwardi et geldabat pro X. hid. una virgata minus. Terra est XVI. car. De ea sunt in dominio III. hidæ et ibi II. car. et V. servi. et XX. villani et XII. bord. cum VI. car. Ibi molinum reddens XXXI. denar. et xxx. acr. prati. Pastura I. leu. long. et III. quarent. lat. et tantundem silvæ. De hac terra hujus manerii tenent II. milites III. hid. de terra villanorum. et ibi habent III. car. Totum valet XIII. lib.

Idem episcopus tenet BANWELLE. Heraldus comes tenuit tempore Regis Edwardi et geldabat pro XXX. hid. Terra est XL. car. De ea sunt in dominio VI. hidæ. et ibi III. car. et V. servi et XXIII. villani. et XII. bord. cum XVIII. car. Ibi c. acr. prati. Pasturæ I. leu. long. et lat. Silva II. leu. et dim. in long. et lat.

^a Milferton nunc est corpus præbendæ quæ ad archidiaconum Tauntonensem pertinet. Hickes.

De hac terra hujus manerii tenet de episcopo Serlo III. hid. Radulfus v. hid. et dimid. Rohardus v. hid. et dimid. Fastradus i. hid. Bono i. hid. Eluui i. hid. Ibi sunt in dominio ix. car. et v. servi. et xxv. villani et xv. bordarii. habentes xiii. car. et dim. Ibi n^o. molini Rohardi redd. x. solid. Ordulfus i. molinum redd. xl. den. Totum manerium valet xv. lib. ad opus episcopi. Ad opus hominum xv. lib. similiter.

Idem episcopus tenet EVRECRIZ. Ipse tenuit tempore regis Edwardi et geldabat pro xx. hid. Terra est xx. car. De ea sunt in dominio iii. hidæ. et ibi iii. car. et vi. servi et iii. villani et x. bord. cum ii. car. Ibi molinum reddens vii. solid. et vi. den. et lx. acr. prati et cc. acr. pasturæ. Silva. i. leu. long. et una quarentena lat. Valet x. lib.

De eadem terra ejusdem manerii tenet de episcopo Erneis vii. hid. Macharius hid. et dim. Ildebertus i. hid. In dominio sunt iii. car. et iii. servi. et v. villani et iii. bord. cum. ii. car. Inter omnes val. cx. solid.

De eadem terra tenet presbyter et ii. alii Angli v. hid. et unam virgatam terræ. Valet iii. lib.

Idem episcopus tenet WESTBERIE. Ipse tenuit tempore Regis Edwardi et geldabat pro vi. hid. Terra est viii. car. De ea sunt in dominio iii. hidæ. et ibi ii. car. et ii. servi et vi. villani et x. bord. cum v. car. Ibi xxx. acr. prati et silva i. leu. long. et ii. quarent. lat. Valet viii. lib.

Osmundus tenet de episcopo WINESHAM. Elsi tenuit tempore Regis Edwardi et geldabat pro x. hid. Terra est xvi. car. De ea sunt in dominio iii. hidæ. et ibi iii. car. et xii. servi. et l. villani cum. ix. car. Ibi ii. molini reddentes xx. solid. et vi. acr. prati. Silva dimid. leu. long. et una quarentena et dimid. lat. Valuit vi. lib. modo x. lib.

Ipse episcopus tenet CHIVVE. Ipse tenuit tempore Regis Edwardi et geldabat pro xxx. hid. Terra est l. car. De ea sunt in dominio iii. hidæ et ibi vi. car. et xiiii. servi et xxx. villani et ix. bord. cum xxiiii. car. Ibi iii. molini reddentes xx. sol. et c. acr. prati et l. acr. pasturæ. Silua ii. leu. long. et dim. leu. lat. Valet episcopo xxx. lib.

De hac terra hujus manerii tenet de episcopo Ricardus v. hid. Rohardus vi. hid. Stefanus v. hid. Aluricus vii. virg. Vluricus ii. hid. In dominio sunt ibi vii. car. et viii. servi. et xviii. villani et xxvii. bord. cum x. car. Ibi ii. molini reddentes x. sol. Inter omnes valet xiii. lib.

Idem episcopus tenet LATVNE. Johannes Danus tenuit tempore Regis Edwardi et geldabat pro xx. hid. Terra est xxii. car. De ea sunt in dominio vi. hidæ. et ibi ii. car. et iii. servi. et x. villani de xiiii. bord. cum vi. car. Ibi xxxii. acr. prati. Silua i. leu. long. et ii. quarent. lat. Moræ una leu. in long. et lat. Valet episcopo vi. lib.

De hac terra hujus manerii tenet de episcopo Fastradus v. hid. Ildebertus iii. hid. In dominio sunt ibi iii. car. et iii. servi et xviii. villani. et xxiii. bord. cum xi. car. Inter eos valet ix. lib.

Una pastura WAIMORA dicta ibi est quæ tempore Regis Edwardi pertinebat ad Congresberie manerium Regis.

Æcclesiam hujus manerii cum i. hida tenet Benthelmus de episcopo. Valet xx. sol.

Idem episcopus tenet WEDMORE. Ipse tenuit tempore Regis Edwardi et geldabat pro x. hid. Sunt tamen ibi xi. hidæ. Terra est xxxvi. car. De ea sunt in dominio v. hidæ una virgata minus. et ibi iii. car. et iii. servi. et xiii. villani. et xiiii. bord. cum ix. car. et xviii. cotar. Ibi lxx. acr. prati et ii. piscariæ reddentes x. sol. et l. acr. silvæ. et una leuua pasturæ inter long. et lat. Valuit xx. lib. Modo xvii. lib.

Canonici S. Andreae tenent de episcopo WANDESTREV. Ipsi tenebant tempore Regis Edwardi et geldabant pro iii. hid. Terra est iii. car. De ea sunt in dominio ii. hidæ. et ibi ii. car. et iii. servi. et v. villani et ii. bord. cum iii. car. Ibi xii. acr. prati. Silva iii. quarent. long. 7 ii. quarent. lat. Valet iii. lib.

Ipsi tenent LITVNE. Ipsi tenebant tempore Regis

Edwardi et geldabant pro viii. hid. et dim. Terra est vii. car. De ea sunt in dominio vi. hidæ et dimid. et ibi ii. car et vi. servi. et viii. villani. et vii. bord. cum iii. car. Ibi iii. molini reddentes x. solid. et lx. acr. prati et mille acr. pasturæ. et iii. quarent. silvæ in long. et lat. Valet c. solid.

Rex tenet manerium MILVERTUNE. Giso episcopus tenuit tempore Regis Edwardi et geldabat pro una virgata terræ.

Rogerus Arundel tenet unum manerium AISSA et jacebat tempore Regis Edwardi in LEDIART maner. episcopi. Giso episcopus tenebat et geldabat pro iii. hid. et una virgata. Rogerus tenet de rege injuste. Valet iii. lib.

NUM. XIII.

Carta Jocelini de Tresminettes.

[Harl. MS. 6968, ex magno Libro Cartarum penes Decan. et Capit. Well. p. 44.]

OMNIBUS, &c. Jocelinus de Tresminettes salutem. Noverit universitas vestra me dedisse Deo et sancto Andreae de Well. et Rain. Bathon. episcopo ecclesiam de Aulescumba in perpetuam Well. ecclesiæ præbendam. Testibus Walt. priore de Berlich, Ric. Const. archid. Rogero fratre suo, Jocelino capellano. Hæc donatio confirm. per Joh. episcopum Exon. test. Tho. precent. Exon.

NUM. XIV.

Carta Regis Stephani de Ecclesiis de Northcuri et de Perretona.

[Ibid. p. 4.]

STEPHANUS rex Angliæ episcopo Bathon. et justiciariis, et vicecomitibus, et baronibus, et ministris, et omnibus fidelibus suis de Sumerset. salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse Deo et ecclesiæ sancti Andreae de Well. et Roberto episcopo ecclesias de Northcuri et de Perretona ad faciendum præbendas in ecclesia de Well. in perpetuam elemosynam. Quare volo et præcipio quod prædicta ecclesia Well. et Robertus et successores sui episcopi Bathon. teneant et habeant has præfatas ecclesias in præbendas liberas et quietas sicut habent alias præbendas suas. Test. H. episcopo Wint. et Ric. de Luci.

NUM. XV.

Carta Ricardi I. Regis quod Bathon. Episcopi habeant Mineriam de Plumbo.

[Ibid. p. 11.]

RICARDUS rex, &c. Sciatis nos concessisse Rain. Bath. episcopo et successoribus suis quod habeant mineriam de plumbo ubicunque eam invenire poterint in terris suis de Sumerset, libere, et quiete, et honorifice. Concedimus etiam eidem episcopo quod faciat burgum in terra sua de Radecliva habendum et tenendum sibi et successoribus suis in perpetuum, cum mercato, et cum omnibus aliis liberis consuetudinibus et libertatibus quas habet aliquod burgum in terra nostra de tota Anglia.

NUM. XVI.

Carta Ricardi I. Regis Rain. Bathon. Episcopo ad fugand. per Comitatum Somerset.

[Cart. Harl. antiq. Mus. Brit. 83. C. 10.]

RICARDUS Dei gratia rex Angliæ, dux Normanniæ, Aquitanniæ, comes Andegaviæ, archiepiscopis, episcopis, abbatibus, comitibus, baronibus, justiciariis, et omnibus baillivis et ministris suis, Francis et Anglis, salutem. Sciatis nos concessisse et præsentis carta nostra confirmasse Rain. Dei gratia Bathon. episcopo et ejus successoribus in perpetuum canes suos ad fugandum per totam Sumerset, sicut ipse vel aliquis antecessorum suorum eos unquam liberius habuit, videlicet ad capiendum

omnes bestias præter cervum et cervam, et damum et damam. Volumus etiam et concedimus quod ipse, et omnes successores sui, de omnibus bestiis in parcis suis fugatis si exierint, libere et quiete suum habeant percursum. Et ideo prohibemus ne quis prædictum episcopum vel successores suos super hæc in aliquo disturbet, super decem libras forisfacturæ. Hiis testibus, Bald. Cantuar. archiepiscopo; Hug. Dunelm. Hug. Coventr. episcopis; Willielmo Marescallo, Hug. Bard. Dat. per man. W. Eliensis electi cancell. nostri xxvi^{to}. die Novembris apud Cant. anno regni nostro primo.

NUM. XVII.

Carta Henrici Abbatis Glaston. de Ecclesia de Pilton, qua donationem a Roberto Abbate Ecclesiæ Wellensi factam, confirmat.

[Reg. Well. I. fol. 24. Hearn. ut supr. p. 232.]

OMNIBUS Christi fidelibus ad quos præsens scriptum pervenerit, Henricus Dei gratia abbas Glaston. et conventus ejusdem loci, salutem in Domino. Quia—ea, quæ ab antecessoribus nostris pia deliberatione facta fuerint, perpetuo debent stabilitate firmari: nos, vestigiis eorum inhærentes, donationem et concessionem, quam bonæ memoriæ Robertus, quondam abbas Glaston. de consensu capituli sui, fecit Deo et ecclesiæ sancti Andreæ in Wellia, de ecclesia de Pilton, ratam habemus et gratam, et eam præsentī carta nostra et sigillis nostris confirmamus in puram et perpetuam elemosynam, unanimi assensu concedentes, ut venerabilis pater noster, Reginaldus, Bathon. episcopus, et successores sui de prædicta ecclesia, cum omnibus pertinentiis, libertatibus, et liberis consuetudinibus suis, pro voluntate sua libere et quiete disponant et ordinent in perpetuum, sicut de aliis propriis ecclesiis suis et præbendis. Quod ut ratum sit et firmum, præsentī scripto, et sigillorum nostrorum munimine, duximus confirmandum. His testibus, domino Hugone Dunelmensi, domino Hugone Cestrensi episcopis, &c.

NUM. XVIII.

Carta Henrici Abbatis, qua Ecclesia de Pilton Ecclesiæ Wellensi concessit.

[Reg. Well. I. fol. 23. Hearn. ut supr. p. 233.]

OMNIBUS Christi fidelibus, ad quos præsens carta pervenerit, Henricus Dei gratia abbas Glaston. et ejusdem loci conventus, salutem in Domino. Noverit universitas vestra, nos, divinæ pietatis intuitu, dedisse et concessisse Deo et ecclesiæ beati Andreæ in Wellia, et venerabili patri nostro Reginaldo, Bath. episcopo, et ejus successoribus in perpetuum, ecclesiam de Pilton, cum omnibus pertinentiis, libertatibus, et liberis consuetudinibus suis, in puram et perpetuam elemosynam, ita ut ipse episcopus et omnes successores sui in perpetuum de prædicta ecclesia, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, libere et quiete disponant et ordinent pro voluntate sua, sicut de aliis propriis ecclesiis suis et præbendis. Quod ut ratum sit ac firmum, præsentī carta nostra et sigillorum nostrorum munimine duximus confirmandum. His testibus, domino Hugone Dunelm. domino Hugone Cestr. episcopis.

NUM. XIX.

Carta ejusdem de Ecclesia de Suthbrente Archidiacono Wellen. concessa.

[Reg. Well. I. fol. 41. Hearn. ut supr. p. 234.]

OMNIBUS Christi fidelibus, ad quos præsens carta pervenerit, Henricus Dei gratia abbas Glaston. et ejusdem loci conventus, salutem in Domino. Ad universitatis vestræ notitiam volumus pervenire, nos, divinæ pietatis intuitu, unanimi assensu dedisse et concessisse Deo et ecclesiæ beati Andreæ in Wellia, et venerabili patri nostro Reginaldo Bathoniæ episcopo, et successoribus suis in perpetuum, ecclesiam de Suthbrente,

cum omnibus pertinentiis, libertatibus, et liberis consuetudinibus suis, in puram et perpetuam elemosynam; ita ut quicumque fuerit archidiaconus Wellen. habeat ecclesiam illam in præbendam Wellen. et nobis et successoribus nostris, et conventui Glastoniæ faciat fidelitatem. Quod ut ratum sit et firmum, præsentī carta nostra, et sigillorum nostrorum munimine, duximus roborandum. His testibus domino Hugone Dunelm. &c.

NUM. XX.

Carta Reginaldi Bathon. Episcopi, qua Donationes ab Henrico de Ecclesiis de Pilton et Suthbrent confirmat.

[Ibid. Hearn. ut supr. p. 235.]

OMNIBUS sanctæ matris ecclesiæ filiis, ad quos præsens scriptum pervenerit, Reginaldus, divina miseratione Bathoniensis ecclesiæ minister, salutem in auctore salutis. Ad curæ pastoralis pertinet officium, ea, quæ ecclesiis pia devotione fidelium conferuntur, scripturæ testimonio roborare, ne in posterum valeant aliquorum malignitate divelli. In universitatis itaque notitiam venire volumus, nos ratam et gratam habere, et ea, quæ præeminemus, auctoritate confirmasse donationem, quam venerabilis frater noster Henricus abbas Glaston. assensu totius capituli sui, fecit Deo et sancto Andreæ, et ecclesiæ Wellensi de ecclesia de Pilton, et de ecclesia de Suthbrente, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, in liberam et puram elemosynam; statuentes ut ecclesia Wellensis habeat et teneat in perpetuum præfatas ecclesias adeo plenarie, integre, et libere, sicut aliquis eas noscitur possedisse. Quod ut ratum habeatur et firmum, præsentis scripti testimonio et sigilli nostri appositione duximus confirmandum. Si quis autem hanc donationem et confirmationis nostræ paginam in irritum revocare voluerit, et ecclesias præscriptas ab ecclesia Wellensi alienare præsumpserit, indignationem Dei omnipotentis et beati Andreæ apostoli et nostram incurrat. His testibus, &c.

NUM. XXI.

Carta Savarici de Ecclesia de Pilton concessa in usum communæ Wellen.

[Reg. Well. I. fol. 23. Hearn. ut supr. p. 236.]

OMNIBUS Christi fidelibus, ad quos præsens carta pervenerit, Savaricus, miseratione divina Bathon. et Glaston. episcopus, æternam in Domino salutem. Quia, sicut ait apostolus, 'Omnes stabimus ante tribunal Christi, recepturi, prout gessimus in corpore, sive bonum sive malum:' necessarium est nobis, in præsentī seminare, quod in futuro metere valeamus. De meritis igitur sanctorum mitissimi, beati Andreæ apostoli, licet immeriti confidentes, cupientes etiam ejus precibus Domino jugiter commendari, ecclesiam de Pilton canonicis in ecclesia Wellen. Deo servientibus, in augmentum communæ, provida deliberatione concedimus, et præsentis scripti munimine confirmamus. Statuentes, ut, cum dilectus filius noster, Rogerus Winton. archidiaconus, eam quocunque modo possidere desierit, pleno mox jure ad usus canonicorum devolvat. Volumus tamen, et præsentī scripto statuimus, ut in eadem ecclesia duo presbyteri honestæ et probabilis conversationis de eadem communā perpetuo sustententur, pro anima nostra, omniumque decessorum nostrorum, ac successorum nostrorum plenum defunctorum officium diebus singulis completuri, percepturi etiam de eadem communā, pro stipendiis suis, per annum uterque duas marcas et dimidiam, et communam panis sicut vicarii ipsius ecclesiæ. In anniversario quoque die obitus nostri centum pauperes reficientur in eadem ecclesia; et qui exequiis nostris, juxta morem ipsius ecclesiæ, interfuerint, pro laboris sui solatio, percipient de eadem communā, canonici quaternos denarios, vicarii binos. Ut autem hæc constitutio nostra perpetuum robur obtineat, eam præsentis scripti munimine duximus confirmandum. His testibus, Alexandro decano ipsius ecclesiæ; Willielmo præcentore; Thoma subdecano.

NUM. XXII.

*Carta Regis Johannis de patronatu Ecclesie Glaston.
Joscelino Episcopo Bathon. et Glaston. concessio.*

[Reg. Well. III. fol. 16, et fol. 339. Hearn. Ad. de Domerh. tom. i. p. 240. Vide Harl. MS. 6968, ex magno Libro Cartarum penes Dec. et Capit. Well. p. 47.]

JOHANNES Dei gratia rex Angliæ archiepiscopis, episcopis, &c. salutem. Sciatis nos intuitu Dei, et pro salute animæ nostræ liberaliter et pure concessisse et præsentī carta nostra confirmasse venerabili patri nostro Joscelino Bathon. et Glaston. episcopo et successoribus suis, quod si contigerit quod ecclesia Glaston. sub abbatis regimine debeat gubernari, idem episcopus et omnes successores sui in perpetuum habeant in liberam elemosynam patronatum ejusdem abbatiæ et pertinentiarum, cum omni jure, et cum omnibus dignitatibus, libertatibus, et liberis consuetudinibus ad patronatum pertinentibus. Quicumque vero inibi promotus fuerit ad regimen abbatiæ illius, recipiet de manu prædicti episcopi et successorum suorum temporalia, quæ regalia appellarentur, si ad nos pertineret patronatus, et ipsis, tanquam dominis et patronis ejusdem ecclesiæ, faciet fidelitatem de feodis quæ pertinebant ad abbatiam illam, facturus fidelitatem postea nobis et hæredibus nostris tanquam principibus, sed non propter feoda. Et idem episcopus et omnes successores sui in perpetuum, per manus suas nobis et hæredibus nostris facient servitium regale quod ecclesia Glaston. debuit et consuevit facere dum ibidem prius essent abbates. Abbas vero, qui pro tempore fuerit, faciet prædicto episcopo, et successoribus suis in perpetuum, tanquam dominis et patronis, servitia, quæ de feodis, quæ ad eum et abbatiam suam pertinebunt, nobis et hæredibus nostris debebuntur. Si vero contigerit abbas Glaston. decedere dum episcopatus Bathon. vacaverit, et in manu nostra, vel hæredum nostrorum extiterit aliquo tempore, nos et hæredes nostri custodiam habebimus ejusdem abbatiæ cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, quamdiu episcopatus Bathon. vacaverit, sicut aliarum abbatiarum regni nostri vacantium et ratione prædicti episcopatus vacantis cum assensu nostro, abbas ibi interim præficietur. Sed quotiens abbatiam illam vacare contigerit, non vacante sede episcopali, custodiam et ordinationem illius abbatiæ idem episcopus et successores sui habebunt libere et pacifice in perpetuum ut patroni; ita quod in ordinatione ipsius ecclesiæ de abbate vel abbatis electione, nec ante, nec post electionem abbatis regius requiretur assensus, sed totum ad episcopum pertinebit. Quare volumus et firmiter præcipimus quod prædictus episcopus et successores sui prædictum patronatum abbatiæ Glaston. cum custodia et ordinatione ejusdem, cum vacaverit, habeant et teneant in liberam elemosynam, libere, quiete, integre, plenarie, cum omnibus pertinentiis, dignitatibus, libertatibus, et liberis consuetudinibus suis in perpetuum, sicut prædictum est. Prohibemus autem, ex parte Dei omnipotentis, et beatæ Mariæ, et omnium sanctorum, et nostra, ne quis contra hanc piam et liberam concessionem et confirmationem venire præsumat: quod si quis fecerit, maledictionem Dei, et beatæ Mariæ, et omnium sanctorum et nostram incurrat. Test. Steph. Cant. archiepiscopo, dominis Willelmo London. Petro Wynton. Eustachio Elien. Ægidio Hereforden. Hugone Lincoln. episcopis, Willelmo Coventrensi et Ricardo Cicestrensi electis, W. Westmonast. R. de Rames. Henrico de Bello Loco, Reginald. abbatibus, W. comite Arundel. W. Comite Warenn. S. comite Wynton. W. comite de Ferrar. W. Bruer. Roberto de Ros, Johanne marescallo, Thoma de Erthyngton. Dat. per manum Ricardi de Marisco cancellarii nostri, apud Novum Templum London. ix^{no}. Januarii, anno regni nostri decimo sexto.

NUM. XXIII.

Confirmatio Regis Johannis super Unione Ecclesie Glaston. cum Ecclesia Bathon.

[Reg. Well. III. fol. 17. Hearn. ut supr. p. 238.]

JOHANNES Dei gratia rex Angliæ, dominus Hiber-

niæ, dux Normanniæ et Aquitanniæ, comes Andegaviæ, archiepiscopis, episcopis, abbatibus, comitibus, baronibus, justiciariis, vicecomitibus, præpositis, et omnibus ballivis, et fidelibus suis, salutem. Sciatis nos pro amore Dei, et pro salute animæ nostræ et animarum omnium antecessorum et successorum nostrorum, et de consilio venerabilium patrum domini Nicolai Tusculani episcopi, apostolicæ sedis legati, domini Stephani Cant. archiepiscopi, totius Angliæ primatis, et sanctæ Romanæ ecclesiæ cardinalis, Willelmi London. Petri Wynton. Eustathii Elien. Ægidii Hereforden. Hugonis Lincoln. episcoporum, abbatum, comitum, baronum, et aliorum fidelium nostrorum, et magnatum regni nostri, ad petitionem venerabilis patris Joscelini Bathon. et Glaston. episcopi, unioni Bathon. et Glaston. ecclesiarum, a sede apostolica factæ, necnon ordinationi ecclesiæ Glaston. et possessionum ad eandem ecclesiam pertinentium, distributioni inter bonæ memoriæ Savaricum Bathon. et Glaston. episcopum, et monachos præfatæ ecclesiæ, per venerabilem patrem Eustathium Eliens. episcopum, et foelicis recordationis Sampsonem abbatem sancti Edmundi, et Galfridum priorem sanctæ Trinitatis Cantuar. de assensu partium autoritate apostolica postmodum factæ et confirmatæ assensum nostrum et favorem perpetuum præbuisse benignius et præbere, et hac præsentī carta nostra duximus protestandum. Test. Willelmo Marescall comite Pembrok. Willelmo comite Warenn. Sahero comite Wint. Willelmo Brewer, Roberto filio Walteri, Joanne Marescall. et Thoma de Erdyngthon. Dat. per manum magistri Ricardi de Marisco, cancellarii nostri, apud Novum Templum London. vicesimo primo die Novembris, anno regni nostri decimo sexto.

NUM. XXIV.

Carta Joscelini Bathon. Episcopi de Manerio et Ecclesia de Wynescumbe, concessis in dotem Ecclesie Wellen.

[Reg. Well. I. fol. 50. Hearn. Ad. de Domerh. tom. i. p. 252.]

OMNIBUS Christi fidelibus, ad quos præsens scriptum pervenerit, Joscelinus Dei gratia Bathon. episcopus salutem in Domino. Noveritis nos, in dedicatione ecclesiæ nostræ Wellen. quam die sancti Romani, mense Octobri, anno incarnationis Dominicæ mcccxxxix. in honorem sancti Andreæ, apostolorum mitissimi, dedicavimus, dedisse et concessisse, et hac præsentī carta nostra confirmasse, pro nobis et successoribus nostris, in dotem eidem ecclesiæ nostræ, et decano et capitulo nostro Wellen. manerium de Wynescumbe, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, et ecclesiam ejusdem manerii cum suis pertinentiis, in proprios usus dictorum decani et capituli Wellen. cum vacaverit, ad augmentum communæ suæ convertenda, habend. et tenend. prædictis ecclesiæ decano et capitulo, in augmentum communæ suæ, dictum manerium de Wynescumb, et ecclesiam dicti manerii cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, in perpetuum, libere, quiete, integre, et pacifice, in puram, liberam, et perpetuam elemosynam, salva competenti et perpetua vicaria in eadem ecclesia, per nos vel successores nostros taxanda, ita quod valeat tantum quinque marcas annuas ad firmam, ad quam, quotiens vacaverit, decanus et capitulum Wellen. nobis et successoribus nostris, personam idoneam præsentabunt. Salvis etiam nobis et successoribus nostris servitiis tenentium et servitio militari de eodem manerio, una cum releviis, eschatetis, wardis, et secta ejusdem manerii ad hundredum nostrum de Banewell facienda. In cujus rei robur et testimonium præsentī scripto sigillum nostrum apponi fecimus. Datum Welliæ in crastino sancti Romani, anno incarnationis Dominicæ mcccxxxix. et pontificatus nostri anno xxxiv.

NUM. XXV.

*Statuta Jocelini, Episcopi Bathon. acta in Capitulo Wellen.
16 kal. Nov. 1242.*

[MS. Harl. Brit. Mus. 1682, fol. 1.]

OMNIBUS Christi fidelibus præsens scriptum visuris vel auditoris, Jocelinus Dei gratia Bathon. episcopus,

salutem in Domino. Postquam ad episcopatus officium nos promoveri permisit altissimus, omne studium adhibuimus, et adhuc adhibemus, ut cultus divini nominis, et decus ecclesiæ nobis commissæ, temporibus nostris cumuletur et amplietur, quicquid ad dispositionem, utilitatem, et ornatum ipsius respicit semper cogitantes, et ad effectum pro viribus nostris deducere festinantes. Ecclesiam S. Andreae Well. quæ periculum ruinæ patiebatur pro sua vetustate, cui, Domino Jesu Christo salvatore nostro permittente, præsidemus, ipsius auxilium invocantes, ædificare cœpimus et ampliare; in qua de sola sui gratia adeo profecimus, quod ipsam divinis precibus et sacris unctionibus, cum altaribus, vasis, et vestibus, et reliquiis, ad divinum cultum explendum, in eadem devote solempniterque consecravimus. Et quoniam ecclesias ædificantibus non solum de ædificio ipsiusque consecratione cogitandum est, verum etiam de ministrantium alimentis, cum communia ministrantibus in ecclesia prædicta, temporibus prædecessorum nostro assignata, tenuis fuerit et insufficiens, ipsam, benedictus Deus, temporibus nostris in multis ampliavimus, terras, ecclesias, et alia plura bona ad augmentationem commune conferendo; ita quod quotidianæ distributiones, quæ tantum præsentibus in villa conferuntur, inde poterunt bene augmentari, quod plenius fieri debere intendamus in conferendo. Nos igitur de consensu Johannis Sarraceni, decani, et capituli nostri Well. qui pure, et simpliciter, et absolute, de mera et spontanea voluntate sua nostræ super hoc se supposuerunt ordinationi et statuto, taliter ordinandum duximus et statuendum ut, cessante omnino de cætero modo et forma prioris distributionis communæ cotidianæ in pane de grangia, habeamus nos et successores nostri singulis diebus, quibus Well. venerimus, aut ibi fuerimus, aut inde recesserimus, octo denarios pro communia cotidiana, et quinque denarios pro pane, qui prius habere solebamus per diem sex denarios et quatuor panes albos. Quinque vero personæ, scil. decanus, præcentor, archidiaconus, cancellarius, et thesaurar. qui habere consueverunt per diem sex denarios pro communia cotidiana, et duos albos panes, et duos nigros, percipiant de cætero singulis diebus, quibus Well. venerint, illic fuerint, vel inde recesserint, octo denarios pro communia cotidiana, et quatuor denarios pro panē. Alii vero omnes canonici singulis diebus modo prædicto pro communia cotidiana percipiant quatuor denar. et pro pane duos denar. qui prius percipere consueverunt tres denar. et unum album panem et alium nigrum panem per diem. Vicarii vero, singuli, singulis diebus, pro communia panis, quam secunda die tantum de grangia percipere consueverunt, singulos percipiant denarios, dummodo matutinis et aliis horis canonicis interfuerint. Quod si non interfuerint, denarii careant perceptione, præter illos, quos ex causa legitima ab eo^a contigerit, dum tamen fuerint in villa, quibus decanus, vel subdecanus,^b relaxationem duxerit concedend. Cæteri vero omnes, qui ex quacunque causa integram communam panis singulis diebus habere solent de grangia, unum denarium percipiant per diem ea ratione, qua panem percipere consueverunt, et pro dimidia communa panis obulum. Si vero contigerit aliquando, quod absit, fructus vel redditus ad grangiam deputatos, de qua solet fieri panis distributio ad communam, ad dictam distributionem denar. pro pane per annum non posse sufficere, a tempore quo non suffecerint, usque ad finem ejusdem anni cesset omnino prædicta distributio denariorum pro pane, qui de grangia solvi solebat et debebat, quoad omnes, qui panem de grangia vel denarios pro pane solent percipere, quousque de grangia^c superioris vel aliunde provisum fuerit, unde plene per omnia perfici valeat dicta distributio denariorum pro pane de grangia. Speramus tamen, et firmam spem concipimus, quod cum ad manus decani et capituli plenarie pervenerint omnia, quæ ad dictæ communæ augmentum contulimus, et assignavimus, et corporali eorundem gavisi fuerint possessione, plene per omnia sufficient ad distributionem communæ cotidianæ

in forma prædicta faciendam. Et ad competens residuum inter personas et canonicos residentes, in villa distribuendum in fine anni. Ordinavimus etiam et statuimus, quod quicquid ultra distributionem communæ cotidianæ in forma præmissa de fructibus ipsius in fine anni superfuerit, inter personas canonicas in villa residentes distribuatur, et saltem^d instauris et aliis necessariis reddituum commune. Residentes autem interpretamur quoad participationem residui in fine anni omnes illos canonicos, qui per medium annum, sive continue sive interpolatim fecerint in villam residentiam, præter decanum, præcentorem, cancell. et thesaurar. quos interpretamur residentes, si per duas partes anni fecerint residentiam, sive continue, sive interpolatim. Hæc autem ordinamus, salvis in omnibus aliis per omnia unicuique, tam personæ quam simplici canonico, omnibus aliis rationabilibus petitionibus et consuetudinibus ecclesiæ Well. hucusque contentis.^e In cujus rei robur et testimonium præsentī scripto sigillum nostrum apponi fecimus, una cum sigillo Johannis Sarraceni, decani, et capituli Well. Act. in capitulo Well. sextodecimo kal. Nov. m^o.cc^o. quadragesimo secundo et pontif. nostri tricesimo septimo.

NUM. XXVI.

Super privatione Adriani, de custodia Temporalium concessa.

[Pat. 10 Hen. VIII. p. 2, m. 26. Rym. Fœd. tom. xiii. p. 622.]

REX omnibus ad quos &c. salutem. Sciatis quod, cum episcopatus Bathoniensis et Wellensis per privationem Adriani de Corneto tituli sancti Crisogoni nuper presbiteri cardinalis, cui tunc præerat, vacaverit, et modo vacans existit, nos, de gratia nostra speciali, ac ex certa scientia et mero motu nostris, dedimus et concessimus, ac per præsentēs damus et concedimus, reverendissimo in Christo patri Thomæ, miseratione divina, tituli sanctæ Ceciliæ sacrosanctæ Romanæ ecclesiæ presbitero cardinali, Eborum archiepiscopo, Angliæ primati, et apostolicæ sedis etiam de latere legato, necnon episcopatus Bathon. et Wellen. perpetuo Commendatorio, custodiam dicti episcopatus Bathon. et Wellen. ac omnium temporalium ejusdem, necnon omnium castorum, dominiorum, maneriorum, terrarum, tenementorum, reddituum, servitiorum, portionum, pensionum, annuitatum, et aliarum possessionum quarumcumque, eidem episcopatui qualitercumque pertinentium sive spectantium; concessimus etiam præfato reverendissimo patri domino Cardinali omnia et omnimodo feoda militum, servitia, warda, maritagia, et custodiam omnium hæredum quorumcumque tenentium episcopatus prædicti infra ætatem et custodiæ nostræ occasione prædictæ pertinentium, ac omnimodas escaetas omnium et singulorum tenentium episcopatus prædicti sive eidem episcopatui quovismodo pertinentium sive spectantium; habendam, percipiendam, gaudendam, et retinendam custodiam prædictam, ac omnia et singula præmissa, et eorum quodlibet, præfato reverendissimo patri et assignatis suis a tempore privationis prædicti Adriani nuper Bathon. et Wellen. episcopi, durante vacatione prædicta, et quamdiu ecclesiam prædictam de episcopo vacari contigerit, necnon quousque nos vel hæredes nostri temporalia episcopatus illius præfato reverendissimo patri restituerimus et liberaverimus, absque compoto seu aliquo alio onere nobis vel hæredibus nostris inde reddendo, seu faciendo, et adeo plene et integre prout nos ea omnia et singula haberemus si præsens concessio nostra ei inde facta non fuisset; concessimus etiam reverendissimo patri omnimodas advocaciones, donationes, præsentationes, nomenclationes, et collationes, ac incumbendum institutiones, ecclesiarum, abbatiarum, archidiaconatum, dignitatum, prioratum, collegiorum, hospitalium, heremitagiorum, capellarum, cantariarum, et aliorum beneficiorum ecclesiasticorum quorumcumque, de patronatu sive advocacione episco-

^a abesse. Wilk. Concil. ex Reg. Well.

^b Subdecanus vel alius loco eorum ex causa rationabili pro loco et tempore. Ibid.

^c gratia. Ibid.

^d salvis. Ibid.

^e obtentis. Ibid.

patus prædicti existentium quoquomodo durante vacatione prædicta vacari contingentium, habendas, conferendas, dandas, præsentandas, et instituendas ad libitum ipsius reverendissimi patris, absque impetitione nostri aut alicujus alterius personæ vice et nomine nostris vel pro nobis; et insuper concedimus præfato reverendissimo patri plenam potestatem et auctoritatem nominandi, faciendi, et constituendi omnes et singulos senescallos, ballivos, ministros, et alios officarios quoscumque episcopatus prædicti et omnium temporalium ejusdem, adeo libere prout nos eosdem officarios facere possemus si temporalia episcopatus prædicti in manibus nostris remansissent; et ulterius, de uberiori gratia nostra dedimus et concessimus ac per præsentem damus et concedimus præfato reverendissimo patri omnia et singula exitus, firmas, redditus, reventiones, et proficua omnium et singulorum temporalium et aliorum præmissorum quorumcumque, et cujuslibet inde parcellæ, a tempore privationis prædicti Adriani hucusque, et exnunc durante vacatione prædicta qualitercunque crescentia, provenientia, sive emergentia, habenda et percipienda tam per manus suas proprias et ministrorum suorum quam per manus nuper et nunc escaetorum, vicecomitum, senescallorum, ballivorum, firmariorum, receptorum, aut aliorum occupatorum temporalium prædictorum, et omnium et singulorum præmissorum, et cujuslibet inde parcellæ, ad usum proprium ipsius reverendissimi patris, absque compoto aut aliquo alio nobis inde reddendo seu faciendo, et absque perturbatione, molestatione, inquietatione, seu gravamine nostri vel hæredum nostrorum aut aliorum officiariorum nostrorum quorumcumque; et hoc absque aliquo feodo in Hanaperio cancellariæ nostræ solvendo; eo quod expressa mentio, &c. In cujus, &c. Teste rege apud Westmonasterium xxvi. die Augusti.

Per ipsum regem.

NUM. XXVII.

Prima Ordinatio Decanatus Wellensis.

[MS. Harl. 6964, p. 6, ex Reg. Joh. de Drokenesford Episcopi Bath. et Well. fol. 24.]

UNIVERSIS, &c. Robertus Bathon. eccl. minister humilis salutem in Domino. Nostri nos ammonet sollicitudo propositi de ecclesiarum nostrarum utilitate per omnia cogitare. Cum igitur ecclesiam Wellen. indebitis præposituræ oppressionibus supra modum afflictam invenimus et gravatam, communicato consilio archiepiscoporum, episcoporum, aliarumque religiosarum Angliæ personarum, exigentibus quoque ejusdem ecclesiæ canonicis, Decanum illic ordinavimus, concessis sibi dignitatibus, libertatibus, et consuetudinibus canonicis ecclesiarum Angliæ bene ordinatarum, et ne in eadem ecclesia pristina tribulatio locum denuo vendicaret, possessiones et prædia quæ ad eam fidelium sunt donatione devoluta in præbendas taliter distribuimus. De Wedmoreland vi. præbendas et Decanatum fecimus ut una, viz. Præbenda sit ecclesia de Wedmore cum appendiciis suis quam ad subdecanatum omni volumus tempore pertinere. Secunda vero præbenda sit terra de Bidesham, una duntaxat virgata excepta, quam præbendam ad reparandam ecclesiam sancti Andreæ et ornamenta emenda specialiter assignavimus, ut ipsa nichilominus præbenda vicarium debeat invenire. Reliquam terram de Wedmore cum Mudesleye et Merche, et cæteris pertinentiis suis, et virgatam terræ in Bidesham, superius exceptam, decanum perpetuo tenere statuimus, redditurum exinde iiij. canonicis annuatim xx. libr. singulis cent. solidos, et quicquid superesse contigerit suis usibus, cum ecclesia de Woky decanatus nomine noverit attributum. Luthunam unam præbendam esse volumus decanatu in perpetuum assignatam. Wichechurche unam præbendam. Dultinghot et Chellehot unam. Wrmestorre unam. Wandestreu unam. In Winesham quinque ut una sit ecclesia ejusdem fundi. Ipsa vero villa iii. præbendæ quam teneat unus canonicorum redditurus exinde annuatim duas præbendas singulas cent. solidorum residuo sibi in præbendam retento. Quinta autem præbenda sit Bromleya. Cumbam vero tanquam unam præbendam Reginaldo præcentori tota vita sua tenere

concessimus, memores beneficiorum quæ ab avunculo suo bonæ memoriæ Johanne episcopo ecclesiæ nostræ collata sunt. Post decessum enim Reginaldi tres præbendas et cantariam de villa ipsa faciendas decrevimus ad arbitrium episcopi et decani et totius capituli, ecclesia ejusdem villæ quintam nichilominus constituyente præbendam. Præterea pro remedio animæ nostræ necnon et decessorum vel successorum nostrorum dedimus beato Andreæ in Well. ecclesiam de Jatton in præbendam. Hiwys quoque in Brentemarshe et ecclesiam de Cumpton quas eidem sancto Andreæ integre et quiete in perpetuum dedimus patrimonium possidendas, in unam fecimus convenire præbendam. Dimidiam etiam hidam in Wetton cum virgata terræ quam jocundæ recordationis Giso episcopus dedit capellæ beatæ Mariæ, necnon et dimidiam hidam quam piæ memoriæ Godefridus episcopus ecclesiæ sancti Cuthberti contulisse noscitur in sua dedicatione, decimam quoque vini nostri memoratæ ecclesiæ sancti Andreæ concedimus. Et hac nostra auctoritatis pagina confirmamus amplius, ut nocturnæ canonicorum vigiliæ aliquod solatium sortiantur, de chirsetis et decimis ad sæpedictam sancti Andreæ ecclesiam pertin. panem fieri constituimus, canonicorum qui matutinis interfuerint usibus profuturum. Præscriptam ergo præbendarum distinctionem seu etiam donationem ut rata in posterum et illibata permaneat, sigilli nostri impressione signat. ad posterorum notitiam literis fecimus commendari, rogantes ut omnes qui in episcopatu nobis successuri sunt, quod a nobis pia prorsus et salubri provisione statutum est ratum habeant et inconvulsum perpetuo studeant servare quatenus a bonorum omnium retributore uberes exinde mercedes debeant expectare. Acta sunt hæc in præsentia J. Winton. episcopi, et postea subscript. testibus, confirmata, Will. Cantuar. et Thurstino Ebor. archiepiscopis, Rogero Sarum. et aliis.

NUM. XXVIII.

An Acte touching the Deane and Chapter of Welles, to be one sole Chapter of it selfe.

[Stat. 34, 35 Hen. VIII. ca. 15, edit. Berthelet, Lond. 1551, fol.]

WHERE before this time the chapter unto the See and Bishshoprike of Bathe and Welles was the deane and chapter of the cathedrall church of saint Andrewe of Welles in the countye of Somerset, and the late prior and covent of the late priorie or monasterye of the apostelles sainte Peter and Paule of Bathe, in the said countie of Somerset: by reason whereof al feoffementes, leases, grauntes, and estates, made of any of the manours, landes, tenementes, heredytamentes, fees, offices, or any other thyng belongyng or appertainyng unto the said see and bishoprike, or whereof the bishop of the said see of Bathe and Welles for the tyme beyng, was seised in the right of the said bishoprike, or goyng out of the sayd manours, landes, tenementes, or heredytamentes, belonging unto the said bishoprike, which shulde be good or of effecte in the lawe, to bynde his successors, in succession after the death of the said bishop of the said bishoprike for the tyme being grauntor, lessour, or givour of any of the premysses, as is aforesayde, ought to be made in writyng by the same bishop under his seale: and to be also by wrytyng sealed, as well with the common seale of the priour and covent for the tyme beyng of the said late priorie or monasterye of Bathe, as also with the chapter seale of the deane and chapter of Welles for the tyme beyng ratified, confirmed, and assented unto, whiche said priory or monasterye of Bath divers yeres now past, was and now is lawfully dissolved, extincted, and determined. And where as dyvers and sundrye gyftes, feoffementes, grauntes, leases, writynges, and other thynges have ben made in writyng sithen the dissolution of the sayde late priorye or monasterye of Bathe, of and in parcell of the premisses, or goinge out, or to be perceyued or taken of and in the same, by the nowe bishop of the said see and bishoprike. Whiche said gyftes, feoffementes, grauntes, leasses, writynges, and other thynges the said deane and chapitre of Welles, hath sith the makynge

thereof ratified and confirmed under theyr common seale, in due fourme after the law. And yet that not withstandinge there is and remayneth great doubte and question among divers persons, whether the confirmation or assent of the saide deane or chapiter of Welles, had and made by writynge under theyr chapiter seale, sythens the dissolution of the saied late priorie or monasterye be sufficient in the lawe, to make perfecte and good the same gyftes, feoffementes, grauntes, leases, writynges, and other thinges heretofore made by the said now bishop, to bynde him and his successours in succession or not: and also whether al giftes, feoffementes, grauntes, leases, writynges, dedes, actes, and other thynges hereafter lafully to be made in writynge, by the said nowe byshop, or any his successours, and sealed with the seale of the byshop of the said see, or bysshopryke for the tyme beyng, and confirmed, ratified, or assented unto by the saied deane and chapiter of Welles, under or with their chapiter seale, shalbe good and availeable in the lawe, to binde the saied bishop of the said see, or bishopryke for the tyme beyng in succession. In consideration wherof, and to thintent to avoide all ambiguities, doubttes, and questions, that may growe, come, ryse, or be in that behalfe; be it enacted, ordeyned, and establysshed, by the kyng our soveraygne lord, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this presente parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that all gyftes, feoffementes, grauntes, leases, writynges, dedes, and actes, made in writyng by the saied now bishop of the sayde see or bissopryke, under the seale of the same bishop, sithen the dissolution of the said late priorie, or monasterye of Bathe, or, at any tyme sithen the dissolution of the same late monasterye, and also all gyftes, feoffementes, grauntes, leases, dedes, writynges, and actes hereafter to be made in wrytinge by the bishop of Bathe and Welles for the tyme beyng, or any manours, landes, tenementes, heredytamentes, offices, fees, or any other thyng belongynge to the said bisshoprike or goynge out of the same, or in any wise touchynge or concernynge the same bysshoprike or see, and the same sealed by the said bysshop for the tyme being, and whiche at any tyme sythen the dissolution of the saied late monasterye have ben, or at any tyme hereafter shalbe ratified, confirmed, and assented unto by the deane and chapiter of Welles for the tyme beyng, in writyng under their chapiter seale, shall be good and effectuell in the lawe to all intentes and purposes, to binde, in succession, the successours of the saied bysshop for the tyme beyng, accordynge to the tenours, purportes, and effectes of the same gyftes, feoffementes, grauntes, leases, and other writynges, dedes, and actes, so made or hereafter to be made in writynge: any lawe, custome, or vsage heretofore used or had to the contrary notwithstanding.

And further be it enacted, by the auctoritie aforesaid, that the deane and chapiter of Welles aforesaid and their successour for the tyme beyng, shalbe from hensforth for ever excepted, taken, reputed, and adjudged, to bee the full, entier, and sole chapiter of the bishoprike of Bathe and Welles, and belongynge to the same bysshopryke, in full name, nature, and auctoritie, power, and qualitie, to all intentes, constructions, and purposes, as the sole chapiter of the same bishoprike.

Provyded alwayes, that this act, or any thyng therin contained, do not extende to binde any founder or givour of any manours, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes of the saied see and bishoprike, or therunto belonginge, of, for, or concernynge all such actions and sutes, as they or any of them may, shuld, or ought to have, by reason of any alienation in fee symple or fee taile, hereafter to be made of any of the manours, landes, tenementes, or heredytamentes of the saied see and bishoprike, or of any parte therof.

NUM. XXIX.

De scripto Episcopi Bathon. irrotulato pro Domino Rege.

[Rym. Fœd. tom. xv. p. 171, e Claus. 2 Edw. VI. p. 4, n. 2.]

OMNIBUS Christi fidelibus ad quos præsens scrip-

tum pervenerit, Willielmus, permissione divinâ, Bathon. et Wellen. episcopus, salutem. Sciatis me præfatum episcopum, tam in consideratione ecclesiæ et rectoriæ sancti Johannis Baptistæ Glastoniæ, ac rectoriæ seu capellæ sancti Benigni infra villam Glaston. necnon rectoriarum seu capellarum de Bradley, et Westpennard, ac ecclesiarum et rectoriarum de Northlode, Estbrent, Estpennard, et Weston, in comitatu Somersetiæ, ac advocacionum et jurium patronatum ecclesiarum illarum, ac etiam omnium glebarum, terrarum, tenementorum, decimarum, fructuum, pensionum, portionum, ac aliorum proficuorum, reventionum, emolumentorum, commoditatum, et possessionum quorumcumque, eisdem rectoriis seu earum alicui quoquomodo spectantium sive pertinentium, ac omnium aliarum decimarum in Bradleigh, in dicto comitatu Somersetiæ, quondam parcellarum possessionum nuper monasterii de Glastonbury, in dicto comitatu Somersetiæ, ac ecclesiarum et rectoriarum de Corston, Compton Dandon, et Castell Cary, in eodem comitatu Somersetiæ, ac advocacionum et jurium patronatum ecclesiarum illarum, ac omnium terrarum, glebarum, pensionum, portionum, decimarum, oblationum, ac aliorum proficuorum, reventionum, et emolumentorum quorumcumque, eisdem rectoriis, seu earum alicui spectantium vel pertinentium quondam parcellarum possessionum nuper prioratus de Bathe, in dicto comitatu Somersetiæ, per excellentissimum principem et dominum nostrum, dominum Edwardum sextum, Dei gratiâ, Angliæ, Franciæ, et Hiberniæ regem, fidei defensorem, et in terra ecclesiæ Anglicanæ et Hibernicæ supremum caput, michi et successoribus meis imperpetuum dandarum, concedendarum, et confirmandarum, quam pro aliis bonis et rationabilibus causis et considerationibus me ad præsens specialiter moventibus, dedisse, concessisse, et hoc præsentis scripto meo confirmasse præfato domino regi Edwardo sexto, omnia dominia et maneria mea de Claverton, Hampton, Lydeyard, Compton Magna, et Compton Parva, in dicto comitatu Somersetiæ, ac totum dominium et manerium meum de Poculchurch, et totum hundredum meum de Poculchurch, in comitatu Gloucestriæ, ac totum dominium et manerium meum de Chard, et burgum meum de Chard, in dicto com. Somersetiæ. Ac totum dominium et manerium meum de Westerleigh, in com. Glouc. ac maneria mea de Chedder et Hewysshe, in dicto com. Somers. cum eorum juribus, membris, et pertinentiis universis, ac totum illud messuagium meum vocatum Bathe Place, quondam vocatum le Myneryes, in parochia sancti Botolphi, extra Algate, London. ac totum scytum quondam hospitalis sancti Johannis Wellen. in dicto com. Somers. ac omnes illas firmas meas et hereditamenta mea de Westdowne, et Pynkesore in Westdowne, et Pynkesore, seu alibi, in dicto com. Somers. ac totam rectoriam meam de Evercreche, et advocacionem et jus patronatus vicariæ ecclesiæ parochialis de Evercreche in dicto com. Somers. ac omnia et singula mesuagia, terras, tenementa, molendina, prata, pasturas, boscos, subboscos, comunias, vasta, jumpna, brueria, mariscos, aquas, piscarias, redditus, revertiones, servitia, curias, letas, vis. franc. pleg. parcos, warrenas, et advocaciones ecclesiarum, ac omnia alia possessiones, reventiones, et hereditamenta mea, quæcumque in Claverton, Hampton, Lydeyard, Compton Magna, Compton Parva, Charde, Chedder, et Hewysshe, in dicto com. Somers. et in Poculchurch et Westerleigh, in dicto com. Glouc. ac alibi ubicumque, dictis dominiis et maneriis de Claverton, Lydeyard, Compton Magna, Compton Parva, Poculchurch, Charde, Westerleighe, Chedder, et Hewysshe, ac dicto hundredo de Poculchurch, et dicto burgh de Charde, seu eorum alicui quoquomodo spectantia vel pertinentia, aut ut membra vel parcellæ eorundem dominiorum et maneriorum, ac hundredi et burgi, seu eorum alicujus antehac habita, cognita, accepta, seu reputata, existentia, ac omnia alia mesuagia, terras, tenementa, molendina, prata, pasturas, boscos, subboscos, comunias, vasta, jumpna, brueria, mariscos, aquas, piscarias, redditus, revertiones, servitia, curias, letas, vis. franc. pleg. parcos, liberas warennas, et advocaciones ecclesiarum, ac omnia alia possessiones et hæreditamenta mea quæcumque in Claverton, Hampton,

Lodeyard, Compton Magna, Compton Parva, Charde, Chedder, Hewysshe, Axbridge, Stoke Gifford, civitate Bathon. in dicto com. Somers. et in Poculchurche et Westerleigh, in dicto com. Glouc. ac in parochia sancti Botolphi, extra Algate, London. ac in Towerstrete, Old Fisshestrete, et in Pater noster Rowe, in civitate Lond. nec non omnia mesuagia, terras, tenementa, redditus, reversiones, servitia, boscos, aquas, piscarias, comunias, vasta, janipna, brueria, ac alia jura, possessiones, et hæreditamenta mea quæcumque, quæ quondam fuerunt parcellæ possessionum nuper hospitalis sancti Johannis Wellen. scituati et existentis in burgo Wellen. et in Welles Forum, ac in Westdowne, Pynkesdowne, Evercreche, Est Walles juxta Wellen. et Sowthdewer, in dicto com. Somers. nec non reversiones quascumque omnium et singulorum præmissorum, superius per præsentis, ut præfertur, data et concessa, cum pertinentiis, ac redditibus, et annualia proficua quæcumque reservata super quibuscumque dimissionibus et concessionibus de eisdem præmissis, seu de aliqua inde parcella quoquomodo factis; habenda, tenenda, et gaudenda, prædicta dominia, maneria, hundreda, terras, tenementa, redditus, reversiones, servitia, libertates, privilegia, franchises, et cætera omnia præmissa superius, per præsentis, data et concessa, cum pertinentiis, præfato domino regi, hæredibus, et assignatis suis, ad proprium opus et usum ipsius domini regis, hæredum, et assignatorum suorum imperpetuum, et ego verò prædictus episcopus et successores mei prædicta dominia, maneria, hundreda, terras, tenementa, redditus, reversiones, servitia, et cætera omnia et singula præmissa cum pertinentiis, præfato domino regi, hæredibus, et assignatis suis, contra me præfatum episcopum et successores meos, warrantizabimus et imperpetuum defendemus per

præsentis; et ulterius, sciatis me præfatum episcopum dedisse et concessisse præfato domino regi omnia exitus, redditus, reversiones, et proficua omnium et singulorum prædictorum maneriorum, et cæterorum præmissorum superius expressorum et specificatorum, ac per præsentis, ut præfertur, datorum et concessorum, cum pertinentiis, a festo sancti Michaelis archangeli ultimò præterito hucusque provenientia sive crescentia, habenda eidem domino regi absque compoto seu aliquo alio proinde michi præfato episcopo, quoquomodo reddendo, solvendo, vel faciendo.

In cujus rei testimonium huic præsentis scripto meo sigillum meum apposui. Dat. vicesimo die Maii, anno regni domini regis nunc Edwardi sexti secundo.

Et nos decanus et capitulum ecclesiæ cathedralis sancti Andreæ Wellen. scriptum prædictum, ac omnia et singula in eodem scripto expressa et specificata, quantum pertinet ad prædictum episcopum in præmissis, pro nobis et successoribus nostris ratificamus, approbamus, et confirmamus per præsentis; salvis semper nobis et successoribus nostris toto jure, titulo, et interesse quæ ad præsens habemus, de et in ecclesiis, rectoriis, ac advocationibus ecclesiarum et vicariarum de Cheddre et Lydearde episcopi in com. Somers. ac rectoriæ et advocationis vicariæ de Poculchurch, in com. Glouc. ac omnibus aliis terris, tenementis, et franchises nostris, in villis seu parochiis in dicto scripto dicti episcopi expressis et specificatis, existentibus.

In cujus rei testimonium præsentibus commune sigillum nostrum apposuimus. Dat. in domo nostra capitulari vicesimo primo die Maii, anno regni dicti domini Edwardi sexti, Dei gratia, Angliæ, Franciæ, et Hiberniæ regis, fidei defensoris, et in terra ecclesiæ Anglicanæ et Hibernicæ supremi capitis, secundo.^a

VALOR ECCLESIASTICUS TEMP. HEN. VIII.

(Abstract of Return, 26 Hen. VIII. First Fruits Office.)

ECCLESIA CATHEDRALIS STI. ANDREÆ WELLEN’.

Com’ Somers’			£.	s.	d.
Northcory	. . . . .	Reddit’ Assis’	48	11	4
-	- - - - -	Perquis’ Cur’ et al’ Casual’ ibm	1	6	0
-	- - - - -	Fin’ Terr’ ibm	4	0	0
-	- - - - -	Hundredum	2	15	0
Estecory	. . . . .	Reddit’ Assis’	50	10	6 ob’
-	- - - - -	Perquis’ Cur’	1	14	3
-	- - - - -	Fin’ Terr’ ibm	3	0	0
West Haiche	. . . . .	Reddit’ Assis’	11	9	9
-	- - - - -	Perquis’ Cur’ et al’ Casual’ ibm	1	6	4
-	- - - - -	Fin’ Terr’ ibm	2	0	0
Wrentyche	. . . . .	Reddit’ Assis’	26	14	5
-	- - - - -	Perquis’ Cur’ et al’ Casual’ ibm	0	17	10
-	- - - - -	Fin’ Terr’ ibm	3	0	0
Knapse	. . . . .	Reddit’ Assis’	19	8	1 ob’ q’
-	- - - - -	Perquis’ Cur’	0	18	7 ob’
-	- - - - -	Fin’ Terr’ ibm	2	0	0
Wýnnescombe	. . . . .	Reddit’ Assis’	55	4	5 ob’
-	- - - - -	Perquis’ Cur’ et al’ Casual’ ibm	1	8	1 ob’
-	- - - - -	Fin’ Terr’ ibm	6	0	0
Shepham	. . . . .	Redd’ Assis’	5	15	10

^a Et memorandum quòd tam præfatus episcopus quàm præfati decanus et capitulum, vicesimo septimo die Septembris, anno supra-scripto, venerunt coram Willielmo Hartgill, commissionario dicto domini regis, in domo capitulari decani et capituli Wellen. prædicta, assignato, et recognoverunt scriptum prædictum, ac omnia et singula in eodem contenta in forma prædicta.

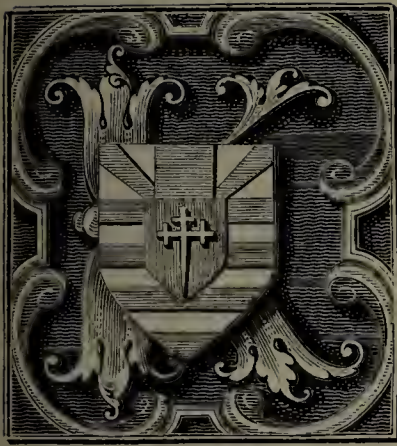
Com' Somers'		£.	s.	d.
Shepham	Perquis' Cur' et al' Casual' ibm	0	3	9ob'
- - - - -	Fin' Terr' ibm	0	10	0
Edyston	Reddit' Assis'	4	17	1
Alverton	Redd' Assis'	18	10	4
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'	1	18	4
- - - - -	Fin' Terr'	2	10	0
Lovyngton	Reddit' Firm'	3	6	8
Byckenalre	Redd' Assis'	20	2	0ob'
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'	0	19	4ob'
- - - - -	Fin' Terr'	2	0	0
Estelambroke	Redd' Assis'	8	9	0
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'	0	5	1ob'
- - - - -	Fin' Terr'	1	10	0
Okehampton	Redd' Firm' Maner'	5	0	0
Welles Petrierum	Redd' Assis' cum Firm' Terr' Dñic'	2	19	6
Novum Opus. Bekynton in Wellia	Redd' Assis'	14	6	8
Wellen'	Redd' Assis'	99	17	5ob'
Wroxall	Redd' Assis'	0	6	0
Bydesham	Redd' Assis'	11	0	11
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'	0	11	6
- - - - -	Fin' Terr'	1	0	0
Westmere	Redd' Assis'	3	11	2
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'	0	2	3ob'
Spiritualia.				
Northcory	Parsonat'	23	6	8
Estecory	Parsonat'	28	0	0
Westhaiche	Parsonat'	7	0	0
Wynnescomb	Parsonat'	16	0	0
Lovyngton	Parsonat'	3	10	0
Stoke Gummer	Parsonat'	33	7	7
Whitechurche, viz.	Redd' Firm' Decimar' Predial' &c.	21	19	4
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur' et al' Casual'	0	15	6
- - - - -	Fin' Terr'	1	0	0
Buckelond Abbott	Parsonat'	10	9	8ob' q'
Southbarow	Parsonat'	1	13	4
Chedder	Redd' Firm' Decim' Predial' &c.	26	5	8
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur' et al' Casual'	0	12	10ob'
- - - - -	Fin' Terr'	1	0	0
Mudford	Parsonat'	17	3	4
Burneham, viz.	Redd' Firm' Decim' Predial' &c.	24	1	4
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur' et al' Casual'	0	3	4
Congaresbury	Parsonat'	26	1	4
Pokulchurch Parsonat', viz.	Redd' Firm' Decim' Predial' &c.	26	6	8
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur' et al' Casual'	0	4	3
- - - - -	Fin' Terr'	0	3	0
Parsonat' de Lydeyarde Epi, viz.	Redd' Firm' Decim' Predial' &c.	25	19	8
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur' et al' Casual'	0	7	2
Grangia Canonicorum	Redd' Firm' Decim' Predial' &c.	43	15	8
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur' et al' Casual'	0	1	6
Barlyche	Pencio de Priore	13	18	6
Brewton	Pencio de Abbate	2	2	8
Wurspryng	Pencio de Priore et Conventu	5	13	4
Staverdelle	Pencio de Priore de Taunton	1	10	0
Priorat' Sancti Marci Bristoll'	Pencio de Priore	2	13	4
Priorat' Sancti Johis Bristoll'	Pencio de Priore	1	10	0
Capella Beate Marie Wellen'	21	2	0
Capella Sancti Martini ibidem	6	1	8
Fabrica Eccl' Wellen'	32	9	5ob'

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Winchcombe Abbey,

IN

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.



ING Offa is said to have built a Nunnery here in the year 787; in the room of which, A.D. 798, Kenulph king of Mercia laid the foundation of a stately abbey, wherein, at its first foundation, no fewer than three hundred monks were maintained.^a He com- mended it to the protec- tion of the blessed Virgin Mary.^b The particulars and Charter of Kenulph's

foundation will be found in the Appendix of Instru- ments.^c At the time of the dedication, Kenulph is said to have released at the high altar, the king of Kent, whom he had newly taken prisoner.^d In process of time this monastery came into the possession of secu- lars, or otherwise was almost wholly decayed, when, A.D. 985, Oswald bishop of Worcester reformed the discipline and recovered the lands of this religious house, which appears then, or subsequently, to have

been dedicated to St. Kenelm (the son of Kenulph), as well as to the Virgin Mary.^e The History of Ramsey Abbey, printed in Gale's XV. Scriptores, places Oswald's foundation before the year 974.

ABBATS.

LIVINGUS, abbat of Winchcombe, occurs among the witnesses to Bertulph's Charter, granted to the abbey of Croyland in 851.^f

GERMANUS is stated to have been the first abbat upon Oswald's foundation.^g He had before been prior of Ramsey.^h

GODWINE occurs as abbat in 1044, in a Charter granted by King Edward the Confessor to the mo- nastery of St. Peter at Ghent.ⁱ He is supposed to be the same person whom Stubbs calls EADWINE.^k Flo- rence of Worcester places his death in the month of October, 1053; and adds that after his death Aldred bishop of Worcester kept the abbey in his own hands for a considerable time^l: at last appointing

GODRIC, the king's chaplain, the son of Godman,

^a See Num. IV. Matthew of Westm. edit. Francof. 1601, p. 153, says, "Kenulphus pater Kenelmi, fundavit abbatiam de Winchelcomba sufficienter ad 200. sustentandos monachos." Rudder, Hist. Glouc. p. 825, says, it is supposed that not more than forty or fifty of them were in holy orders, the rest working to supply the priests and themselves in all necessities that might be wanting.

^b Compare Num. I.

^c Numm. I. III. IV.

^d So, Matthew of Westminster, "Anno gratiæ 798. Kinulfus rex Merciorum, Cantia provinciam hostiliter perlustrans, prædatus est, regemque eorum Eadbertum cognomine Pren, viribus sibi imparem comprehendit, et vinctum secum cum victoria reduxit. Sed non multo post, quum apud Winchelcumbam ecclesiam, quam fundave- rat, fecit dedicari, ipsa consecrationis die, regem captivum ante altare manumittens libertate donavit. Aderat ibi Cuthredus quem Kinulfus rex præfecerat Cantuaritis, loco Eadberti supradicti."

In respect of the dedication of the church, Matthew of Westmin- ster is more particular than Malmesbury, whose account is quoted in the Appendix, Num. I. Matthew of Westminster says, "Basilica plausibus resonabat, platea discursibus fremebat, quod illuc in con- ventu xiii. episcoporum et decem ducum nullus largitatis pastus est repulsam, dum singuli reffectis marsupiiis, hinc abibant. Nam præter illa xenia, quæ optimates susceperant inestimabilis pretii et numeri, in utensilibus, vestibus, equis electissimis, omnibus qui agros non habebant libram argenti, presbyteris marcam auri, monachis solidum unum, et postremo multa universo populo erogavit. Monasterium quoque tam magnis ampliavit redditibus, quod hoc tempore incredi- bile videatur. Mat. Westm. ut supr. p. 151. Compare the Append. Num. V. "De prædiis, dominiis, et possessionibus per beatissimum regem Kenulphum Winchelcumbensi monasterio collatis."

^e Tanner, Notit. Mon. Annal. Wigorn. Angl. Sacr. tom. i. p. 473, Dugdale has given Leland's Excerpts relating to the legend of St. Kenelm's life. The following is Matthew of Westminster's account: "Anno gratiæ 821. Kenulfo rege Merciorum defuncto, corpus ejus apud Winchelcombam sepulturam accepit. Successit ei in regnum Kenelmus filius ejus, quem pater ejus septennem Quendridæ sorori suæ commendaverat nutriendum. Hæc autem falsa regnandi cupiditate seducta, fratruelem de medio tollendum satelliti cuidam, qui alumnus illius fuerat, commendavit. Is insontem puerum, quasi venatum du- cens, inter fruteta occultavit, capite obruncato. Et mirum dictu,

quod res tam cælate in Anglia perpetrata, Romæ innotuit divinitus revelata. Siquidem super altare beati Petri apostolorum principis charta quædam perferente candida columba cadens, necis sancti Ke- nelmi regis et martyris, et sepulchralis loci, per ordinem index fuit. Quæ schedula, quoniam Anglicis et aureis literis fuerat exarata, a Romanis et aliis qui aderant clericis, papa jubente, frustra legi tentatur. Sed salubriter angelus illis astitit, qui Latinae linguæ schedulam invol- vens, fecit ut Romani pontificis epistola regibus Anglis compatriotam martyrem indicaret. Habebatur autem inter cætera contentum in charta: *In klenc kau bathe Kenelm kynebearne lith under thorne heaved by reaved.* Quod Latine sonat, *In clenc kou bath*, id est, In pastura vaccarum, Kenelmus regis filius jacet sub spina, capite pri- vatus, juxta caput. Igitur (ut dictum est) corpore beati martyris regi- bus Angliæ mirabiliter patefacto, frequenti cœtu clericorum et magna- tum, puerile corpus de spelunca levatum, apud Winchelcumbam vehe- batur. Paricida, sive potius fratricida fœmina nitebatur, clericorum cantu ac laicorum, alacri plausu, propter tanti martyris inventionem commota, e fenestra cœnaculi, in quo stabat caput extulit, et forte psalmum, 'Deus laudem meam ne tacueris,' decantabat, quem a fine, nescio quo præstigio, retrogade dicens, nitebatur cantantium lætitiâ infirmare. Cumque illa à fine usque ad hunc versum, 'Hoc opus eorum, qui detrahunt mihi apud Dominum,' pervenisset; ambo ejus oculi a sedibus suis evulsi continuos super ipsam, quam legebat paginam corruerunt. Adhuc autem psalterium illud, argento fabrefactum et lapsorum luminum cruore madefactum, hujus correctionis præbet indicium. De hujus quoque sancti martyrio quidam sic ait,

'In clenc, sub spina, jacet in convalle bovina,

Vertice privatus, Kenelmus rege creatus.'

Mat. Westm. edit. Francof. 1602, pp. 153, 154.

^f Hist. Ingulphi, edit. Gale, p. 15. He is also noticed by Willis, Mit. Ab. vol. i. p. 209.

^g Will. Malmesb. fol. 161. "Oswaldus episcopus clericos ejecit et monachis introductis Germanum abbatem constituit. Hist. Rames. l. i. c. 21, inter Script. xv. p. 400. See also pp. 412, 429.

^h Hist. Rames. ut supr.

ⁱ Mon. Angl. former edit. tom. ii. p. 901.

^k Actus Pontif. Eborac. Script. x. Twysd. col. 1701.

^l Flor. Wigorn. edit. Francof. 1602, p. 629.

abbat, A.D. 1054.^a This Godric is also called EADRICUS. He appears to have opposed the Norman invasion in 1066; in consequence of which he was deprived of his abbacy by the Conqueror, who afterwards kept him a close prisoner in Gloucester castle, committing the charge of Winchcombe monastery to the abbat of Evesham, till such time as a Norman of the name of

GALANDUS was appointed abbat.^b This abbat is said to have died in 1074: though, from other authority, he appears to have attended the council held at London in 1075.^c

RADULFUS succeeded to the abbacy in 1077.^d

It was in the time of this abbat that the Domesday Survey was taken, A.D. 1087; whence it appears that Winchcombe abbey held, in *Oxfordshire*, twenty-four hides of land at Henestan, and one at Cestitone. In *Gloucestershire*, thirty hides at Scireburne, seven at Bladintun, three hides at Tveninge, one hide at Freolintune, two hides and a half at Aldritone, three hides and a half at Niwetone, three hides at Stantone, two at Carleton, seven at Snaweshille, ten hides at Heniberge, three hides and a half at Edelmintone, two hides in Hidicote, and three and a half in Wenric. In *Warwickshire* the abbey held six hides in Alne.

The total number of hides held by the abbey of Winchcombe at the time of the Survey was a hundred and nine; including seventy-eight in Gloucestershire. A subsequent entry in the Survey states that, in the time of King Edward, the abbey was assessed in Gloucestershire for sixty hides only. The rental, at the time of the Survey, appears to have produced eighty-two pounds.^e

It was in this abbat's time, also, on the ides of October 1091, that the church of Winchcombe was struck by lightning.^f

Abbat Radulfus died in 1095. In which year

GYRMUND, a monk of Gloucester, was made abbat. He died on the 4th of the ides of June, 1122.

GODEFRID, prior of Winchcombe, was the next abbat; succeeding immediately upon Gyrmund's death. The manuscript Annals of Winchcombe, formerly preserved among the Cotton manuscripts, placed his death on the nones of March, 1138. The Annals of Tewkesbury say in 1137. The continuator of Florence of Worcester says in 1136.^g

ROBERT, a monk of Cluny, related to King Stephen, received the benediction as abbat from Simon bishop of Worcester on the 11th of the kalends of June, 1138.^h In his time, on the 4th of the kalends of October, 1151, the abbey was destroyed by fire.ⁱ On the 8th of the kalends of February following abbat Robert died.^k

WILLIAM, a monk of Christ church Canterbury, succeeded in 1152.^l

GERYASE, a monk of Winchcombe, was made abbat in 1157. He died in 1171.^m

HENRY, prior of Gloucester, succeeded in 1171. He died in 1181.ⁿ

CRISPIN, prior of Winchcombe, succeeded as abbat in 1181.^o He died in 1182.

RADULPHUS, or RALPH, succeeded in 1183.^p He died in 1194.^q

ROBERT, monk of Winchcombe, became abbat in 1194.^r He died on the 6th of the ides of June, 1221.^s

THOMAS, prior of Winchcombe, succeeded in 1221.^t He died on the 5th of the nones of October, 1232.^u

HENRY DE TUDINTON, sacrist of the monastery, was installed abbat Oct. 29th, 1232.^x He died in the year 1247. He was succeeded in the same year by

JOHN YANWORTHE, whom Willis calls JOHN DE YARMOUTH, or GANEWORTH. This abbat presided at the chapter of the Benedictine order held at Oxford in 1271. He resigned his abbacy in 1282: two years after which he died.^y

WALTER DE WYKEWANE, cellerar of Winchcombe, succeeded to the abbacy in 1282.^z His constitutions for the government of the monastery will be found in the Appendix of Instruments.^a It was during this abbat's time that the church of Endstone in Oxfordshire was appropriated to the abbey, A.D. 1308.^b

THOMAS DE SHIREBURN became abbat, on the death of Wykewane, in 1314. The temporalities were restored to him July 10th, 8 Edw. II. His successor was

RICHARD DE IDEBURY, or YDEBURY, sacrist of the monastery; to whose election the king gave his consent 14th June, 1315.^c He died in 1339.

WILLIAM DE SHIRBURN was chosen abbat early in 1340; on the 28th of April, in which year the temporalities of the monastery were restored to him.^d

ROBERT DE YPEWELLA, or IPPEWELLE, was confirmed abbat Sept. 24th, 1352.^e He resigned A.D. 1359, 34 Edw. III.^f

WALTER DE WINFORTON, or WINFORTUNE, cellerar of the church of Worcester, succeeded to the abbacy on Yppewell's cession. He died June 22d, 1395:^g and was succeeded on July 6th following by

WILLIAM BRADELEY, to whom the temporalities of the monastery were restored July 24th.^h He died December 28th, 1422.

JOHN CHELTENHAM was elected abbat Jan. 15th following: receiving the benediction in the cathedral of Worcester on the 8th of March. Willis is wrong in placing abbat Cheltenham's death in 1452. He died in 1454.

WILLIAM WINCHECOMBE, his successor, received the benediction as abbat at Alvenchurch Dec. 21, 1454. Leland says, "In K. Hen. V. tyme, the paroch chyrch of the towne [of Winchcombe] was kept in the body of the church of the monastery. But in K. Hen. VI. tyme, one William Winchecombe, abbot of Winchelescombe, began with the consent of the towne a paroch church at the west ende of the abbey, where of ould tyme had beene and then was a litle chappell of St. Pancrace. Abbot William made the east ende of the church. The parishioners had gathered a 200*l.* and began the body

^a Compare Sim. Dunelm. Script. x. Twysd. col. 187. Stubbes, *ibid.* col. 1701, calls him Bodricus.

^b See Num. V.

^c Kennett, MS. Diptycha.

^d *Ibid.*

^e Compare Num. VI.

^f A.D. 1091. "Idibus Octobris feria iv. turrim Wincelcumbensis ecclesiæ vehemens ictus fulminis concutiens, unamque de trabibus discidit, caputque imaginis Christi fortiter percussus in terram dejecit, et crus ejus dextrum fregit. Imago etiam sanctæ Mariæ quæ juxta crucem stabat, ictu percussa ad terram decidit. Magnus deinde fumus cum nimio foetore subsecutus, totam ecclesiam replevit; et tam diu duravit, quoad loci illius monachi, cum aqua benedicta et incensu et reliquiis sanctorum officinas monasterii, psalmos decantando, circumirent." Sim. Dunelm. Script. x. Twysd. col. 216. See also Chron. Jo. Brompton, *ibid.* col. 987. Henr. de Knyghton, *ibid.* col. 2364. Rob. Glouc. edit. Hearne, vol. ii. p. 415.

^g Kennett, *ut sup.*

^h A.D. 1138. "Duæ quoque dantur abbatia, una Wincelcumbæ cuidam Cluniacensi monacho (ut ferunt) regis propinquo, nomine Roberto, altera S. Mariæ Eboraci ejusdem ecclesiæ cuidam monacho. Quorum unus, scilicet Wincelcumbensis electus, die Pentecostes xi. cal. Junii, a venerando præsule Simone, abbas Wincelcumbensis ecclesiæ ordinatur Wigornia." Contin. ad Florentium. *ut sup.* p. 668.

ⁱ Kennett, *ut sup.* from the Annals of Winchcombe.

^k *Ibid.* Willis, Mit. Ab. vol. i. p. 211, says he died in 1157; which is improbable.

^l Kennett, from the Annals of Winchcombe.

^m *Ibid.*

ⁿ Annal. Wigorn. Angl. Sac. tom. i. p. 477.

^o "Anno MCLXXXI. Successit Crispinus ejusdem loci prior, et benedicitur Wigornia in translatione S. Wlstani. Sacrista accepit capam cum vestimento; et misit conventui per celerarium suum xl. solidos." Annal. Wigorn. *ibid.*

^p Annal. Teokesbur.

^q Kennett, MS. Diptycha.

^r See Num. XII.

^s Annal. Wigorn. p. 485.

^t Annal. Teokesbur. Pat. 5 Hen. III. m. 2.

^u Kennett, MS. Diptycha.

^x Annal. Teokesbur.

^y Of his good deeds see App. Num. XII.

^z Annal. Wigorn. p. 506.

^a Num. IX.

^b Pat. 2 Edw. II. p. 2.

^c Pat. 9 Edw. II. p. 2.

^d Pat. 14 Edw. III. Bishop Kennett says, "Is apud episcopum graviter accusatus, haud sponte se munere abdicavit," quoting Reg. Thoresb. as his authority.

^e Willis, Mit. Ab. vol. i. p. 212.

^f See Num. XII.

^g Kennett, MS. Diptycha. Warton. in the Hist. of Kiddington, edit. 1815, p. 34, says, a large barn, or granary, of stone, still remains at Enstone in Oxfordshire, with this ancient memorial carved in Gothic letters: "Ista grangia facta et fundata fuit A.D. M.CCC.LXXXII. per WALTERUM DE WYNIFORTON abbatem de Wynchecumbe ad exoracionem Roberti Mason ballivi istius loci."

^h Pat. 19 Ric. II. p. 1.

of the church; but that summe being not able to performe soe costly a work, Rafe Boteler Lord Sudeley helped them and finished the worke."^a Abbat Winchcombe died A.D. 1474.

JOHN TWYNNYNGE received the benediction as abbat Aug. 22, 1474. He died in the house of the Carmelites at Oxford in 1488.^b

RICHARD KYDERMINSTRE was confirmed abbat July 10th, 1488. He had been educated in Gloucester college, where there was an apartment belonging to the abbey called Winchcombe Lodging. Willis says, "he was a learned man, and by his wise government, and his encouragement of virtue and good letters, made the monastery flourish so much that it was equal to a little university." An. 1500, he travelled to Rome, and became afterwards a celebrated preacher. In the year 1515, the privileges of the clergy being attacked, he preached a remarkable Sermon on that account, showing that it was against the Law of God, who, by his prophet David, says, 'Touch not my Anointed, and do my prophets no harm.'^c

Leland says, he "did great cost of the church, and enclosed the abbey towards the towne with a maine stone-wall ex quadrato saxo."^d

Abbat Kyderminstre wrote a valuable history of the foundation of his monastery, together with the lives of the Abbats from Germanus to his own time. This book was unfortunately lost in the fire of London, A.D. 1666. Dugdale, however, had previously made some extracts from it.^e

To the notice of his works already mentioned, Wood adds 'Tractatus contra Doctrinam M. Lutheri,' finished in 1521.

The Cotton manuscript Nero B. vi. contains a Latin letter from our abbat to Cardinal Wolsey, congratulating him upon his appointment to the see of York, written in a high-flown style of flattery.

"As for our learned and curious author, Richard Kedermyster," says Wood, "he gave way to fate, to the great reluctancy of all that knew the virtue and piety of the man, in fifteen hundred thirty and one, or thereabouts; and was buried in his own church of Winchcombe abbey."^f

He was succeeded by

RICHARD ANCELME, ANSTELME, or MOUNSLOW, the last abbat; who subscribed to the king's supremacy A.D. 1534. After which, with his monks, he surrendered his abbey into the hands of the King's visitors, Dec. 3d,

^a Lel. Itin. vol. iv. p. 74, edit. Oxf. 1769. ^b Wood. Ath. Ox.

^c Mit. Ab. vol. i. p. 212. ^d Itin. ut sup.

^e See Numm. III. IV. V. VII. Wood says, "This Register of Winchcombe, containing at least five books, or parts, came, after the dissolution of the abbey there, into obscure hands. At length, it being produced by an ordinary farmer at an assize held at Gloucester, for the proof of some matter then in question, at which Sir William Morton, lord of the site of Winchcombe abbey, was present; he, by some device, got it out of the farmer's hands, as belonging more properly to him, and kept it sometimes in his house at Kidlington in Oxfordshire, and sometimes in his lodgings at Serjeants Inn in Fleet Street, London. But so it was, that the said Sir William, who was one of the justices of the King's Bench, being in his Norfolk circuit, at what time the dreadful conflagration of London happened, (which was Sept. 2, 3, &c. 1666,) the said book, with other of his goods, and the Inn itself, was totally consumed to ashes. Whether there be any other copy left, I am not certain: sure it is, that Dr. Samuel Fell of Christ Church in Oxon. had a copy of it (written either in vellum or parchment) about 1630, as by some notes taken thence (as then remaining in his custody,) which I have seen, doth manifestly appear; but from whence he had it, or to whom it did afterwards return, (for I think he borrowed it) I know not. Sir William Morton also showed to me in his house at Kidlington several extracts made from that copy, which was sometimes in his hands written by one of his clerks, but, in many material things false. Which extracts are I presume in the hands of his son Sir James Morton." Ath. Ox. edit. Bliss, vol. i. 4to. Lond. 1813, col. 63.

^f Ath. Ox. ut sup. Warton. Hist. Engl. Poet. vol. ii. p. 447, says, His erudition is attested in an epistle from the university of Oxford to King Henry the Eighth. Longland, bishop of Lincoln, the most eloquent preacher of his time, in the dedication to Kyderminstre of five quadragesimal sermons delivered at court, and printed by Pinson in 1517, insists largely on his *singularis eruditio*, and other shining qualifications.

^g Mit. Ab. vol. i. p. 213. The pensions, as originally assigned, according to Willis, *ibid.* Addit. p. 71, were as follows:

"Richarde Mounsflowe late abbotte, 140*l.* and 40 lodes of firewood of Depewode yerelie, by th' assignement of the receiver for the tyme being. John Hancock prior, sexten, and master of the chappell, 8*l.* Will. Craker sen. and chaunter, Will. Blossom sen. almenor and pi-

A. D. 1539, when he obtained a pension of 160*l.* per annum. This, in the time of Philip and Mary, had been lessened to 120*l.* per annum; Willis supposes, on account of his having had some preferment given to him to quit his pension in part.^g

Sir Robert Atkyns says, "The town of Winchcomb, with the hundreds of Kiftsgate, Holford, and Gretesden, were let to ferm to the abbat of Winchcomb, 8 Hen. III. The inheritance of Winchcomb town and Kiftsgate hundred were granted to the abbat the same year. The abbey of Winchcomb purchased a charter of free-warren in Winchcomb, 30 Hen. III. and that grant was allowed in a writ of Quo Warranto 15 Edw. I."^h

The revenues of the abbey were valued at the Dissolution at 759*l.* 11*s.* 9*d.* per annum.

The manor of Winchcomb continued in the abbey until its dissolution: it was then granted, with the scite of the monastery, to Sir Thomas Seimour, 1 Edw. VI.; upon whose attainder, 4 Edw. VI., it was granted to William Parr, marquis of Northampton.ⁱ In consequence of another attainder, the scite of the monastery was granted, in the 1st of Queen Mary, to John Lord Chandos. He died the same year, when livery of the scite was granted to Edmund Lord Chandos.^k

A toft and lands in Winchcomb, late belonging to the abbey, were granted in the 35th of Henry VIII. to Richard Andrews and Nicholas Temple. Other lands in Winchcomb, belonging to the abbey, were granted to Richard Andrews and Thomas Hysley in the 36th Hen. VIII.^l

A wood called Depwood, and a wood called Hemlyehoo, in Winchcomb, which had lately belonged to the abbey, were granted to Edmund Lord Chandos in the 1st of Eliz. Other lands in Winchcomb, which likewise belonged to the abbey, were granted to Robert earl of Leicester and to John Morley in the 24th Eliz.

Tithes in Winchcomb, late the abbey's, were granted to Sir Christopher Hatton, 24 Eliz. Others tithes in Winchcomb, which belonged to the abbey, were granted to Sir John Fortescue and Richard Tomlins, 4 Jam. I.^m

Beside the REGISTER of Winchcomb abbey formerly in the possession of Sir William Morton, Tanner notices a Book of the Possessions of the Abbey by Inquisition temp. Hen. VIII. preserved in the Remembrancer's Office in the Exchequer. He also notices the three following manuscripts, together with several original Charters, as formerly in the possession of Sir John Dutton, Knt., of Sherborne:

tensser, Will. Bradley hosteler, Richard Freeman B.D. John Whalley supprior and fermorer, Walter Cowper sub-chanter, Hugh Cowper A.B. Richard Boidon kechinner and sub-cellerer, Geo. Foo sub-sexten, 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* each: Richard Parker, Will. Trentham, Will. Howard terce prior, Richard Williams, Walter Turbot chaplen, Richard Banister keeper of the library, Christopher Chawnfut, 6*l.* each. Sum 250*l.*

(Signed) RYCHARD RYCHE, JOHN AP RICE,
ROBERT SOUTHWELL, WILL. BERNERS,
EDWARD CARNE, RYCHARDE POULET,
RI. GWENT, JOHN ARNOLD."
JOHN LONDON,

The following was the return of the payments remaining in charge in 1553, 2 and 3 Phil. and Mar.

"WINCHECOMBENUPER Monasterium. Feod. Antonii Ayleworth receptoris omnium possessionum dicti nuper Monasterii, per annum ix^{l.} vj^{s.} viij^{d.} Thomæ Gwente et Ricardi Hyde pro annuit. sed extra Monasterium prædictum per annum c^{s.} Annuit. Edwardi Draicote per annum xl^{s.} Thomæ Therle per annum xl^{s.} Willielmi Badger per annum xl^{s.} Johannis Bridgeman per annum xxvj^{s.} viij^{d.} Rogeri Jervys per annum xxxij^{s.} iiiij^{d.} Willielmi Edwardi per annum xl^{s.} Thomæ Gwente per annum iiiij^{l.} Edwardi Swalowe per annum xl^{s.} Thomæ Bell per annum xx^{s.} Clementis Throgmerton per annum lxxvj^{s.} viij^{d.} Willielmi Caritas per annum xij^{s.} iiiij^{d.} Lodovici Craker per annum xij^{s.} iiiij^{d.} Thomæ Bailie per annum xl^{s.} Henrici Polstede per annum xl^{s.} Christophori Smithe per annum xl^{s.} Willielmi Freman per annum xl^{s.} Roberti Throgmerton per annum xxvj^{s.} viij^{d.} Humfredi Dicke ludimagistri per annum x^{l.} Penc. Ricardi Mounsflowe nuper Abbatis ibidem per annum cxx^{l.} Johannis Hancock per annum viij^{l.} Willielmi Bradeley per annum vj^{l.} xij^{s.} iiiij^{d.} Ricardi Freemartin per annum vj^{l.} xij^{s.} iiiij^{d.} Ricardi Parker per annum vj^{l.} Willielmi Trenthamme per annum vj^{l.} Walteri Cooper per annum vj^{l.} xij^{s.} iiiij^{d.} Willielmi Whorewoode per annum vj^{l.} Ricardi Williams per annum vj^{l.} Walteri Turbutte per annum vj^{l.} Ricardi Boydon per annum vj^{l.} xij^{s.} iiiij^{d.} Georgii Rose per annum vj^{l.} xij^{s.} iiiij^{d.} Christoferi Channiffatte per annum vj^{l.} Willielmi Blossome per annum vj^{l.} xij^{s.} iiiij^{d.}"

^h Anc. and Present State of Gloucestershire, edit. Lond. 1768, p. 432.

ⁱ Ibid.

^k Ibid. p. 433.

^l Ibid.

^m Ibid.

I. "Registrum dom. Joan. Cheltenham^a abbatis Wynchecombe, factum per eundem abbatem, A. D. 1422, continens cartas 515, paginas 505. Fol. in pergam."

II. "Rentale maneriorum monasterii Winchcombe factum A. D. 1355."

III. "Rentalia dominiorum, maneriorum, rectoriarum, firmarum, terrarum, et tenementorum pertinentium ecclesie B. Virginis Mariæ et S. Kenelmi regis et martyris de Wynchecombe renovata ad festum S. Michaelis archangeli, anno regis Hen. VIII. primo."

The first of these, called Liber A, is still preserved

among the muniments at Sherborne Lodge, together with another Register, marked Liber B.

Rudder says there is no description of the abbey-church extant; and it is thought that the whole was demolished, very soon after the surrender, by Lord Seymour, the first proprietor. Since which time, the very scite of the buildings being levelled, and turned into ploughed fields, it is only conjectured that they stood on the east side of the present parish-church.^b

Winchcomb was a mitred abbey. Its abbat was summoned to parliament as early as the 49th of Hen. III., A.D. 1265.^c

Cartae ad Winchelcumbense Coenobium in agro Glocestrensi spectantes.

NUM. I.

[Annales de Winchcombe in Bibl. Cotton.]

ANNO Dominicæ incarnationis DCCCLXXXVII. rex Merciorum Offa, in Glaornensi pago, in loco qui Winchilcumba dicitur, monasterium construxit, in quo sanctionales constituit.

[Will. Malmesb. fol. 161 b, n. 20.]

IN eodem pago (Glocestrensi scilicet) est Winchelcumbense monasterium, quod Kenulphus rex Merciorum construxit, ingenti et temporibus nostris incredibili munificentia, fecitque dedicari ecclesiam à xij. episcopis, quorum princeps Wilfridus Cantuariæ archiepiscopus. Ibi in illa dedicationis pompa in decem ducum conventu manumisit ad altare regem Cantuaritarum, quem nuper belli jure ceperat captivum. Ibi præter illa xenia quæ magnates susceperant, inestimabilis scilicet numeri et pretii, erogavit omnibus qui agros non habebant libram argenti, presbyteris marcam auri, monachis solidum unum; præterea toti populo plura. Hoc monasterium, ut semper mortalia labuntur in decursum, cum tempore regis Edgari solo ferè nomine staret, per beatum Oswaldum archiepiscopum nonnihil resuscitatum est. Factus ibi Germanus abbas, quem de Floriaco secum adduxerat, magno adjumento fuit et religioni, et restorationi ecclesie.

Ibi requiescit pater Kenulphus, cum filio Kenelmo, quem genitor septennem Quendridæ sorori reliquerat alendum. Sed illa falsò cupiditati suæ regnum pollicita, fraterculum tollendum è medio satelliti qui alumnus erat commendavit. Is insontem quasi venatum ducens, inter fruticeta obtruncatum occuluit.

Et mirum dictu, quod fraus tam celatè in Anglia commissæ, Romæ divinitus innotuit. Siquidem membrana super altare sancti Petri columba supernè ferente delapsa, necis et sepulturæ loci per ordinem index fuit. Quæ quod elementis Anglicis erat conscripta, à Romanis et aliarum gentium hominibus, qui aderant, frustra legi tentata. Sed salubriter et in tempore astitit Anglus, et latialitè linguæ involucrum evolvens, effecit ut apostolici epistola regibus Anglis compatriotam martyrem indicaret. Quocirca frequenti cœtu, pueruli corpus levatum vehebatur in Winchelcumbam. Ita clericorum vocali cantu, et laico alacri plausu parricida foemina comota, è fenestra cænaculi in quo stabat caput extulit, et

fortè psalmum cantabat, 'Deus laudem meam.' Quem à fine, nescio quo præstigio, retrogradum ducens, nitebatur lætitiâ cantantium infirmare. Tum verò vi divina lumina veneficæ cavis orbibus evulsa, cruore versum polluerunt. Hoc opus eorum qui detrahunt mihi apud Dominum, et qui loquuntur mala adversus animam meam. Cruoris signa extant hodiè immanitatem mulierculæ, et Dei ultionem spirantia.

[Annales de Winchelcumbæ, in Bibl. Cottoniana.]

ANNO DCCXCVII. rex Merciorum Kenulfus Winchelcumbense cœnobium construxit, et in eo monachos numero CCC. collocavit. Ecclesia ejusdem monasterii dedicata est à xij. episcopis, quorum princeps erat Wlfredus Cantuariensis archiepiscopus.

NUM. II.

Ex Vita Kenelmi Regis Merciorum.

[Lelandi Collectan. vol. i. p. 391.]

KENULPHUS rex Merciorum obiit anno Domini DCCCXIX. Kenelmus rex, Kenulfi filius. Quendrida et Burginilla germanæ sorores Kenelmi regis.

Quendrida Kenelmo insidias tendit per Askebertum ejus nutricium et procuratorem, ut ipsa regnaret. Kenelmus septennis ducitur ab Askeberto prætextu venandi in sylvam. Est profunda vallis inter duos montes abdita in ipsa sylva, Clenthe dicta. In hac valle Askebertus Kenelmi caput abscidit. Candida vacca hac valle olim frequentabat. Hic locus Vaccæ Vallis appellari consuevit.

Columba membranæ aureis literis inscriptam rostro detulit, ac Romæ super altare S. Petri posuit, memoriam videlicet martyris S. Kenelmi.

Contentio in translatione corporis S. Kenelmi, inter Glocestrenses et Wigornenses de reliquiis S. Kenelmi. Corpus S. Kenelmi defertur Winchelcumbam.

Stabat tunc Quendrida in solario occidentalis partis ecclesie S. Petri, quam viæ spatium dirimit ab atrio monasterii. Legebat autem psalmum cxij. usque ad hunc versum, 'Hoc opus eorum qui detrahunt mihi apud Dominum, et qui loquuntur mala adversus animam meam.' Quo loco cecidere ejus oculi super librum adhuc cruore imaculatum.

^a Tanner, by mistake, has "Chettingham."

^b Rudder, Hist. Glouc. p. 827.

^c Dugd. Summ. to Parl.

NUM. III.

Præfatio.

[Ex Registro Abb. de Winchcombe, penes Will. Morton eq. aur. an. 1644.]

QUONIAM antiqua testimonia de prima nostri Winchelcombensis cœnobii institutione, et de dotatione ecclesiæ nostræ, magna ex parte, tempore Stephani quondam regis Angliæ, ingenti ignis fragore perierunt, quod, Deo annuente, in suo loco apertiùs scribere statuimus: et etiam ex illis scripturarum monumentis, quæ apud nos in hunc diem remanserunt, nonnulla sunt quæ eorum vetustate in illam jam devenerunt obscuritatem ut vix à quoquam legi intelligi possint; nonnulla quoque esse cernimus, quæ hominum negligentia pœnitens exulcerata existunt, atque dilacerata, et, quod magis sentio dolendum, nostros antecessores et eos qui fuerunt ante nos hujus cœnobii fratres, neque vetustiora innovando, neque scribendo recentiora diligentes fuisse. Idecirco, ne ea quæ in nostris vetustioribus, ac antiquis cartis adhuc remansisse cernimus consimili hominum negligentia tandem magis ac magis perire videantur: ita ut suorum fundatorum ac benefactorum nomina (quod absit) sint aliquando oblita, animo concepimus, primam nostram foundationem, ac omnes nostri loci antiquitates per diversas cartas ac libellos hinc inde dispersas, in unum redigere volumen.

Primòque hunc procedendi ordinem servare decrevimus, ut primò de nostræ sacratissimæ ædis fundacione, et laude fundatoris nostri. Secundò de privilegiis, pensionibus, et portionibus eorundem. Tertio, de cartis et privilegiis regum. Quartò, de singulis dominiis et possessionibus nostris à regibus, principibus, aliisque fidelibus Christianis, per tempora et vices præfato monasterio nostro concessis. Postremò, de abbatum hujus loci nominibus, et quæ quisque eorum in commodum, et utilitatem domus nostræ contulerit, prout ea omnia nos reperire contigerit, fideliter, optimo Deo inspirante, exprimere conabimur, ab illo tempore ducendo exordium, quo illustris rex Merciorum Kenulphus dictam ecclesiam nostram primò fundaverit, ubi si fortè alicubi aut minùs aut superabundantè dixisse videar, id obsecro prudens et studiosus lector ex sua charitate, vel diminueret, vel supplere studeat.

Laudatio Cœnobii Winchelcombensis.

ANNO igitur ab incarnatione Domini dcccxviii. rex Merciorum Kenulphus in pago Glaornensi, in loco qui Winchelcomba dicitur, cœnobium construxit, et in eo monachos ccc. numero collocavit: ecclesia verò ejusdem monasterii dedicata est a tresdecim episcopis, quorum princeps erat Wilfredus Cantuariensis archiepiscopus, in præsentia trium regum, et decem ducum, et idem rex Kenulphus actionem suam secundùm subscriptam formam confirmavit.

NUM. IV.

Carta gloriosissimi Regis Kenulphi de Winchelcumbensis Cœnobii prima Fundatione.

[Annales de Wincelcumbe in Biblioth. Cottoniana, sub effigie Tiberii E. iv.]

REGNANTE Domino nostro in ævum per secula cuncta; anno verò incarnationis ejusdem Salvatoris mundi Domini nostri Jesu Christi dcccxi. indictione autem quarta, imperii verò nostri à Deo dati anno xvj. die verò v. idus Novembris. Tunc ego Kenulphus rex Merciorum hoc opusculum, Deo auxiliante atque favente, in plenitudine provinciæ Wictionum inchoavi, famoso in loco quem solicolæ antiquo nomine, Winchelcomba appellare suescunt. Ecclesiam, quæ modò pulcherrima clarescit scemate jam nunc præparata enituit, ibi Wulfredus quoque præsul Cantuariæ in honore Jesu Christi Domini nostri beatæque Mariæ genetricis Dei, quæ suo conclusit gremio quem cœli capere terraque nequicrant, dedicavit. Ibi quoque meum in Domino corpus pausare decrevi. Complacuit autem mihi Kenulpho, ut ad consecrationem antenominatæ ecclesiæ

universos accersissem Merciorum optimates, episcopos, principes, comites, procuratores, meosque propinquos, necnon Cuthredum regem Cantuariorum, atque Siredum regem Orientalium Saxonum, cum omnibus qui testes nostris synodalibus conciliabulis aderunt. Quam verò basilicam ad laudem et ad honorem Domini Jesu Christi, pro amore regni cœlestis, atque expiatione piaculorum meorum, ædificavi, non modò ad roborationem hæreditatis meæ, atque ad solidationem apostolici privilegii, quæ mihi apostolici pontifices cum auctoritate beati Petri apostolorum principis, dirxerunt. Ego etenim Kenulphus, Dei arridente gratia, rex Merciorum, ad gratiarum actionem pro devotione illorum, qui mihi et meæ hæreditati benevola mente cum auctoritate apostolorum affirmatione atque cunctorum synodaliū nostrorum reconciliationem firmiter roboraverunt: jam autem pro confirmatione meæ hæreditatis, quam dominus Leo papa primus affirmabat cum suo privilegio, et postea Paschalis summus pontifex, cum præceptis suæ auctoritatis et universis Merciorum optimatibus, in tribus synodis, unanimo concilio, in perpetuam hæreditatem mihi meisque hæredibus, dona mea omnibus archontis Merciorum necnon et aliarum provinciarum, in auro argenteoque, et in omnibus utensilibus meis, letus erogavi, necnon in equis electissimis, unicuique scilicet secundùm dignitatem sui gradus, et universis qui agros non habebant, libram in argento purissimo tribui, atque in auro mundissimo, unicuique presbitero, marcam tribui unam, et omni servo Dei solidum unum; et ea dona innumeralia sunt sicut nostram regalem dignitatem decebat; quæ nullus enumerare valet, neque numeranda sunt, quæ tunc meæ erogavi genti, ea conditione, ut mihi meisque hæredibus, plena libertate hæreditas mea eo firmior atque stabilior æternaliter perduraret. Ego Kenulphus etiam rex Merciorum vexillum sanctæ crucis in quo passus est Jesus Christus, Dominus noster, ad hoc acquisivi, ut animæ meæ, et omnium bonorum secularium, seu hæredum immobiliter patrocinando, contra tumultum pravorum tutatrix, atque defensatrix perpetuis temporibus permansisset. Et si quis aliquid ab hoc vexillo per vim studeat auferre, majoris sive minoris personæ, sciat se anathematis vinculo innodatum, et à sanctæ crucis tutela coram Deo in die judicii separatum, nisi ante hîc cum satisfactione emendaverit, et ab illo patrocinio prædicto sanctam istam ecclesiam, sub almæ Trinitatis nutu, atque angelorum, et archangelorum, patriarcharum, prophetarum, apostolorum, martirum, confessorum, virginum, et omnium sanctorum protectione corroboratam sciatis permanere. Hoc quoque ego Kenulphus rex, et omnes qui in nostris synodalibus conciliis testes atque conscii hujus rei præsentati fuissent, dijudicavimus, atque unanimo consensu constituimus, ut si homo aliquis culpabilis vitæ suæ aut in aliquo delicto, occultè publicè delinquens, pervenisset ad apicem hæreditatis meæ, et nostram ecclesiam, atque vexillum salutiferæ crucis requireret, firmissimam ibi pacem atque indulgentiam inveniret, et nullus fuisset homo aliqua audacitate fretus, quoquo modo curvave cogitatione, aliquid per vim exinde rapere, nec diminueret, neque agros meæ hæreditatis foras transdonare, vel accommodare, nisi ad tempus, et ad conditionis statutum unius hominis, sed immobiliter permansissent quasi in nostris tribus synodis firmiter decrevimus, æternaliter perdurare. Hii omnes hujus rei veritatis testes extiterunt, et sacratissimo crucis Christi signaculo roborando confirmaverunt. ✠ Ego Kenulphus rex Merciorum hujus definitionis reconciliationem signo sanctæ crucis confirmavi. ✠ Ego Cuthredus rex Cantuariæ consentiens signum salutiferæ crucis impono. ✠ Ego Siredus rex Orientalium-Saxonum signum crucis salutiferæ corroborans impono. ✠ Ego Wulfredus Cantuariæ archiepiscopus consensi et subscripsi. ✠ Ego Aldulphus Lichelfeldensis episcopus consensi et subscripsi. ✠ Ego Denebertus Wigorniensis episcopus consensi et subscripsi. ✠ Ego Wulfhardus Hecana (quæ nunc Herefordiensis dicitur) episcopus consensi et subscripsi. ✠ Ego Werenbrihtus Leogcensis episcopus consensi et subscripsi. ✠ Ego Tilferdus Hagustaldensis episcopus consensi et subscripsi. Ego Ethelwlfus East-Anglorum episcopus consensi et subscripsi. ✠ Ego Alchbartus, South-

Saxoniae episcopus consensi et subscripsi. ✠ Ego Ethelnotus Londoniensis episcopus consensi et subscripsi. ✠ Ego Wibartus Sireborniensis episcopus consensi et subscripsi. ✠ Ego Beormodus Rovecestrensis episcopus consensi et subscripsi. ✠ Ego Wignothus Exoniensis episcopus consensi et subscripsi. ✠ Ego Cudulphus Cridiatunensis episcopus consensi et subscripsi. ✠ Ego Eambeortus dux consensi et subscripsi. ✠ Ego Heardbeorthus dux consensi et subsc. ✠ Ego Beornothus dux consensi et subscripsi. ✠ Ego Cynhelmus dux consensi et subscripsi. ✠ Ego Ceolbertus dux consensi et subscripsi. ✠ Ego Aldredus dux consensi et subscripsi. ✠ Ego Wulfredus dux consensi et subscripsi. ✠ Ego Heafrethus dux consensi et subscripsi. ✠ Ego Colfarthus dux consensi et subscripsi. ✠ Ego Heatfarthus dux consensi et subscripsi. ✠ Ego Plesa dux consensi et subscripsi.

NUM. V.

De Prædiis, Dominiis, et Possessionibus per beatissimum Regem Kenulphum Winchelcumbensi Monasterio collatis.

[Ex Registro Abbathiae de Winchelcumbe penes Will. Morton. Mil. An. 1644.]

Si quispiam cupiat scire quæ et quanta sint illa dominia, possessiones, et prædia quæ monasterio Winchelcumbensi, à principio foundationis suæ, idem beatissimus rex Kenulphus, ex sua munificentia, contulerat; sanè respondemus, nullicubi nos de antiquis nostris munimentis, cartis, aut libris illud unquam reperire potuisse. Quod fortè ideò evenit, quia omnia antiqua nostra munimenta, tempore regis Stephani (sicut ante diximus) aut igne penitus consumpta sunt, aut certè ob nimiam eorum vetustatem ita prædecessorum nostrorum negligentia perierunt, quod eorum vestigia minimè jam appareant. Arbitramur tamen, ex multis conjecturis hæc infra scripta dominia, et dona, et munificentia ejusdem gloriosi fundatoris nostri, nobis in hodiernum diem remansisse, videlicet, dominium sive manerium de Schurburnia cum pertinentiis; dominium sive manerium de Bladingtona cum pertinentiis; dominium sive manerium de Eustona cum pertinentiis; dominium sive manerium de Honiburnia cum pertinentiis; dominium sive manerium de Adelmingtona cum pertinentiis; dominium sive manerium de Alna, cum pertinentiis; dominium sive manerium de Twyningia cum pertinentiis; dominium sive manerium de Charlingtona Abbatis cum pertinentiis; dominium de Newtona cum suis pertinentiis; et dominia sive maneria de Stawntona, et Snowshulla cum eorum pertinentiis et membris. Sicque in præsentiarum nobis Winchelcombensibus, ex dono et liberalitate prædicti fundatoris nostri, undecim integra dominia, cum suis membris, saltem quo ad principalitatem et dominium remansisse videntur; nisi fortè aliqua eorum ex illustrissimis, ac Deo devotissimis principis, regis Eadgari, ex suæ pietatis elemosina, ad nos devenire potuerint, cum scribitur in vita sancti patris Oswaldi, Wigorniensis sedis episcopi, septem monasteria in sua diocesi Wigornensi, industria, et labore ejusdem patris, ad observantiam regularis vitæ fuisse reformati, et regem Deo devotum Edgarum ad ejus preces multa prædia, et possessiones eidem contulisse, ac nostrum Winchelcumbense cœnobium unum fuisse ex septem ita per eum reformatis. Quod enim ad alias possessiones, portiones, et dominia nostra, quæ in præsentiarum possidemus attinet, et quando ad Winchelcombensium manus deveniunt, suis locis hic inde in sequentibus, Deo volente, pluribus aperiemus.

Si verò sint qui scribunt Winchelcombensium et Perscheorensium monasteria, tempore quo Willielmus Normannorum dux, sibi regnum subjugaverat, longè majora, atque plura, quam modò habuisse possessiones, et dominia, sed quia minus cautè sibi de futuris prospicientes, eligerunt eidem Willielmo duci pro viribus resistere, aut eum fortè debellare, ideo dicunt eundem Willielmum regem vehementer in eos commotum, abstulisse plurima ex eorum possessionibus, et ea pro sua voluntate aliis piis locis contulisse. Verùm an hæc ali-

quid veritatis habeant, necnè, cum ea in nostris antiquitatibus nusquam legerim, non ausim scribere. Memini tamen me, apud monasterium Eveshammense, in eorum antiquissimis historiis olim legisse, Willielmum ducem Normannorum, tunc Anglorum regem, Godricum abbatem Winchelcumbensem violentè tenuisse, ac in castro Gloucestræ jussisse retrudi custodiendum, Winchelcumbenseque cœnobium abbatis Eveshammensium moderationi commendasse, et paulò post cuidam monacho ex Normannorum, ut creditur, genere, Galando nomine, illud idem Winchecumbense monasterium contulisse regendum. Quod reverà fieri unquam haud potuit, nisi (ut communis se habet fama) idem Willielmus rex, in abbatem hujus loci fuisset vehementer exacerbatus. Quod autem aiunt, secundum vulgi opinionem, silvam juxta Twynningiam, Mythwood hodie nuncupatam, olim ad Winchelcombenses pertinuisse, atque per eundem Galandum abbatem fuisse aut impignoratam aut venditam; quia illud in nostrarum antiquitatum codicibus minùs potui alicubi inspicere, ideo pro vero nolim aliquo pacto affirmare. Tutius quidem sentio, in his quæ nobis dubia sunt, totum Dei judicio cum humilitate commendare, quàm, ut incerta pro veris et certis, cum scrupulo conscientiae nostræ, aliqua affirmamus. Quæ autem Perscheorenses, de suis possessionibus amiserunt à sua prima foundatione, (quæ etiam paulò antea meminimus) ipsi de seipsis et loqui et scribere melius atque apertius noverunt. De illo autem quod antea diximus Kenulphum gloriosum regem Winchelcumbense cœnobium construxisse, et in eo collocasse monachos numero trecentos, quemadmodum nos in nostris vetustioribus testimoniis pro historiae veritate indubiè accepimus, si quispiam roget, quomodo potuit tam ingens religiosorum cohors tantillis prædiis, et possessionibus victitari; respondemus, hoc magno esse argumento, pro illa vulgari et communissima opinione amplexanda, quæ dicit quod Willielmus de Normandia dux, plurima oppida et possessiones, à sancto fundatore nostro antea collata, per vim et conquestoris potentiam nobis abrupuisse; vel fortè ita respondendum, tantam tunc monachorum multitudinem, longè minoribus prædiis, quàm sit hac nostra tempestate credibile, habundè satis vivere potuisse. Quoniam in illo magno religiosorum numero, vix fortassis quadraginta vel circiter in sacerdotes aut clericos ordinari cerneret. Reliqua verò multitudo, heremitarum et laicorum more, diversis artificiiis, et aliis manuum laboribus operam dantes, pro hiis quæ in necessariis defuerunt, prout ab antiquo boni fecere monachi, diligenter prospiciebant. Sed hæc de nostro glorioso fundatore jam memorasse sufficiat.

NUM. VI.

Prædia ad Ecclesiam de Winchelcombe spectantia tempore Regis Willielmi Conquestoris.

[Ex Libro Censuali vocato *Domesday Book* penes Camerar. Scacc.]

Oxenef'scire, fol. 157.

TERRA ÆCCLESIAE DE WINCELCUMBE. Abbacia de Winchelcumbe ten. xxiiii. hid. in HENESTAN. Terra est xxvi. car. In dominio sunt iii. car. et vi. servi. et xxv. villani. et iiii. liberi homines cum vii. bord. habent xviii. car. Ibi iiii. molini de xix. sol et l. acr. prati. Pastura iiii. quarent. long. et ii. quar. lat. Silva i. leu. long. et dim. leu. et iiii. quar. lat. De hac terra habet Vrsus de abbate ii. hid. et ibi i. car. et iii. villani cum ii. bord. habent i. car. In CESTITONE habet Abb. i. hidam vastam. Totum tempore Regis Edwardi, et post, valuit xx. lib. Modo xviii. lib.

Glowec'scire, fol. 165 b.

TERRA ÆCCLESIAE DE WINCELCUMBE. In SALEMONES HUND. Ecclesia Sanctæ Mariæ de Winchelcumbe tenet SCIREBURNE. Ibi xxx. hidæ. Ex his x. sunt liberæ. ad curiam pertin. Ibi sunt in dominio v. car. et xl. villani. et vii. bord. cum xxii. car. Ibi xii. servi. et iiii. molini de xl. sol. et xxx. acr. prati. Tempore Regis Edwardi valebat xx. lib. modo xiiii. lib.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet BLADINTVN. Ibi vii. hidæ. In dominio sunt ii. car. et viii. villani et iiii. bord. cum

v. car. et viii. servi. et ii. ancillæ. Ibi molinum de v. sol. et xxx. acr. prati. Valuit iii. lib. Modo iii. lib.

In GRETSTANES HUND. Ipsa æcclesia tenet TVENINGE. Ibi iii. hidæ geldantes. In dominio sunt ii. car. et xxiiii. villani et viii. bord. cum xxvii. car. Ibi viii. servi et ii. ancillæ. et xl. acr. prati. Silva ii. quar. long. et una lat. Valuit viii. lib. Modo vii. lib.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet FREOLINTUNE. Ibi est una hida et in dominio iii. car. et vi. servi. et ii. ancillæ. Hæc terra libera fuit et quieta ab omni geldo et regali servitio. Valuit xl. sol. Modo l. solid.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet ALDRITONE. et quidam miles de abbate. Ibi ii. hid. et dimid. In dominio sunt ii. car. et unus villanus cum una car. et adhuc iii. possunt esse. Ibi iii. servi. Valet et valuit xxx. sol.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet NIWETONE. et ii. milites de abbate. Ibi iii. hidæ et dim. In dominio sunt iii. car. et iii. servi. et ii. villani cum. i. car. et adhuc vi. ibi possent esse. Valet et valuit xl. solid.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet STANTONE. Ibi iii. hidæ. In dominio sunt ii. car. et xiiii. villani cum vii. car. Ibi iii. bord. et vi. servi. et vi. acr. prati. Silva una leuua long. et dimid. lat. Valet et valuit iii. lib.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet CERLETONE. Ibi ii. hidæ liberæ et quietæ. In dominio est i. car. et iii. villani et ii. bord. cum iii. car. Ibi vi. servi et molinum de xx. den. et ii. acr. prati. Valet et valuit xx. solid.

In HOLEFORDES HUND. Ipsa æcclesia tenet SNAWE-SILLE. Ibi vii. hidæ geldantes. In dominio sunt iii. car. et xii. villani et ii. bord. cum vi. car. Ibi vi. servi. Valet et valuit c. solid.

In CELFLEDE HUND. Ipsa æcclesia tenet HENIBERGE. Ibi x. hidæ sunt. Harum duæ in dominio. et ad servitium. viii. In dominio sunt v. car. et xv. villani cum v. car. Ibi ix. servi et iii. ancillæ. Valuit vi. lib. Modo viii. lib.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet EDELMINTONE. Ibi iii. hidæ et dimidia. In dominio sunt ii. car. et xiii. villani cum vi. car. Ibi iii. servi. et ii. ancillæ. Valuit iii. lib. Modo iii. lib.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet HIDICOTE. Ibi ii. hidæ liberæ. In dominio est i. car. cum. i. servo. Valet et valuit xl. solid.

Tempore regis Edwardi defendebat se hæc Æcclesia in Gloucestrescyre per lx. hid.^a

Elsi de Ferendone tenet de ipsa Abbatia iii. hid. et dimid. in WENRIC. Bolle tenuit et Abbatie dedit. qui cum ista terra poterat ire quo volebat. In dominio sunt v. car. et i. vill. et vii. bord. cum i. car. et x. servi et molinum et dimid. de xii. solid. et vi. den. Valet inter totum viii. lib. Vluric tenuit de hac terra ii. hid. pro Manerio. et Tovi v. virg. pro Manerio. et Leuvinus i. virg. pro Manerio. Hoc Manerium quem tenet Elsi de abbate injuste jacuit in Salemonesberie Hund. postquam Bolle mortuus fuit. Modo jacet in Bernitone Hund. iudicio hominum ejusdem Hund.

Warwicscire, fol. 239.

TERRA ÆCCLESIAE DE WINCELCUMBE. Abbatia de Wincelcumbe ten. vi. hid. in ALNE. Terra vi. car. In dominio est una car. et iii. servi. et xi. villani cum iii. bord. habent v. car. Ibi molinum de v. solid. Silva dim. leu long. et iii. quar. lat. Valuit iii. lib. Modo iii. lib.

NUM. VII.

Bulla Alexandri Tertii Rom. Pontificis, Ecclesias, Villas, ac Redditus Winchelcumbensi Cænobii confirmans. Anno MCLXXV.

[Ex Reg. de Winchcombe, penès Will. Morton, eq. aur. an. 1659, fol. 13.]

ALEXANDER episcopus, servus servorum Dei, dilectis filiis Henr. abbati monasterii beatæ Mariæ, et S. Kenelmi Winchelcumbiæ, ejusque loci fratribus, tam præsentibus, quàm futuris, regularem vitam professis imperpetuum, religiosam vitam eligentibus. Apostolicum convenit adesse præsidium, ne fortè cujuslibet

temeritatis incursus, aut eos à proposito revocet; aut robur (quod absit) sacrae religionis infringat. Eapropter dilecti in Domino filii, vestris justis postulationibus clementer annuimus, et præfatum monasterium, in quo divino mancipati estis obsequio, sub beati Petri et nostrâ protectione suscipimus, et præsentis scripti privilegio communimus: statuentes, ut quascunque possessiones, quæcunque bona idem monasterium, in præsentiarum, justè et canonicè possidet; aut in futurum concessione pontificum, largitione regum vel principum, oblatione fidelium, seu aliis justis modis, præstante Domino, poterit adipisci, firma vobis vestrisque successoribus et illibata permaneant; in quibus hæc proprii duximus exprimenda vocabulis: Locum ipsum, in quo prædictum monasterium situm est, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis. Ecclesiam de Twinnynges, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis. Ecclesiam de Schurburnâ, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis. Ecclesiam de Ennestonâ, cum capellâ de Chalfordiâ, et omnibus pertinentiis suis. Ecclesiam de Alnâ, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis. Ecclesiam de Bladyngtonâ, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis. Ecclesiam de Stawntonâ, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis. Ecclesiam de Snoweshull, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis. Ecclesiam beati Kenelmi, cum capellâ S. Petri, cum capellâ de Heiles, capella de Suthleiâ, capella de Aldrintonâ, capella de Diclesdona, capella de Prestecotâ, capella de Charlyngtonâ, cum omnibus pertinentiis earum.

Villam de Twinnyngiâ, cum terris, vineis, pratis, pascuis, silvis, aquis, molendinis, et omnibus pertinentiis suis. Villam de Sireburnâ, cum hominibus, terris, pratis, pascuis, aquis, molendinis, et omnibus pertinentiis suis. Villam de Ennestonâ, cum hominibus, terris, silvis, pratis, pascuis, molendinis, aquis, et omnibus pertinentiis suis. Villam de Alniâ, cum hominibus, terris, pratis, pascuis, silvis, et omnibus pertinentiis suis. Villam de Bladyngtonâ, cum hominibus, terris, pratis, pascuis, molendinis, aquis, et omnibus pertinentiis suis. Villam de Stawntonâ, cum hominibus, terris, pratis, pascuis, molendinis, et omnibus pertinentiis suis. Villam de Snoweshull, cum hominibus, terris, pascuis, et omnibus pertinentiis suis. Villam de Ethelmontonâ, cum molendinis, hominibus, terris, pratis, pascuis, et omnibus pertinentiis suis. Terram de Niwetonâ, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis. Terram de Wenricâ, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis. Dominium vestrum, quod habetis in Winchelcumbâ, et alias terras, quas ex donatione vel emptione in eadem villa habetis; et duo molendina in eadem villa. Dominium vestrum, quod habetis in Cotâ. Dimidiam hidam, quam Haroldus de Sudeleyâ ecclesiæ vestrae in elemosynam dedit. Communem pasturam inter Winchelcumbam et Sudeleyam. Virgatum terræ et tres acras, quas emistis à Roberto Russell, cum pertinentiis suis. Virgatum terræ, quam Radulphus de Sudeleyâ ecclesiæ vestrae in elemosinam dedit, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis. Hidam terræ quam habetis in Gretonâ. Duas hidas quas habetis in Aldrintonâ. Terram quam habetis in Freulintonâ. Duas hidas quas habetis in Hudicotâ. Tres mansiones in Lundoniâ. Salinas vestras de Wichîâ. Unam mansionem in Oxenfordia.

Prohibemus insuper, ne tibi, fili abbas, vel successoribus tuis liceat, sine assensu capituli, vel majoris, vel sanioris partis, ecclesias vel possessiones, aut thesaurum vestri monasterii alienare. In parochialibus autem ecclesiis, quas tenetis, liceat vobis sacerdotes eligere, et episcopo præsentare; quibus, si idonei inventi fuerint, episcopus animarum curam committet, ut de plebis quidem curâ, episcopo autem vobis de temporalibus debeant respondere. Sanè novalium vestrorum, quæ propriis manibus aut sumptibus colitis; sive de nutrimenti vestrorum animalium, nullus à vobis decimas præsumat exigere. Sepulturam quoque ipsius loci, liberam esse decernimus, ut eorum devotioni et extremæ voluntati, qui se illic sepeliri deliberaverint, nisi fortè excommunicati vel interdicti sint, nullus obsistat: salva tamen justitia illarum ecclesiarum, à quibus mortuorum corpora assumuntur. Cum autem generale inter-

^a Sic in orig. f. pro lx. hidis.

dictum terræ fuerit, liceat vobis, clausis januis, exclusis excommunicatis et interdictis, non pulsatis campanis, suppressa voce, divina officia celebrare. Ad hæc præsentis decreto sancimus, et arctius inhiibemus, ne pro benedictione indulgenda, ab abbate vestro aliquid exigatur. Liceat præterea vobis clericos, vel laicos, liberos et absolutos, ad conversionem vestram suscipere, et eos absque ullius contradictione, in vestro monasterio retinere. Prohibemus insuper, ut nulli fratrum vestrorum, post factam in eodem loco professionem, aliqua levitate, sine licentia, abbatis sui fas sit de claustris discedere: discedentem vero, absque communium literarum cautione, nullus audeat retinere, nisi ad arctiorem vitam voluerit transmigrare. Crisma vero, oleum sanctum, consecrationes altarium, sive basilicarum, ordinationes monachorum, sive clericorum vestrorum, qui ad sacros ordines fuerint promovendi, à diocesano suscipiatis episcopo, siquidem catholicus fuerit, et gratiam atque communionem apostolicæ sedis habuerit, et ea gratis et absque ulla pravitate vobis voluerit exhibere: alioquin liceat vobis, quem malueritis adire antistitem, qui vestra fultus auctoritate, quod postulat, indulgeat. Obeunte vero te, nunc ejusdem loci abbate, vel tuorum quolibet successorum, nullus ibi, qualibet subreptionis astutia, seu violentia præponatur; nisi quem fratres communi consensu, vel fratrum pars consilii sanioris, secundum Dei timorem, et beati Benedicti regulam providerint eligendum.

Decernimus ergo, ut nulli omnino hominum liceat præfatum monasterium temerè perturbare, aut ejus possessiones auferre, vel ablatas retinere, minuere, seu quibuslibet vexationibus fatigare, sed illibata omnia et integra conserventur, eorum pro quorum gubernatione et sustentatione concessa sunt, usibus omnimodis profutura; salvâ sedis apostolicæ auctoritate, et diocesani episcopi canonica justitia. Siqua igitur, in futurum ecclesiastica, secularisve persona hanc nostræ constitutionis paginam, sciens, contra eam temere venire temptaverit, secundo tertiove commonita, nisi præsumptionem suam digna satisfactione correxerit; potestatis, honorisque sui dignitate careat, reamque se divino judicio existere, de perpetrata iniquitate cognoscat; et à sacratissimo corpore ac sanguine Dei, et Domini redemptoris nostri Jhesu Christi, aliena fiat, atque in extremo examine districtæ ultioni subjaceat. Cunctis autem eidem loco sua jura servantibus, sit pax Domini nostri Jesu Christi, quatinus et hic fructum bonæ actionis percipiant, et apud districtum judicem præmia æternæ pacis inveniant. Amen.

NUM. VIII.

Walteri de Wykewan Abbatis sub Compendio Perquisita.

[MS. Cotton. Cleop. B. 11. fol. 216.]

ECCLESIAM de Ennestan cum suis juribus per dominum Clementem papam quintum appropriari huic monasterio procuravit. Ecclesiam de Wynchecumbe per dominum Godefridum episcopum Wygorn. in usus proprios deputari similiter impetravit. Necnon et decimas majores et minores dominicorum de Halling, Cotesdene, Sponleie, Haseltone, et Zanevorthe similiter per eundem. Voltum presbiterii cum solemnibus tabulata ultra magnum altare, una cum volta karolæ adjacentis, et capellis solempnibus a parte boreali constructis, in quibus idem requiescit non obstante quod monasterium nongentis triginta marcis et amplius recepit creditoribus obligatum suo tempore fieri ordinavit.

Grangiam de Cornden, hameletum de Throp cum pertinentiis, necnon et hameletum de Cotes cum suis juribus perquisivit, redditus ad prædicta pertinentes conventui deputando pro cœnis eorundem et solatiis minutorum, prout alibi plenius est expressum, dominica omnia successoribus abbatibus retinendo. Item in Twenyng terras Colæ et Alotæ cum graveit' et pratis, et pratum quod vocatur le Gore, et redditus ad æstimationem decem marcarum per annum. Item in Gretton terram Petri Malbert et Hugonis Trenchevent cum pratis et aliis pertinentiis ad æstimationem quinque marcarum. Item in Freulynton domos, terras, redditus, et

pasturam, ad æstimationem quadraginta solidorum. Item in Honibur terram Henrici de Harleie et Willielmis Croupes ad æstimationem quadraginta solidorum. Item in Schireburn terram Nethercote et pratum quod vocatur Andrewesmedwe, ad æstimationem viginti solidorum. Item in civitate London, subtus Fleotebrug', inter murum villæ et cœmeterium sanctæ Brigidæ juxta domos episcopi Menevensis, domos et ædificia cum gardinis et redditibus quæ vocatur tenementum Albini, quæ continent in latitudine quater viginti pedes, et in longitudine duo decies viginti cum Caya super aquam, et reddunt per annum libere quinquaginta sex sol. salvo abbati et fratribus suis nichilominus, et aliis quibus voluerit aula inferiori, cum camera, stabulis omnibus, et aliis aisiamentis quotiens illuc venire libuerit vel alios destinare. Quæ quidem omnia locari poterunt de anno in annum pro voluntate abbatis cuicunque voluerit; et hæc omnia patent per cartas et processus scriptarum quæ in Thesauraria poterunt inveniri. De sexdecim grangiis et pluribus bercariis super terram et ædificiis intra abbatiam de meremio empto liquere poterit intuiti. Hic etiam panem monachalem adauxit. Officia sacristariæ, pitanciaræ, hostilariæ, infirmariæ, et elemosinariæ præcipue augmentavit, assignando singulis de suo non modica perquisita.

Hic etiam quatuor denarios minuto per ordinem fratri cuilibet assignavit, et fratribus extra refectarium cœnantibus quandocunque per diem septem denar. et obolum assignavit, et alia plurima, ut alibi patet, in fratribus solatium ordinavit, corpus baroniæ nichil onerans per prædicta et multo plura de suis levare valeant perquisitis terris et tenementis cum pertinentiis, pratis, boscis, corpori abbatiæ remanentibus in æternum. Nec est pretereundum quod trecentas acras et amplius de bosco de Ennestan per cartam domini regis fecerit assartare, cujus redditum totum propter affectionem quam habuit erga fratres suos, et de suo labore communi carent in solatium futurorum eorundem coquinæ, assignavit perpetuo duraturum: ita quod coquinarius qui pro tempore fuerit tres missas per ebdom. feria videlicet quarta, sexta, et Sabbato, in honorem beatæ Mariæ pro se, patre, et matre, et omnium fidelium defunctorum animabus dum viveret celebraret; et post ejus decessum dictis quarta feria et sexta pro defunctis, et Sabbato, de sancta Maria per dictum coquinarium cantarentur, ita quod si dictus redditus ad decem marcas se non extendat, de assarti decima suppleatur; et extunc coquinarius conventui plenarie deserviret, et dictus abbas pro futuris temporibus devotius in beneficiis singulorum haberetur, et idem abbas per eorum preces de suis negligentibus relevetur. Nec pro hiis omnibus partibusve eorundem poterit abbas quivis succedens in tempore murmurare seu procurare quomodolibet infirmari, cum hæc et multo plura suo tempore sint per Dei gratiam impetrata quæ omnia per cartas et instrumenta evidenter poterunt apparere. Sunt autem hic et alibi ne per succedentes æmulos degestentur. Ad hæc etiam et si dictus Walterus abbas a tempore suæ creationis usque ad diem hunc Sabbati ebdomadæ Paschæ, sub anno gratiæ millesimo tricentesimo undecimo, a sua creatione vicesimo nono, annis singulis, per papam, decimam bonorum temporalium et spiritualium domus suæ, et per regem Angliæ aliquando medietatem eorundem, et alias quintam partem, frequentius nonam, undecimam, tertiamdecimam temporalium eorum dedisset, serviciaque in Wallia per tres vices, et in Scotia quater, ita quod nondum fuit annus unus per totum tempus antedictum; quin una de oppressionibus antedictis et aliquando omnes sub anno uno infelicitate evenerunt, quæ ad mille et quingentas libras et amplius se extendant, ædificiaque omnia de meremio empto fecerit superius memorata: non tamen pro hiis omnibus quomodolibet nominatis ne dum unum obolum, neque de omnibus quæ conventui pertinebant, usque ad dictum diem subtraxit, statumve tenentium terras quoquomodo mutaverit seu monasterium liberationibus seu sustentationibus oneraverit; et si de quindecim liberationibus domum inveniret multipliciter oneratam. Missæ vero de quibus mentio superius est expressa in viciniore altari loco, videlicet in quo corpus prædicti abbatis requiescit

perpetuo celebrentur. Deinde in festo Ascencionis Domini, anno regni regis Edwardi filii regis Edwardi quinto, impetravit idem abbas cartas ab eodem quod possit præter præmissa assartare et in culturam redigere sexaginta acras regias circa Grimesdich, ut patet per cartam. Nec est pretereundum quod warennam subtus Londeleie prius ad firmam ceperat ad terminum sexaginta annorum pro centum marcis, quantumque fuerit tempus venturum patebit per indenturam factam inter dominum de Sudleie et abbatem. Item sub hoc anno est ordinatio ecclesiæ de Haseltone impetrata.

NUM. IX.

Constitutiones Walteri de Wykewane Abbatis de Winchcombe pro gubernatione Monasterii.

[Ibid. fol. 219 b.]

IN nomine Domini, Amen. Jurisperitorum doctrina prudenter providit quod gesta sub præsentia præcessorum, causa perpetuitatis habendæ primordialiter introducta, per scripturæ seriem veluti per speculum infallibile posteris relinquantur; ne bona deliberatione quadrifaria quæsita variæ per diversos prorsus perirent a casu, et ab hominum memoria novitate quadam cui natura indies est applaudens de facili ducerentur. Nos igitur frater Walterus de Wykewan abbas Wynchecumbiæ, et procurator ad monasterii ejusdem meliorationem, innitentes pro posse sub temporibus nostris, disponente rege Domino nostro Jhesu Christo, ad divini cultus augmentum, bona monasterii in spiritualibus et temporalibus sentientes aliquid jam adaucta, ut de ecclesia beati Petri Wynchecumb jam appropriata, et ad usus proprios monasterii impetrata, decimisque dominorum ac novalium de Halling, Haselton, Zaneworth, Cotesdene, Sponleie, ac de decimis de nutrimentis animalium provenientibus in eisdem quo ad spiritualia, necnon de hamelettis seu mansis de Corndene et Throp, cum suis pertinentiis omnimodis, boscis, pasturis, tenentibus earundem liberis et nativis una, et de firma sexaginta annorum placeæ subtus Londeleie quæ warennam appellatur, sub anno qui sequitur incipiente, et terris et pratis, et redditibus in Grettone et Freulynton et alibi in feodum ad jus et proprietatem dicti monasterii quoad temporalia impetratis, ad ejusdem Domini nostri Jhesu Christi, et sanctæ Mariæ matris ejusdem, sanctique Kennelmi loci prædicti patroni, solatiumque fratrum nostrorum, Jhesu Christo et sanctis prædictis, et aliis omnibus inibi servientium eorumdem fratrum unanimi consentiente consensu, in vigilia Natalis Domini sub anno ejusdem m^o.cc^o. nonagesimo nono; sic ordinamus et statuimus de prædictis, pro futuris temporibus perpetim duraturis, ut ad perpetuam rei memoriam de ecclesia beati Petri Wynchecumb nostris temporibus, ut præmittitur, appropriata ad sustentationem pauperum et partitionem faciendam communem omnibus pauperibus, singulis septimanis, die lunæ confluentibus, ad petendam elemosinam, totalem decimam garbarum de Grettone et Stanleie provenientem. Elemosinarius qui pro tempore fuerit, integraliter percipiet in æternum, liberatione foragii quam de grangia pro equo percipere solebat omnino cessante. Et de illis panibus qui nomine decimæ liberantur eidem de qualibet furna, videlicet triginta duos panes, et de les chirchezetes, et obitibus, et relevio fratrum, qualibet quinta feria, partitionem faciat quatenus ad id sufficere poterunt hæc prædicta. Proviso nichilominus quod servientes mechanici quicumque elemosinarii, vel aliorum officialium, quocumque nomine appellentur, nichil omnino nomine liberationis continue percipiant de prædictis; sed de exitibus placeæ quæ vinea appellatur, servientes elemosinarii sustententur omnino. Hoc excepto quod elemosinarius qui pro tempore fuerit, de dicto relevio et liberatione cervisiæ divina, quam de refectorio recipit. Brevitori cum domi moratur, et Clerico si continue servienti, provideat in esculentis et poculentis, et aliis, per vices de gratia, sicut et alii obedientiarii, quatenus viderit expedire. Et quod saltem de redditu ad elemosinariam pertinente, pro pauperibus, singulis annis ematur pannus per eundem, et in festo sancti Martini distribuatur eisdem. Pellibus ovium

et coreis boum de decima lardarii abbatis provenienti- bus, ad id insuper faciend. nichilominus totaliter deputatis, carne etiam earundem pro sua conscientia pauperibus erogata. Curialitate vero illa quæ fratribus fit die sancti Pancratii, et die qua cantatur 'O radix,' de placea vineæ nichilominus exeunte. Et quod cum fratrem quemcunque viam universæ carnis ingredi quando- cunque contingat, liberatio annualis illa quæ obitus appellatur, quæ fit pro eodem, in sustentationem capellani divina celebrantis pro anima illius per annum totaliter convertatur, nisi frater ille adhuc vivens de gratia optinuerit ab abbate, quod de suo obitu aliter ordinetur. Anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo septimo concessit et assignavit idem abbas prædictus elemosinariæ omnes decimas garbarum quas recipere consuevit a parte boreali viæ quæ ducit per mediam hydram usque Landeleye, inter dictam viam et Gretton a superiori parte viæ regiæ quæ ducit del Spitele usque Gretton, decimis dominorum suorum quorumcumque semper sibi salvis, pro salute animæ bonæ memoriæ domini Godefridi Wygorn. episcopi, Willielmi de Chilteham, Nicholai de Wodeford, Walteri de Berton, et aliorum fidelium defunctorum, contravenientes primitus excommunicando.

Pro Sacrista.

SACRISTA qui pro tempore fuerit totam decimam garbarum et fœni de campis de Grete et Sudleie, seu villis aliis qui sunt et jacent a dextra parte et inferiori del Spitele usque le Mersche inclusive, et de hinc usque ad Gretegrove et sic ad finem parochiæ versus Hailes, Piseleie, Morineshull, descendendo usque ad portam de Stanecumbe, et dehinc descendendo per portam de Sudleie usque Bolleford. Necnon ad sustentationem novi operis, specialiter, quatuor solidos de quadam selda intra portam borealem de Glouc. et decimam agnorum totius parochiæ cum herietis contingentibus in eadem, cum de agnis aliquid prius vel etiam ultra medietatem herietorum percipere non soleret, similiter percipiat in æternum. Et cum idem habeat de consuetudine ab antiquo palefridum, cappam, et sellam, ac garcionem illum custodientem pro negotiis expediendis officii provideatur, ex nunc veste stragulata, ut sic cum palefridus prædictus fratribus indigentibus accommodetur, honestius eos sequatur et eisdem deserviat.

Pro Hostilario.

HOSTILIARIUS qui pro tempore fuerit pro suscipiendis parentibus, hospitibus, et amicis, ad confratres monachos venientibus, et sustentandis in fœno et præbenda, pratum quod vocatur le Lutlemedwe cum domibus sitis in eodem, et sex denarios de quadam domo eisdem domibus opposita infra mansum Petri Malbert, quam Willielmus de Couleie tenuit, sibi perpetuo teneat deputatum. Proviso quod præbenda illa quæ talibus per annum debet liberari, per priorem et præcentorem pro qualitate annuali taxetur, sic tamen quod ad minus habeat quod valeat denar. per noctem ad quod carbo pro inferiori hostilioria per hostiliarium provideatur.

Pro Infirmario.

INFIRMARIUS qui pro tempore fuerit, ad necessaria pro infirmis fratribus largius inveniendâ, duos solidos quos nobis reddere consuevit de quadam placea in Colstret sibi retineat in futurum, et redditum de Gloucestria provenientem de domibus quas habuimus titulo legati ex donatione Willielmi de Chilteham in eadem, de quo nobis bene disponere licet cum domus nostra teneretur aliquando ad sustentandum perpetuo unum capellanum pro anima dicti Willielmi celebrantem in ecclesia beatæ Mariæ versus portam australem, cujus cantariam episcopus Wygorn. Godefridus nobis nostro periculo relaxavit. In ejus loco ordinamus quod nomen dicti Willielmi in singulis missalibus scribatur in loco ubi fit memoria defunctorum ut sic celebrantes in suis missis memoriam sui perpetuo comprehenderent in recompensationem cantariæ prædictæ, et quod infirmarius qui

pro tempore fuerit qualibet ebdomada per annum, die Mercurii, missam celebret specialiter pro eodem.

Pro Præcentore.

PRÆCENTOR qui pro tempore fuerit tres solidos et sex denarios de terra Hugonis de Trenchevent, quos habuimus de dono Petri Malbert in recompensationem trium solidorum quos de Cornden dum fuit in manu abbatis et conventus de Brueria nomine decimæ percepit, sicut cæteri percipiat in æternum.

Pro Pitantiario et Coquinario.

INSUPER cum melioratio ad quam quilibet prælatus tenetur ut procurator et non dominus dici debeat et augmentum dummodo in laborantium fratrum recreationem aliquando convertatur et solamen, de temporali adaugmate quod nostris diebus de Jhesu Christi bene placito jam advenit; sic ordinamus et constituimus irrefragabiliter duraturum quod pitantiarius qui pro tempore fuerit totum redditum proveniente de feodo de albo marisco de Throp ut de tenentibus de eodem feodo ibidem vel apud Cotes, Pyrie, et Gretton q. habuimus ex donatione Johannis Waupol de Wenlande, seu participum hæreditatis W. de albo marisco prædicti, vel habere poterimus in futurum, seu ex remissione domini Johannis de Sudleie integraliter percipiat et inconcusse, ita quod ad cœnam illorum fratrum qui in solatio quod Misericordia appellatur, sunt per dies quibus carnibus vescuntur, in quibus nihil præter caseum habere solebant, a festo sanctæ Trinitatis usque ad festum sanctæ Crucis meliorandam, et pitantiam de aliquali carne inveniendam pro quatuor diebus cujuslibet septimanæ duos solidos et sex denarios Coquinario liberet in æternum; qui quidem fratres a cœna recedentes in ordinationis memoriam dicant 'Animæ Walteri abbatis, patris et matris ejusdem, et omnium fidelium defunctorum requiescant in pace.'

Pro Coquinario.

FRATRIBUS vero qui per idem tempus et eosdem dies in refectorio reficiuntur, de quatuor ovis frixis per coquinarium similiter provideatur ad cœnam. Pro quibus providendis, de Twening et Schireburne tres peisas casei pro æqualibus portionibus de nostra ordinatione in recompensationem eorundem singulis annis in festo sancti Johannis Baptistæ percipiat in futurum, residuo dicti redditus de feodo de Albo marisco prædicto ad recreationem fratrum die sanctæ Cecilie pro duabus partibus, tertia parte pauperibus erogata, totaliter reservato; nisi dum adhuc vixerimus de consensu fratrum aliter ordinatum fuerit de eodem, et per capitulum concorditer confirmatum. Et interim illud residuum pro duabus partibus die sanctæ Cecilie vel diebus aliquibus infra quindenam sequentem per capitulum provisum in pisce pro conventu per pitantiarium expendatur; tertia parte eodem die pauperibus erogata, herietis, finibus terrarum, scutagiis quæ de dictis tenentibus provenire poterunt, nobis et successoribus nostris abbatibus ad defensionem ecclesiæ eorundem pleniter reservans. Et quod pitantiarius, singulis annis, die sancti Johannis Evangelistæ, unam summam frumenti recipiat de Corndena, et illam reservet usque ad diem sancti Johannis Baptistæ sequentem illo die pauperibus immutabiliter largiendam, et unam summam de granatario abbathiæ, quasi de dominico de Throp pro siminellis die anniversarii regis Kenulfi faciendis.

De duabus Marcis de Septuagesima.

AD hæc cum nostri monasterii fratres a Septuagesima usque ad Pascha de observatione quadam a vicinis monasteriis discrepante arcius à carnibus se abstineant, nec facta fuerit eis hactenus provisio per quindenam sequentem pro eo quod ovis et lacte solito vescebantur, assignamus et ordinamus duas marcas ad providendum eisdem quoad vixerimus de pisce per pitantiariam per duas tertias ferias ebdomadarum Septuagesimæ

et Sexagesimæ de viginti solidis, dimidia marca pro diebus illis pro æqualibus portionibus pauperibus erogata, missa de sancto Thoma Cantuar. archiepiscopo ante distributionem per pitantiariam celebrata. Quæ quidem duæ marcæ cedant loco recreationis fratrum post nostrum decessum imperpetuum, nisi aliter per nos uberius fuerit provisum vel aliter concorditer ordinatum. Et quas quidem duas marcas pitantiarius qui pro tempore fuerit in festo sancti Michaelis de tallagio de Zaneworth per manus præpositi percipiet in æternum pret. xl^s. Et ideo apud Zaneworth quia cum pitantiarius per singula maneria fere particulariter redditus percipere consueverat aliquando, de assensu communi ordinatum fuit tempore bonæ memoriæ Johannis abbatis quod apud Zaneworth octo libr. ad quatuor anni terminos pro eisdem particulis percipiet in æternum. Ita quod nichil ultra de maneriis alibi percipiet in futurum, exceptis duodecim solidis de Wenrich et octo solidis de terra Bollok de Ennestan ad obitum Elyæ de Foxcote per eundem assignatis, quo defuncto cum pro obitu suo quadraginta solid. assignasset eidem, abbas de eodem manerio et dicta pecunia ad quatuor terminos principales ordinabantur pitantiario liberari ut sic de uno et eodem manerio plenius et melius fiat ei solutio suis terminis. Alia etiam ratione ordinamus quod duæ marcæ prædictæ de dicto manerio recipientur, pro eo videlicet quod nostris temporibus, ut præmissum est, per appropriationem decimarum de dominicis et nutrimentis animalium proveniente de dicto manerio, est aliquid per Dei gratiam emendatum. Et licet pro quatuor obbatis cervisiæ quas Elyas de Foxcote, et pro duabus quas Henricus Addy per diem de cellario conventus percipiunt dum vivunt, per abbatem Johannem quinta summa de ordeo et quarta de avena fuerunt assignatæ, assisa cervisiæ pro conventu per septimanam fuerit, hactenus tres summæ de frumento, quatuor de ordeo, et tres de avena, ne illud officium relinquatur per nos aliquid incorrectum; ordinamus pro nobis et successoribus quod illæ duæ summæ de ordeo et avena quæ pro prædictis Elyas et Henrico Addy dum viverent assignabantur, sint de nostra concessione et donatione perpetim duraturæ. Ita quod firma seu assisa septimanæ sit de frumento tres summæ, de ordeo quinque, et de avena quatuor, quæ conjunctim faciunt septem quarteria et quatuor estr' in æternum. Sic tamen quod si conventum de duobus fratribus augmentare, vel pro utilitate domus et fratrum assensu contingat a casu nos seu successores nostros alias ad vitam aliquorum quatuor obbatas de cellario conventus per diem concedere, illas de dicto cellario pro dicto accresco libere, sine contradictione assignare possimus.

Pro Priore.

ORDINAMUS insuper quod de ovibus prioris, si oves habeat, de capella beatæ Mariæ yementur per abbatem triginta oves per annum, pro quibusdam domibus quas prior concessit abbati in vico versus molendinum ejusdem. Et licet nonnulli sint qui præcessorum bene gesta aliquando degestare conentur, dicere tamen non possunt a tergo fratres qui nunc sunt, successores ve imposterum abbates quod maneria seu patrimonium ecclesiæ quod invenimus tempore electionis de nobis factæ per hanc nostram ordinationem de conniventia omnium fratrum factam quo ad corpus abbathiæ seu partem abbatis in aliquo sit diminutum, cum de hiis quæ de Dei providentia, sicut sæpeditum est, temporibus nostris accreverunt. Hæc ordinaverimus prout potuimus ut videtur cum quatuor carucatas terræ, cum boscis, pratis, et pasturis, et aliis ad ea pertinentibus, de accresco nostro corpori abbathiæ et successoribus non longe a monasterio nichilominus reliquerimus in locis prædictis.

Pro Fæno et Foragio Coquinar.

Ex habundanti ad omnem discensionis materiam tollendam, ordinamus quod coquinarius singulis annis duas carectatas fœni et unam de foragio percipiat, de manerio de Twenyng percipiat, per carectarios ejusdem loci sibi cariandas et liberandas in festo beati Petri quod

dicatur ad vincula, pro sustentatione illius equi qui conventui deservit. Ita tamen quod coquinarius qui pro tempore fuerit equum ad deserviendum conventui continue retineat cum nunc de foeno et ab antiquo de præbenda sit sufficienter pro eodem provisum. Et quod ordinationes prius factæ de pacamento sexaginta librarum pro coquina conventuali de Schireburne, Ennestan, et thesauraria domus, et aliæ alibi, pro stipendio servientium et discis coquinæ conventus.

Pro Camera.

DE camera etiam conventuali et aliis pro stipendiis servientium, et manutergiis in claustro inveniendis, et ad O. camerarii, et minutis ut filo et aliis inveniendis, et assignatione facta pro stipendio capellani de capella beatæ Mariæ et aliis quibuscumque, una cum aliis remaneant perpetuo duraturæ. Quodque assensu unanimi provideatur quod unus frater monachus colligat omnes redditus villæ Winchcombæ ad quoscunque obedientiariorum pertinentes, adjuncto sibi et id exequente ballivo abbatis, et distractiones faciente, receptis ab eodem fratre rotulis singulorum obedientiariorum continentibus redditus prædictos. Et si contingat aliquod grave fieri oportere, fiat executio per eundem fratrem de scientia et ordinatione obedientiariorum ad quem contigerit pertinere. Et quod nulla littera sigillo conventuali quodcumque contingat aliquando extra claustrum deferatur, priusquam per succentorem aliumve per eum in londbok seu aliis locis, prout negotium requirit, scribatur ex toto.

Quibus Diebus istæ Ordinationes legantur.

VOLENTES igitur ut hæc nostra ordinatio et constitutio, et alia quæ ex habundanti recitamus, irrefragabiliter observentur, et a memoria non recedant, præcipimus quod ista ordinatio scribatur in martilogio et in capite missalis infirmariæ, et in capite missalis abbatis, et singulis annis in parliamentis sextarum feriarum in septimana sexagesimæ et ebdomadæ primæ post festum exaltationis sanctæ crucis, per succentorem, vel per alium per se rogatum, ex integro relegentur, qui pro suo labore, singulis annis, duos solidos recipiat in Gretton de terra illa quam habuimus ex donatione Nicholai Cot in eadem. Ita tamen quod si dictus succentor a casu diebus prædictis, vel aliis si non vacent, aliquo anno a recitatione cessaverit, dicti duo solidi illis diebus pauperibus erogentur, facto nichilominus visu in parlamento eadem sexta feria post festum sanctæ crucis prædictum quantum pro die sanctæ Cecilie sequente ad prædicta facienda contigerit remanere. Contravenientes vero nisi necessitas urgeat, aut pietas suadeat, scienter et maliciose, circumstante conventu et dicente “Fiat, Fiat,” excommunicantes solempniter in scriptis; protestando per archiepiscopum Cantuariensem et loci diocesanum procurare velle ordinationes prædictas et sententiam hanc in pleno capitulo dictis anno et die fulminatam quam cito poterimus confirmari.

De Pane monachali adaucto per eundem.

AD perpetuam rei memoriam juris doctrina necnon circumspectio peritorum prudenter providit ut quæ sub presentia præcessorum primitus ordinantur, causa perpetuitatis habendæ litteris alligentur. Cum igitur a foundatione monasterii Wynchecumbiæ usque ad diem assumptionis beatæ Mariæ sub anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo sexto, panis monachalis ejusdem coctus sexaginta solidos tantum ponderavit sterlingorum, sicque ad sustentationem fratrum videretur exilis qui juxta observantiam regularem de tertia parte illius dum cœnaturi forent extiterant recreandi, nec sic ad elemosinam quicquam remanere valeret, ut die lunæ ebdomadibus singulis pauperibus partitio largior erogetur, quæ de decima panis de furnia et relevio vescentium ubi perpetim fieri ordinatur distributione quintæ feriæ de deci-

ma, garbarum de Grettone et Stanleie perpetuo facienda similiter remanente, prout per nos Walterum abbatem alibi est provisum solempnius et plenius perseveret, volumus et concedimus pro nobis et successoribus nostris quod monachalis cujuslibet panis pondus qui coram fratribus hujus monasterii tantum qui in tali loco vel infra septa vel apud Corndene per diem comedunt ubi sunt de parte tertia postmodum cœnaturi ex nunc septuaginta quinque solidos ponderet bene coctus. Quodque panis provisos per patronum a foundatione monasterii, sexaginta solidos, ponderans tam pro fratribus domus vescentibus alibi, quam aliis quibuscumque, prout ab antiquo nichilominus apponendus inviolabiliter perseveret. Et ne panis iste per nos fratrem Walterum de Wykwanc ad talem usum tantummodo, et non ad alium quemcumque, sic adauctus et sub anathemate duraturus, per successores nostros aliquando forsitan aculeo livoris pereat, in futurum, dictum panem exnunc Gauterum W. dupplici consignatum volumus appellari. Cujus quidem panis augmentum de nostro infra limites parochiæ Wynchecumbiæ perquisito plenarie poterit inveniri; aliis per nos pro cœnaturis pariter et minutis conventui vel etiam pauperibus seu obedientiariorum primitus ordinatis, nichilominus remanentibus in æternum tanquam provenientibus ab eodem.

Ordinatio pro Fratribus minui volentibus apud Cornden.

CUMQUE super hæc idem dompnus abbas Walterus sub anno Domini millesimo tricentesimo tertio, duas carucas terras, redditus et servitia liberorum et nativorum, boscos et prata, cum pertinentiis quæ Johannes le Bruyn et Margeria uxor sua in Cotes, seu alibi infra ambitum libertatis de Sudleye habuerunt, prout cartæ testantur, donari monasterio et appropriari de licentia regia procurasset, pariter cum præmissis, domosque quasdam novas, pro solatio fratrum minuendorum apud Corndene levasset, ad perpetuam rei memoriam statuit quæ sequitur: videlicet quod fratres suis terminis ordinate minuti, a festo Paschæ usque ad festum omnium sanctorum die quo minuuntur post nonam simul accedant ad dictum locum, ibique per tres noctes si voluerint commorentur, quarto die in conventum ante missam matutinalem reversuri conjunctim; morantesque ibidem simul dicant horas suas, et missam audiant saltim unam: proviso quod in qualibet minutione una die de sancta Maria, et alia pro animabus patris et matris Walteri abbatis, et illorum qui tempore appropriationis dictorum bonorum in monasterio secum habitum comportarunt, et omnium defunctorum missa celebretur devote. Et ut evagandi materia tollatur, nullus a societate secedat vel ad abbatiam redeat quoquomodo sine scientia senioris societatis minutæ, qui ut curam prior gerat. Et qui contravenerit, a proxima minutione suspendatur omnino. Nec liceat quibuscumque minutis alios de conventu secum ad locum ut hospites invitare, per quod servitium de monasterio minus bene et plene sustentetur nec plusquam duos una die, et hoc nisi de licentia prioris et gratia speciali. Et ne solatium istud forsitan per æmulos in posterum revocetur ex non causis ut causis, ordinatum est quod quilibet minutus qui ad locum accedit, habeat duas obbatas cervisiæ per diem, obbis omnibus de una mensura concorditer prius factis, et de coquinario prout ab antiquo percipere consuevit. Quæ cum dicto abbati viderentur quod sufficere non poterant ad honorem, nec expediret statum rectoriæ seu coquinæ, vel etiam sui cellarii, in aliquo transmutare vel etiam onerare; et ut concordia quæ in domo est omnibus appareret, et foret posteris in exemplum, donavit et concessit dictis minutis omnes redditus quos habuit de dono Johannis le Bruyn et Margeriæ uxoris ejus prædictorum de quibus seisinam recepit, videlicet de quibus cuilibet minuto ut premititur ordinate quodcumque per annum quatuor denarii per pitanciarium liberentur. Refectorarius autem et coquinarius qui pro tempore fuerint, sic se minutorum ministris exhibcant paratos, et sibi liberent quæ debentur, quod non sit necesse cuiquam de minutis, pro suis necessariis perquirendis, a contubernio declinare, et aliorum, seu ad monasterium

regredi, vel infra idem tempus quomodolibet a quoquam infra septa monasterii, ut præmittitur, intueri: quodque si de licentia senioris contingat, tunc idem frater ante tempus collationis redeat omnimodo.

De Recreatione die Anniversarii sui.

STATUIT etiam irrefragabiliter conservandum imperpetuum quod de prato de Twenyng quod vocatur Colemedwe, et terra arabili quæ ad firmam traditur Willielmo ate Wode et duobus sociis, leventur triginta solidi pro recreatione fratrum, in recompensationem laboris die anniversarii sui. Et quod pitantiarius recipiat tria quarteria frumenti de grangia de Wynhecumbe eodem die pauperibus eroganda ut infra dictum est. Illis vero duabus marcis pro duabus terciis feriis ebdomadarum septuagesimæ et sexagesimæ prius ordinatis per eundem, ut primitus ordinatum extitit, et mentio superius est expressa pro eisdem fratribus eisdem terciis feriis remanentibus, nichilominus in æternum contradicentes anathematizando singulos per sententiam supradictam.

Pro Noviciis qui servitium suum plene reddiderunt.

PRÆSIDENTE eodem domino Waltero Dei gratia abbate in capitulo, tertio idus Januarii, dominica scilicet infra octab. Epiphaniæ, anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo nono, communi consensu totius conventus, provisum fuit et pro futuris temporibus irrefragabiliter statutum per eundem, quod juniores fratres cujuscumque fuerint ordinis vel ætatis qui plene et bene servitium suum reddiderunt, postquam fuerint per priorem certis societatibus assignati in suis terminis cum suis sociis, legitimo impedimento cessante, minuantur. Et quod alii quamdiu fuerint circa redditionem servicii sui occupati, sine delectu personæ, non nisi alternis vicibus minuendi licentia concedatur; nec etiam ludendi causa matutinali tempore cum aliis egrediendi.

De Curialitate Diaconorum die S. Stephani.

MEMORANDUM quod cum diaconi et sacerdotes de gradu diaconorum die sancti Stephani in crastino videlicet natalis Domini chorum regere teneantur et primatum optinere, ratione cujus primatiæ, ac etiam ob honorem sancti Stephani qui unus fuit de septem primis diaconibus, a tempore cujus non extat memoria, consueverint, singulis annis, abbati et conventui singillatim ipso die ad nonam de pane et cervisia, et ad collationem de speciebus et cervisia propriis sumptibus providere; excepto anno Domini millesimo tricentesimo nono, in quo per contradictionem quorundam diaconorum prædicta curialitas quæ prætextu suæ diuturnitatis transivit in jus subtrahabatur: propter quod cum coram domino Waltero Dei gratia abbate, præsidente in capitulo, die sancti Thomæ martiris proximo sequente habebatur sermo de subtractione prædicta, decrevit idem abbas de consensu prioris et conventus quod subtracta per diaconos quo ad diem prædictum redderentur die Circumsisionis Domini quod factum extitit, et quod extunc singulis annis ad hoc faciendum, tam de jure quam de consuetudine antiqua, teneantur, decernens juniores fratres professos, videlicet eos ad quos chori regimen die Sanctorum Innocentium pertinere dinoscitur, ad idem teneri, contradictione alicujus vel aliquorum non obstante.

De Picis ad opus Conventus.

MEMORANDUM quod anno Domini millesimo tricentesimo nono, in festo sancti Martini in mense Novembri, ad rogatum conventus concessit idem abbas qui supra, quod subcellerarius inveniat extunc infra tres ebdomadas per duos dies pastum sufficientem pro novem picis ad plus utroque die coquinario volenti facere picas ad opus conventus sine subtractione panis debiti ad coquinam præter illos tres dies dominicos; primum videlicet Adventus Domini septuagesimæ et quinquagesimæ tantum pro flavonibus in quibus de antiqua consuetudine ad id faciendum subcellerarius tenebatur.

Pro Clerico colligente Decimas in Autumpno.

ANNO Domini supradicto in crastino sanctæ Fidis Virginis recordatum extitit in capitulo per priorem et seniores, præsidente domino Waltero abbate et recordum approbante ac ratificante, quod clericus de ecclesia institutus per sacristam et deputatus ad colligendum et conservandum decimam suam et alia blada in agris a gula Augusti usque ad festum sancti Michaelis integre percipiet liberationem sibi assignatam; ita quod nec ipse nec aliquis pro eo infra idem tempus teneatur adire pistrinum quamvis omnia genera bladi quovis tempore ante festum sancti Michaelis in horreis fuerint congregata, nec etiam in hiis diebus in quibus majora signa ob reverentiam dei pulsantur ad nonam in quibus similiter abesse licite potest et debet sine subtractione liberationis suæ.

Pro Anniversario Magistri Willielmi de Chiritone.

ANNO Domini millesimo tricentesimo quarto, die sancti Bricii episcopi, pro beneficiis magistri Willielmi de Chiritone nobis collatis, nos Walterus abbas Wynhecumbiæ et ejusdem loci conventus concedimus quod die anniversarii sui fiat servitium pro eodem perpetim in hunc modum; videlicet, quod missa pro eodem cum duobus cantoribus celebretur, quodque reliquum servitium fiat prout decet. Pro quibus quidem ut præmittitur faciendis, recipiat pitantiarius quadraginta solidos ad quatuor anni terminos de duabus virgatis terræ in Honyburne quæ Croupes et Hareleye vocantur, ad procurandum conventum die sui Anniversarii pro labore de viginti sex solidis et octo denariis, et de tresdecim solid. et octo denar. ad pauperes recreandos. Pro quibus quidem quadraginta solidis, dictus Willielmus de quadraginta libris ad monasterium restaurandum de tanto redditu satisfecit. Hanc autem concessionem per sententiam excommunicationis in contravenientes de assensu omnium fratrum observari præcepit dictus abbas die et anno supradictis.

De tribus Quarteriis Frumenti.

ORDINAVIT insuper idem abbas quod pitantiarius qui pro tempore fuerit percipiat annis singulis de grangia de Wynhecumbe tria quarteria frumenti prætextu emptionis de Cotes. Ita quod feria quarta qualibet trium ebdomadarum primarum quadragesimæ, quamdiu vixerit, fiat de eisdem erogatio pauperibus pro eodem. Si autem ad primum partitionis diem tantum confluere contingat multitudinem quod tertia pars aut duæ partes frumenti prædicti non sufficiunt ad eosdem: tunc dicta tria quarteria, primo die, totaliter eisdem pauperibus erogentur. Post ipsius vero obitum prædicta frumenti liberatio in recreatione pauperum die anniversarii sui integere convertatur. Contravenientes etiam anathematizando singulos per sententiam supradictam.

Sententia lata in Contravenientes.

MEMORANDUM quod cum Conventus Wynhecumbiæ quoad coquinam suam exiliter provideretur, et nos frater Walterus abbas providerimus et assignaverimus quod de decem marcis de assarto de Ennestan sit adaucta suis terminis prout in suo loco plenius ex certa causa continetur. Et insuper quod assignatio magistri Walteri prout in ea continetur pleniter teneatur de decima de Zanevorthe ordinaverimus decem marcas debitis terminis exsolvi debere. Contravenientes vero et impediētes subscripta quoquomodo excommunicamus et anathematizamus in hiis scriptis, hoc intellecto quod solutio cujuslibet termini infra duos menses a tempore quo solutio fieri debebit fideliter exsolvatur, missis omnibus et aliis pro eisdem suis locis et diebus nichilominus exsolutis.

De viginti Marcis concessis Camera.

INTER tractandum autem in capitulo sub vigilia

Annunciationis Dominicæ sub anno Domini millesimo tricentesimo tertio decimo ordinavit Walterus abbas, pro salute animæ suæ, quod post decessum Willielmi de Haustede qui possessioni quater viginti marcarum jam incumbit, percipiat conventus pro camera sua de ecclesia de Ennestan de dono suo de mera affectione, specialitate, et gratia, viginti marcas modo qui sequitur exsolvendas, videlicet in festo nativitatis sancti Johannis Baptistæ decem marcas, et in festo Omnium Sanctorum decem marcas. Et diebus quibus percepit conventus dictos denarios vel infra quindecim dies proximo subsequentes, celebret quilibet eorum missas tres de sancta Maria in honorem illius et memoriam dicti abbatis. Si qui vero sacerdotes non fuerint, vel impedimentum habuerint, quo minus poterunt missas celebrare, tunc tria psalteria pro missis prædictis decantent. Quæ omnia vult dictus abbas sub anathemate et sententia inscriptis prius lata inviolabiliter observari.

De Sacristaria pro Decima de Sudle.

ITEM cum sacrista pro accresco cooperturæ novi operis expensas solitas excedere videatur, ordinavit idem Walterus abbas, per consensum fratrum suorum, quod tota decima de Sudleye, sive dominicæ sive villatæ, sacristariæ remaneat imperpetuum, ita videlicet quod melius imposterum sustentetur, et quod qualibet die dominica in æternum sit cereus magnus ardens per totum diem in medio presbiterii ante altare magnum Wynchecumbiæ in honore Dei genetricis Mariæ et memoriam antedicti Walteri abbatis.

Pro Elemosinario.

ITEM statuit idem Walterus abbas, quod elemosinarius qui pro tempore fuerit, habeat totam decimam garbarum et fœni a parte australi de Deoresbrok usque Cockebury, et de Cockebury usque Gretton, quæ non est de dominico nostro, suis usibus applicandam, pro partitione faciendâ, per quemlibet diem Sabbati specialiter pro animabus eorum a quibus aliquid adquisivit injuste, vel per extorsionem vel per quemcumque alium modum illicitum, et pro animabus omnium fidelium defunctorum. Ad hæc omnia infrascripta sub præmissa sententia contineantur perpetim duratura; et pro præmissis fideliter faciendis sententiavit abbas prædictus modo quæ supra; ut sic qui emolumentum habent, sint de onere participes in æternum.

Ut revocentur Constitutiones approbatæ.

FRATRES mei quæ adquiruntur, monasterio non sine gravi dampno corporis et periculo adquiruntur, et ad commodum vestrum deputantur; ut ergo participes sitis omnium bonorum provenientium de eisdem, oneramus vos quod quilibet vestrum sic in præsentem suscipiat emolumentum cum onere ut pro me respondeat in die iudicii. Et quia nonnulli sunt sine consilio nostro viam universæ carnis ingressi, quatenus fieri poterit absolvi-mus. Et quod illi qui ad cautelam tolerabantur, ex causa factum fuit, unde confitemur. Ad hæc omnes consuetudines quæ suspendebantur tempore donationis medietatis, releventur in virtute obedientiæ, de die in diem, et periculo Prioris et Celerarii ut jantacula, boscus, et cæteræ consuetudines quas ab antiquo novimus approbatas. Ita quod quilibet de terra restituatur ad statum, prout ab antiquo consueverat, bene esse, ut sic vestri et nostri misereatur pro remissione peccatorum singulis faciend. Hæc autem cum instantia et sub periculo injungimus faciend.

De Fine facta pro Vacatione.

Ut autem finis operationis circa curam et custodiam domus felicissime concludatur, idem Walterus abbas, per amicos videlicet dominum Walterum Dei gratia archiepiscopum Cantuariæ, dominum Hugonem le Despenser, et alios, vacationem domus de Wynchecumbe pro quadraginta libris sterlingorum, eo vivente et ac-

quietante, fieri procuravit, pro quibus orandum est in æternum sub anno Domini millesimo tricentesimo quattodecimo intrante, et regni regis Edwardi filii regis Edwardi septimo. Et sic omnia tangentia dictam domum sunt prospere consummata, et statu domus in pace nichilominus undique remanente.

NUM. X.

Exemplificatio diversarum Cartarum pro Abbate de Winchcombe.

[Pat. 1 Hen. IV. p. 8, m. 18.]

Rex omnibus ad quos, &c. salutem. Inspeximus literas patentes domini Ricardi nuper regis Angliæ secundi post Conquestum factas in hæc verba: ‘Richardus Dei gratia rex Angliæ et Franciæ et dominus Hiberniæ omnibus ad quos præsentem literam pervenerint salutem.’ Inspeximus literas patentes de confirmatione domini Edwardi nuper regis Angliæ, avi nostri in hæc verba: ‘Edwardus Dei gratia rex Angliæ et Franciæ et dominus Hiberniæ omnibus ad quod præsentem literam pervenerint salutem.’ Inspeximus quandam cartam quam dominus H. dudum rex Angliæ progenitor noster fecit Deo et sanctæ Mariæ et beato Kenelmo et monasterio de Wynchcombe in hæc verba: ‘H. Dei gratia rex Angliæ, et dux Normanniæ et Aquitanniæ, et comes Andegaviæ, archiepiscopis, episcopis, abbatibus, comitibus, baronibus, justiciariis, vicecomitibus, et omnibus ministris et fidelibus suis totius terræ suæ citra mare et ultra salutem. Sciatis nos concessisse et hac præsentem carta confirmasse Deo et sanctæ Mariæ et beato Kenelmo et monasterio de Wynchcombe, pro salute animæ nostræ et antecessorum nostrorum, quod abbas et monachi de Winchcombe et homines eorum liberi sint de thelonio in ecclesiis et in terris, cultis et incultis, in civitate et extra civitatem, in foro et extra forum, in nundinis et extra nundinis, in viis et semitis, in silvis et segetibus, in pratis et pascuis, in aquis aquarumve decursibus, in paludibus et piscationibus, in piscariis et molendinis, in plateis et extra plateas, et in omnibus locis cum strumtel et watertel: volumus etiam, et firmiter prohibemus quod nemo vicecomitum, procuratorum, escaetorum, vel ministrorum nostrorum exigant ab eisdem abbate et monachis vel eorum hominibus, theoloneum vel aliquem aliam consuetudinem pro emptione victus vel vestitus, seu plumbi vel maeremii, vel alterius cujuscunque rei, unde homines ipsius abbatis vel monachorum assecurare poterunt ad abbatem vel monachos vel ecclesiam de Winchcombe pertinere, nec eisdem abbati et monachis vel eorum hominibus inquietus, vel molestus, vel infestus sit, ullo tempore aut ullo modo ipsorum emptiones audeat disturbare. In cujus rei testimonium præsentem scripto sigillum nostrum apponi fecimus, testibus Egidio Ebroic. episcopo, Johanne decano Sarum, Aluredo de sancto Martino, et multis aliis apud Clun.’ Inspeximus etiam quandam aliam cartam quam celebris memoriæ dominus H. quondam rex Angliæ, proavus noster, fecit tunc abbati et conventui loci prædicti in hæc verba: ‘Henricus Dei gratia rex Angliæ, dominus Hiberniæ, dux Normanniæ et Aquitanniæ, et comes Andegaviæ, archiepiscopis, episcopis, abbatibus, prioribus, comitibus, baronibus, justiciariis, vicecomitibus, præpositis, ministris, et omnibus ballivis et fidelibus suis salutem. Sciatis nos concessisse et hac carta nostra confirmasse, pro nobis et hæredibus nostris, dilectis nobis in Christo abbati et conventui de Winchcombe, quod ipsi et successores sui imperpetuum habeant liberam warennam in omnibus dominicis terris suis maneriorum suorum de Wynchcombe, Cherleton, Finemed, Frenlinton, Newinton, Cotes, Hallinges, Heselton, Yanewrith, Thuening, Schireburn, Bladington, Stanton, Snoweshull, Huneburn, Merston, Adilmington, in com. Glouc. Ennestane in com. Oxon. et Rewenalne in com. Warwyke cum pertinentiis suis, dummodo maneria illa sint extra metas forestæ nostræ, ita quod nullus intret terras illas ad fugandum in eis, vel ad aliquid capiendum quod ad warennam pertineat, sine licentia et voluntate ipsius abbatis vel successorum suorum, super forisfacturam nostram decem librarum; quare

volumus et firmiter præcipimus pro nobis et hæredibus nostris quod prædictus abbas et conventus et successores sui imperpetuum habeant liberam warrenam in omnibus dominicis terris suis maneriorum suorum de Winchcombe, Cherleton, Finemed, Frenlinton, Newington, Cotes, Hallinges, Heselton, Yaneworth, Thening, Schireburn, Bladington, Stanton, Snowshull, Huniburn, Merston, Adilington, in com. Gloucestr. Ennesten in com. Oxon. et Ruwenaln' in com. Warwyk, cum pertinentiis suis, dummodo maneria illa sint extra metas forestæ nostræ, ita quod nullus intret terras illas ad fugandum in eis vel ad aliquid capiendum quod ad warennam pertineat sine licentia et voluntate ipsius abbatis vel successorum suorum super forisfacturam nostram decem librarum sicut prædictum est. Hiis testibus venerabili patre Willielmo Sarum episcopo, Ricardo de Clare comite Glouc. et Hertford, Rogero le Bigot comite Norff. et marescall. Angliæ, Rogero de Qonewy^a comite Wynton. Willielmo de Valentia fratre nostro, Johanne Mansel præposito Beverl. magistro Willielmo de Kilkenny archidiacono Coventriens. Radulpho fil. Nicholai, Johanne de Lessington, Paul. Peyvr', Gilberto de Segrave, Roberto Walerand, et aliis. Dat. per manum nostram apud Westm. quarto decimo die Maii anno regni nostri tricesimo quinto.' Nos autem concessionem et confirmationem prædictas ratas habentes et gratas eas pro nobis et hæredibus nostris, quantum in nobis est, dilectis nobis in Christo nunc abbati et conventui loci illius, et successoribus suis, concedimus et confirmamus sicut cartæ prædictæ rationabiliter testantur. In cujus rei testimonium has literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste meipso apud Westm. decimo octavo die Junii anno regni nostri Angliæ vicesimo secundo, regni vero nostri Franciæ nono. Inspeximus etiam quasdam alias literas patentes domini Edwardi filii regis Henrici quondam regis Angliæ progenitoris nostri in hæc verba: 'Edwardus Dei gratia rex Angliæ, dominus Hiberniæ, et dux Aquitanniæ, omnibus ad quos præsentem literam pervenerint salutem. Quia accepimus per inquisitionem quam per dilectum et fidelem nostrum Hugonem le Dispenser justiciar. forestæ nostræ ultra Trentam fieri fecimus, quod non est ad dampnum vel præjudicium nostrum, seu nocumentum forestæ nostræ de Wichwood vel alterius cujuscunque si concedamus dilectis nobis in Christo abbati et conventui de Winchcombe quod ipsi sexaginta acras vasti sui infra manerium suum de Ennestan in com. Oxon. unde triginta et quinque acrae et dimid. jacent super Wykhull et Grendenhull ex utraque parte de Grymesdych, et viginti et quatuor acrae et dimid. jacent inter viam quæ vocatur le Stikelwey et terram dictorum abbatis et conventus versus Welley, quæ sunt infra metas forestæ nostræ prædictæ parvo fossato et bassa haia secundum assisam forestæ includere, et in culturam redigere, et eas sic inclusas et in culturam redactas, tenere possint sibi et successoribus suis in perpetuum, et quod vastum illud distat a cooperto forestæ prædictæ per duas leucas, et quod non est ibi aliquod reperium ferarum nostrarum; nos per finem quem idem abbas fecit nobiscum concessimus et licentiam dedimus pro nobis et hæredibus nostris, quantum in nobis est, eisdem abbati et conventui quod ipsi prædictas sexaginta acras vasti parvo fossato et bassa haia secundum assisam forestæ includere, et in culturam redigere, et eas sic inclusas et in culturam redactas tenere possint sibi et successoribus suis imperpetuum, sicut prædictum est, sine occasione vel impedimento nostri vel hæredum nostrorum, justiciariorum, forestariorum, viridariorum, regarditorum, aut aliorum ballivorum seu ministrorum suorum forestæ quorumcunque. In cujus rei testimonium has literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes, teste meipso apud Berewicum super Twedam duodecimo die Junii anno regni nostri quarto.' Inspeximus etiam quasdam alias literas patentes præfati domini Edwardi filii regis Henrici in hæc verba: 'Edwardus Dei gratia rex Angliæ, dominus Hiberniæ, dux Aquitanniæ, omnibus ad quos præsentem literam pervenerint salutem. Sciatis quod de vastis in foresta de Wichewode in com. Oxon. concessimus, pro

nobis et hæredibus nostris, dilectis nobis in Christo abbati et conventui de Winchcombe, de solo suo proprio centum et quindecim acras et unam rodam per perticam viginti pedum, quarum viginti acrae jacent inter boscum comitis Warwik et dominicam terram manerii de Astelegh, et duæ acrae jacent inter boscum reginæ et boscum prædictorum abbatis et conventus; et septuagint. et octo acrae et dimid. et triginta perticatae jacent inter caput boreale viginti acrarum arcutarum eisdem abbati et conventui inter boscum comitis Warwic' et dominicam terram manerii de Astelegh et campum hominum villatæ de Eustane; et quatuordecim acrae et dimid. et decem perticatae jacent inter messuagium etcroftum Agnetis de Blokesham de Dichelee et boscum prædictorum abbatis et conventus ex utraque parte de Grimesdich, habend. et tenend. de nobis et hæredibus nostris eisdem abbati et conventui et successoribus suis imperpetuum, reddendo inde nobis et hæredibus nostris per annum ad scaccarium nostrum, termino sancti Michaelis, per manus vicecomitis comitatus prædicti, qui pro tempore fuerit, quatuor solidos novem denarios unum obulum et unum quadrantem, ad quos dictæ centum et quindecim acrae et una roda per dilectos et fideles nostros Walterum de Gloucestr. et Willielmum de Harden ad prædicta vasta arrentanda per nos assignatos arrentantur pro omni servitio, consuetudine, et demanda. Ita quod prædicti abbas et conventus et successores sui dictas centum et quindecim acras et unam rodam vastæ parvo fossato et bassa haya secundum assisam forestæ includere, et in culturam redactas tenere possint, sicut prædictum est, cum libero introitu et exitu ad omnimoda averia sua, eundo a proximis viis regiis usque ad dictas centum et quindecim acras et unam rodam, et inde redeundo sine occasione vel impedimento nostri vel hæredum nostrorum, justiciariorum, forestariorum, viridariorum, aut aliorum ministrorum nostrorum forestæ quorumcunque. Ita tamen quod prædicti abbas et conventus et successores sui, ratione dictarum centum et quindecim acrarum et unius rodæ, nullam communam extra easdem centum et quindecim acras et unam rodam vindicare poterint vel habere. In cujus rei testimonium has literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste meipso apud Karliolum sextodecimo die Junij, anno regni nostri tricesimo quinto. Nos autem omnes et singulas libertates, quietantias, concessionem, et confirmationem prædictas, et omnia alia et singula in carteris et literis supradictis contenta, rata habentes et grata ea pro nobis et hæredibus nostris, quantum in nobis est, dilecto nobis in Christo nunc abbati et conventui loci illius et successoribus suis imperpetuum, tenore præsentium concedimus et confirmamus sicut cartæ et literæ supradictæ rationabiliter testantur, et prout iidem abbas et conventus et prædecessores sui, libertatibus, quietantiis, et aliis in cartis et litteris illis contentis, virtute cartarum confirmationum et literarum supradictarum hucusque rationabiliter uti et gaudere consueverunt. In cujus rei testimonium has literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste meipso apud Westm. octavo die Februarii anno regni nostri primo.' Inspeximus insuper quandam cartam prædicti nuper regis R. similiter factam in hæc verba: 'Ricardus Dei gratia rex Angliæ et Franciæ et dominus Hiberniæ, archiepiscopis, episcopis, abbatibus, prioribus, ducibus, comitibus, baronibus, justiciariis, vicecomitibus, præpositis, majoribus, ballivis, ministris, et omnibus fidelibus suis salutem. Sciatis quod cum Kenulphus et alii progenitores nostri regis Angliæ fundassent abbatiam de Winchcombe, in hundredis de Kistesgate, Holford, et Greston, quæ quidem hundreda cum omnibus proficuis et commoditatibus de eisdem exeuntibus dominus Edwardus nuper rex Angliæ, avus noster, defunctus, concessit per literas suas patentes Johanni Atewode chivaler, ad terminum vitæ suæ; ut accepimus, nos de gratia nostra speciali ad reverentiam divinam dedimus, concessimus, et hac carta nostra confirmavimus, pro nobis et hæredibus nostris dilectis nobis in Christo abbati et conventui ejusdem abbatiae, et successoribus suis, hundreda prædicta cum wayf et straif, catallis felonum et

fugitivorum, visu franciplegii, et cum omnimodis libertatibus, consuetudinibus, franchisesiis, et proficuis emergentibus de hundredis prædictis, libertatibus, occasionibus quæ sunt vel erunt aliquo modo infra procinctam hundredorum prædictorum prout dictus Johannes ea, ut dicitur, optinet in præsentī ac cur. hundredorum prædictorum tenend. per eorum proprium senescallum per modum et prout hujusmodi curiæ per ministros progenitorum nostrorum vel per ministros nostros temporibus præteritis tenebantur. Et ultra hoc dedimus et concessimus et hac carta nostra confirmavimus pro nobis et eisdem hæredibus nostris prædictis abbati et conventui et successoribus suis ferias et mercata tenend. in villa de Winchcombe ad dies et modo consuet. cum omnimodis commoditatibus et proficuis, et omnibus aliis quæ ad prædicta ferias et mercata pertinent, habend. et tenend. prædicta hundreda, ferias, mercata, wayf et strai, catalla felonum et fugitivorum, visum franci plegii, cum curiis prædictorum hundredorum, et omnibus proficuis, libertatibus, consuetudinibus, franchisesiis, et occasionibus emergentibus de hundredis prædictis post decessum præfati Johannis abbati et conventui et eorum successoribus ad feodi firmam imperpetuum, reddendo inde nobis et hæredibus nostris annuatim ad scaccarium nostrum ad terminos sancti Michaelis et Paschæ, tantum quantum pro hundredis, feriis, mercatis, et aliis libertatibus et franchisesiis prædictis ad scaccarium nostrum prædictum, ante hæc tempora redditum fuit et solutum, volentes et concedentes pro nobis et hæredibus prædictis quod a tempore dicti decessus prædicti Johannis nullus vicecomes nec alius minister noster nec ipsorum hæredum nostrorum se intromittat de prædictis hundredis, feriis, mercatis, curiis, nec visu franciplegii cum suis pertinentiis hundredorum prædictorum: Quare volumus et firmiter præcipimus, pro nobis et hæredibus nostris, quod prædicti abbas et conventus habeant et teneant prædicta hundreda de Kistesgate, Holford, et Greston, ac prædicta ferias, mercata, wayf et stray, catalla felonum et fugitivorum, visum franci plegii, cum curia hundredorum prædictorum, per eorum proprium senescallum, in forma prædicta tenend. et cum omnimodis proficuis, libertatibus, consuetudinibus, franchisesiis, et occasionibus emergentibus de hundredis prædictis post decessum præfati Johannis eisdem abbati et conventui et eorum successoribus ad feodi firmam imperpetuum, reddendo inde nobis et hæredibus nostris annuatim ad scaccarium nostrum ad terminos sancti Michaelis et Paschæ tantum quantum pro hundredis, feriis, et mercatis, et aliis libertatibus et franchisesiis prædictis ad scaccarium nostrum prædictum ante hæc tempora redditum fuit et solutum. Ita quod a tempore dicti decessus præfati Johannis nullus vicecomes nec alius minister noster nec ipsorum hæredum nostrorum se intromittat de prædictis hundredis, feriis, mercatis, curiis, nec visu franci plegii, cum pertinentiis suis hundredorum prædictorum, sicut prædictum est, hiis testibus, venerabilibus patribus R. London. W. Wynton. cancellario nostro, W. Dunolm. J. Sarum thesaurar. nostro, A. Assaven. confessore nostro, episcopis; Thoma duce Gloucestr. avunculo nostro carissimo, Edwardo comite Roteland, Johanne de Holland comite Huntington fratre nostro carissimo camera. Angliæ, Thoma de Moubrai comite marescall. Johanne Devereux senescallo hospitii nostri, magistro Edmundo de Stafford custode privati sigilli nostri, et aliis. Dat. per manum nostram apud Westm. undecimo die Junii, anno regni nostri quarto-decimo." Nos autem donationes, concessiones, et confirmationes prædictas, necnon omnia alia et singula in dictis cartis et litteris contenta, rata habentes et grata ea pro nobis et hæredibus nostris quantum in nobis est acceptamus, approbamus, ac dilectis nobis in Christo abbati et conventui abbatie prædictæ et successoribus suis, tenore præsentium concedimus et confirmamus sicut cartæ et litteræ prædictæ rationabiliter testantur et prout ijdem abbas et conventus et prædecessores sui hundreda, terras, et tenementa prædicta hactenus rationabiliter habuerunt et tenuerunt, ac libertatibus, quietantiis, feriis, et mercatis, et aliis in cartis et litteris prædictis contentis, virtute cartarum, confirmationum, et litterarum supradicta-

rum rationabiliter uti et gaudere consueverunt. In cuius, &c. Teste rege apud Westm. vicesimo quinto die Julii.

Pro decem marcis solutis in lanaperio.

NUM. XI.

Carta Ricardi Wigorniensis Episcopi, Appropriationes Ecclesiarum Winchelcumbensi Cænobio, dudum factas, confirmans.

[Ex Reg. de Winchecumbe penes Will. Morton eq. aur. An. 1659, fol. 2 a.]

NOVERINT universi per præsentēs, quod nos Richardus, permissione divinâ Wigorn. episcopus, nostram diocesim, jure nostro ordinario actualiter visitantes, dilectos in Christo filios, religiosos viros abbatem et conventum monasterii de Winchelcumbe, ordinis S. Benedicti, nostræ diocesis, ecclesias parochiales de Winchelcombe, Rowell, Schurburne, Twynnyng, Bladyngtone, eis et eorum monasterio appropriatas et unitas; necnon portiones et pensiones annuas; videlicet ab ecclesiâ de Bladyngtone, xx^s. De ecclesiâ de Mukceltone, infra parochiam ecclesiæ de Quentene, x^s. Decimas de terris dominicis apud Bladyngtone. Decimas etiam de terris dominicis ipsorum, apud Adelmyngton; ac decimas de terris dominicis ipsorum apud Merstone sicca. Decimas etiam de terris dominicis ipsorum in Stawntone et Snoweshulle; necnon duas partes decimarum majorem totius parochiæ de Stawntone prædictâ, ac etiam decimas de terris dominicis ipsorum apud Alne, in parochiâ de Kynewartone: necnon decimas de terris dominicis ipsorum apud Charletone, Hallynge, Haseltone, et Yanworth, dictæ nostræ diocesis obtinentes, percipientes, possidentes, et habentes, ad exhibendum munimenta, jura, et titulos, quibus præmissas ecclesias, portiones, et pensiones sic occupant, detinent, et percipiunt, fecerimus ad certum diem et locum competentes, coram nobis ad iudicium evocari; iidem religiosi viri, juxta effectum vocationis nostræ hujusmodi, coram nobis die et loco ad hoc assignatis legitimè comparentes, proponi fecerunt, quod ipsi prædictas ecclesias superiùs memoratas; necnon portiones et pensiones ritè fuerunt et sunt assecuti; ac ipsas, à tempore assecutionis hujus, per nonnulla tempora obtinuerunt, possiderunt, perceperunt, et habuerunt pacificè et quietè, petentes à nobis sæpiùs et instanter, quod ipsos, ad præmissa probanda in debitâ juris formâ admittere; necnon, pro eorum hujus possessione canonicâ pronunciare, eaque confirmare, et à nostris officio et examine dimittere dignaremur.

Nosque dictis religiosiis viris in hac parte volentes facere justiciæ complementum, literas apostolicas bullatas, et alia munimenta in hac parte sufficientia, ac alias probationes, præmissa concernentes; per eosdem, coram nobis judicialiter exhibita, admisimus, inspeximus, et diligenter examinavimus; per quæ ipsi religiosi viri, suam intentionem sufficienter in hac parte fundaverunt; undè nos legitimè procedentes, pro jure, titulo, et possessione canonicâ eorundem religiosorum virorum in ecclesiis, portionibus, pensionibus, et decimis supradictis; ipsasque ecclesias, portiones, et pensiones, necnon et decimas omnes et singulas memoratas, ad ipsos religiosos viros et eorum monasterio pertinuisse; ac et modo et formâ, de quibus præmittitur pertinere, et pertinere debere in futurum, pronunciamus et declaramus sententialiter et diffinitivè, in hiis scriptis; præmissasque ecclesias, decimas, portiones, et pensiones omnes et singulas, per ipsos religiosos viros, ut præmittitur, assecutas, eis et eorum monasterio, ex certâ nostra scientia, auctoritate nostrâ ordinariâ confirmamus; ac ipsos viros et canonicos, in eisdem ecclesiis, decimis, portionibus, et pensionibus possessores fuisse et esse decernimus; easque ratas et firmas eis habere volumus imperpetuum eosdem religiosos viros, tanquam sufficienter in hac parte munitos à nostris officio et examine, quoad omnia et singula dimittimus per decretum. In quorum omnium testimonium sigillum nostrum fecimus hiis apponi. Data in manerio nostro de Blokeley xvi. die mensis Novembris, anno Domini mcccc.iiii. et nostræ translationis anno quarto.

NUM. XII.

Ex Vitâ Roberti quarti, Winchelcumbensis Cœnobii Abbatis.

[Ibid. fol. 111 b.]

ANNO itaque quinto regis Ricardi primi, optimo patre Radulpho, ab Winchelcumbensibus sublato, religiosus vir, Robertus, nostri loci monachus, legitimis omnium suffragiis, in ejus locum sufficitur, homo certè omni genere virtutum admodum commendandus; qui ea diligentîâ, prudentîâ, sollicitudineque in hiis præsertim, quæ tum ad divinum cultum, ac regularem observantiam, tum ad novam ecclesiæ nostræ, domorumque claustralium extructionem; tum ad augmentum possessionum nostrarum attinebant, semper usus est &c. Inter tamen cætera, quæ nobiliter et munificentissimè, in nostri cœnobii utilitatem atque commodum fieri procuravit, illud occurrit ab omnibus posteris, non ab re accuratissimè animadvertendum, quòd dominia nostra de Yanworthâ, Hasiltonâ, Hallynga, cum advocazione ecclesiarum in eisdem noster abbas Robertus, de manibus domini Williel. advocati Betunæ, expositis, pro eisdem ad vices amplius, quàm quingentis quinquaginta et octo libris primò nobis adquisivit. Exposuit præterea in deforestationem domini nostri de Twynnyngyâ (quod prius commemoratum est, inter ea quæ pertinebant ad forestam de Harwellâ et Ambresleyâ) quinquaginta et septem marcas duodecimque solidos sterlingorum. Hic etiam reverendus pater, haud sine multarum pecuniarum effusione nobis fieri procurabat aquæductum, quo in fistulis plumbeis de fonte apud le Hanwell, usque ad abbatiam nostram, sub terræ meatibus continuo motu, aquâ mundissimâ decurrere valeret, &c.

[Ibid. fol. 112 a.]

IPSIVS etiam Roberti, viri optimi, decreto ordinatum fuit; ut crastino Omnium Sanctorum, quotannis; pane, potu, jurilento unoque ferculo, centum pauperes pascerentur, ob fidelium animas pœnis purgatorii liberandas.

Statuit præterea, ut quoties obtigerit quempiam monachorum nostræ ecclesiæ obire mortem, ejus tum nomen per totam Angliam, Scociam, et Walliam, apud omnia regularia loca quum primum esse denunciandum, quatenus etiam ipsi ejus animæ Deo optimo maximo humili prece commendent, &c.

Ex Vitâ Johannis Yanworthe Abbatis.

[Ibid. fol. 122 b.]

ANNO equidem regis Henrici tertii uno supra tricesimum, sancti patris Henrici abbatis honorabili funere, magnâ celebritate (uti justissimum erat) peracto, delegerunt monachi in ejus locum, communi eorum assensu, religiosum virum, Johannem, cognomine Yanworthe, nostri loci meritissimum celerarium, &c. Inter tamen cætera, quæ ab eo legimus gesta fuisse, illud

occurrit maximè commendandum, quod dominium nostrum de Dri-Merstonâ, ampliùs quam mcccc. marcis, ecclesiæ nostræ perpetuo possidendum perquisierit. Alia etiam perquam plura, tum in decimis, possessionibusque spiritualibus, tum in prædiis, nostræ ecclesiæ illius tempestate, ascriptæ fuere, &c.

Ex Vitâ Richardi Ydebury Abbatis.

[Ibid. fol. 226 b.]

ANNO præterea regis Edwardi, filii regis Edwardi, nono; religioso abbate Thomâ ab Winchelcumbensibus sublato; honorandus vir, Ricardus cognomine Ydburei, ecclesiæ nostræ venerabilis sacrista, in ejus locum, juxta patrum canones suffectus est, &c. Idem Ricardus, cum manerium de Rowell, quod est contiguum maneriis suis de Ballyng, Cotysdene, et bosco suo de Winchelcumbâ, immediatè, venale fuisset; idem abbas cepit dictum manerium ad feodi firmam, pro quo solvit, cum suis pertinentiis quingentas et quinquaginta libras. Illis etiam temporibus perquisivit idem abbas assartum infra bundas manerii sui de Ennestone, quod custavit in omnibus, cum pacificâ possessione vicinorum, centum marcas, &c. Idem perquisivit abbas le ferme de Cotes perpetuò.

Ex Vitâ Walteri Winfortune Abbatis.

[Ibid. fol. 133 a.]

ANNO equidem regis Edwardi tertii, quarto supra tricesimum, Roberto de Ippewellâ nuper abbate, per propriam abdicationem officio regiminis abbatihæ nostræ absoluto; sortitus est ejus locum, bonorum virorum suffragiis, qui tantum Deum præ oculis habuerunt; per viam (ut aiunt) compromissi, venerandus vir Walterus de Winfortona, sacratissimæ ædis Wigorniensis meritis celerarius, &c.

Idem præterea reverendus pater, secum crebro animadvertens, quomodo abbatia nostra, ab publicis ministris domini regis, contra omnem justiciam esset molestata; maximè verò ab illis ministris qui hundredis de Kystisgate, Holford, et Greston tum præfuerint; eò quòd tum eadem abbatia nostra, tum ferè omnes possessiones nostræ, in eisdem hundredis situata, existerent. Venit proinde eidem venerabili patri Waltero in mentem, quod paci et quieti nostri multum conferret; si præsidio laboreque amicorum suorum, eadem hundreda essent ecclesiæ nostræ subjecta; occupataque per proprios nostri loci ministros: hanc namque ob rem regiam majestatem aggressus est Walterus; apud quem, tum prece, tum pretio, tum amicorum præsidio; demum, post multos conatus, quod petierat impetravit; eâ itaque clementiâ, eâ pietate, eaque benignitate fuerat illustrissimus princeps Ricardus secundus in Winchelcumbenses, ob amorem divi martyris Kenelmi, eorum gloriosissimi patroni, ut visus sit plurimo gaudio affici, sibi dari occasionem, quæ monasterio nostro aliquod beneficium conferret, quo sui memoriam illius loci monachi, majori devotione, de cætero, haberent.

COMPUT' MINISTRORUM DOMINI REGIS TEMP. HEN. VIII.

(Abstract of Roll, 32 Hen. VIII. Augmentation Office.)

MONASTERIUM DE WINCHELCOMBA.

Com' Glouc'			£.	s.	d.
Manerium de Winchelcomb	Redd' Assis'		1	4	0
- - - - -	Redd' cust' Ten'		9	8	6
Villa de Winchelcomb	Redd' Ten' ad Vol'		25	16	9
- - - - -	Firm'		7	13	8
- - - - -	Firm' Scit' Monastij cum Terr' Dñical'		24	0	8
- - - - -	Firm' Capitlis Mes' de Cornden		20	0	0
- - - - -	Annual' Redd' lib' Tenen' in Burgag'		0	5	5
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'		0	15	2½
Rectoria de Winchelcomb	Firm' cum Porc' Decim' et Oblac'		41	18	0½
Manerium de Twynyng	Redd' Assis'		2	3	0
- - - - -	Redd' cust' Ten'		47	2	0½
- - - - -	Redd' cust' Ten' voc' Smokepens'		0	4	2½
- - - - -	Firm'		20	13	4
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'				null
Rectoria de Twynnyng	Firm'		26	0	0
Manerium de Shyrborne cum Winriche	Redd' Assis'		1	1	7½
- - - - -	Redd' cust' Ten'		41	9	9½
- - - - -	Redd' et Firm' Ten' ad Vol' Dñi		1	3	8
- - - - -	Firm'		45	2	0
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'		1	15	0
Manerium de Staunton cum Rectoria	Redd' cust' Ten'		19	16	10
- - - - -	Firm' Ter' cum Rectoria		0	1	8
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'				null
Manerium de Snoweshull	Redd' Assis'		0	1	6
- - - - -	Redd' cust' Ten'		4	11	2
- - - - -	Redd' voc' Smokepens'		0	0	11
- - - - -	Exit' Quarr'		0	4	0
- - - - -	Firm'		21	0	0
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'				null
Alderton cum Pencione in Mekelton.					
Alderton	Firm' Terr'		0	4	0
Mekelton	Pencio				null
Manerium de Honyborne	Redd' cust' Ten'		17	13	4
- - - - -	Firm'		36	17	5
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'		0	6	8
Manerium de Marston Sicca	Redd' Assis'		0	3	5
- - - - -	Redd' cust' Ten'		17	18	11
- - - - -	Redd' Ten' ad Vol'		13	7	2
- - - - -	Firm'		12	0	0
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'		0	3	4
Manerium de Adilmyngton	Redd' Assis'		0	13	4
- - - - -	Redd' Cust' Ten' et ad Vol' Dñi R'		15	4	6½
- - - - -	Firm'		28	6	4
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'		0	7	0
Manerium de Bladington cum Rectoria	Redd' Assis'		0	6	0
- - - - -	Redd' cust' Ten'		24	13	9
- - - - -	Firm' Maner' et Rector'		29	3	11½
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'				null
Yanworth	Redd' cust' Ten'		9	10	1
- - - - -	Redd' Ten' ad Vol'		0	12	0
- - - - -	Firm' Maner'		7	6	8
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'		0	4	10
Hasilton	Redd' Assis'		0	13	2
- - - - -	Redd' cust' Ten'		3	15	10
- - - - -	Firm' Maner'		5	13	4

Com' Glouc'		£.	s.	d.
Hasilton	Pquis' Cur'	0	4	0
Manerium de Rowell	Firm'	23	6	8
Cottisden	Firm'	4	0	0
Hallynge	Redd' Assis'	0	2	0
- - - - -	Redd' cust' Ten'	5	7	0
- - - - -	Redd' Ten' ad Vol' Dñi R'	1	17	0
- - - - -	Firm' Maner'	16	15	0
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'	nult		
Hallynge, Cottisden, et Rowell	Porc' Decimar'	3	0	0
Charlington	Redd' cust' Tenen' cum Redd' Smoke-			
- - - - -	pens	3	5	8
- - - - -	Redd' Mobil'	0	4	10
- - - - -	Firm'	18	6	8
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'	nult		
Hauñton	Redd' cust' Ten'	8	19	0
Fraunton	Firm' Maner'	60	0	0
Hilcote infra Parochiam de Wethington	Firm'	8	14	0
Rostley infra Parochiam de Wethingdon	Firm'	6	14	0
Cootes cum Grettenham infra Parochiam de				
Winchelcomba	Redd' Assis'	0	1	9½
- - - - -	Redd' cust' Ten'	9	6	0
- - - - -	Redd' Ten' ad Vol'	2	10	6
- - - - -	Firm'	9	2	0
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'	nult		
- - - - -	Porc' Decimar'	2	13	4
Dominium sive Manerium de Sudeley cum Membr'				
Grete	Redd' Assis'	2	0	8
- - - - -	Redd' cust' Ten'	5	13	2½
Gretton	Redd' Assis' lib' Ten'	1	6	0½
- - - - -	Redd' cust' Ten'	8	17	10
Sudeley	Redd' Assis' lib' Ten'	2	15	2½
- - - - -	Redd' cust' Ten'	14	7	11
- - - - -	Firm'	34	10	8
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'	0	15	6
Hundred' de Kestisgate	Redd'	6	8	4
- - - - -	Fines Sect' cum Pquis' Cur'	2	7	0
Hundred' de Holford et Gretteston	Redd'	6	8	4
- - - - -	Fin' Sect' cum Pquis' Cur'	3	18	4
- - - - -	Tolnet' Nundin'	0	12	2
Vill' Glouc'	Firm'	2	1	8
Fromelode	Piscar'	4	0	0
Manerium de Enston cum Rçoria	Redd' Assis'	0	18	0½
- - - - -	Redd' cust' Ten' et ad Volunt'	30	9	11
- - - - -	Firm' Scit' Maner' cum Rçoria	27	13	4
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'	nult		
Manerium de Alne cum Offord	Firm'	31	10	0
Com' Midd'				
London	Firm' Hospic' in vico voc' Fleete			
- - - - -	Streete	6	0	0

Benedictine Nunnery of Wilton,

FORMERLY

Ellandune,

IN

WILTSHIRE.



WILTON Monastery, says Bishop Tanner, owes its original to Weoxstan, or Wulstan, the famous earl or duke of Wiltshire, who, about the year 773,^a repaired an old church of St. Mary here, which had been almost quite demolished by the Danes, and placed therein a college, or chantry, of secular priests; but, after his death, A. D. 800, his relict Saint Al-

burga, sister to King Egbert, got leave of her brother

^a This year is put in Leland, Collect. vol. i. p. 67, ii. 219, and in the Cotton MS. Faust. B. III. (see Num. I.) as the year of the foundation by King Egbert or his sister. But Wulstan did not die, nor was Egbert king, till A.D. 800, as Chron. Saxon.

The metrical Life of St. Editha, preserved in the Cotton manuscript just quoted, and which contains the early history of Wilton, gives the following account of Weoxstan's, or Wulstan's foundation: placing it as late as A.D. 800.

"In the ayzte hundreth after the incarnacyon hit fell by case
That Ethelmund that of the Marche tho was kyng,
Come into Westsex with gret manasse,
To make the erle of Wylteshyr his vnderlyng.
Bot Wolstan that was erle of Wylteshyr tho
Azeynstode hym with gret strenthe and mayne,
With mony a mon of Wyltsshyre mo
And drof hym to his lond azayne.
Bot in that batell was slawe, y wys,
Alquimundy that holy mon, fader
Erle Wolstonus Wyffus he wys,
For hem he made gret soro and mon:
And for his soule a chyrche lett make
In Wylton fast, by his owne place,
To syng and red for his sowe sake
That a Collage y clepud tho hit wasse:
Bot in the honor of owr lady
Hit had ben foundyd ferre byfore,
Bot thorow strong werr securlye
Hit was almost clene forlore.
And so for Seynt Alquimondyes loue hit was fyrst y made,
Off Walston that was erle of Wylteshyr tho;
And afterward for Elburwy's love, as y ere sayde,
Kyng Egberd made the religiouse house therto.
And so erle Walston was furst founder of that chirche
For Seynt Alquimondyes love y wys
And Elburwe that religiouse house let after whirche,
And so the fyrst founder therof he was,
By consent of Egberde the kyng
That was hur owne brother,
And so he was furst cause of that house makyng,
He preyde hym so feyr he myzt non other;
Bot grauntede for be hur patrone
And mayntenor of that place,
And Elburwe hur self dede therinne wonne,
Sone after that the erle ded was.

to make it a nunnery for twelve religious virgins, besides the prioress. King Egbert encouraged this project, and is thereupon said to be the founder of this monastery.^b

King Alfred, having routed the Danes not far from this town, A. D. 871, on the persuasion of his wife Egwine, built a new nunnery on the site of the royal palace here for an abbess and twelve religious, and caused the nuns from St. Mary's to come to this new house, which was dedicated to St. Mary and St. Bartholomew: the joint foundation consisting of twenty-six religious persons,

RADEGUND being the first abbess.^c

King Athelstan, King Edward the elder, King Edwy, and King Edgar, were also great benefactors to this

And Kyng Eghert zaffe bothe londys and rente
To that place and the chirche ywys
For his love that alle thyng sente." fol. 197 b.

^b FOUNDER, in the history of our ancient monasteries, is continually used as another word for *patron* or *benefactor*. So, the metrical writer just quoted, continuing the mention of Egbert, says:

"And thus the furst founder of kynges he ys
And Atwolf his sone that holy mon
Zaff londys and rentys therto as y sayd ere;
And Ethelbald his son, when he was gone,
Of kynges was the thryd founder;
And Kyng Ethelbryzt, that worthy knyzt,
The fourthe founder he was therto;
And Etheldrede, that holy wyzt,
Was the fyvethe founder also.
Of kyngys founders fynd I no mo." fol. 198.

^c Alfred's foundation, in the metrical History, is placed as late as the year 890.

"And the kyng was ther tho in that place,
And leyd ther the first ston of that chyrche
After the Incarnacyon ayzte hundreth yer
And foure score yer mo and ten." fol. 200 b.

Again,

"And withinne two yere this abbey was wrouzt
And brouzt to a parfytte hend,
Bot of the dedycacyon spake y ryzt nouzt
For euery zere hit comys in mynde.
Bot RADGUNDE was first sacryd Abbas ther,
The erlys douzter of Wylteshyr Ethelston;
And the relygyose wymen that weron at seynt Mary chirche
byfore
Weren brozt theder tho everychon;
And other maydones mony mo also
Weron veylled tho in that abbay.
Radgund and twelff other maydones mo
Weron y veylled ther in on day
So that in the first bygynnyng
Syxe and twenty wemen ther wer,
And hadden ther hurr leuyng
To serve God there all yfere." fol. 201.

monastery; the latter for the sake of his natural daughter, Saint EDITH,^a a nun, and, as some say, abbess here, who was afterwards canonized, and became the patron saint of the abbey.^b

This Edith, Editha, or Eadgitha, was the natural daughter of King Edgar by the lady

WULFTRUDA, or WILFRID. Of this latter person, Capgrave relates, that, preferring a life of chastity and retirement to the temporal honours intended for her by the king, she was made a nun of Wilton by the hands of Saint Ethelwold; and, on account of her great sanctity and exemplary conduct, became afterwards abbess of that monastery. It appears from a Charter granted by King Edgar, A. D. 974, that Wilfrid was then abbess.^c Here she brought up and educated her daughter Edith, who likewise took the veil, and, at the age of fifteen is said to have been appointed by her father to the government of three monasteries: but nothing could induce her to leave Wilton, at which place she preferred remaining under Wilfrid's maternal care.^d After founding the church of Saint Denis, she died, at the age of twenty-three, A. D. 984, leaving her mother surviving.^e

Editha and her mother Wilfrid were both buried in the church of the monastery.^f

Swein, king of Denmark, in a piratical incursion in 1003, is stated to have destroyed the town of Wilton: nothing, however, is said of the monastery.^g

"Camden," says Mr. Douce, in his account of Wilton, "informs us that in the life of Edward the Confessor it is said, that whilst he was erecting the monastery of St. Peter Westminster, his wife Editha began building an abbey of stone in lieu of the wooden one at Wilton, where she had been educated." To what life of the Confessor Camden refers does not appear. Speed, in his Chronicle, speaking of Editha's separation from her husband Edward, states that he committed her prisoner to the monastery of Wilton; but Mr. Douce conceives that this historian, through some mistake, has substituted *Wilton* for *WHERWELL*, to which place, and not to Wilton, all the early writers say she was sent by Edward.^h

The following are the possessions of this monastery as recorded in the Domesday Survey. In *Hampshire*, in

the Isle of Wight, at Watingewell two hides and a half of land, with a salt-pan unassessed. In *Wiltshire*, at Stanton twenty hides; at Newetone thirteen hides and a half, and half a virgate; at Darneford four hides; at Svalolive four hides and a virgate; at Chilmerc twenty hides; at Werdore one hide; at Chenvel ten hides; at Ovreton ten hides; at Chelche seventy-seven hides; at Newetone nineteen hides and three virgates; at Wilgi ten hides; at Wichford four hides; at Langeford three hides; at Ocheforde four hides; at Dicehantone half a hide; at Bredecumbe six hides; at Babestoch three hides; at Waisel eight hides and a half; at Febefonte ten hides; and two hides at Lavvrechestoches. In *Dorsetshire* the abbey held six hides at Dedelintone, and three hides and a half at Winburne.

It is impossible to state the precise rental of the monastery in the time of King Edward the Confessor, thirteen only out of twenty-three manorial possessions having their value at that time noticed. It is clear, however, that between the time of the Confessor and the taking of the Survey, a great increase in the value of the abbey lands had taken place. The thirteen manorial possessions just alluded to produced, at the former period, a rental of 80*l.*; the rise at the time of the Survey was to 104*l.*

The total value of the possessions, as to annual rent, at the time of the Survey, amounted to no less than 224*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.* Beside which, the rents which the abbey received from the burgh, or town, of Wilton were appreciated at 10*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.*

One Toret is said, in the time of King Edward the Confessor, to have given to the monastery two hides of land, with his two daughters, to provide them continually with clothing: which hides were unjustly taken from the monastery by Odo bishop of Baieux.ⁱ

King William the Conqueror, and several of his successors, are said to have added greatly to the opulence of this abbey.

In 1143, King Stephen made the monastery of Wilton his head quarters, and fortified himself there, to repress the incursions of the force assembled at Salisbury. He was attacked, however, and put to flight by the earl of Gloucester, who set fire to the town of Wilton.^k

^a See their respective Charters in the Appendix, Numm. III. IV. V. VI. VII. VIII.

^b Tanner, Notit. Mon. Wilts. xxxvii. She was in latter times always put into the stile of the monastery, as well as in the surrender. Rym. Fœd. vol. xiv. p. 637.

In the Acta Sanctorum of the Bollandists, Septemb. tom. v. p. 364, are two Lives of St. Editha. One, the compilation of the editors, noticing three other Edithas existing at the same period. The second is the Life of Saint Editha by Gotselinus, "ex MS. Rubra Vallis."

The Editha of Wilton is usually denominated the *younger*, to distinguish her from her aunt Edith, the sister of King Edgar, and abbess of Pollesworth, in Warwickshire.

The Bollandists say: "Eodem ævo tres aliæ Edithæ, regiæ virgines, in Anglia vixisse dicuntur, præter Editham Ottonis Magni uxorem. Una Ethelwlf regis filia, Alfredi regis soror, quæ S. Modwennæ abbatissæ tradita est; altera Editha Eadwardi senioris filia, Æthelstani soror: tertia, Edmundi regis filia, Eadgari soror; omnes sanctæ, et quidam sanctimoniales in cœnobio Pollesworthensi, quod juxta silvam Ardenniam in Cestrensi diœcesi est." Acta Sanctorum, ut supr. p. 365.

^c Num. VIII. Her name occurs in another Charter, Num. VI., as early as A.D. 968.

^d So the metrical historian already quoted; apparently a writer of the time of Henry the Sixth.

"Wherefore the kyng her fader graunded also therto
To sacre hurre abbas of the abbay of Wynchestre,
Of Berkyng, and of WYLTON also,
And zet hur age nas tho bot ffytene wyntre;
That mayde onswered tho full mekely
To the kyng hur fader so dere,
And sayde syrry y nam not worthy
Forto bere so gret a cure:
Bot the bysshopus nold turne non other weys
Bot saydon that he shuld for any thing
Ben abbes of thuse thre abbays,
And have the covent in hurre governyng.
The abbey of Wynchestre tho securly
Seynt Adelwolde hym self repared that zere
In the worshepe of owre Lady,
And made Seynt Ede furst abbas ther.
And therefore that mayde, curteys and hend,
Durst not azeyn stond hurre godfadriss hest,
Bot graunted hym tho at the hend,

And sayde syrry dothe by me as zou thyngyth best.

Seynt Adelwold sacrede hurr tho anon

Of Seynt Mary abbay of Wynchestre in to abbas,

Of Berkyng also and eke of WYLTON.

For of thuse thre abbays abbas he was;

This heyze state he toke mekelyche azeyn hurr wyll,

And of thuse thre abbays abbas y made he ys.

Bot ever he dwelte at Wylton styll,

He nold not from hurre moder depart y wys,

For lever he hadde to abyde ryzt there

Undur hurre moder chasteysyng

Than ony state gretter howerellys to ber

Of cheffenesse or of heyze governyng." fol. 213.

^e See Mr. Douce's 'Remarks on the original Seal belonging to the Abbey of Wilton,' Archæol. vol. xviii. p. 40. Bromton, he adds, speaking of the translation of the body of the murdered St. Edward to Wilton, (in the text, by mistake, called Winton,) states that Wilfrid was at that time abbess of the monastery; her daughter Edith being with her. This was in 982. See Twysd. Script. x. col. 875. Capgrave relates the matter rather differently in his Life of Saint Edward the Martyr.

^f See Will. Malmesb. Script. post Bedam, ed. Lond. 1596, foll. 50 b, 143 b. Lel. Collect. edit. 1770, tom. iii. p. 252. Brompton notices a miracle performed at Editha's tomb upon occasion of Canute's visit to the monastery.—"De sancta Editha legitur quod dum rex Kanutus in quodam festo Pentecostes apud Wiltoniam convivans, cachinnos in sanctam Editham effunderet, dixit, se nunquam crediturum filiam regis Edgari, qui semper libidini et tyrannidi deditus fuerat, sanctam fore; contradixit Ethelnodus archiepiscopus tunc præsens, qui statim sepulchrum virginis aperuit: ubi defuncta virgo cingulo tenus se erigens, in contumacem regem impetum facere visa est. Hoc ille metu turbatus humi quasi exanimis cecidit; sed tandem respirans lætus erubuit et gavisus quod pœnitentiæ reservatur." Script. x. Twysd. col. 909.

In 961, Ælfgar, a relation of King Edgar, who died in Devonshire, was interred at Wilton. Chron. Saxon. edit. Gibs. p. 117.

^g Sim. Dunelm. Script. x. col. 165. See also Chron. Saxon. edit. Gibson, p. 133. Lel. Collect. edit. Lond. 1770, tom. iii. p. 189.

^h See Archæol, ut supr. p. 46.

ⁱ See the extracts from Domesday, Num. XI.

^k "M.c.xliij. Rex Stephanus post multarum irruptiones ecclesiarum, exustiones et deprædationes villarum, quas per manus Flandrensiū satellitum inultis in locis exercuerat, tandem cum fratre suo Win-

Godwin, in his *Life of Peckham* archbishop of Canterbury, relates an anecdote which must not be omitted here. He says, "There was a certaine knight of Wiltshire called Sir Osborne Gifford. He had stollen two nuns out of the Nunry of Wilton: which comming to the archbishops eares, he first excommunicated him, and after absolved on these conditions; first that he should never after come within any nunry, or in the company of a nunne; then that three Sundaies together, he should be whipped in the parish church of Wilton, so likewise in the market and church of Shaftsbury three other daies; that he should fast a certaine number of moneths, that he should not weare a shirt in three yeares; and lastly that he should not any more take upon him the habit and title of a knight, but ware apparell of a russet colour, untill hee had spent three yeares in the holy land. All this hee sware should be performed before he might have absolution." ^a This was in 1285.

Browne Willis, in the *List of Principals of Religious Houses*, prefixed to Bishop Tanner's *Notitia Monastica*, mentions

BRITHGIVA and WLFREDA as abbesses of Wilton subsequent to St. Editha. By the latter, the mother of St. Editha is probably intended, who, as has been already noticed, survived her.

ASCELINA occurs abbess in the tenth year of King John. ^b

MARGARET occurs abbess in 1217. ^c

King Henry the Third, says Prynne, giving his royal assent to the election of a new abbess at Wilton nunnery, and dying before restitution of the temporalities, King Edward the First, upon the bishop of Sarum's certificate of her confirmation, granted the restitution of all the temporalities, Nov. 29th, 1272, to

JULIANA GIFFARD, a nun of the foundation: ^d upon whose death, in 1295, another election took place. ^e

MATILDA DE LA MARE occurs abbess in 1372.

MATILDA DE BOKELOND occurs in the 50th Edw. III. ^f

CHRISTIANA DOULRE had the temporalities restored to her as abbess Dec. 15th, 1416. ^g

CECILY WILLOUGHBY was made abbess in the 1st Hen. VII., A. D. 1486. ^h

Fiddes, in his *Life of Cardinal Wolsey*, speaking of the suppressed monasteries which formed the principal revenues of Christ-church Oxford, says: "There is a letter from the king to the legate, concerning an elec-

tion of the prioress of Wilton, that may very properly be inserted here, as relating both to the present subject, and expressing a tenderness of conscience in the king, on account of the religious houses suppressed for building the cardinal's college. His majesty, on that occasion, is pleased to take upon him the office of a monitor; and giveth such wholesome advice as might have become a truly religious prince; but to which he afterwards shewed very little regard himself, when he destroyed, besides many other foundations, according to Mr. Camden, six hundred forty-five monasteries; appropriating the revenues of them not to other pious or publick uses; not to the advancement either of religion or learning, except, comparatively speaking, in a few inconsiderable instances; but for the benefit of private persons. The prioress [or rather abbess] of Wilton was, in right of that title, a baroness; there were but three more abbeys in the kingdom of that constitution, Shaftsbury, Berking, and St. Mary's in Winchester. It seems the cardinal had elected a person to that dignity, concerning whom the king had some way previously expressed his dislike; tho' the cardinal was ignorant, or pretended ignorance of his majesty's sentiments, on the occasion.

"In answer to the kings admonitions in the letter referred to, ⁱ of which the softest thing that can be said is, they are expressed with a friendly severity, the cardinal excused himself to his majesty, in so humble, submissive, and insinuating a manner, that his majesty was thereby induced to write him another letter on the occasion with his own hand, which I shall here recite from Lord Herbert.

'As touching the matter of Wilton—seeing it is in no other strain than you write of, and you being also suddenly (with the falling sick of your servants) afraid and troubled, I marvel not that it overslipped you, as it did. But it is no great matter, standing the case as it doth. For it is yet in my hand, as I perceive by your letter. And your default was not so great, seeing the election was but conditional. Wherefore, my lord, seeing the humbleness of your submission, and though the case were much more heinous, I can be content for to remit it; being right glad that according to mine intent, my monitions and warnings have been benignly and lovingly accepted on your behalf, promising you, that the very affection I bear you, caused me thus to do. As touching the help of religious houses to the

^b MS. Cole, Brit. Mus. vol. xxvii. fol. 97 b.

ⁱ The following is the part of this letter which refers to the rejected election of the prioress of Wilton to be Abbess:

"The great affection and love I beare you, causeth me (ensuing the doctrine of my Maister, saying 'Quem diligo castigo,') thus plainly as now ensueth to breake to you my mind, ensuring you that neither sinister report, affection to my owne pleasure, interesse parts, nor mediation of any other body beareth place in this case; wherefore, whatsoever I doe say, I pray thinke it spoken of noe displeasure, but of him that would you as much good both of body and soule, as you would your selfe. Methinke it is not the right trayne of a trusty lovinge frend and servant, when the matter is putt by the masters consent into his arbitree and iudgment (specially in a matter wherein his master hath both royalty and interest) to elect and chuse a person which was by him defendid; and yet another thing which much displeaseth me more, that is, to cloake your offence made by ignorance of my pleasure, saying that you expressly know not my determinate mind in that behalfe; alas my lord what can be more evident or plainer than these words, (specially to a wise man) 'His grace careth not who, but referreth it all to you; soe that none of those who either be or have been att any time noted or spotted with incontinence (like as by report the prioresse hath been in her youth) have it;' and also in another place of the letter which sayth, 'and therefore his highnes thinketh her not most meet for that purpose.' Thirdly, in another place of the sayd letter by these words, 'And though his grace speaketh it not soe openly, yet meseemeth his pleasure is, that in noe wise the prioresse have yt, nor yet Dame Ellinor's eldest sister, for many considerations, the which your grace both can, and will best consider.' A my lord it is a double offence both to doe ill, and colour it too; but with men that have witt, it cannot be accepted soe; wherfore good my lord, use noe more that way with me, for there is no man livinge that more hateth it. These things being thus committed, either I must have reserved them in pectore, whereby more displeasure might happen to breed; or ells thus roundly and playnly to declare them to you. Because that I do thinke, that *cum amico et familiari sincere semper est agendum*. And specially the master to his best beloved servaunt and frend, for in soe doing, the one shalbe the more circumspect in his doeing, the other shall declare and shew the loathnes that is in him to have any occasion to be displeased with him."

toniensi episcopo in manu forti venit Wiltoniam, ut ex monasterio sanctimonialium oportunitate sibi constitueret præsidium ad arcendos Sarisberiensium excursus, qui pro tuenda imperatricis parte multa fortiter contra regales gerebant. Quod ubi cognovit bellator fortissimus comes Robertus, congregato velociter exercitu prima die mensis Julii occidente jam sole super Wiltoniam repente irruit, eamque adhibitis ignibus undique succendit. Rex autem cum intra ipsa monasterii septa hospitatus esset et nichil hostile metueret, ubi repentina hostium irruptionem agnovit, tantus timor illum invasit, ut fugam arriperet in honestam. Sic rex commilitonibus suis, vasis aureis et argenteis, exterisque rebus suis post terga relictis, sub ipsa noctis caligine una cum fratre suo Wentano episcopo manus comitis utcumque evasit." Chron. Gervasii, Script. x. Twysd. col. 1358. See also *Lel. Collect. edit. 1770*, tom. iii. p. 311.

^a Catal. of the Bishops, edit. Lond. 1615, p. 123. See also *Reg. Peckham Archiep. Cant. fol. 119 b.*

^b See Num. XIII.

^c See the Catal. of Princ. of Religious Houses, in *Tann. Notit. Mon.*

^d Prynne, *Papal Usurpations*, vol. iii. p. 126. Pat. 1 Edw. I. p. 2, m. 20. "Edwardus Dei gratia rex Angliæ, dominus Hiberniæ, et dux Aquitanniæ, militibus, liberis hominibus, et omnibus aliis tenentibus de abbacia de Wylton. salutem. Cum venerabilis pater R. Sarr. electus, electionem factam in ecclesia conventuali de Wylton. de Juliana Giffard moniali domus prædictæ in abbatissam loci illius, cui celebris memoriæ dominus H. rex pater noster jam defunctus (cujus animæ propicietur Deus) assensum regium dum vixerit adhibuit et favorem, confirmaverit, sicut idem Electus nobis per literas suas patentes significavit; vobis mandamus, quod eidem Julianæ tanquam abbatissæ et dominæ vestræ in omnibus quæ ad abbatiam illam pertinent intendentes sitis et respondentes sicut prædictum est. In cujus, &c. Dat. per manum Walteri de Merton can. regis, apud Novum Templum Lond. 29 die Novembris. Et mandatum est priorissæ et conventui de Wylton. quod eidem Julianæ tanquam abbatissæ suæ abbatiam suam prædictam et temporalia, ac alia ad ipsam abbatiam spectantia quæ occasione præsentis vacationis ejusdem sunt in custodia sua ex commissione prædicti patris nostri, sine dilatione liberent."

^e Prynne, *Papal Usurpations*, vol. iii. p. 672.

^f Abbrev. Rot. Origin. tom. ii. p. 349.

^g Pat. 4 Hen. V. m. 7. Rym. Fæd. tom. ix. p. 420.

Some remarks on the original SEAL belonging to this abbey, communicated to the Society of Antiquaries by Francis Douce, Esq. and published in the eighteenth volume of the *Archaeologia*, have been already more than once referred to.

The seal in question is one of the most curious, and probably one of the oldest of its kind in this country. Two impressions of it, tolerably perfect, are extant; one, of the time of Edward the Third, appendant to a deed in the Harleian collection in the British Museum, granted to John Colewine by Matilda de la Mare abbess of Wilton; the other, preserved in the Exchequer, appendant to an obligation dated September 18th, 1526, on the part of Cecily Willoughby, then abbess, to Thomas cardinal of York, for a visitation legantine.

The face of the seal represents the three-quarter figure of a nun, probably St. Editha, in the habit of the Benedictine Order; holding in her left hand what seems to be a book, whilst the right is uplifted in the act of giving benediction. The inscription round is, SIGILL. EADGYÐE REGALIS ADELPHÆ. . i. e. *Sigillum Eadgithæ regalis adelphæ*. ADELPHÆ means *nun*, or *sister*. In Du Cange's Glossary of barbarous Greek, the words ἀδελφοί and ἀδελφαί are used for monks and nuns.

In the Paper above alluded to, Mr. Douce submits that this is not only the first Seal ever used by the monastery of Wilton, but that, for reasons which he states, it is the earliest monastic seal that has been hitherto published. He considers it, not only from the letters of the inscription, but from other circumstances, to have been fabricated in Editha's life time.

Whether the seal in question was really fabricated in Editha's life time may admit of doubt. It is singular that to the Harleian Deed already mentioned, the label of another seal, the wax from which is gone, is appendant: and the Instrument itself affords internal evidence that another seal of the monastery beside St. Editha's, was affixed: "Et ut hæc nostra donatio, concessio, et istius scripti nostri confirmatio ratæ et stabiles

imperpetuum permaneant, præsens Scriptum SIGILLORUM NOSTRORUM *impressione* roboravimus." ^a

The circumstance, however, of the seal with the inscription of St. Editha being used officially by the abbess De la Mare in the time of King Edward the Third, again by abbess Willoughby in the reign of King Henry the Eighth, and finally affixed to the surrender of the monastery by abbess Bodenham, in the body of which Instrument it is called the *Sigillum Commune* of the abbess and convent: there can be no doubt, whatever the other seal mentioned in the Harleian Deed might be, but that this was the official seal of the convent at large.

No portion of the ORIGINAL BUILDINGS of the Monastery is now remaining: the greater part were taken down soon after the Dissolution. William of Worcester, however, has preserved the following dimensions of the church: "Ecclesia Monasterii de Wylton per tria miliaria de Salysbery fundata a beato Edgardo rege Angliæ, et fecit sanctam Edwinam abbatissam ibidem. Et continet in longitudine circa 90 steppys meos. Item, continet in latitudine navis ecclesiæ cum duabus elys circa 46 steppys meos." ^b Wilton House arose upon the scite of the abbey.

Bishop Tanner, speaking of Wilton in the *Notitia Monastica*, says, "Some have imagined that there was a COLLEGIATE CHURCH here; but quære whether the prebendaries here were not some few secular clergymen provided for out of the lands and churches belonging to the abbey." ^c For upon the Patent Rolls occur often, especially during the vacancy of the abbey, grants or presentations from the Crown of the prebends of Chalk, Stanton, and South Newton in the conventual church of Wilton, to secular clerks. The abbey had possessions at every one of those places; and the prebend of South Newton was granted, as part of the possessions of the abbey, to Sir William Herbert." ^d

The presentation of a nun to this monastery appears to have been a royal prerogative upon every coronation. ^e

Cartae ad Wiltonense Coenobium in agro Wiltoniensi spectantes.

NUM. I.

De prima Fundatione Wiltonensis Cœnobii.

[Ex cod. MS. in Bibl. Cotton. Faustina B. III.]

ISTA fundatorum sunt nomina cantariæ prioriæ Ellenduniæ, id est Wiltoniæ. Fundator cantariæ fuit Wulstanus comes Ellendiniæ, id est Wyltoniæ, pro animâ ejus et antecessorum ejus animabus. Fundator prioriæ fuit Egbertus primus rex totius Angliæ, et ipse fuit causa mutationis nominis Britannia: sed Elburga, filia Alqmundi martyris, filii Alrudi regis Northumbro- rum, et soror Egberti regis, ex parte matris, quia Egbertus fuit filius Alqmundi, filii Offæ regis, de prosapiâ

Inæ, post mortem patris Alqmundi martyris, filii Alrudi regis Northumbro- rum, et sui mariti Wulstani comitis de Ellendiniâ, id est de Wyltonia, vovit se castitati, et petiit ac desideravit de Egberto rege fratre suo, concedere sibi auxiliumque præbere de suo manerio in Wyltonia, fundare unam prioriam, ut ipsa castè ibidem vivere potuisset, cum duodecim mulieribus etiam castè viventibus, ac virginibus eodem proposito existentibus, quod concessit rex, et manerium comitis Ellendiniæ, id est Wylt. cum suis pertinentibus, datur in perpetuam elemosinam, mulieribus seu virginibus castè viventibus, anno Domini DCCLXXIII.

Dicit hæc magister Henricus Crompe albus monachus et doctor in theologiâ, in suo tractatu de fundatione

35. Ðiŕ hiŕ þape hundteontiga hida Land-Boc æt Cheolcum. be Eadung Cing, gebroðe þý forþmam geape hiŕ riches for hine and for hiŕ ylþum Gode ælmihtigum and Sancta Marian. and þape appýpðan geromnunge Ing to þam Mynstre æt Wiltvne on eche ýpre. Amen. fol. 83. Foliis transpositis, occurrit cartæ titulus fol. 81 b. Carta autem facta est A.D. 955.

36. Ðiŕ hiŕ þeo Fpeolŕ Boc to Cheolcan. and ealpa þape landa ðe into ðæ Mýnechina hŕe æt Wiltvne forþgerene rýnt. Aðer oððe ðuph Eadgar Cýnge. Oððe ðuph hiŕ ylþan. oððe ðuph oðere riht gelýfebe men. 7 eac forþe gebroðe ðæt oþnanum oþrum Mýnŕpe ne rý Abbadýŕre gecopen æfter oðere forþŕiðe buzon of ðære rýlván gereppæde. ne æfter Godŕ gecopnnýŕre. 7 ealler geper

mid cýnger geðeahŕe eal rpa 7e halga Recvŕ tæcð, A.D. 974, anno imperii xv. ætatis xxxiv.

Reliqua desunt huic Cod. MS. qui (ut videtur) in usum peculiarum Abbatissarum Wiltunensium conscriptus fuit.

Hickes, Thesaurus, Lingg. Septentr. tom. ii. p. 277.

^a See Num. XIV.

^b Itin. Will. de Worc. edit. Nasmith, p. 81.

^c See Num. XVI. See also Pat. 41 Edw. III. p. 2, m. 12, pro Prebenda de Chalk in Eccl. Coll. de Wilton.

^d Tann. Notit. Mon. Wilts. xxxvii. 2.

^e See Numm. XV. XVII.

omnium monasteriorum in Anglia, à tempore sancti Birini confessoris et episcopi Dorcestriensis, usque ad tempus Roberti Grosthe de episcopi Lincolniae; in secundâ parte libri, ubi tractat de monasteriorum regni Westsaxoniae fundatione, capitulo sic incipiente, regnum Westsaxoniae quod incepit anno Domini dñix. sub duce Cerdyke, diutius omnibus septem regnis duravit, cujus caput fuit Ellendinia, id est Wyltonia, quæ per regem Alrudum dabatur sanctimonialibus.

Secundus fundator fuit Adewulfus, filius Egberti regis totius Angliæ. Tertius fundator fuit Ethelbaldus rex, filius Adewulfi. Quartus fundator fuit Ethelbryztus, frater Athelbaldi: sed primus fundator reverendæ abbatiæ, seu monasterii, S. Edithæ, adhuc prosperè in Wyltonia; bono statu existentis, erat ille gloriosus rex Alrudus, junior filius Adewulfi, et frater junior prædictorum trium regum, quem Leo papa unxit in regem, dum apud eum Romæ adhuc juvenis residebat: qui rex Alrudus causâ Elfredæ infantis, et filiæ principis Edwardi senioris, Mucilda reginâ Elfreda ducissâ Marchiæ et Ethelswythæ infantulæ genitrice suadentibus, Edwardo patre ejusdem Elfredæ infantulæ annuente, suum manerium in Wyltonia, cum omnibus suis libertatibus, dedit in perpetuam elemosinam sanctimonialibus, per illum in prædicto monasterio mox facto institutus, impetuum duraturum.

NUM. II.

[Lelandi Collectan. vol. i. p. 65.]

PRIMUS fundator abbatiæ de Wileton erat Alfredus, junior filius Æthelwolphi regis, qui concessit manerium suum in Wiltonia dicto monasterio. Secundus fundator fuit Edwardus senior, filius Alfredi regis. Tertius, Æthelstanus filius Edwardi senioris. Quartus, Edwardus frater Athelstani. Quintus, Edredus frater suus. Sextus, Gulielmus Conquestor.

[Lelandi Collectan. vol. ii. p. 195.]

Ex chronico quodam Vilodunensi, Anglicis rithmis scripto, incerto tamen autore, hæc quæ sequuntur, me interprete, decerpta sunt.

ECBERTUS rex West-Saxonum frequenter egit Severiæ. Sancta Alburga, soror Ecberti regis, nata Viloduni.

Atwulphus rex, Ecberti filius, secundus fundator Vilodunensis monasterii. Atwulphus rex, salutata Roma, per Galliam domum rediens, filiam Caroli in uxorem accepit.

Ethelbald Atwulphi filius, Shiroburnæ sepultus.

Ethelbright rex sepultus apud Winburne, et hic fuit tertius fundator Vilodunensis monasterii.

Wulstanus comes Vilodunensis contra Ethelmundum regem Merciorum pugnans, vicit; gravissimis tamen vulneribus acceptis, ex quibus ante annum periit. Hic quandam antiquam ecclesiam S. Mariæ Viloduni reparavit, antea per Danos tantum non destructam: instituitque in ea collegium sacerdotum qui preces, et pro Alquimundo patre suo, crudeliter ab Ethelmundo Merciorum rege interfecto, et pro se assidue funderent. Mortuo postea Wulstano comite, uxor ejus Alburga, soror Ecberti regis Visi-Saxonum, obtinuit à fratre, ut monasterium ibidem fieret sacrarum virginum, cujus primus fundator idem Ecbertus dictus. Propè hoc monasterium erant Wulstani comitis ædes, regiaque civitas in qua monasterium conditum fuit, Kinggesbyri dicebatur, quod nomen vel hodiè servat. Fundatum verò fuit monasterium anno Domini dccc. erantque duodecim sacrae virgines præter præsidem.

Alfredus vicit Danos cruentissima pugna, quingentis à Viloduno passibus in loco vulgo Waschesorne dicto.

Elfred, puellula trium annorum temerè à nutrice in balneo relicta, quæ fugerat propter metum et strepitum pugnantium, periit, et sepulta fuit in monasterio S. Mariæ Viloduni.

Alfredus rex, devictis Danis, motu uxoris suæ Egwinæ, condidit novum monasterium Viloduni, eo loco ubi ipse primus habitaverat, et duodecim sacras virgines curæ Radegundis abbatissæ tradidit, transtulitque tredecim virgines monasterii sanctæ Mariæ in suum. Ita erant numero viginti et sex. Absolvit ecclesiam novam cum officinis in duobus annis, quam dedicavit D. Mariæ et sancto Bartolomeo.

Edgarus rex nomine, filiæ suæ Edithæ, ex Wultrilde concubina genitæ, auxit monasterium Vilodunense.

NUM. III.

Carta Regis Athelstani, de Nywantune.

[Ex Cartulario de Wilton penès Comitem Pembr. an. 1658, hodie MS. Harl. 436.]

Ðiŕ hiŕ Nopþ Nipantuner boc.

[Id est,

Hic est Nywantunæ aquilonaris Codicillus.]

IN nomine Dei excelsi, qui cunctum suo sancto moderamine, sub axe et supra mundum gubernat; est enim singulis quibusque sollerter studendum, dum indulta temporum spatia Dei nutu concessa possident, ut ea quæ in diebus illorum aguntur, litterarum apicibus commendare curaverint, ne in oblivionem successorum perveniant, quæ inantea salubriter fuerunt constituta. Quamobrem ego Æthelstanus, omni creantis disponente clementiâ, Angligenarum omniumque gentium undique sexus habitantium rex, donans concessi ad monasterium sanctæ Dei genitricis Mariæ, quod dicitur Wiltune, quandam telluris particulam, decem viz. manentium, ubi ab incolis Nywantun nominatur, be Avene streme, et quinque cassatos secus silvam quæ appellatur Safer-noc, illi in loco ubi plebili narratione dicitur æt Motenes oran, cum campis, et pratis, et pascuis, et silvis, et omnia illuc pertinentia; magnis, modicisque, notis ignotisque æternaliter possidendam. Sit autem prædicta terra libera ab omnibus secularibus negotiis, præter expeditione et pontis, arcisvè constructione. Præcipimus etiam in nomine sanctæ Trinitatis, ut nullus nostrorum successorum huic kartulæ, nec cum antiquâ kartâ, nec cum alicujus ingenii sagacitate lædere valeat, sed ipsa semper in suo statu fixa et inlæsa permaneat. Consenti-entibus et conservantibus hanc nostram diffinitionem, perpetua maneat pax. Contradicientibus verò vel frangere nitentibus pœnalis sit vindicta, nisi in præsentem emendent seculo. Territorio autem hujus agelli, hæc sunt.

Aeþeŕt on Auene æt Stinter fopðe þat 7 lang pegeŕ on Teoltan fopðe 7 ƿpa onƷean ƿtream on Wipeleŕ fopð. þonn 7lang þaer ƿpud heppaþeŕ on Sand beopþ. Of þam beopge to Botan ƿylle. þonn fopð be ƿtream on blacan lace. þ 7lang lace on Aþene. 7 ƿpa and lang ƿtremeŕ eŕt on Stinter fopð.

Thiŕ ƿynt þa land Ʒemæpe æt þam Opan. Æþeŕt on Hærel ƿylle þ and lang pegeŕ on Beopþ dic. þonn 7 lang þæpe dic on Riþþýfel 7 ƿpa peŕt on butan on Bpa-danƷtane. of þam Ʒtane on ƿuƷan dic. þonen on Lupa beopg. þ 7lang pegeŕ on peadan ƿloh 7 ƿpa to Wobneŕ dic. þonn fopð be þape dic on Cnýpelgeat. þonn to DpaƷ Ʒtane 7 ƿpa to Meopleaze. Of þape leaze 7 lang Oxnæ þæþeŕ, eŕt on Hærel ƿylle.

[Id est,

Inprimis ad Avenam^a (fluvium sic dict.) apud vadum Stintesford dictum; inde per viam ad vadum Teoltonford dictum: et sic adversus fluvium ad vadum Wiflesford dictum: inde per liberam viam militarem ad collem arenarium; à colle ad torrentem (vel fontem) Botan-wylle dictum; inde secus fluvium ad nigrum lacum, inde per lacum ad Avenam, et sic per fluvium iterum ad vadum Stintesford dictum.

Hi sunt fundi (vel, terræ) limites apud Oran. Inprimis ad fontem Heeselwylle dictum; inde per viam

^a Hodiè Avon.

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cedinem sermocinationis seriem, quod bona voluntas, in die examinationis pro bono opere reputabitur, idcirco venerandæ sanctimonialium congregationi, in monasterio quod dicitur Wiltun, terram, quæ dicitur æt Ceolcum, centenis estimatum mansiunculis, in jus perpetuum ab omni seculari servicio liberam, præter arcem, pontium, expeditionem, libenter admodum concedo; et interposito tenore, cum nostrorum nemo successorum, nec cum antiquâ cartâ, nec cum alicujus ingenii sagacitate quam diu Christianitas vigeat, hoc nostrum decretum audeat violare: et quisquis, benevolâ mente, meam donationem amplificare satagerit, in hoc præsentī seculo vitam illius prospera foeliciter longiturnæ vitæ gaudia teneat: si quis autem propria temeritate violenter invadere præsumpserit; sciat se proculdubio ante tribunal districti judicis titubantem, tremebundumque rationem redditurum, nisi prius digna satisfactione emendare maluerit.

Et hiis limitibus hæc telluris particula circumgirari videtur.

Æneft on Aſte pearde be eartan Stoke þape hine lande up of Ebbeleyburſan and lang anre ealdre dic riþ Aelfeager. land gemaeno. þanne aet þape ðiche ende hit bi hð eart aenne aeker innan Aelfeager land. þanne at þar akeſer up ende hit feið on ða land gepýppu up of land ſcape hline. fram þam hlinche up 7 lang þara land gepýppa oð Wuduburh hýlle. þanne býhð hit þærpeft on þape cnihtaland anne aker. ðonne ðanan eft endlang ðara land gepýppa þat ðpýner ofer middel dune of þat hit cýmð to þam hapenum býrgelſum. þonne forð ofer ða ðpý cundelaſ oð þat hit cýmð to þan þorne 7 þar to peze 7 ſpa forð and lang pezeſ oð þat hit cýmð to þan hokedan zapan. ðonne bebýhð hit ðone zapan utan oð þat hit cýmð to land ſchape peze. þonn forð and lang pezeſ oð þat hit cýmð to Chetoleſbeorge. Of ðam beorge þat hit ſeicað on Cheoteleſ heafde. þanne to Michelan býrg. ðonn to trozan. þonan to hlōr hýege 7 ſpa to Beorn hamer peze. of þan peze to Bican ſetle. þonn and lang pezeſ to talleceſ leaze. 7 þanne peft to Laſſer mepe. þonan to pulſ pýttan. ðonne to meape tpeope 7 ſpa to Bitan dene. þonne and lang Bitan dene to Copterhamme. þonne forð oð ðat hit cýmð þar mon þane chionl ſloh for ðan buccan. þone þonan to epre zapan forð. þonn to með akeran. þonn 7 lang pezeſ up ongene zapan. 7 ſpa 7 lang hýegeſ þat hit cýmð to Beaceſ hlape. ðonn eft 7 lang pezeſ to Scýldeſ tpeope. a dune þonn 7 lang land ſchape dene. þonn at þape dene ende to ðan hepe-pape at heafod ſtoccan. þone liczað binnan þýppum zemapum rýx hida landeſ hýnað to Dunheafdan Þa gemaeno rýnt þur zenamode. Æneft of þape ſtæte æt þape end hit zæþ upon ane fuph oð þat hit cýmð to þæſ hlincheſ onde to þan ellen ſtýbbe þannen to Winterburge zeate. þonan to Eſna ðiche zeate. þonn to þan ſtane þelið on þæpe ſtæte 7 ſpa on þane ſtan caſtel. þonn to ealcen ſeaðe. of ðam ſeaðe up on Mapuldon cumb. þonn 7 lang cumber to þæſ cumber heafde. þone to Ippan beorge. þonan to þonpýlle 7 ſpa to þan pepe. þonn on þone hepe paþ peft. þonn 7 lang hepe-papeſ to þam heafod ſtoccum þær pe hit ær fopleten.

Ðar gemaeno 7 þar rix hýða pe lætaþ hut of þýrre boec. Nupeþ hit eft on þa land gemaeno æt þan heafod ſtoccan þpýner ofer þone hepepaþ to norþ dune end. þonan to Bpýdinga dic. thonn eart 7 lang hýegeſ of þa fuph. Ðone liczaþ heſ rýx hida ðe hýnað to Rimuc pude þpýner ofer eall thæt land the hýrth to Cheolcun. Ða gemaeno rýnt þur hatene Nitheſ 7 lang þepe rýph þ hit cýmð to Hýnel. þone þpýner ofer Hýnel on tha fuph ofer Clænan dune. þone þuph pudu to trozan. bi-byzth þone thone pudu the hýrth to Rimuc pudu þat hit cýmð up on hniez peze. þonn eft on Clænan dune nimþ. þone on ofþe healfe aneſ hipſceſ þat hit cýmð to Hýnel to þam clife. 7 ſpa and lang clifeſ to Aſdene. þone zæþ hit norþ ofer Hýnel to þam pýtte ſeiſ æt land-gemaſe. Ðiſ land pe lætaþ eac hut of þýrre boec. þonn of þan pýtte eart and lang hýegeſ to Stochæmalande

ſpa þann forþ þæt hit cýmð eft innan Ebbeley burſan. þone 7 lang ſtæmeſ to þan þærpe ær onſengon.

Ðiſ rýnt þa land gemaeno on Semeleaze. Æneft on Nodpe forðe æt zenongemyþan up be Nodpe to Chealpa leaze. þone þpeſer ofer þa leaze peft. 7 ſup and lang Beone onan. þonn ofer Lindonan. þonan to Reocheſ onan 7 a ſpa on þa ſtizele. þanna to Radeleaze. þonan to Bilanleaze 7 ſpa on ſemeð of hit cýmð eft to Nodpe forðe.

[*Id est,*

Inprimis apud Astewardam ad orientem terræ colonariæ (vel, servilis,) Stoke dictæ, sursum torrentem versùs Ebele^a dictum, per quandam antiquam fossam juxta fines fundi cujusdam Aelfegi, deinde ad finem fossæ ingerit se orientem versùs per spatium unius jugeri in fundum Aelfegi; tunc ad finem illius jugeri superiorem porrigitur in terræ flexuram sursum usque territorii aggerem; ab aggere sursum per terræ curvationem usque collem Wuduburh^b dictum: tunc occidentem versùs per spatium unius jugeris procurrit in puerorum terram: deinde iterum per terræ curvationem; indè transversè ultra medium montem donec pervenitur ad sepulchretum in planitie;^c deinde ultra tres cundelaſ (i. forte, tumulos:) donec pervenitur ad spinam: et inde ad viam, et deinde per viam donec pervenitur ad vallis Hokedan dictæ imum: tunc flectitur extra (vallis) imum usque dum pervenitur ad Chetoli collem; à colle protenditur in Chetoli caput, inde ad Michelenbyrgam, inde ad Trogam, inde ad Hershrycgam (aggerem vel terræ dorsum sic dictum:) et sic ad Beornhammæ viam; à via ad Bicansellam (mansionem sic dictam) tunc per viam ad campum Filmesleaze dictum: et tunc occidentem versùs ad lacum (vel stagnum) Laesmere dictum ad Lupi puteum:^d inde ad arborem terminalem, et sic ad vallem Bitandene dictum: inde per Bitandenam ad Corteshamme: deinde rectà donec pervenitur ad locum ubi homo quidam occidebatur pro damâ, deinde ad lucum Ersegrafan dictum, deinde ad jugerum pascuale; tunc per viam sursum adversus vallis imum: et sic per terræ dorsum donec pervenitur ad aggerem Beacleshlawe dictum: tunc iterum per viam ad arborem Scyldestrowe (i. e. fortè patibulum) dictam: tunc deorsum per regionis vallem, tunc ad vallis finem in viam militarem apud Stoke caput. Continentur autem intra hos limites sex hidæ terræ ad Dunheafdan pertinentes.

Limites sic nominantur: Inprimis à plateæ fine protendit se ultra quendam sulcum donec pervenitur ad aggeris initium, ad roboris stipitem; inde ad Winterburgæ portam, inde ad portam fossæ Esna dictæ; indè ad lapideum castrum, inde ad communem foveam, à fovea sursum ad convallem Mapuldor dictam, indè per convallem ad convallis caput, inde ad Ippanbeorgam (i. montem specularem, vel speculam præbentem,) inde ad fontem spinosam, et sic ad vivarium, inde ad viam militarem occidentem versùs, inde per viam militarem ad capitalem stipitem unde dicessimus.

Limites et sex terræ hidæ omisimus ex hujusmodi codicillo. Nunc incipiunt iterum terræ fines apud capitalem stipitem obliquè ultra viam militarem ad aquilonarem montem, inde ad Bridyngæ fossam, inde orientem versùs per dorsum terræ usque ad sulcum inde jacent hic sex hidæ quæ pertinent ad Rimuci sylvam transversè ultra universum fundum ad Cheolcam pertinentem. Limites sic vocantur, deorsum per sulcum usque dum pervenitur ad Hyrel, tunc obliquè ultra Hyrel ad sulcum ultra montem Clene dictum: tunc per sylvam ad Trogan flectitur, inde per sylvam ad Rimuci sylvam spectantem, donec ascenditur in Hricwegam (i. viam aggeratam,) tunc iterum ad Clenendunæ minð: inde ad sesquialteram hidæ partem donec pervenitur ad Hyrel, ad clivum, et sic per clivum ad Asdenam (i. asinorum vallem:) inde tendit aquilonem versùs trans Hyrel ad puteum ad terræ finem situm (puteum fortè terminalem:) Hanc terram omisimus etiam ex hoc libro. Tunc à puteo illo orientem versùs per dorsum terræ ad terram

^a hodiè, Ebbesborne.

^b hodiè, Woodborow.

^c fortè, Stonehenge.

^d hodiè, Wolfhall.

Stochemalande dictam ; sic inde donec regredimur intra torrentem Ebbelesburne dictum : tunc per fluvium usque ad locum ubi incepimus.

Hi sunt terræ termini apud Semeleagam : inprimis ad Nodderi vadum apud zenonge ostium (vel, foramen :) sursum per Nodderum ad campum Chealfaleage dictum : tunc obliquè trans campum occidentem et austrum versùs per Beorcoram (littus, ripam, vel oram sic dict.) tunc ultra Lindonam : inde ad Reexhesoram, et sic ad scalam : inde ad campum Radeleage dictum : inde ad Bilenleagam, et sic insimul donec pervenitur ad Nodderi vadum.]

Ego Eadwig rex Anglorum præfatam donationem sub sigillo sanctæ crucis indeclinabiliter consensi atque roboravi. Ego Eadgar frater ejusdem regis, cum sigillo sanctæ crucis confirmavi. Ego Odo Dorobornensis ecclesiæ archiepiscopus, ejusdem regis principatum et benevolentiam signo sanctæ crucis perstrinxi. Ego Wulfstan archiepiscopus prædictum donum consensi. Ego Ælfsie Wintoniensis ecclesiæ episcopus corroboravi. Ego Cenwald episcopus confirmavi. Ego Osulf episcopus consignavi. Ego Ælfvold episcopus roboravi. Ego Byrhtelm episcopus consensi. Ego Wulfsie episcopus subarravi. Ego Wulfhelm episcopus signum crucis impressi. Ego Oskitel episcopus conclusi. Ego Kynesie episcopus consensi. Ego Athulf episcopus consignavi. Ego Daniel episcopus benedixi. Ego Dunstanus abbas testudinem sanctæ crucis subscripsi et confirmavi. Ego Byrhtelm diaconus hoc prædictum donum laudavi. Ego Æthelferth diaconus libenter consensi. Ego Ælfgyth magistra præfati monasterii, cum gaudio magno recepi. Aethelstan dux. Athelmund dux. Eadmund dux. Æthelstan Rota dux. Byrhtferth dux. Leofwine propinquus regis minister. Aelfhere ex parentelâ regis minister. Aelfheah frater ejus minister. Aelfsie minister. Aethelmar minister. Aelfric minister. Aelfgar minister. Byrhtferth minister. Osward minister. Aelfsie Dyring, minister. Lynesie minister. Aynsie minister. Aelfred minister. Aelfheah minister. Aethelgeard minister. Aethelbriht minister. Osulf minister. Eswig minister. Irdwold minister. Wulfgar minister. Aelfric minister. Aelfwold minister.

Done beode þe Godeþ bebode 7 þar cingef 7 þar epeceþicepes 7 ealpa þare biþcepea þe heora noman hepon arputene 7ýndon. 7 þiþ eall geðareðan 7 þar boc into þære 7tope gebletrodan þat ne 7ý nan man þe ðýref landef æniþef ðælef bpuke, butan he hit of 7anze æt þam hipum þe æt ðam mýnþne Gode ðemað mid 7ihtum landþiht 7 leod 7iht 7pa hit on lande 7tonde. 7 je þe þiþ don nelle oððe onþean þiþrum 7anze þone bpuke he hiþ ofef Godeþ 7it 7 ofef ealpa hiþ halizna 7 ealleþ þæf hiþeþef þe on þan mýnþte 7ý. butan he to þære bote ge- chýþne.

[Id est,

Nunc præcipimus Dei mandata et regis, atque archiepiscopi, omniumque episcoporum, quorum nomina hic scribuntur, et his omnibus consenserunt atque libro huic illius loci gratiâ benedixerunt ; ut ne quis sit, qui istius fundi parte utatur aliqua, nisi eam à conventu, qui in illo monasterio Deo serviturus sit justo prædicatorio et populari jure pro more gentis accipiat. Et qui hoc (ita fieri) noluerit, aut huic (decreto) contraverit, tunc sui in Deum, et omnes sanctos, et totum in eodem monasterio qui pro tempore fuerit conventum contemptus poenas luat, nisi facta compensârit.]

NUM. VI.

Carta Regis Edgari de Niwantun, Searntun.

[Ibid. fol. 24 b.]

Thiþ hiþ ðape landa boc þe Eaðgar kýnþ geþocode Gode and Sancta Mapian to Wiltune. 7pa 7pa he hý æþ for let to Wulþþuþe him to eceþe alýfedneþfe.

[Id est,

Hic est terrarum liber quas Eadgarus rex scripto contulit Deo et S. Mariæ apud Wiltoniam, sicut eas antea Wulfthrithæ concesserat, suiipsius salutis æternæ intuitu.]

OMNIUM jura regnorum, cœlestium atque terrestrium, claustra quoque infernalia duntaxat divinis Dei nutibus subjecta sunt. Quapropter cunctis sanum sapientibus satagendum est, toto mentis conamine, ut prævideant qualiter tormenta voleant evadere infernalia, et cœlestis vitæ gaudia, concedente Christo Jesu concendere. Hoc Eadgar rex Anglorum, cum Northhymbra regimine, ac progenie paganorum Britonumque prosapiâ sublimiter roboratus, sagaciter intelligens secum tractat ; concedens largifluè lucrum cosmi Christicolis, ut choris angelicis foeliciter collocetur : hujus rei gratiâ rex præfatus, rura quæ olim Wulsrythe temporaliter concesserat Domino nostro Jesu Christo, ejusque genitrici Mariæ, ad usus sanctimonialium in Wiltune degentium, æterna largitus est dapsilitate, uti ecclesiæ Mariæ genitricis Domini nostri Jesu Christi consecrare, cum omnibus utensilibus, pratis viz. pascuis, silvis perpetuo deserviant. Prædictæ telluris nomina hæc sunt Niwantun, Searntun, Defereal, Babbanstoc, Frystesfeld, Hwætinc. Sint autem hæc rura omni terrenæ servitutis jugo libera, tribus exceptis ; rata viz. expeditione, pontis, arcisve restauratione. Si quis igitur hanc nostram donationem, in aliud quàm constituimus, transferre voluerit, privatus consortio sanctæ Dei ecclesiæ, æternis barathri incendiis lugubris, jugiter, cum Juda Christi proditore ejusque complicibus puniatur, si non satisfactione emendaverit congruâ, quod contra nostrum deliquit decretum. Hiis autem metis præfata rura hinc inde girantur.

Ðiþ 7ýnt þape x. hida land 7emæþe to Nipantune. Æþeþt of þape lake up 7 lang Wiliz on Stanþorð þup. 7 lang þæf hpitan peþef. of ðan peþe on þa ðic. 7 lang ðic earþ on ðone ealðan heþpaðe. Of þone ealðan heþpaðe ut on Aþene. 7 lang Aþene on þar poleþ heþorð. þon ættandeneþ norð hýlðan 7pa 7eo ealða þupþ 7cæt up to þam 7tænenan 7tapole 7 7pa peþt to þære ealðan hlinc næþe 7 7pa be þære 7þþ meapce nyþer to Hizþorða. Of þan forða eft ofef Wiliz on Otoreþ hol. Of ðam hole up and lang Wiliz. Of Wiliz on þa fulan lace. Of þape lace ðþiþef ofef þa ðic peþt be þære ðic heafðe on Pinðing forð ureþearðne þ up 7 lang þære Weþtýnþte lace 7pa eft on Wiliz.

Scheapntune.

Ðiþ 7ýnt þapa x. hida lang 7emæþa to Scheapntune. Æþeþt on Odenþorð. þon heandum 7þeopan earþeþearðan 7 7pa up 7 lang pille peþef. þon on Grimeþ ðic. and lang ðic on Leofþeþef 7apan. peþteþearðan of ðam 7apan on Bradan leaze. peþteþearðan ðone 7 lang hlinceþ to ðam ealðan Elebeme 7 7pa forð to Wupðef lea middeþearðne 7 þonne on Mæden beorþe. 7 7pa ut on Wiliz.

Deþeþeal.

Ðiþ 7ýnt þape xx. hida landa 7emæþa to Deþeþeal. Æþeþt of Deþeþeal on þa ealðan ðic 7 7pa 7lang ðic to Langþan beorþe. þ on þone heþpað. 7 lang paðef on Pudeþan ham. þ on Heau leaze. þ on Peoceþ ham. Of þam hamme on landef peþe. Of þam peþe on ða ealðan ðic. of þape ðic on þone heþpað. 7lang paðef on Eþef beorþ. of þam beorþe þ eft on Deþeþeal.

Hþætincþ le.

Ðiþ 7ýnt þapa x. hida land 7emæþe to Hþætincþ le þe hýnað into Nipantune. Æþeþt of þære 7æ 7 lang 7tiðef pleoteþ heþorð. of þam heþorð on þa ge clýppedan 7þeopa. of ðam 7þeopan on Heorþ leze. þ on þa pýlle. þ on þa næþe on þane halizan 7tan. þanon on þære ealðan heorþ heþef næþe on Mot beorþ. þanon on

Hwetesumbe^h heafde on þane limpýt. þane on Hwetece leage middre pearðne. þanon on Ære ræde. Of Ære ræde þæt eft on þa ræ.

Fýrtefelda.

Ði^r sýnt þa^{re} iii. hida land gemæne to Fýrtefelda. Æneft of þam ræardan hweole 7 lang hemeðe wege on ðone ealdan mapoldne þonn on þa rupan þynn. þanon on ða oðre on ðær hege^r býht. Of ðær hege^r býht on Fox hýllæ. þonn wege in on þone cundel. þanon on þæne ealdan oncheapð eal rpa ðe hege býht on ðære heppæð. 7 lang wege on Dýne broc. of þam broce on þone pylmam on ritan pille. þanon on Hærylopan. þonne ut þurh þane holt on þæt sceapðe hweol.

Babbanræke.

Ði^r sýnt þa^{re} iii. hida land gemæne to Bebanstoece. Æneft of ðic on huna wege. 7 lang huna wege on Æsc pylle. 7 lang Æsc pylle ut on Nodre. up of Nodre on Luin^g lace oðð on forð. þanon norð 7 lang ðic on ða neaðan hane. þanon on ealdan þonn. of þam ðonne on hapan pic pestearðne. þanon on hapan Apulðne. þanon on ða ealdan gemot pyle. þanon 7 lang ðic þar eft on huna wege.

Ðonne wealde Eadgar cing tpa mýlna on Wiltune into þære ræpe rpa rpa he hý ær Wulfðryðe gereald hæfde.

[*Id est,*

Hi sunt x. hidarum terræ termini apud Niwantunam:^a Inprimis à lacu sursum per Wiligam (fluvium hodie Willy dictum) ad Stanfordum (i. vadum lapideum:) indè sursum per albam viam: à via ad fossam; per fossam orientem versùs, ad veterem viam militarem: à veteri via militari extrorsum ad Afenam (fluvium sic dictum, hodie Avon.) per Afenam ad stagni caput; tunc ættandener aquilonem versus inclinât, sicut antiquus sulcus sursum tendit ad lapideum fulcrum scansile: et sic occidentem versus ad veterem aggerum seriem; et sic per fundi arabilis fines deorsum ad Higfordam (vadum ita vocatum;) à vado iterum ultra Wiligam ad Otoresholam (i. lustrarum specum;) à specu sursum per Wiligam, à Wiliga ad luteum lacum, à lacu obliquè trans fossam occidentem versùs, per fossæ caput ad Windingfordam (i. vadum flexuosum) superiorem; indè sursum per lacum Westmyste dictum; sic iterum ad Wiligam.

Hi sunt x. hidarum terræ termini apud Sceartunam: Inprimis apud Odenfordam (vadum sic dictum) inde ponè columnam orientem versùs; et sic sursum per viam fontanam; tunc ad Grimesdicam (fossam sic dictam;) per fossam ad Leofhæri vallem; à valle occidentem versùs ad Bradanleagam^b (i. latum campum) inde occidentem versùs per aggerem ad veterem olivam, et inde ad Wurdeslæ (campi sic dicti) medium; et tunc ad Mædenbeorgam (i. collem virginalem;) et sic denique ad Wiligam.

Hi sunt xx. hidarum terræ apud Defereale^c termini: Inprimis à Defereal ad veterem fossam, et sic per fossam ad Langanbeorgam (i. longum collem;) inde ad viam militarem; per viam ad mansionem Pudelenham dictam; inde ad Heanlegam (campum sic dict.) inde ad mansionem Peoceschem dictam; à mansionem ad viam patriam; à via ad veterem fossam; à fossa ad viam militarem; per viam ad collem Eferbeorh (i. collem aprinum) dictum; à colle iterum ad Defereal.

Hi sunt x. hidarum terræ apud Hwetinegam ad Niwantunam pertinentium termini: Inprimis à mari per violenti æstuarii caput; à capite ad detonsam arborem: ab arbore ad Heortlegam (i. cervorum campum:) indè ad fontem: inde rectà ad sacrum lapidem inde ad ve-

terem septi cervini seriem, ad collem Mot-beorh (i. congressionis collem) dictum: inde ad Hwetesumbe (i. valis frumentariæ) caput, ad calcariam: indè ad campi Hra-celeage dicti medium: inde ad locum Ese-stede dictum: ab Æse-stedâ iterum ad mare.

Hi sunt 3. hidarum terræ apud Fyrstesfeldam (i. induciarum campum) limites: Inprimis à fractâ rotâ per conseptam viam ad veterem arcem: indè ad asperam spinam: indè ex alterâ (parte) ad sepi flexuram: à sepi flexurâ ad montem vulpinum: inde occidentem versùs ad cundel (i. fortè, tumulum:) indè ad veterem hortum quemadmodum sepes inclinât ad viam militarem: per viam ad rivulum Dyrebroc dictum: à rivulo ad ebullitionem apud putei fontem: inde ad Hæsylem; inde extrorsum per sylvam ad fractam rotam.

Hi sunt 3. hidarum terræ apud Bebanstocam limites: Inprimis à fossâ ad Hunawegam (i. viam marrubio abundantem:) à via ad fontem Eseyulle dictum, per Eseyullam extrorsum ad Nodderum; sursum à Noddero ad lacum Luin^glace dict. usque ad vadum, inde aquilonem versùs per fossam ad rubeum gallum, inde ad veterem spinam, à spina ad vicum occidentem versùs; inde ad mucidum pomum; inde ad veterem congressionis fontem, inde per fossam iterum ad Hunawegam.

Deinde dedit Eadgarus rex duo molendina apud Wiltonam eidem loco (i. monasterio) sicut ea ipsemet antea Wulfthrythæ concesserat.]

Anno Dominicæ incarnationis dccccxviii. scripta est hæc carta, his testibus consentientibus, quorum inferiùs nomina notantur.

Ego Eadgar rex Anglorum corroboravi. Ego Dunstan archiepiscopus consensi. Ego Oseytel archiepiscopus confirmavi. Ego Athelwold episcopus consolidavi. Ego Ælfstan episcopus consignavi. Ego Osulf episcopus consensi. Ego Brythelm episcopus concessi. Ego Oswold episcopus adquevi. Ego Alfwold episcopus confirmavi. Aelfthryð regina. Aescwig abbas. Oscar abbas. Aelfstan abbas. Aethelgar abbas. Cynweard abbas. Purcytel abbas. Ealdred abbas. Siferð abbas. Aethelstan dux. Aelfeah dux. Ordgar dux. Oslac dux. Aethelwine dux. Eadulf dux. Beorhtnoth dux. Byrhtferð miles. Eanulf miles. Aelfwine miles. Aethelweard miles. Wulfstan miles. Aelfsige miles. Alfwold miles. Leofsige miles. Aelfhelm miles. Leofwine miles.

NUM. VII.

Alia Carta ejusdem Regis Edgari, de duabus Hidis Terræ.

[Ibid. fol. 78 a.]

Ði^r hi^r þære tpege hida boc þe Eadgar cýning gebo-code Gode 7 Sancta Marian into Wiltune.

[*Id est,*

Hic est duarum hidarum (terræ) liber, quas Eadgarus rex scripto concessit Deo et S. Mariæ apud Wiltoniam.]

Altithrono in æternum regnante, universis sophiæ studium intento mentis conamine sedulò rimantibus, liquidò patescit, quod hujus vitæ periculis, nimio ingruentibus terrore, recidivi terminis cosmi appropinquare dinoscitur; ut veridica Christi promulgat sententia, quâ dicit, 'Surget gens contra gentem, et regnum adversus regnum, &c.' Quapropter ego Eadgar totius Britanniæ basileus, quandam telluris particulam, duos viz. cassatos, quos Regenweard mercator quidam olim possederat, juxta civitatem sitos, Domino nostro Jesu Christo, ejusque genitrici Mariæ, ad communem usum sanctimonia-

^a hodiè, Newton.

^b hodiè, Bradley.

^c hodiè, Deverel.

lium in Wiltune degentium æternâ largitus sum dapsilitate; ut ecclesiæ Mariæ genitricis Domini nostri Jesu Christi consecratae, cum omnibus utensilibus; pratis viz. pascuis, silvis, molendinis perpetuo deserviat. Sit autem supradicta tellus, cum suis terminis, omni terrenæ servitutis jugo libera, tribus exceptis, ratâ viz. expedicione, pontis, arcisve restauratione. Si quis igitur hanc nostram donationem in aliud quam constituimus transferre voluerit, privatus consortio sanctæ Dei ecclesiæ, æternis baratri incendiis lugubris jugiter, cum Juda Christi proditore ejusque complicibus puniatur, si non satisfactione emendaverit congruâ, quod contra nostrum deliquit decretum.

His metis præfatum rus hinc inde giratur.

Ðiſ ȝȳnt þaſe tpega hiða land ȝemæpa þe Blrð ær harðe. Æneſt of þam Oterholan on Hiporð. Of þam forða on þæne Wotan hlinc. þanon up ȝ lang ȝrð lander on ða ealðan dic. ȝ lang dic on ðæne ȝtapol. of þam ȝtapole on Attendene uſepeþde. of þæne ðene innan Avene on þæne ȝneatan hlinc. þonan on Moþþ crundel. of Moþþ crundele on þone þnaðan heppaþ. þanon ȝ langer þær ȝmalan pegeſ in on þ ȝrð land. þæt on ðæne þeod heppaþ on þæne chele pȳt. of ðam pȳtte ȝ langer ðæne dic æt ðæne ellen ȝtybbe. of þam ȝtybbe on Wilig. an cynche ȝ ane mylne ȝ heſ ȝebȳniaþ of þæne ȝemænan mæde xvi. æcȳpaſ.

[Id est,

Hi sunt duarum hidarum terræ termini, quas (quidam) Blith dudum habuit. Inprimis ab Oterholâ (i. lutarum specu) ad vadum Hiford dictum; à vado ad Wotæ aggerem limitarem: indè sursum per fundum arabilem ad veterem fossam: per fossam ad stipitem: à stipite ad vallem Attendene dictum, sursùm à valle intra Avenam ad magnam aggerem terminalem; inde ad Morth-crundelam, à Morth-crundelâ ad latam viam militarem, inde per parvam (vel angustam) viam ad fundum arabilem, inde ad gentis illius viam militarem usque ad calcariam, à calcariâ per fossam apud stipitem roboreum, à stipite ad Wiligam (fluvium) ecclesia una, et unum molendinum, et huc pertinent compascui communis xvi. jugera.]

Anno Dominicæ incarnationis dcccclxviii. scripta est hæc carta, his testibus consentientibus, quorum inferiùs nomina notantur.

Ego Eadgar rex Anglorum corroboravi. Ego Dunstanus archiepiscopus concessi. Ego Osecytel archiepiscopus consolidavi. Ego Athelwold episcopus confirmavi. Ego Ælfstan episcopus consignavi. Ego Osulf episcopus adquevi. Ego Oswold episcopus concessi. Aelfðrȳþ regina. Aelfric abbas. Aescwig abbas. Osgar abbas. Aelfstan abbas. Aethelgar abbas. Cyneweard abbas. Aethelstan dux. Aelfhere dux. Aelfheah dux. Ordgar dux. Oslac dux. Aethelwine dux. Byrhtnoth dux. Eanulf minister. Aelfwine minister. Aethelweard minister. Wulfstan minister. Aelfweard minister. Aelfsige minister.

NUM. VIII.

Carta Regis Eadgari de Cheolcan, et de diversis Privilegiis.

[Ibid. fol. 87 b.]

Thiſ hiſ ȝeo fpeolſ boc to Cheolcan ȝ ealpa þaſe landa þe into þe minechina liſe æt Wiltune forȝifene ȝȳnt. æþeſ ofðe þuþh Eadgaſ cȳnȝe oððe þuþh hiſ ȳldpaſ. oððe þuþh oðne piht ȝe lȳfeðe men. ȝ eac foſe bebod þæt of nanum oðrum mȳnȳtne ne ȝȳ abbaðiſſe ȝecopen æfþeſ oðne forðȳrðe buzon of ðere ȝȳlvan ȝe feppeðe. ne æfþeſ Godeſ ȝecoppnȳſſe ȝ ealleſ ȝeſeſ mið cingȝe ȝeþeahȝe eal ȝpa ȝe halȝa neȝul tæȝð.

[Id est,

Hoc est privilegium (sive privilegiorum liber) Cheol-

canense. et omnium terrarum quas in sanctimonialium Wiltonensium sustentationem collatæ fuerunt, sive per Eadgarum regem, sive per decessores ejus, sive per alios fideles homines, et etiam prohibuerunt ne ex aliquo alio monasterio eligatur abbatissa, post mortem alterius, sed ex societate (vel, conventu) propria, nec post Dei electionem,^a et omni anno cum regis consilio, sicut regula docet.]

In nomine Domini nostri Jesu Christi salvatoris cosmi, magnificentia concessionis divinæ sensibili nos instruens mentis devotione, ad bona foeliciter agenda, quatinus subrigamur instigat cotidie, cupiens clementi pietate extemporaliter nobis indultis redditibus versâ vice, quo ipsius sponsam ecclesiam, viz. orthodoxam certemus politæ decorositatis munere exornare, in cujus amplificatione sanctus Deus gaurizans lætatur per maximè; etenim dum pro modulo uniuscujusque possibilitatis, manente incolumitate corporis. In hujus operatione studii fallit, operam dare curaque omnimodis, præcipuè plaudente devotione interioris hominis, qui secundùm Deum diatim renovatur in agnitione deificæ veritatis agendum est nobis, quos Domini Jhesu salutaris dignatio solio sublimavit imperii regalis, atque dignè concessit quo manentia adipiscerentur præmia ex collatione terrenæ potestatis. Perpendens siquidem ego Eadgar sceptrifero dispositionis jure totius Britannici orbis basileus, juxta Salomonici verbi edictum, 'Generationem instantem ad ima delabi, tandemque humanitus reparari:' agnoscensque circa nos quanta divinitus prævisio maneat benigni Dei, ejus multiplici inspirante clementiâ sum provocatus, quatinus præsentē catervâ cunctorum regni nostri primatum sanctificatione principali sacratuſ, et sacri unguinis infusione fierem delibutus, ut ex materiali infusionis munere munimen et subsidium proveniret benedictionis calice, quod etiam actitari in famosæ celebritatis urbe, placuit serenitati vestræ cum ab aquis calentibus Bathan dudum est impositum vocabulum, ipso viz. 'Revolutionis die, quo cœlis Spiritus Sanctus adveniens cenaculo, residentibus apostolis diversa dona carismatum dignatus est ministrare.'

Undè nunc et deinceps comperiat omnis sexus, omnis ætas, omnisque conditio principalitatem nostram gratanti dapsilitate, qualiter cœnobium, quod ab atavo nostro Eadwardo, viz. in celebri loco, qui à solicolis noto Wiltun vocatur nomine, situm est; eliminans indè earum spurcitiis quæ Deum irritare, potiùs quam digno videbantur cultu venerari, cuidam venerabili abbatissæ Wulfthryth nomine, libens, cum omni mentis alacritate commendare, atque perpetuo libertatis privilegio, cum Cheolca cæterisque eodem ritè pertinentibus prædiis lætabundus beare decrevi, tribus exceptis, expeditione, pontis arcisvè constructione. Sic inconcussa hujus privilegii maneat libertas, quatinus dum sors irreparabilis extremæ horæ mundo exemerit abbatissam, provisoremque ipsarum vitæ illis quam potioſem in sanctitatis honestate reppererint, ex ipsis matrem sibi liceat substituere; nec sit extra consensus illarum scientiam, qui huic nostræ immo deificæ constitutioni aliquando conetur rebellis contrariusque existere. At si quem prophannum Deoque odibilem ita melancoliæ virus obsederit penitùs, ut hujus liberalitatis nostræ munimento hinc indè malit fieri adversarius, ab omni sanctitatis cœtu disparatus flegetontis, pœnas luens sit jugiter miserrimus, intra semet ni reversus fuerit quam citius, emendando prava cordis molimina devotus: filius autem matris ecclesiæ vires augmentando præbens in hac constitutione illud capessat benedictum, quod præcurrens derivatur de montibus collium supernorum lætus vitam degens, sic mistam quatinus sumat supernam.

Hæc quidem et laudanda constat fore peracta largitio Dominicæ incarnationis dcccc.lxxiiij. anno; imperii nobis à Deo collati anno xv. procreatus matris alvo quarto et tricesimo, eorum confirmatione quorum inferiùs enatihtmata liquescunt caraxata. Ego Eadgarus rex Anglorum præfatam donationem sub sigillo sanctæ crucis indeclinabiliter consensi, atque corroboravi. Ego Dunstanus Dorobornensis ecclesiæ archi-

^a Ita Sax. sed locum arbitror corruptum, et mutilum.

episcopus ejusdem regis principatum et benevolentiam, sub sigillo sanctæ crucis conclusi. Ego Oswald archiepiscopus, sigillum sanctæ crucis impressi. Ego Athelwold Wintoniensis ecclesiæ episcopus testitudinem sanctæ crucis subscripsi et confirmavi. Ego Aelfstan Lundoniensis ecclesiæ episcopus corroboravi. Ego Wynstige episcopus consensum præbui, figens crucem. Ego Aelfstan Wiltuniensis ecclesiæ episcopus donum regis confirmavi. Ego Alfwold Christi crucis vexillo corroboravi. Ego Brihtelm episcopus confirmavi vexillum crucis. Ego Sideman episcopus crucis modum depinxi. Aelfric abbas. Aescwig abbas. Osgar abbas. Cyneweard abbas. Aethelgar abbas. Aelfnoth abbas. Aelfheah abbas. Erihteah abbas. Godwine abbas. Osweard abbas. Aelfhere dux. Aslac dux. Aethelwine dux. Beorhtnoth dux. Hanulf minister. Aelfweard minister. Aethelweard minister. Welfsige minister. Wulfgeat minister. Aelfhelm minister. Osweard minister. Ealdred minister. Wulfgar minister. Leofwine minister. Beorhtwold minister. Aelfric minister. Wulfric minister. Crihtric minister. Leofa minister. Aelfstan minister.

NUM. IX.

Carta Regis Aethelredi, de Fobbafuntan.

[Ibid. fol. 39 a.]

Fobefunte land boc.

CUNCTITONANS largitor multiplici ac ineffabili modo, terrestria cuncta per vices, mutationes, locaque distinguens, quodammodo sibi servientibus per plurimis in hoc quoque terrestri habitaculo, prout sibi complacet, recompensans suimet famulis ac familiabus etiam præsentibus dignitates offert, quo se certius, si has ritè servaverint æterna præmia noverint adepturos. Quapropter ego Aethelred Christo Deo annuente, cunctis Anglorum populis et tribubus præordinatus in regem, cum consensu pontificum et consultu cunctorum, à quibus sceptrum imperii et gubernacula regni reguntur, quandam ruris particulam, quæ x. cassatorum numero supputatur, cuius vocabulum est æt Fobbafuntan tradidi Deo et Domino nostro Jesu Christo, ecclesiæque sanctæ Mariæ Virginis, quæ sita est in vico regio æt Wiltune, jure perpetuo optans, ut et ibidem cœnobialis vitæ formula, et regularis disciplinæ normula, Christo patrocinio præstante, in disrupta vigilate exerceatur, et ut mihi merces permaneat æterna. Sit autem suprascripta terra libera, exceptis tribus, expeditione, viz. pontis, arcisve constructione. Si quis verò contra hæc decreta, nostræ diffinitionis, tyrannicâ potestate fretus, venire temptaverit, noverit se in tremendo ultimæ districtiois examine, præsentis divinæ rationem acturum. Enimvero et si temporibus futuris quisquam objecerit se priscam habere generalitatem, monstraveritve antiqua conscripta, sint ea omnia in nihilum redacta, permaneatque hæreditas Domini Domini. His metis præfatum rus hinc inde giratur.

Ðij rýndon ða land gemæro to Fobbeþunten. þæt hýr ænert on þone Hapan hærel on Eapnhýlle middeþeapnde. Of Eapnhýlle on Pottþyll. Of Pottþille on ða ealdan þyrþe. Of þære þyrþe to heapþaþe. þonne 7 lang heapþaþer to þam An heapþan. Of þam An heapþan on Lokeþeþleaze. Of Lokeþeþleaze on Sigþinne sic. þone of Sigþinne sic up on dune þrýttig 7ýrða be earþan ceapþen Blædbýrig on þa býrigenne. Of þære býrigenne on þane heapþaþ þonne 7 lang heþeþaþer on þone 7ceapþan 7apan peþteþeapnde of þam 7apan in on þa 7ýrþe. Of þære 7ýrþe in on þa 7apeþþu. Of þam 7eþeþþan feoþer akeþar be peþtan þam hangþan. Of þam feoþer akeþan 7 lang Heapþa on blacan hýlle middeþeapnde. ðonon of blacan hýlle norþ to heapþaþe. Of þam heapþaþe on þa peþtan dune peþteþeapnde. Of þære dune on Chealþhýlle middeþeapnde. þone of Chieþ hýlle on Wulþhýlle middeþeapnde. Of Wulþhýlle to puða 7pa be ðan ealde þýrþnuman in on Nodþe. þone 7lang 7reameþ eþt on þære Heepan hæll.

[Id est,

Hi sunt fundi apud Fobbeunden termini, i. e. In primis apud Haranheeslam ad Earnhillæ (i. montis aquilini medium ab Earnhillæ ad fontem Pottwyll dictum, à Potwilla ad veterem curtim, à curte ad viam militarem; deinde per viam militarem ad Anheafdan; ab Anheafda ad campum Lokeresleage (i. opilionum campum) dictum, à Lokeresleaga ad Sigwini fossam; tunc à Sigwini fossâ sursum in montem triginta virgis ad orientem castrî Bledbyrig dicti ad sepulchretum; à sepulchreto ad viam militarem; tunc per viam militarem ad acutam lacunam occidentem versûs; à lacuna ad ripam; à ripâ ad lacunæ foramen; à foramine ad quatuor jugera ad occidentem convallis; à quatuor jugeribus per Healfdam ad nigrum collem aquilonem versûs ad viam militarem; à via militari ad occidentalem montem; à monte occidentem versûs ad Chealfhyll (montis sic dicti) medium; tunc à Chieľhylla ad Wylfhill (i. montis lupini) medium; à Wulphilla ad sylvam; sic per veterem radicem in Nodderum (fluv.) tunc per fluvium iterum ad Heeranhællam.]

Scripta est hæc scedula anno Dominicæ incarnationis dcccxciii. Hiis testibus consentientibus, quorum inferiùs nomina caraxata videntur.

Ego Aethelred per gratiam Dei rex Anglorum, donationis istius inscriptionem, crucis signo corroboro. Ego Sigeric Dorobernensis ecclesiæ archiepiscopus ejusdem regis donationem cum trophæo agyæ crucis consignavi. Ego Aelfheh Wintoniensis ecclesiæ episcopus præfatam donationem cum sigillo sanctæ crucis confirmavi. Ego Aelfstan, Lundoniensis ecclesiæ episcopus, triumphalem trophæum agyæ crucis impressi. Ego Aescwig, Dorccensis ecclesiæ episcopus, prædictum donum cum signo sanctæ crucis confirmo. Ego Aelfric Wiltuniensis ecclesiæ episcopus, ad munimentum prædictarum rerum signum sanctæ crucis appono. Ego Aethulf episcopus consensi. Ego Aelfheh episcopus concessi. Ego Theodred episcopus consolidavi. Ego Sigeric episcopus adquevi. Ego Alfwold episcopus prænotavi. Ego Ealdulf episcopus confirmavi. Ego Wulf-sie episcopus conclusi. Ego Aelfwerd abbas. Ego Aelfsige abbas. Ego Leofric abbas. Ego Brihtelm abbas. Ego Wulfgar abbas. Ego Aelfhere abbas. Ego Aelfric abbas. Ego Aethelwerd dux. Ego Aelfric dux. Ego Aelfhelm dux. Ego Leofwine dux. Ego Leofsige dux. Ego Northman dux. Ego Waltheof dux. Ego Aethelmer minister. Ego Ordulf minister. Ego Aelfsige minister. Ego Aethelsige minister. Ego Fræna minister. Ego Wulfget minister. Ego Leofric minister. Ego Aethelwerd minister. Ego Athelwold minister. Ego Brihtwold minister. Ego Aelfgar minister. Ego Wulf-sige minister. Ego Aethelnoth minister. Ego Leofsige minister. Ego Aethelric minister. Ego Wulfheh minister. Ego Wulfric minister. Ego Ordric minister. Ego Wulmar minister. Ego Aelfwig minister.

NUM. X.

Carta Regis Eadredi facta Wulfrico fideli ministro suo, de quinque Mansis apud Didelintune.

[Ibid. fol. 36 a.]

Thiþ hij ðam v. liide boc æt Didelingtune þe Eadþeð cinz 7ebocode Wulþrice hij þegne on eche 7ýrþe.

[Id est,

Hic est v. hidarum liber apud Didelingtunam, quas Eadredus rex scripto contulit Wulfrico, ministro suo, in æternam hæreditatem.]

Regnante imperpetuum Domino nostro Jesu Christo, summo ineffabili rerum, ac moderatori omnium, tempore sua multimodo disponens temporibus potentiam, ut voluerit finem imponet, et in hac vitâ degentibus cunctis, certum, ut proposuerat dierum terminum constituet. Idcirco cunctis agendum est, ut hic bonis actibus futuræ beatitudinis felicitatem perpetualiter adipisci

mereatur: quapropter ego Eadredus rex Anglorum cæterarumque gentium in circuitu persistentium gubernator et rector, cuidam meo fidei ministro, vocitato nomine Wulfrico, v. mansas agelluli æternaliter in possessionem trado illi in loco quem dicunt æt Didelinctune; habeatque vitæ suæ tempore meum hoc regale donum non contra dictum sed prosperè, quod potius opto, cum omnibus illic pertinentibus, majoribus minoribusve, maximis vel minimis, campis, pascuis, pratis, silvis: expleto siquidem dierum tempore suorum succedentium sibi carorum, cuicunque suæ placuerit menti derelinquat et tradat, veluti proposueram ipse in æternum; et inter catervas subripiendum futuris temporibus, quod absit. Belial si quis filius cartam hanc jure meo conscriptam inimicali zelo corrumpere desideraverit, si non dubitet, à cunctis regni mei servientibus, Deo nunc et tunc et usque in sempiternum abdicatum et excommunicatum sine fine cruciandum, undè post mortem à Tartareis raptus ministris, in profundum pestiferæ mortis Inferni flammigerâ concludetur in domo, et ibidem in quandam ollam Vulcani, ligatis projicietur membris, quæ assidue bulliente pice repleta esse testatur. Et à talibus frangentibus seu minuendis intoleratissimè atrociterque absque ullâ misericordiâ sentitur, nisi hoc ante mortem poenitentiae lamentis emendaverit.

Acta est hæc præfata donatio anno ab incarnatione Domini nostri Jhesu Christi dcccc.xlvi. indictione iiii.

Ego Eadredus rex Anglorum præfatum donationem sub sigillo sanctæ crucis indeclinabiliter consensi atque roboravi. Ego Eadgifa ejusdem regis mater cum sigillo. Ego Odo Dorobornensis ecclesiæ archiepiscopus ejusdem regis principatum et benevolentiam cum sigillo sanctæ crucis conclusi. Ego Wulfstanus archiepiscopus servitutis officio mancipatus Eboracæ civitatis archiepiscopus sigillum sanctæ crucis impressi. Ego Theodred Londoniensis ecclesiæ episcopus corroboravi. Ego Ælfheah Wintoniensis ecclesiæ episcopus testudinem sanctæ crucis subscripsi et confirmavi. Ego Cenwald episcopus prædictum donum consensi. Ego Ælfric episcopus consignavi. Ego Ælfred episcopus confirmavi. Ego Wulfsige episcopus roboravi. Ego Æthelgar episcopus consensi. Æthelstan dux. Eadric dux. Aethelstan dux. Ealhhelm dux. Athelmund dux. Aelfgar dux. Wulfgar dux. Eadmund miles. Ælfstan mil. Wulfric mil. Ælfric mil. Æthelsige mil. Aelfsige mil. Wulfric mil. Aethelnoth mil. Aethelgeard mil. Aelfheah mil. Aelfred mil. Aethered mil. Wiltgar mil.

NUM. XI.

Prædia ad Ecclesiam de Wiltune spectantia tempore Regis Willielmi Conquestoris.

[Ex Libro Censuali vocato *Domesday Book*, in domo Capitulari Westm.]

Hantescire, in Insula de With. fol. 52 b.

TERRA SANCTÆ MARIÆ DE WILTVNE. Abbacia de Wiltune tenet WATINGEWELLE. Semper fuit in monasterio. Tempore Regis Edwardi se defendebat pro iii. hid. modo pro. ii. hid. et dimid. quia dimid. est in parco Regis. Terra est viii. car. Ibi vii. villani et xii. bord. habent v. car. Ibi salina sine censu. Silva de ii. porc. pratum est in parco. Valet et valuit iii. lib. Quod rex habet v. solid.

Wiltescire, fol. 67 b.

TERRA ÆCCLESIAE WILTUNIENSIS. Ecclesia S. Mariæ Wiltvniensis tenet STANTONE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro xx. hid. Terra est xii. car. De hac terra sunt in dominio x. hidæ. et ibi iiii. car. et ibi viii. servi. Ibi xvi. villani et unus bord. et xxi. coscez. cum viii. car. Ibi ii. molini redd. xii. sol. et vi. den. et lx. acr. prati et iii. acr. alneti. Pastura i. leu. long. et dimid. leu. lat. Valuit xvi. lib. Modo xxiiii. lib.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet NEWETONE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro xiii. hid. et dimid. et dimid. virg. terræ. De hac terra sunt in dominio iii. hidæ. et ibi ii. car. et iiii. servi. Ibi xiii. villani et xvi. coscez. cum

v. car. Totum m. possunt arare x. car. Ibi molinum reddens xii. solid. et vi. den. et xxx. acr. prati. Pastura iiii. quarent. long. et ii. quarent. lat. Silva i. leu. long. et tantundem lat.

De terra villanorum dedit abbatissa uni militi iii. hid. et dimid. et dimid. virg. terræ. Ibi habet ii. car. et villani ejus i. car.

De eadem terra tenuit Aluric venator de abbatissa unam hidam et unam virgatum terræ et dimid. ea conditione ut post mortem ejus rediret ad æcclesiam quia de dominica firma erat. Modo tenet Ricardus Sturmid.

Totum Manerium valuit xiiii. lib. quando recepit. Modo xviii. lib.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet DARNEFORD. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro iiii. hid. Terra est iii. car. Eduardus tenet de Abbatissa. Tres Angli tenuerunt tempore Regis Edwardi, et non poterant ab æcclesia separari. Duo ex eis reddebant v. sol. et tertius serviebat sicut tainus. Ibi sunt vi. bov. in car. dominica. cum iiii. bord. Ibi ii. angli habent ii. car. Ibi molinum reddens vii. sol. et dim. et xii. acr. ibi prati. Pastura iiii. quarent. long. et una quarent. lat. Valuit c. sol. modo ix. lib.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet SVALOCLIVE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro. iiii. hid. et una virgata. Terra est ii. car. Ibi est unus villanus et ii. bord. et ii. acr. prati. Valuit et valet xl. solid.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet CHILMERC. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro xx. hid. Terra est xiiii. car. De hac terra sunt in dominio viii. hidæ. et ibi ii. car. Ibi xv. villani et xii. bord. et xii. coliberti cum xii. car. Ibi molinum reddens x. solid. et v. acr. prati. et x. acr. runceti. Pastura i. leu. long. et dim. leu. lat. Valuit xiiii. lib. Modo xv. lib.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet unam hidam terræ in WERNORE, et Britmarus de abbatissa tenet. Terra est i. car. Ipsa est ibi cum iiii. bord. et iii. acr. prati. Pastura i. leu. long. et dimid. leu. lat. Silva ii. quarent. long. et una quar. lat. Valet xx. solid.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet CHENVEL. Tempore Regis Edwardi pro x. hid. Terra est vii. car. De hac terra sunt in dominio iiii. hidæ et dimid. et iii. servi. Ibi xi. villani. et ix. coscez. cum v. car. Ibi v. acr. prati. et pastura dimid. leu. long. et iii. quarent. lat. Silva dimid. leu. long. et tantundem lat. Valuit vi. lib. Modo viii. lib.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet OVREONE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro x. hid. Terra est iiii. car. De hac terra sunt in dominio vii. hidæ et dim. virg. terræ et ibi ii. car. et ii. servi. Ibi iii. villani et viii. bord. cum ii. car. Ibi molinum reddens x. solid. et v. acr. prati et xx. acr. pasturæ. et xx. acr. silvæ. Valet c. solid.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet CHELCHE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro lxxvii. hid. Terra est lxvi. car. De hac terra sunt in dominio x. hidæ. et ibi x. car. et xx. servi. Ibi quater xx. et vi. villani et l. bord. et x. coliberti habentes l. car. Ibi v. molini reddentes lxv. solid. et xii. acr. prati. Pastura iii. leu. long. et una leu. lat. et tantundem silvæ. De eadem terra tenet Girardus iii. hid. Qui tenebat tempore Regis Edwardi non poterat ab æcclesia separari. Ibi sunt ii. car. Valet iii. lib.

Dominium Abbatissæ valet lxvii. lib.

De eadem terra tenet Ricardus Poingiant vii. hid. et dim. de rege. Ex his ii. hidas tenebat Aileua tempore Regis Edwardi et alias tenebant homines æcclesiæ sicut villani. Abbatissa calumniatur.

Ibi habet Ricardus v. car. et val. vii. lib.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet NEWETONE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro xix. hid. et iii. virg. terræ. Terra est xiiii. car. De hac terra sunt in dominio ii. hidæ. et ibi ii. car. et vi. coliberti. Ibi xx. villani et xvi. bord. cum xii. car. Ibi ii. molini reddentes xl. solid. et xx. acr. prati. et cl. acr. pasturæ et cc. acr. silvæ. Ad istum Manerium pertinet habere per consuetudinem in Silva MILCHETI quater xx. caretades lignorum porcorum et paisson. quater xx. et ad domos et sepes reemendandas quod opus fuerit. Newenton valet xvi. lib.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet WILGI. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro x. hid. Terra est v. car. De hac terra sunt in dominio v. hidæ. et ibi ii. car. et ii. servi. Ibi ix. villani et x. bord. cum iii. car. Ibi molinum reddens x. sol. et xii. acr. prati et c. acr. pasturæ. et x. acr. silvæ parvæ. Valuit vi. lib. Modo viii. lib.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet WICHEFORD. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro iii. hid. Terra est iii. car. De hac terra sunt in dominio ii. hidæ et ibi ii^o. car. Ibi i. villanus et xvi. bord. cum i. car. Ibi ii. molini redd. xxiiii. sol. et viii. acr. prati et ix. acr. pasturæ. Valuit iii. lib. Modo iii. lib.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet LANGEFORD. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro iii. hid. Terra est ii. car. Has habent ibi ii^o. angli cum ii. bord. et ii. servis. Ibi molinum reddens v. sol. et xxv. acr. prati et xx. acr. pasturæ. Valuit xl. sol. Modo l. solid. Pater eorum qui nunc tenet tenuit tempore Regis Edwardi nec potuit ab æcclesia separari.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet OCHEFORDE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro iii. hid. Terra est iii. car. De hac terra sunt in dominio iii. hidæ. et ibi i. car. Ibi ii^o. villani et iii. bord. cum i. car. Ibi molinum reddens v. solid. et vi. acr. prati. Valuit xl. solid. Modo lx. solid.

Ipsa æcclesia habet dimidiam hidam terræ in DICEHANTONE. Val. xxx. den.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet BREDECUMBE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro vi. hid. Terra est iii. car. De hac terra sunt in dominio ii. hidæ et ibi ii. car. Ibi xiii. bord. et molinum reddens xv. sol. et xviii. acr. prati. Pastura viii. quarent. long. et una quarent. lat. Valet c. solid.

De eadem terra tenet Eduuardus i. hid. quæ non potest ab æcclesia tolli. Valet xv. solid.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet BABESTOCHE. Tempore Regis Edwardi pro iii. hid. geld. Terra est iii. car. De his sunt in dominio ii. hidæ. et ibi i. car. cum i. servo. et iii. bord. cum ii. car. et vi. acr. prati. et iii. acr. pasturæ. Valet lx. solid.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet WAISEL. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro viii. hid. et dimid. Terra est vii. car. De hac terra sunt in dominio ii. hidæ. et ibi i. car. Ibi ix. villani et x. coliberti cum vi. car. Ibi xii. acr. prati. Pastura viii. quarent. long. et vi. quarent. lat. In Silva MILCHETE pastura quater xx. porcis. et quater xx. caretades lignorum. et ad domos et ad sepes quod opus est. Valet vii. lib. et x. solid.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet FEBEFONTE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro x. hid. Terra est vii. car. De hac terra sunt in dominio v. hidæ. et ibi ii. car. et vii. coliberti. Ibi viii. villani et vii. bord. cum v. car. Ibi ii. molini reddentes xvii. sol. et vi. den. et viii. acr. prati. Pastura iii. quarent. long. et una quarent. lat. Silva ii. quarent. long. et una quarent. lat. Valet vii. lib. et x. sol.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet LAVVRECHESTOCHES. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro ii. hid. Terra est iii. car. De hac terra est in dominio i. hida. et ibi i. car. Ibi vi. villani et viii. bord. cum ii. car. Ibi molinum reddens vii. solid. et vi. den. et xviii. acr. pasturæ. Valuit c. solid. Modo vi. lib. Hujus terræ quarta pars in foresta Regis est posita.

Ipsa æcclesia tenebat ii. hid. tempore Regis Edwardi, quas Toret dederat ibi cum duabus filiabus suis et ex eis semper fuerunt vestitæ donec episcopus Baio-censis injuste abstulit ecclesiæ.

Omnes redditus quas habet æcclesia de ipso burgo Wiltun. appreciantur x. lib. et xvii. solid. et vi. denar.

Dorsete, fol. 79.

TERRA ABBATIE WILTVNIENSIS. Ecclesia S. Mariæ Wiltvniensis tenet DEDILINTONE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro vi. hid. Terra est v. car. De ea sunt in dominio ii. hidæ et iii. virg. terræ. et ibi ii. car. et iii. servi. et vii. villani et xii. bord. cum ii. car. Ibi molinum reddens xii. solid. et vi. denar. et xxxvi. acr. prati. Pastura dimid. leu. long. et tantundem

lat. Silva i. leu. long. et dimid. leu. lat. Valet vii. lib.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet WINBVRNE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro iii. hid. et dimid. Terra est ii. car. In dominio est tota præter unam virgatum. et ibi i. car. et ii. servi. cum i. villano. et vi. bord. Ibi molinum reddens vii. solid. et vi. denar. et vii. acr. prati. Pasturæ iii. quarent. inter long. et lat. Silva iii. quarent. long. et una quarent. lat. Valuit. xl. solid. Modo xxx. solid.

NUM. XII.

Carta Abbatissæ de Wilton.

[Liber Niger. Scacc. edit. Hearne, tom. i. p. 105.]

ABBACIA de Wilton debuit invenire ad servitium regis quinque milites tempore regis Henrici. Et hii sunt fefati ad illum servitium regi faciendum, videlicet, Willelmus de sancto Martino, deb. i. milit.

Gerardus de Celca, i. milit.

Girardus Giffard et Walterus de Caleston, i. mil.

Hugo de Curcell et Helias de Langeford, i.

Willelmus Burnell et Philippus de Winburne, i. mil.

Summa hominum v. milites, et dominium abbatie quietum est.

NUM. XIII.

Finalis Concordia de Advocatione Capellæ de Majori Wicheford.

[Harl. MS. 436, fol. 28 b.]

HÆC est finalis concordia facta in curia domini regis apud Windlesore a die sancti Johannis Baptistæ in tres septim. anno regni regis Johannis decimo, coram ipso domino rege, Symone de Pateshull, Jacobo de Porterne, Henrico de Ponte Audemer, justiciariis, et aliis fidelibus domini regis tunc ibi præsentibus inter Ascelinam abbatissam de Wilton petentem per Petrum de Wilton positum loco suo ad lucrandum vel perdendum, et Henricum de Albein. tenentem de advocatione capellæ de Majori Wicheford, unde recognitio magnæ assisæ summonita fuit inter eos in præfata curia, scilicet quod prædicta abbatissa recognovit advocationem prædictæ capellæ esse jus ipsius Henrici, et illam remisit et quietam clamavit de se et aliis abbatissis Wilton quæ ei succedent prædicto Henrico et hæredibus suis imperpetuum, salva tamen ecclesiæ de Niwetune quæ est præbenda de Wilton, et de advocatione ipsius abbatissæ debita et antiqua pensione quam ipsa ecclesia de Niwenton percipere solet de prædicta capella de Wicheford, scilicet duos solidos per annum, et pro hac recognitione et quietâ clamatione et finale concordia idem Henricus remisit et quiet. clam. de se et hæredibus suis prædictæ abbatissæ et ecclesiæ sanctæ Edithæ virginis in Wilton et ejusdem loci conventui totum jus et clameum quod ipse habuit vel habere potuit in toto marisco qui vocatur Pinemers, et in marisco qui vocatur Langemers in villis de Niwetune et Wicheford. Et recognovit et concessit omnes decimas de dominio suo in Majori Wicheford esse pertinentes ad prædictam ecclesiam de Niwetune quæ est præbenda de Wilton sicut eas habere solet, excepta decima bladi proveniente ex viginti acris terræ quas persona prædictæ capellæ elegerit de dominico ipsius Henrici. Quam decimam persona per Henricum prædictum vel hæredes suos ad prædictam capellam de Wicheford præsentata et admissa per visum personæ qui prædictam præbendam de Niwetun habuerit, vel per visum ballivi ejus debet recipere in autumpno sicut ab antiquo recipere consuevit. Et præterea idem Henricus caritatis intuitu dedit et concessit in liberam et puram et perpetuam elemosinam duos solidos esterlingorum prædictæ præbendæ de Niwetunè singulis annis, ita quod persona illius præbendæ illos recipiat de ipso Henrico et hæredibus suis imperpetuum ad duos terminos, scilicet ad Nativitatem sancti Johannis Baptistæ duodecim den. et ad Natale duodecim den.

NUM. XIV.

Carta Matildæ de la Mara abbatisæ Wilton. de terris in Widepole.

[Cart. Harl. Antiq. 45 A. 36.]

OMNIBUS Christi fidelibus ad quos præsens scriptum pervenerit, Matilda de la Mara, permissione divina abbatisa Wilton. et ejusdem loci conventus salutem in Domino. Noverit universitas vestra, nos unanimi assensu totius conventus nostri, dedisse, concessisse, et hoc præsentis scripto nostro confirmasse Johanni Colewine, filio Adæ Colewine, pro homagio et servitio suo, duos ferlingos terræ cum pertinentiis suis omnibus, quos prædictus Adam pater dicti Johannis de nobis tenuit in La Blakelaunde in parochia de Widepole. Habendos et tenendos dictos duos ferlingos terræ cum pertinentiis suis, dicto Johanni et hæredibus suis de nobis et successoribus nostris, libere, quiete, pacifice, integre, et jure hæreditario imperpetuum, reddendo inde annuatim nobis et successoribus nostris, ipse et hæredes sui, duodecim solidos sterlingorum ad festum sancti Michaelis pro omni servitio sæculari et demanda, salvo servitio regali quantum pertinet ad tantum tenementum terræ de eodem feodo. Nos vero et successores nostræ dictos duos ferlingos terræ, cum suis pertinentiis, dicto Johanni et hæredibus suis, contra omnes mortales warantizabimus imperpetuum. Et ut hæc nostra donatio, concessio, et istius scripti nostri confirmatio rata et stabiles imperpetuum permaneant, præsens scriptum Sigillorum nostrorum inpressione roboravimus. Hiis testibus, domino Johanne de Langport tunc senescallo nostro, Willielmo de la Mara, Johanne Turgis, domino Johanne Britasche, Ricardo le King, Ricardo de Bradelegh, Roberto Russel, Thoma de Ho, Willielmo de la Worthle, et multis aliis.

NUM. XV.

De Nominatione ratione Coronationis.

[Claus. 1 Ric. II. m. 36. Rym. Fæd. tom. vii. p. 163.]

REX dilectis sibi in Christo abbatisæ et conventui de Wilton salutem. Quia intelleximus quod de jure et consuetudine coronæ nostræ Angliæ ad nos pertinet ad præsens, post coronationem nostram, nominare unam personam recipiendam in sanctimoniam infra abbatiam vestram, quæ de fundatione progenitorum nostrorum et de nostro patronatu existit, dilectam nobis Johannam de Oketon vobis nominamus, mandantes quod ipsam Johannam infra abbatiam vestram prædictam ad hoc admittatis. Teste rege apud Kenyngton vicesimo octavo die Julii.

Per breve de privato sigillo.

NUM. XVI.

De Canonicatu in Eccl. Convent. de Wilton concessio Henrico Chichele.

[Rym. Fæd. tom. viii. p. 244. Pat. 3 Hen. IV. p. 1, m. 11.]

REX omnibus ad quos &c. salutem. Sciatis quod cum, ut accepimus, sanctissimus pater noster, Papa modernus, per suas Bullas papales providerit, dilecto nobis, Henrico Chichele legum doctori, de canonicatu, præbenda, et dignitate in ecclesia cathedrali Sarum, et de canonicatu et præbenda in ecclesia conventuali de Shaftesbury, necnon de canonicatu in ecclesia conventuali de WILTON, in diocese Sarum, vacaturis, prout in bullis prædictis plenius continetur, ut dicitur, Nos, de gratia nostra speciali, pardonavimus eidem Henrico contemptus, transgressionem, et misprisiones per ipsum in ea parte factos; et ulterius concessimus quod provisio et gratia antedictæ, quoad canonicatus, præbendas, et dignitatem prædictas, exnunc vacaturos, valide existant: et de habundanti concessimus executoribus et subexecutoribus dictarum bullarum, et notariis quibuscumque quod ipsi omnimodos processus et executiones earundem bullarum, quoad canonicatus, præbendas, et dignitatem hujusmodi de cætero vacaturos, juxta effectum bullarum prædictarum, liberè et licitè facere possint: et etiam

concessimus eidem Henrico quod ipse, per se et procuratores suos, notarios, servientes, et alios quoscumque de consilio suo, hujusmodi præbendas et dignitatem, quandocumque sub gratia et provisione prædictis acciderint in futurum, acceptare, et corporalem possessionem hujusmodi beneficiorum (virtute et auctoritate dictarum bullarum ac processuum inde faciendorum) capere, optinere, et continuare; necnon plenam executionem earundem bullarum et processuum, juxta formam et effectum dictæ concessionis nostræ, ac bullarum prædictarum, in curiis Christianitatis et alibi habere et prosequi possit; statuto de Provisoribus, anno regni carissimi domini et consanguinei nostri Ricardi nuper regis defuncti tertio-decimo edito, non obstante. In cujus &c. Teste rege apud Westmonasterium vicesimo tertio die Februarii.

Per breve de privato sigillo.

NUM. XVII.

De Nominatione ratione Coronationis.

[Pat. 8 Hen. VI. p. 2, m. 24. Rym. Fæd. tom. x. p. 445.]

REX dilectis sibi in Christo abbatisæ et conventui de Wylton, salutem. Cum ratione convocationis nostræ, vobis quandam personam idoneam ad monialem in abbatiam prædictam admittendam ad nos pertineat nominare ut accepimus, nos de avisamento et assensu concilii nostri, dilectam nobis Johannam Thorp, ex causa prædicta, vobis nominamus, mandantes quatinus ipsam Johannam in monialem domum vestræ prædictæ admittatis, eamque in omnibus in eadem domo vestrâ pertractari faciatis, prout secundum regulam ordinis vestri fuerit faciendum. In cujus &c. Teste rege, apud Westmonasterium, decimo sexto die Januarii.

Per breve de privato sigillo.

NUM. XVIII.

[In a Book of Pensions remaining in the Augmentation Office.]

The late Mon' of Wylton in the Countie of Wylteshyre.

PENSYONS assyngned to the late abbas and covene of Wylton in the countie of Wylteshire the xxvith. dayt of Marche in the xxxth. yere of the reingn of Kyng Henry the Eight. And they and eÿy of theym to have one qÿters pençon at the ffeaste of the Annunciaçon of o^r. Lady for one qÿter pençon and so from thensforthe halff yerely to be payde duryng their lyffs.

That ys to saye,

Ffyrste Cecyll Bodenhme abbas c^{li}. and the houses of Fffounte withe the orchards gardens and thre acres of medowe and pasture belonging to the same and also eÿy wyke one loode of woode to be taken oute of the woode of Fffounte by the apoyntement of the kyngs offiçs for tyme being.

Iñm to Johan Kente p ^{ro} res . . .	x ^{li} .
Iñm to Johan Trowe . . .	vj ^{li} . xiijs. iiij ^d .
Iñm to Alys Brabston . . .	vj ^{li} . xiijs. iiij ^d .
Iñm to Margaret Zouche . . .	vj ^{li} . xiijs. iiij ^d .
Iñm to Kaÿne Brabonde . . .	vj ^{li} . xiijs. iiij ^d .
Iñm to Alis Brabonde . . .	vj ^{li} . xiijs. iiij ^d .
Iñm to Cecyll Savage . . .	vj ^{li} . xiijs. iiij ^d .
Iñm to Johan Fforgett . . .	vj ^{li} . xiijs. iiij ^d .
Iñm to Elinor Auntell . . .	vj ^{li} .
Iñm to Alis Langton . . .	vj ^{li} .
Iñm to Isabell Novyll . . .	vj ^{li} .
Iñm to Thomasyn Andrewys . . .	cvjs. viij ^d .
Iñm to Mary Burbage . . .	cvjs. viij ^d .
Iñm to Cecyll Lamberte . . .	cvjs. viij ^d .
Iñm to Alys Hussey . . .	cvjs. viij ^d .
Iñm to Johan Bonehme . . .	vj ^{li} . xiijs. iiij ^d .
Iñm to Crystyan Willoughby . . .	cvjs. viij ^d .
Iñm to Mary Gylman . . .	c ^s .
Iñm to Johan Serbyngton . . .	c ^s .
Iñm to Crystyan Wodelonde . . .	c ^s .
Iñm to Dorothe Lacell . . .	c ^s .
Iñm to Mulyer Chenye . . .	iiij ^{li} .
Iñm to Johan Stylman . . .	iiij ^{li} .

Com' Wiltes.

£. s. d.

Hundred' de Chalke

	£.	s.	d.
Ebblesborne	0	17	4
Bourchalke	1	4	0
Brodechalke	1	8	0
Knyghton	0	14	0
Stoke	0	10	0
Chilmerk et Rudoe	1	10	11½
Wyly juxta Longford . . .	0	17	10½
Ubeton Marten	1	0	0
Babbestoke	0	4	3
Wyshford Pva et Aven . . .	0	5	7
Southnewton	0	15	8
Nether Hampton, Uggford, Sçi Jacobi, et Burdecombe	0	16	0½
Fishyde	0	4	0
Woodmanton	0	4	0
Barwik	0	0	9½
Uppton	0	4	9
Drummer	0	1	7
Trowe	0	3	4
Alston	0	3	11½
Garrardston	0	5	1½
Stanton	0	7	7½
Northnewton	0	5	2½
Chilhampton	0	3	2
Fouleston	0	3	9
Aven	0	0	9½
Laverstok	0	1	7
Uggford Abbis	0	1	4
Foffounte	0	5	2½
Girstfeld cum Abbeston . .	0	2	0
Overton 2s. 4d., Ore 2s. 4½d.	0	4	8½
Langford 6s. 3½d., Swallow Clyff 3s. 2d.	0	9	5½
Washerne	0	0	9½

Redd' Assis' tñm libor' quam Custum'
Tenencium 13 16 8½

Hundred' de Chalke	Pquis Cur'	0	9	4
Manerium de Berewik	Redd' Custum' Tenen'	6	18	2
- - - - -	Firm' Scit'	16	0	8
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'	0	2	11
Semleigh	Redd' Assis' lib' Ten'	2	9	0
- - - - -	Redd' Cust' Tenen'	17	8	7½
- - - - -	Redd' Mobil'	1	1	0
- - - - -	Firm' Terr' et Teñtor'	24	3	6
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'	5	17	10
- - - - -	Defect' Redd' unius Quarrur' Lapid' .	0	6	8
Dominium de Southnewton cum Membr' . .	Redd' Assis' lib' Ten'	1	19	4
- - - - -	Redd' Cust' Tenen'	14	6	2½
- - - - -	Firm' Scit'	11	11	4
Stofford	Redd' Assis' lib' Ten'	7	17	6
Chilhampton	Redd' Cust' Tenen'	3	3	9
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'	0	13	11
Rectoria de Southnewton.	Firm'	13	6	8
- - - - -	Porc' Decim'	13	16	8
- - - - -	Penc' Annua	0	6	8
- - - - -	Procurac' et Sinod'	1	19	6
- - - - -	Salar' Vicar'	2	2	0
Foffount	Redd' Assis' lib' Ten'	5	15	0
- - - - -	Redd' Cust' Tenen'	13	11	10
- - - - -	Redd' Mobil'	0	6	8
- - - - -	Firm' Terr' et Teñtor'	9	0	0
Brudmer	Firm' Man'	13	6	0
Chilnke cum Hamlett de Rydge, viz.				
Chilmerk	Redd' Assis' lib' Ten'	0	11	8
- - - - -	Redd' Cust' Tenen'	15	1	0
Ridge	Redd' Cust' Tenen'	8	14	0

		£.	s.	d.
Com' Wiltes.				
Chilmerk	Firm'	17	6	8
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'	0	2	5
Wishford Parva	Firm' Manij	9	13	7
- - - - -	Redd' Mobil'	0	4	0
Brudecombe	Redd' Assis' lib' Ten'	0	13	4
- - - - -	Redd' Cust' Tenen'	9	13	5½
- - - - -	Firm' Manij	11	1	9
- - - - -	Chivagium	0	2	8
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'	2	0	0
Northnewton cum Hulcote, viz.				
Northnewton	Redd' Assis' lib' Ten'	0	1	0
- - - - -	Redd' cust' Tenen'	7	4	10
Northnewton Maner'	Firm' Scit' cum Molis	12	6	8
Hulcote	Redd' Assis' lib' Ten'	11	19	4
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'	0	0	6
Staverton	Redd' Assis' lib' Ten'	4	15	5½
- - - - -	Redd' cust' Tenen'	18	12	5
- - - - -	Firm'	18	0	0
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'	0	1	0
Com' South'				
Westonbraybriff infra Pochiam de Freshwater				
in Insula Vect'	Redd' et Firm'	1	12	9
Com' Wiltes.				
Sutton Maundevill	Redd' Assis' Terr'	0	16	0
Fighelden	Firm'	4	13	4
Frustfeld	Firm'	5	0	0
Winterbornford	Redd' Assis'	0	12	0
Durnesford	Redd' Assis'	0	12	0
Stokewardon	Feodi Firm' Man'	12	0	0
Upton in Barwik	Annual' Redd'	3	4	0
Coty al' Cotyes Lande in Barwik	Annual' Redd'	1	10	0
Knyghton	Annual' Redd'	0	14	0
Chilhampton	Annual' Redd'	2	10	0
Ganginglangford	Annual' Redd'	5	0	0
Laverkestok	Annual' Redd'	10	0	0
Com' Som's				
Sudlinche	Redd' Assis' Terr'	1	6	8
Wythypole	Redd' et Firm' Terr'	3	5	4
Com' Dors'				
Dudlington	Annual' Redd'	5	6	8
Chelesbury	Annual' Redd'	0	7	0
Phillippiston	Redd' Salis	4	0	0
Com' Devon'				
Kenteleshere	Annual' Redd'	2	0	0
Com' Cornub'				
Plenent	Redd'	4	15	8
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Monastery of Amesbury,

IN

WILTSHIRE.



MESBURY, AMBROSE-BURY, AMBROSIA,^a or AMBRII CŒNOBIUM.^b Here, says Bishop Tanner, is said to have been an ancient British monastery for three hundred monks, founded, as some say, by Ambrius, an abbat,^c as others, by the famous Prince Ambrosius (who was therein buried^d); and destroyed by that cruel pagan Gurmundus,^e who over-ran all this

country in the sixth century.^f

It has been thought, Bishop Tanner adds, that here was one of the two monasteries which were given to the learned Asserius by King Alfred.^g But it is more certain that, about the year 980, Alfrida, or Ethelfrida, the queen dowager of King Edgar, erected here a monastery for nuns, and commended it to the patronage of St. Mary, and St. Melorius, a Cornish saint whose relics were preserved here.^h

Alfrida, Ethelfrida, or Elfrida, is said to have erected both this and Wherwell monastery, in atonement for the murder of her son-in-law, King Edward.ⁱ

The house was of the Benedictine, and not, as is stated by Polydore Vergil, of the Cluniac order:^k and continued an independent Monastery till the time of Henry the Second.

The following appear to have been its possessions at the time of the formation of the Domesday Survey. In *Berkshire*, at Cheneteberie eleven hides of land, three hides and a half at Ceveslane, and five at Farellei. In *Wiltshire*, twelve hides at Bolintone, at Boscumbe four

hides, four at Allentone, two hides and a half at Chelestanestone, six hides in Wintreburne, and four hides and a half in another Wintreburne. Making a total of fifty-two hides and a half; the rental at that time producing 55*l.* 15*s.*

From the entries in the Survey it appears that the number of hides in the Berkshire manors, in the time of King Edward the Confessor, was greater than at the taking of the inquest: but no reason whatever is assigned for the diminution. Two hides of land in Wintresleu, it appears, were held by the abbey "de victu monialium" both in the time of King Edward and in the early part of William's reign: but previously to the taking of the survey they had been unjustly seized by the earl of Moretaine.^l

A.D. 1177, the evil lives of the abbess and nuns drew upon them the royal displeasure. The abbess was more particularly charged with immoral conduct: in so much, that it was thought proper to dissolve the community. The nuns, about thirty in number, were dispersed in other monasteries; the abbess was allowed to go where she chose, with a pension of ten marks; and the house was made a cell to the abbey of Font-Ebrald, or Font-Everault, in Anjou: whence a prioress and twenty-four nuns were brought and established at Amesbury.^m

King John, as will be seen by the Instruments in the Appendix,ⁿ conferred upon the new foundation many important privileges, and confirmed all its former grants and possessions.

Eleanor, commonly called the damsel of Bretagne, sole daughter of Geoffrey earl of Bretagne, and sister of Earl Arthur, who was imprisoned in Bristol castle, first by King John and afterwards by King Henry the Third, on account of her title to the crown, was buried, according to her own request, at Amesbury, in 1241, the 25th

^a See Lel. Collect. edit. Lond. 1770, tom. iii. p. 29.

^b Ibid. pp. 29, 32, 34.

^c "Erat ibi cœnobium trecentorum fratrum in monte Ambrii, qui, ut ferunt, fundator ejusdem olim extiterat." Lel. ut supr. p. 31, ex Galfr. Monumet. lib. iv. c. 4.

^d Langh. Chron. Regum Anglorum, p. 60.

^e Autor Eulogii MS. citatus a Camd. et Usserio. Bishop Tanner says it was that Gurmund whom the British writers make the son of an African prince, and the Saxon authors call Ceaulin. Not Gurmund, or Guthran, the Dane, who was converted to Christianity in the time of King Alfred, about A.D. 890.

^f See Tann. Notit. Mon. Wilts, I.

^g Asser. de rebus gestis Ælfredi, edit. Wise, p. 50, and Index locorum, p. 178. But, Tanner adds, it seems rather to have been *Congresbury*, in Somersetshire, as in the Benet college manuscript, and Leland in Vita Asserii, in libro de Scriptor. p. 156.

^h William of Malmesbury mentions the interment of this saint here, but professes ignorance as to his history. See Num. I.

ⁱ So the Chron. de Mailros, "Anno DCCCC.LXXIX. Ailtriha quondam regina, sancti Edwardi regis interfecit, duo Monasteria, id est Warewelle et AMBRESBURI, causa pœnitentiæ construxit." Gale, Rer. Anglic. Script. Vet. tom. i. p. 151. Bromton says, "Pro interfectione autem istius sancti regis Edwardi, prædicta Alfrida noverca sua duo construxit Monasteria feminarum, unum videlicet apud Were-

welle, ubi et ipsa requiescit, et aliud apud Ambresbury juxta Sarum." Script. x. Twysd. col. 876.

^k Hist. Angl. edit. 8°. Lugd. Bat. 1651. p. 157.

^l See the extracts from the Domesday Survey, Num. II.

^m A.D. MCLXXVII. "Eodem etiam tempore quo dictus decanus de Waltham decanatum suum ibidem primo resignaverat, rex ad abbatiam monialium de Ambresbury Exoniensem et Wigornensem episcopos destinavit; qui per mandatum Alexandri papæ abbatissam ibidem, quæ postquam religionis habitum susceperat tres infantes peperisse comprobata fuerat, propter ipsius infamiam deposuerunt, et ipsam et sanctimoniales omnes ibidem quæ errorem et vitæ suæ turpitudinem relinquere et ordinem fontis Ebrardi tenere nolebant, a domo illa disperserunt. Quibus sic dispersis, rex in Andegaviam ad fontem Ebrardi pro uno conventu sanctarum monialium misit, quibus Abbathiam illam desiderabat feliciter commendare. Et ne prædicta abbatissa fame et inopia deperiret degradata, rex ei singulis annis x. marcas argenti spondens eam abire permisit libere quo volebat. Et postea eodem anno kal. Julii per diem dominicam Ricardus Cantuariensis archiepiscopus et quinque alii episcopi domino regi per ipsius mandatum apud dictam abbathiam de Ambresbury obviantes, in eadem xxiiij. sanctimoniales ordinis fontis Ebrardi, pro quibus dominus rex in Pictaviam miserat, induxerunt aliis propter vitæ turpitudinem expulsis, ut dictum est." Chron. J. Bromt. Script. x. Twysd. col. 1119. Vide etiam Chron. Gervas. ibid. col. 1434. See also Append. Num. I.

ⁿ Numm. III. IV. V.

of Henry the Third.^a Though Sandford seems mistaken in his assertion that she gave to the monastery the manor of Melkesham, with its appurtenances.^b

From this time the nunnery of Amesbury appears to have been one of the select retreats for females in the higher ranks of life.

Mary the sixth daughter of King Edward I. took the religious habit in the monastery of Amesbury in 1285, together with thirteen young ladies of noble families.^c Walsingham, in the *Ypodigma Neustriæ*, says, the king and queen were averse to this step, and that it was taken "ad instantiam matris regis."^d Several Instruments providing for the maintenance of the princess will be found in the Appendix.^e

Two years after this, A.D. 1287, Eleanor, the queen of Henry the Third and mother of King Edward I. herself took the veil at Amesbury:^f where she died and was buried in 1292.^g She had previously given to the monastery the manor of Chadeworth in Berkshire, to support the state of Eleanor, daughter of the duke of Bretagne, who had also become a nun there.^h

Amesbury finally became one of the richest Nunneries in England. How long it continued subject to the monastery of Fontevault we are not told. Bishop

Tanner says it was at length made denizen, and became again an abbey.ⁱ

The following names of the PRIORESSES, or AB-BESSES, subsequent to the time of King Henry the Second, have been preserved:

ISABELLA of LANCASTER, fourth daughter of Henry earl of Lancaster, and grand-daughter to Edmond Crouchback, son of Henry the Third, occurs prioress in 1202.^k

JOAN DE GENNES was appointed prioress by the abbess of Fontevault 25 Edw. I. A. D. 1294.^l

SIBILLA DE MONTACUTE died in 1420.^m

JOANE DARRELL was abbess at the time of the Dissolution. She surrendered her house to the king Dec. 4th, 32 Henry the Eighth, A.D. 1540. The revenues of the monastery at this time, according to Dugdale, amounting to 495*l.* 15*s.* 2*d.*: according to Speed, to 558*l.* 10*s.*ⁿ. The pensions granted on this occasion to the abbess and nuns will be found in the Appendix.^o The scite of the monastery was granted, in the month of April 1541, to Edward earl of Hertford.^p

No REGISTER of this monastery is now known to be extant.^q

^a Pat. 25 Hen. III. m. 1.

^b See Sandf. Genealog. Hist. edit. 1707, p. 69.

Madox, in his chapter upon Tallage, and the revenue arising from it, in the History of the Exchequer, edit. 4to. Lond. 1769, vol. i. p. 753, says, "The prioress of Ambresbury alledged in her petition to the king, that the manor of Melkesham was ancient demesne of the crown of England, that she held it by charters of the king's progenitors in frankalmoigne, that whensoever the men of the said manor were tallaged they ought to be tallaged by the sheriff of Wiltshire, and their tallages be levied for the use of the prioress by her own bailiffs, that ever since the making of the said charters, the tallages of the said men were wont to be assessed and levied in that manner to the use of the prioress of that house, and that the assessors of the king's tallage in Wiltshire had lately assessed tallage upon the said men, intending to levy it to the king's use. Hereupon the king commands the barons to search the rolls and memoranda of his exchequer, and if they found the case to be as the prioress had set forth, to cause the said assessours to forbear assessing the said tallage to the king's use, and to let the same be assessed by the said sheriff and be levied to the use of the prioress by her own bailiffs." Trin. Brevia 9 Edw. II. rot. 59, a.

^c A.D. 1285. "Rex die Assumptionis fecit filiam suam nomine Mariam velari apud Ambresbury cum xiii. puellis filiabus nobilium." Annal. Wigorn. Angl. Sac. tom. i. p. 508.

^d "Eo tempore, Maria filiæ regis Angliæ Ambresbyriæ sanctimonialis efficitur, parentibus licet cum difficultate assentientibus, ad instantiam matris regis." Walsingh. Hist. Angl. edit. 1574, p. 13.

^e Numm. VII. VIII. XI. XIII. XIV. XVI.

^f A.D. 1287. "Eo tempore Alienora regina Angliæ, mater regis Edwardi, spreta pompa sæculi, apud Ambresburium induit habitum monacharum." Walsingh. ut supr. p. 14. In the *Ypodigma Neustriæ*, edit. Francof. 1603, p. 476, he adds, "dote sua per Papam et Regem sibi in perpetuum confirmata," placing her profession in 1286. See also the Annal. Wigorn. Angl. Sac. tom. i. p. 508.

^g A.D. 1292. "Eodem anno circa festum beati Johannis Baptistæ, Alienora mater regis Angliæ Ambresburie est defuncta, propter quod rex de Scotia in Angliam rediit, ut funus maternum sepulturæ traderet debito cum honore. Sepultum est itaque corpus ejus in monasterio Ambresburie, cor vero Londoniis in ecclesia Fratrum Minorum, qui sicut et cuncti fratres reliquorum ordinum aliquid de corporibus quorumcunque potentium morientium, sibimet vendicabant more canum cadaveribus assistentium, ubi quilibet suam particulam avidè consumendam expectat." Walsingh. Hist. Angl. ut supr. p. 20. See also the *Ypodigm. Neustriæ*, p. 479.

^h See Num IX.

ⁱ Notit. Mon.

^k See Dugd. Bar. vol. i. p. 783. Sandf. Genealog. History, edit. 1707, p. 110.

^l See Num. X.

^m Rym. Fœd. tom. x. p. 19.

ⁿ Tann. Notit. Mon.

^o Num. XVII. The following were the pensions remaining in charge in 2 & 3 Phil. and Mar. "AMBRESBURY nuper Monaster. Feod. Ricardi Mathewe cleric. et audit. per script. abb. xviii^{l.} xvij^{s.} iiij^{d.} Willielmi comit. Pembr. capitalis seneschalli ibidem x^{l.} Annuit.

Johannis Everley et Willielmi fil. s. per annum xl^{s.} Johannis Tregonwell per annum iiij^{l.} Johannis Butler per annum xij^{s.} iiij^{d.} David Seymor per annum xl^{s.} Penc. Annæ Neweman per annum c^{s.} Margaretæ Warde per annum c^{s.} Elizabethæ Alleine per annum c^{s.} Agathæ Sidman per annum vj^{l.} Elizabethæ Fetiplace per annum c^{s.} Johannæ Anthill per annum iiij^{l.} Annæ Buckeley per annum c^{s.} Elizabethæ Exhurste per annum c^{s.} Julianæ Apprice per annum iiij^{l.} Aliciæ Gifforde per annum vj^{l.} Brigittæ Popeley per annum vj^{l.} Margeriæ Acton per annum iiij^{l.} Dorotheæ Godderde per annum iiij^{l.} Katherinæ Llen per annum iiij^{l.} Cecilæ Eyer per annum iiij^{l.} Brigittæ Clinton per annum iiij^{l.} Aliciæ Hukan per annum iiij^{l.} Sibillæ Anthill per annum iiij^{l.} Margaretæ Bembrige per annum c^{s.} Margaretæ Baynebrig per annum c^{s.}

From Ducarel's Abstracts of the Lambeth Registers it should seem as if there had also been a PRIOR of Amesbury. Rob. Dawbeney occurs prior in 1399. In 1403 this monastery was visited by order of Archbishop Arundell; in whose Register we find "Citatio Priorissæ et Prioris de Aumesbury Sarum dioc. pro subeund. visitationem. Dat. apud Maydenestan xx. die Decemb. A.D. 1403." Reg. Archiep. Arund. fol. 410.

^p Tann. Notit. Mon. See the particular of the grant from a Record in the Augmentation Office, Num. XVIII.

^q Bishop Tanner notices the following Records, which seem of importance in the History of the monastery. Cart. 14 Edw. I. n. 10 et 11. Pro libera warennæ &c. in maneriis suis in Budisene, Bereghfield, Melkesham, Sende, Senderow, Wolvemer, Woderowe, Benacre, Shagne, Whitele, Bereford, Ambresbury, West Ambresbury, Bultesford, Hinderenton, King Derenton, Aleton, Cholleston, Boscomb, Clopton, Ellecote, et Walcot, in com. Wilt. Falet, Chawelawe, Pettewyke, et Chadelesworth, in com. Berk. Wallop, Wygele, Cadenham, Windleshore, et Berghfield, in com. Southampt. Cart. 10 Edw. II. n. 16. 18. Confirm. Libertatum. Ibid. n. 32. Pro mercat. et feria apud Ambresbury. Pat. 18 Edw. II. p. 1, m. 28. Pro ecclesiis de Whiteparish et Aldereston appropriandis. Pat. 14 Edw. III. De manerio de Est Winterslow. Escaet. Wilt. 17 Edw. III. n. 80. De pannagio et herbagio in foresta de Melkesham. Cart. 17 Edw. III. n. 16. De confirmatione libertatum, visu franci plegii, pillorii, tumbrelli, furcarum, &c. in omnibus terris suis, pro relaxatione xxvii. li. parcel. feodifirmæ xxx. li. pro maner. et hundred. de Melkesham; pro pasnagio in nemore de Berroch pro tot porcis quot voluerunt habere; pro c. porcis in Cett, totidem in Benteleswuda; pro v. carectis errantibus singulis diebus ad ligna deferenda ad dictum monasterium, viz. una in bosco de Cett, una in Groveling, una in Wintreswuda pertin. ad Berkhamsted, una in Benteleswuda, et una in bosco de Wallop vocat. Bosc. Reginæ, &c. Pat. 18 Edw. III. p. 2, m. 19. Pro eccl. de East Garston in com. Berks. Pat. 15 Ric. II. p. 2, m. 3. Pro ii. carectis singulis diebus pro focalibus ducendis ad monasterium, una extra forestam de Chute, altera ex foresta de Graveley. Pat. 5 Edw. IV. p. 1, m. 4, de libertat. abbatissæ [olim Fontis Ebrardi] in maner. de Leighton Busard. Pat. 6 Hen. VII. m. . . pro feria apud Dunbury Hill in Wallop inferiori in com. Southampt. 25, 26, et 27 diebus Julii, et pro feria apud Melkesham, 15 et 16 diebus Julii.

Cartae ad Ambresburiense Coenobium in agro Wiltoniensi spectantes.

NUM. I.

[Will. Malmesb. de Gestis. Pontif. fol. 143.]

IN Wiltensi pago sunt ista coenobia, Malmesburiae virorum, Wiltoniae et Ambresberiae foeminarum. De Malmesberiensis aliam loqui sedit animo. De Ambresberiensis nihil aliud ad nostram notitiam attigit, nisi quod ab Helfrida, sancti Edwardi interfetrice, et illud et Warwellense facta sunt causa poenitentiae. Jacet ibi sanctus Melorius, cujus prosapiae cujusve sanctimoniae incertum mihi.

[Rob. Gloucestr. MS. in Bibl. Bodleiana, fol. 81 a.]

GET Alfred the luther quene that seynt Edward sloug
Of hure trespas bfore hure dethe repentant was ynoug.
And rered two nonneryes; Whorwell that one was,
And Ambresbury that othere, to beete hure trespas.

[Rog. Hoved. fol. 320.]

ANNO gratiae mclxxvij. idem rex (scilicet Henricus secundus) expulsis sanctimonialibus de abbacia de Ambresberie propter incontinentiam suam, et per alias domus religiosas in arctiori custodia distributis, ipsam abbaciam de Ambresberie dedit abbatissae et domui de Frunt Everoit in perpetuum possidendam: et misso à Frunt Everoit uno conventu sanctimonialium, Ricardus Cantuariensis archiepiscopus introduxit eas in abbaciam de Ambresberie ii. kal. Junii, die Dominica, praesentibus domino rege patre, et Bartholomaeo Exoniensi, et Johanne Norwicensi episcopis, et aliis multis clero et populo.

NUM. II.

Prædia ad Ecclesiam de Ambresberie spectantia tempore Regis Willielmi Conquestoris.

[Ex Libro vocato *Domesday Book*, in domo Capitul. Westm.]

Berchscire, fol. 60.

TERRA ÆCCLESIAE DE AMBRESBERIE. IN CHENETEBERIE HUND. Abbatissa de Ambresberie tenet CHENETEBERIE. Semper Æcclesia tenuit. Tempore Regis Edwardi se defendebat pro xi. hid. modo pro viii. hid. Terra est x. car. In dominio sunt iii. car. et xii. villani et xviii. bord. cum viii. car. Ibi xi. servi. et molinum de iii. sol. et lx. acr. prati. Silva de x. porc. Valuit xii. lib. Modo xi. lib.

IN EGLEI HUND. Ipsa abbacia tenet CEVESLANE, et semper tenuit. Tempore Regis Edwardi se defendebat pro vii. hid. Modo pro iii. hid. et dim. Terra est v. car. In dominio sunt ii. car. et x. villani et viii. bord. cum ii. car. Ibi ii. servi et xl. acr. prati. Valet et valuit semper vii. lib.

Ipsa abbacia tenet FARELLEI. Tempore Regis Edwardi defendebat se pro x. hid. modo pro v. hid. Terra est v. car. In dominio sunt ii. car. et viii. villani et iii. servi. cum iii. car. et xx. acr. prati. Valet et valuit semper vi. lib.

Wiltescire, fol. 68 b.

TERRA ÆCCLESIAE AMBRESBERIENSIS. Ecclesia Ambresberiensis tenet BOLINTONE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro xii. hid. Terra est ix. car. De hac terra sunt in dominio vi. hidæ. et ibi iii. car. et xiii. servi. Ibi iii. villani et xx. cosce. et iii. cotarii cum v. car. Ibi ii. molini redd. lxv. solid. et xxxv. acr.

prati. Pastura i. leu. long. et dim. leu. lat. De eadem terra tenet Aluuard. iii. hid. Qui tenebat tempore Regis Edwardi. non poterat ab æcclesia separari. Dominium abbatissae valet xiii. lib. Quod tainus tenet valet xv. solid.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet BOSCUMBE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro iii. hid. Terra est ii. car. De hac terra sunt in dominio ii. hidæ et dimid. et ibi i. car. cum i. servo. Ibi ii. villani et v. cosce. et ii. cotar. cum i. car. Ibi iii. acr. prati. Pastura una quarent. long. et dimid. quarent. lat. Valuit et valet iii. lib.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet ALLENTONE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro iii. hid. Terra est ii. car. De hac terra sunt in dominio iii. hidæ una virgata minus. et ibi i. car. et iii. servi. Ibi iii. villani et v. cosce. et unus cotarius cum i. car. Ibi viii. acr. prati. Pastura i. leu. long. et una quarent. lat. Valuit iii. lib. Modo iii. lib.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet CHELESTANESTONE. et Aluuardus tenet de abbatissa. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro ii. hid. et dimid. Terra est i. car. et dim. et tant. est ibi cum ii. servis et iii. cosce. Ibi viii. acr. prati. Pastura v. quarent. long. et una quarent. lat. Valuit xxx. sol. Modo xl. sol.

Ipsa æcclesia tenebat ii. hid. [de manerio de WINTRESLEY] tempore Regis Edwardi, et post tenuit tempore Regis Willielmi. et sunt de victu monialium. Has tenet comes Moritoniensis injuste.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet in WINTREBURNE vi. hid. Terra est iii. car. De hac terra sunt in dominio iii. hidæ. et ibi iii. car. et ii. servi. Ibi v. villani et x. bord. cum i. car. Ibi iii. acr. prati. Pastura dim. leu. long. et tantundem lat. Valuit iii. lib. Modo c. solid.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet WINTREBURNE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro iii. hid. et dim. Terra est ii. car. De hac terra sunt in dominio ii. hidæ et dim. et ibi i. car. Ibi iii. villani et iii. bord. et ii. cotar. cum i. car. Ibi viii. acr. prati et x. acr. pasturæ. Valuit et valet iii. lib.

NUM. III.

Charta Johannis Regis.

[Cartæ Antiquæ Lit. B. n. 8.]

JOHANNES Dei gratia rex Angliæ, dominus Hiberniæ, &c. Sciatis moniales de Ambresburia, circiter xxx. propter vitæ suæ turpitudinem, et ordinis sui dissolutionem, et infamiam quæ divulgabatur publicè, mandato domini papæ Alexandri, voluntate etiam domini regis Henrici patris nostri, consilio quoque et prudentia Richardi, Cantuariensis archiepiscopi, apostolicæ sedis legati, et Joselini Sarum, et Bartholomei Exoniensis, et Rogeri Wigornensis, et G. Londonensis, et aliorum plurimorum episcoporum, et magnatum, et baronum nostrorum, à monasterio suo fuisse amotas, et in aliis monasteriis collocatas, et moniales de ordine Fontis Ebraldi ibidem, ad serviendum Deo introductas. Quamobrem concedimus, et præsentì cartâ confirmamus, ordini et religioni Fontis Ebrardi, pro salute animæ regis Henrici patris mei, et religionis honestate, pro salute nostra, et omnium antecessorum nostrorum, donationem quam dominus rex Henricus, pater noster, fecit ecclesiæ præfatae Fontis Ebrardi, scilicet, ecclesiam sanctæ Mariæ, et sancti Melori de Ambresbery, cum omnibus rebus quæ ad eam pertinent, tam in ecclesiasticis quam in mundanis possessionibus, ut ordo et instituta ecclesiæ Fontis Ebrardi ibidem quietè conserventur, et conventus monialium multo major quam fuerat, sub custodia pri-

orissæ, secundum ordinem præfatæ ecclesiæ Deo famuletur. Hanc ecclesiam, cum omnibus rebus quæ ad eam pertinent, et omnes possessiones Fontis Ebraldi, sciatis nos velle manutenere, et defendere, et liberas et quietas esse ab omni sæculari servitio et exactione, et gravamine, et accepisse in manu nostra et defensione, et protectione contra omnes homines sicut propriam nostram et domini regis Henrici, patris nostri, et antecessorum nostrorum elemosinam. Concedimus etiam et confirmamus eisdem monialibus manerium de Wallop in Hantesira, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis quæ ad nos pertinet, et cum emendatione quam ibi facere poterint in perpetuam elemosinam, et omnes elemosinas, et terras, quæ eis rationabiliter datæ sunt vel erunt, firmiter concedimus, et in omni jure suo, et possessione, in omnibus locis, omnes consuetudines sive in ecclesiasticis, sive in sæcularibus rebus, tam liberè, quietè, et plenariè, sicut nos haberemus si essent in dominico nostro. Confirmamus etiam eis monasterium de Ambresbery, et parochiam, cum omnibus decimis, et terris eidem adjacentibus; scilicet capellam de Durenton, cum omnibus decimis, et decimam de Forstelberia, et de Wadhall, et de Lodewrtha Johannis mareschalli, et Lodewrtha Hugonis de Lascy, et undecem acras bladi, et undecem agnos de Niwenton Humfridi de Bohun, et quinque solidos annuatim, pro cimiterio habendo, in auxilio ejusdem villæ; et manerium de Bulliford cum Hindorinton, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, et capellam cum decimis adjacentibus, et manerium de Boscumba, membrum de Bulliford, quod adjacet prædictæ ecclesiæ, cum decima de dominio quæ adjacet capellæ de Bulliford, et manerium de Maidwinterburgh, cum ecclesia et dimidia hida terræ, cum decimis adjacentibus, et manerium de Aleton, cum decimis de dominio, et medietate decimæ rusticorum; et manerium de Chelstanton, cum decima ejusdem manerii, et manerium de Northwinterburne quod adjacet prædictæ ecclesiæ; et manerium de Kenetebiria, cum ecclesia, et omnibus decimis ejusdem manerii; et capellam de Deneford, cum omnibus decimis; et decimam de Hingelfled, et de Goingsford, cum omni jure parochiali; et decimam de Hamsted, cum omni jure parochiali, quæ adjacet matri ecclesiæ de Kenetebiria; et manerium de Chauleia, et manerium de Faleleia, cum ecclesia ejusdem manerii, et decimam de Sutfaleleia, quæ adjacet matri ecclesiæ et decimam de Rotleia de dominio templariorum; et ecclesiam de Letecumba, cum decimis et omnibus ad ecclesiam pertinentibus; et de redditu nemoris de Barroc viginti solidos; et decimam pasnagii, tam denariorum quam porcorum, et quot porcos ibi habere voluerint, quietos de pasnagio; et centum porcos in Cheton quietos de pasnagio, et totidem similiter quietos in Bentewde; et quatuor acras in Boscumba, duæ scilicet de Mantorne, et duæ de Avena, et quatuor agnos; et in Botenfen quinque acras bladi, et in Bruthmareston duas acras, et in Cheldrington tres acras, et in Aldinton quatuor acras, et in Wivelesford duas acras, et in Midleston unam acram, et in Newenton Johannis de Nevell unam acram, et unum agnum, et decimam de Brumelham, et in Dawtesia tres solidos, et in Deverell puellarum quinque caseos, et quinque agnos, et in Hungdington decimam de quinque virgatis terræ, quas Robertus capellanus tenebat; et omnes alias terras, et elemosinas quas habent, vel habituri sunt; et quinque caretas errantes^a singulis diebus ad ligna deferenda ad prædictum monasterium de Ambresbery, unam scilicet caretam in bosco de Chettun, unam in Graveling, et unam in Winterslaw, quæ pertinet ad Bethamsted, et unam in Bentelewde, quam prædictum monasterium de Ambresbery antiquitus habebat, et unam in bosco suo de Wallop, quod appellatur Boscum Reginae. Ita scilicet quod de wasto quod facient quadrigæ quæ ibunt in boscum de Wallop, et de Widelai, neque de wasto aliarum quadrigarum quæ ibunt in alios prædictos boscos non ponantur in merci, nec scribantur in wasto.

Quare volumus et firmiter præcipimus quod prædictæ moniales, et earum ministri, et servientes, omnes possessiones suas, et elemosinas habeant, et teneant,

cum sacha et socha, et tol et theam, et infangenethef et utfangenethef, et cum omnibus libertatibus, et liberis consuetudinibus, et quietantiis suis in bosco, et plano, in pascuis, et pratis, et pasturis, in aquis et molendinis, in viis et semitis, in stagnis et vivariis, in mariscis et piscariis, in grangiis et virgultis, infra burgum et extra, et in omnibus locis et omnibus rebus, solutas, liberas, et quietas de siris et hundredis, de placitis et querelis, et de pecunia pro murdris et latrociniis, et de hamsoka et de forstall et de wapentake, et scutagiis, et hidagiis, geldis, denegeldis, hornegeldis, fotgeldis, et assartis factis ante confirmationem domini regis patris nostri factam, anno scilicet incarnationis Domini mclxxix. et de assisis, et donis, et scotis, et auxiliis, et operationibus castellorum, domorum, wallorum, parcorum, vivariorum, pontium, fossarum, et fledwita et hengwita, et flemanfremtha, et sumagio, et warpeni, et averpeni, et theingpeni, et hunderedespeni, et de mischening, et blodewite, et fithwite. Et sint in perpetuum quietæ per totam terram nostram, citra mare, et ultra mare, tam per terram quam per aquam, de theoloneo, et passagio, et pontagio, et tallagio, lestagio, stallagio, et de omni consuetudine et omnibus occasionibus quæ sunt vel esse possunt, et generaliter de omnibus rebus, et omnibus modis, quæ ad nos, vel ad hæredes nostros, vel successores nostros pertinent vel pertinere possunt, excepta sola justitia mortis et membrorum. Prohibemus etiam regia autoritate à Deo nobis concessa, ne aliquis hominum, sive minister noster, sive alius, in tota terra nostra præfato monasterio, vel ullis rebus ad ipsum pertinentibus, molestiam sive injuriam, sive contumeliam inferat, nec res, vel jura sua, nec nativos, vel fugitivos suos, vel catalla eorum detineat, nec homines venientes ad molendina sua ullo modo impediatur, nec eas vel homines earum, pro consuetudine aliqua vel servitio aut exactione pro aliqua causa disturbet de rebus suis, quas homines earum affidare poterunt suas esse proprias; nec de aliqua possessione sua in placitum ponatur nisi in præsentia nostra, vel hæredum nostrorum, sicut cartæ domini regis Henrici patris nostri, et regis Richardi fratris nostri testantur. Testibus Willielmo comite Arundellie, R. comite Leicestrie, W. marescallo, comite de Penbrok, R. constabulario Cestrie, J. de Pratellis, P. de Pratellis, W. de Stagno, B. camerario, W. de Clapam, W. de Cantilupo, R. de Wanci, W. de Ewla, R. de Montebegun. Dat. per manus Huberti Cantuariensis archiepiscopi, cancellarii nostri, xxx. die Augusti, apud Rupem Andel. anno regni nostri primo.

NUM. IV.

De monialibus Ordinis S. Ebraldi in Ambresburiensi Cænobio instituendis; et de Terris et Ecclesiis dicto Cænobio S. Ebraldi, inde concessis.

[Pat. 22 H. VI. p. 1, m. 14, per Inspex.]

JOHANNES Dei gratiâ rex Angliæ, &c. Sciatis moniales de Ambresbiri, circiter triginta, propter vitæ turpitudinem, et ordinis sui dissolutionem et infamiam, quæ divulgabatur publicè, mandato domini papæ Alexandri, voluntate etiam domini regis Henrici, patris nostri; consilio quoque et prudentiâ Ricardi Cantuariensis archiepiscopi, apostolicæ sedis legati, et Joscelini Sarum, et Bartholomæi Exon. Rogeri Wygorn. et G. London. et aliorum plurimorum episcoporum et magnatum, et baronum nostrorum, à monasterio suo fuisse amotas, et in aliis monasteriis collocatas, et moniales fontis Ebraldi ibidem ad serviendum Deo introductas: quamobrem concedimus, et præsentî cartâ confirmamus ecclesiæ et religioni Fontis Ebraldi, donationem quam pater noster rex Henricus dedit eidem ecclesiæ et religioni, pro salute animæ nostræ, et religionis honestate; et pro salute animæ regis H. patris nostri, et matris nostræ, et antecessorum nostrorum; scil. ecclesiam beatæ Mariæ et S. Melori de Ambresbiri, cum omnibus rebus quæ ad eam pertinent, tam in ecclesiasticis, quam in mundanis possessionibus, ut ordo et instituta ecclesiæ Fontis Ebraldi ibidem perpetuò conservetur, et conventus mo-

^af. euntes.

nialium multò major quam fuerat, sub custodiâ priorissæ, secundum ordinem præfatæ ecclesiæ Deo famuletur.

Præterea concedimus et confirmamus præfatæ ecclesiæ, ecclesiam de Etone,^a ubi moniales de prædicto ordine manent, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis; quam Robertus comes Leicestriæ donavit ecclesiæ Fontis Ebraldi: similiter ecclesiam de Westwode,^b cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, quam domina Eustachia de Saye donavit memoratis monialibus, sicut cartæ, quas indè habent testantur. Concedimus et confirmamus donationem patris nostri, regis Henrici, de lx. libratis terræ, quas dedit in perpetuam elemosinam Deo et monialibus Fontis-Ebraldi; viz. manerium nostrum de Lectone in Bedfordshire, pro lvi. libris, cum terrâ Walteri Pullam, quæ valet xxxii^s. quam dominus H. pater noster dedit eis in escambio molendini, quod dedit monachis de Woburne in eodem manerio: et in Bokinghamsire, quatuor libras in manerio nostro de Radenas, viz. xv. libras de elemosinâ Willielmi avunculi nostri, et xlv. libras de quaterviginti libratis, quas habebant annuatim ad festum S. Michaelis, ad scaccarium, de elemosina regis Henrici avi patris nostri, et domini regis H. patris nostri, et nostrâ. Item concedimus eis et confirmamus donationem, quam Willielmus de sancto Johanne eis fecit pro animâ matris suæ et antecessorum suorum, de tribus marcis singulis annis, habendis de redditu suo de Cunctone, de termino S. Michaelis, ut de die S. Benedicti, quâ mater sua obiit, moniales reficiantur indè. Item concedimus eis et confirmamus decem marcatas redditus apud Neuford, de manerio de Pimpre, et apud Beneford, quas Robertus comes Legecestriæ dedit eis, cum filiâ suâ, sicut carta ejus testatur. Concedimus etiam eis et confirmamus donationem quam Waukelinus Maminot eis rationabiliter fecit, de molendino de Berlynges, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, in perpetuam elemosinam; similiter et donationem quam Reginaldus et Bernardus de S. Walerico fecerunt eisdem monialibus, scil. Ermundestre, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis in Glohcestreschire.

Concessimus etiam eis et præsentî cartâ nostrâ confirmavimus duo molendina quæ sunt apud Portesmues; volentes, ut hæc omnia supradicta habeant et teneant, sicut carta patris nostri Henrici regis, et cartæ illorum donatorum rationabiliter testantur. Quare volumus, &c. Testibus hiis, Bartholomæo Turonensi archiepiscopo, Willielmo Marescallo comite de Penbroc, Willielmo de Hometo constabulario Normanniæ; Garino de Glaptone senescallo Normanniæ; Willielmo Brewarre; Roberto Thorneham; Roberto filio Galteri; Guillelmo de Saguo. Data per manus Simonis Wellensis archidiaconi, et J. de Grey archidiaconi de Gloucestriâ apud Chinonem xxv. die Junii, regni nostri anno secundo.

NUM. V.

Alia ejusdem Johannis Regis Charta.

[Chartæ Antiquæ, Lit. BB.]

JOHANNES Dei gratia rex Angliæ &c. Sciatis nos, intuitu Dei, et pro salute animæ A. reginæ, carissimæ matris nostræ, et animarum antecessorum et hæredum nostrorum, dedisse, et concessisse, et præsentî carta nostra confirmasse, in liberam puram et perpetuam elemosinam Deo et abbathiæ Fontis-Ebraldi, et capellæ sancti Laurentii, quam A. regina, mater nostra fundavit, quinquaginta solidos sterlingorum annuatim percipientes ad scaccarium nostrum, ad festum sancti Michaelis, per manum priorissæ de Ambresbiri, ad sustentationem capellani, qui in prædicta capella sancti Laurentii ministrabit, in perpetuam elemosinam, pro anima prædictæ A. reginæ, matris nostræ. Ita quod prædicta abbatia celebrari faciat in prædicta capella in perpetuum, pro anima prædictæ A. reginæ, matris nostræ, et quod illi quinquaginta solidi non convertantur in alios usus, quam in sustentationem capellani qui ibidem administra-

bit. Testibus H. Sarisbiriensi episcopo. G. filio Petri comitis Essexiæ. Datum apud Clarendon secundo die Maii, anno regni nostri quinto.

NUM. VI.

Compositio inter Priorissam de Ambresbury et Abbatem de Hyda de decimis in Wynterborn.

[Harl. MS. 1761, fol. 36.]

HUMILIS priorissa de Ambresbury, et devotus ejusdem loci conventus, omnibus ad quos præsens scriptum pervenerit, salutem in Domino. Noverit universitas vestra nos recepisse ad firmam perpetuam a dilectis nobis in Christo abbate et conventu de Hyda decimas omnes de dominico suo de Wynterborn quod tenuit de ipsis Daniel de Wynterburn, et eisdem reddendo singulis annis dimidiam marcam argenti ad festum Natalis Domini. Ita quod cessaremus ultra debitum tempus in solutione prædictæ pecuniæ, liceat prædictis abbati et conventui, auctoritate propria, ingredi possessionem prædictarum decimarum, percipiend. fructus usque dum esset ipsis super hoc plenarie satisfactum. Hanc autem conventionem bona fide servandam eis promissimus et sigilli nostri appositione duximus consignand. Actum anno gratiæ MCC.XXiiij^o. mense Julii, die festo beati Jacobi apostoli.

NUM. VII.

Pro Maria filia Regis Moniali de Ambresbury.

[Pat. 13 Edw. I. m. 11.]

REX omnibus ad quos &c. salutem. Sciatis quod concessimus pro nobis et hæredibus nostris karissimæ filiæ nostræ Mariæ quam in domo monialium de Ambresbury nuper velari fecimus, singulis annis, centum libras ad sustentationem cameræ suæ ad scaccarium nostrum percipiendas unam videlicet medietatem ad scaccarium nostrum sancti Michaelis, et aliam medietatem ad scaccarium nostrum Paschæ, ad totam vitæ filiæ nostræ prædictæ. In cujus &c. Teste rege apud Clarendon, vicesimo tertio die Augusti.

NUM. VIII.

Pro Maria filia Regis commorante apud Ambresbury de xl. Quercubus et xx. Doliis vini ei concessis.

[Pat. 20 Edw. I. m. 27.]

REX omnibus ad quos &c. Sciatis nos dedisse et concessisse pro nobis et hæredibus nostris dilectæ filiæ nostræ Mariæ sanctimoniali Fontis Ebraldi commoranti apud Ambresbur. quadraginta robora singulis annis percipienda in forestis nostris de Chute et Bokeholt, per manus custodis forestarum prædictarum qui pro tempore fuerit, ad focum suum in camera sua quamdiu moram fecerit apud Ambresbur. Dedimus etiam et concessimus pro nobis et hæredibus nostris prædictis eidem filiæ nostræ viginti dolia vini singulis annis percipienda, per manus ballivorum nostrorum Suthampt. qui pro tempore fuerint, unam videlicet medietatem in quindena Paschæ, et aliam medietatem ad festum sancti Martini in hyeme, ad sustentationem cameræ suæ quamdiu moram fecerit infra regnum Angliæ. In cujus &c. Teste rege apud Westm. ii^o. die Januarii anno &c. vicesimo.

Et mandatum est Custodi forestæ nostræ reg. de Chute qui pro tempore fuerit quod in eadem foresta habere faciat prædictæ filiæ regis commoranti apud Ambresbur. viginti robora singulis annis ad focum suum in camera sua quamdiu moram fecerit apud Ambresbur de dono regis. In cujus &c. Teste ut supra.

Eodem modo de verbo ad verbum mandatum est custodi forestæ de Bokeholt prædictæ. In cujus &c. Teste ut supra.

Rex vicecomiti Sutht. qui pro tempore fuerit salutem. Quia concessimus karissimæ filiæ nostræ Mariæ

^a Abbatia sanctimonialium apud Nun Etone in agro War.^b Prioratus de Westwode, in com. Wigorn.

sanctæmoniali Fontis Ebroidi, commoranti apud Ambresbur', viginti robora in foresta nostra de Chute singulis annis ad focum suum in camera sua quamdiu moram fecerit apud Ambresbur. de dono nostro, tibi præcipimus quod robora prædicta de foresta nostra prædicta apud Ambresbur. quamdiu præfata filia nostra moram fecerit ibidem singulis annis cariari facias, et custus quos circa cariagium illud duxeris apponendos in compoto tuo debite tibi faciemus allocari. In cujus &c. Teste ut supra.

Eodem modo de verbo ad verbum mandatum est vicecomiti Wilt. qui pro tempore fuerit de viginti roboris in prædicta foresta de Bokeholte, &c. In cujus &c. Teste ut supra.

NUM. IX.

De Manerio de Chadelworth in Com. Berk. cum Advocacione Prioratus de Poghele concess. Priorissæ et Conv. de Ambresbury per Alianoram Reginam Matrem Regis ad Sustentationem Alianoræ Filiae Ducis Britannie Monialis dum viveret, et postea in puram eleemos. 21 Edw. I.

[Ryleii Placit. Parliam. fol. Lond. 1661, p. 124.]

MEMORANDUM quod cum domina Alianora regina Angliæ, mater regis, emisset manerium de Chadelworth in com. Bark. cum advocacione Prioratus de Poggele, ea intentione ut Alianora de Britan. filia domini Johannis ducis Britan. monialis domus de Ambresbyr. sustentaretur de exitibus ejusdem manerii dum viveret, ac ipsa domina regina ipsum manerium cum pertinentiis suis dedisset prædicto domui de Ambresbyr. in puram et perpetuam eleemosinam per cartam suam. Et postmodum priorissa, prædecessor priorissæ quæ nunc est, et conventus prædicti domus de Ambr. concessissent quod præfata Alianora de Britan. dictum manerium de Chadelworth cum advocacione prioratus prædicti et aliis pertinentiis suis, ad sui sustentationem, ad totam vitam suam, possit habere et pacifice retinere, prout in quibusdam literis ipsius priorissæ et conventus inde confectis, sigillo ejusdem priorissæ munitis plenius continetur. Cumque subsequenter de voluntate et assensu præfate dominæ reginæ, ad exonerationem debitorum quibus ipsa domus Ambr. multipliciter gravabatur prædictum manerium de Chadelworth, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, per prædictos priorissam et conventum traditum fuisset ad firmam Willielmo de Claybrok, usque ad terminum trium annorum plenarie completorum. Ac ex parte prædictæ Alianoræ de Britan. coram domino Rege et suo Concilio petatum fuisset ut idem manerium de Chadelworth liberaretur ipsi Alianoræ ad sustentationem suam habendam in forma prædicta. Tandem per ipsum dominum regem et suum concilium de assensu et voluntate priorissæ extitit ordinatum ut præfatum manerium de Chadelworth remaneat supradicto firmario usque ad prædictum terminum plene completum ad exonerationem hujusmodi debitorum. Post quem terminum adimpletum quod erit in crastino festi S. Michaelis prox. venturi idem manerium de Chadelworth cum pertinentiis suis, ac advocatio prædicti prioratus de Poggele ad prædictam Alianoram de Britan. ad sustentationem suam inde habendam revertantur, et sibi ad totam vitam suam remaneant in forma præmissa, &c.

NUM. X.

Pro Priorissa de Ambresbur.

[Pat. 25 Edw. I. p. 1, m. 11. Prynne, Papal Usurp. tom. iii. p. 769.]

REX omnibus ad quos &c. salutem. Inspeximus literas patentes abbatissæ Fontis Ebroidi nobis missas, in hæc verba. 'A tres excellent e tres honorable prince mon seigneur Edward par la grace de Dieu roy de Engleterre, seigneur d'Irlande, et duc d'Aquitaine, son trescher seigneur e pere, suer Margarite par la suffrance de Dieu homble abbaesse de Fontenraud, saluz e especiaus oreysous au saent esperit. Tres reau seigneur e pere nos vos feyssoms savoer, qe ou vestre volante, et

de vestre commandement nous envoyeons prioressa a Ambresbury, suer Johenne de Gennes, nonaen de vostre maesson de Fontenraud, feme sage et viguerouse, pour y ester gardienne a priouresse, de la quelle nous avons tres graunt confidence, qe par luy serra guouvernee la meson de Ambr. ou layde de Dieu, e de vous, e lestat de la religion garde e defender exspirituelment e temporelment. Si vous prions e supplyons tres reau pere tant chèrement come nous poous, quil vous plesse alifere rendre nostre estat, en la avantdite meson, e mander e commander au convent de nonaens, e aus freres que il la receyvent come prioressa e hobeissent en toutes choses comme a nous, si per de la estions en nostre presence en telle maniere, quelle puyse user de nostre droit plenement e corriger, e reformer tout ceou qui aura mester de correction e reformation, e qe per ceou les dites nonaens e freres en puissent rendre lor ames a nostre seignour, come religion soit nulle saunz hobeissance e sanz correction, e destruit par disobedience. E que nos memes qui somes lour chief, e de toute la religion, en puyssons rendre devant Dieu le pere des ames, soffisente reson au jour de jugement, tant vous plesse a feretres reau seignour e pere de ceou, que par ces biens, e tuz autres nus puyssiez venir a la joye de Paradis, la quelle deux vous ottroit per se douce pitie, si come nous le desirrous. Adieu soiez vous trescher seignour e pere qi soit garde de vous. Donn le dimenche que lan chanta on saenti yglyse, "Cantate Domino laudem;" l'an de grace Mil, deus Cenz, quatre vinz, e quatorze.' Nos autem precibus ipsius abbatissæ benignum præbentes assensum, mandamus et firmiter præcipimus, quod nullus prædictam priorissam in præmissis impediatur aliquatenus vel perturbetur. Et volumus quantum in nobis est, quod eadem priorissa gaudeat et utatur præmissis, juxta tenorem litterarum abbatissæ prædictæ. In cujus &c. Teste rege apud Clarendon, vj^{to}. die Martii.

NUM. XI.

Pro Maria Filia Regis Moniale de Ambresbur.

[Pat. 30 Edw. I. m. 14. Prynne, Papal Usurp. tom. iii. p. 937.]

REX omnibus ad quos, &c. salutem. Sciatis quod in recompensationem ducentarum librarum, quas nuper pro nobis et hæredibus nostris concessimus charissimæ filiae nostræ Mariæ sanctimoniali Fontis Ebroidi apud Ambresbur. commoranti, singulis annis ad sustentationem cameræ suæ ad scaccarium nostrum percipiendas, et etiam pro illis viginti doliis vini, quæ eidem filiae nostræ similiter concessimus ei manerium de Cosham cum pertinentiis in com. Wiltes in valorem quaterviginti et decem et septem librarum; burgum Wilton. et Bereford. cum pertin. in eodem com. præter eleemosynas constitutas in valorem quatuor librarum; manerium de Sherstan cum pertin. in eodem com. in valorem sexaginta librarum; manerium de Porstok cum pertin. in com. Dors. in valorem decem et octo librarum; manerium de Herdecote cum pertin. in com. Sumerset, in valorem decem et septem librarum; et maneria de Freskwatre et Whytefeld in Insula Vectæ cum pertin. in com. Sutht. in valorem sexaginta et decem librarum, tresdecim solidorum, et quatuor denariorum; habenda et tenenda eidem filiae nostræ ad sustentationem cameræ suæ quamdiu vixerit, et infra regnum nostrum fuerit supradictum. In cujus &c. Teste rege apud Westm. x. die Augusti.

NUM. XII.

Pro Communi Pasturæ et Pannagio in Foresta de Melkesham, 30 Edw. I.

[Ryleii Placit. Parliam. fol. Lond. 1661, p. 605.]

A NOSTRE seignour le Roy prient dame Marie vostre fille e vostre prioressa d'Ambresbur e vostre convent de meymes le lieu, que par la ou le manier de Melkesham lour est done par le roi Henr. e per vous chier sire conferme en pure e perpetuele aumone ove les

apurtences ausi franchement e entirement come Amice jadis countesse de Deveneshire le dist manier tynt solom ce chier sire qe vostre fait les tesmonie. E sur ce chier sire sont venuz voz ministres e unt la nostre commune de touz noz genz a diverse genz baillez e par eus en-closes e enfossees, issint qe a nous ne a noz gens riens de la dite commune est demoree par quoi noz tenuns lour terres ne poent gainer e ce a grant damage de nous e de vostre eglise d'Ambresbur. La quele commune al oure qe lur terres furent primes arentez fut estendu a lour tenemens le queus eus arentunt coustumes e ser-vises funt a vous sire e a voz assignez qil vous plaise tres chier sire sus icestes dites choses aucune remedie pur vostre grace faire e ordiner; dount nous ne vostre eglise ne soioms tent endamagiez pur la raison de ceste bail. E sachiez chier sire qe autre fois pur vostre brief a nostre sieute a voz ministres qe a ten choses furent as-signe, e nous a eus le femes liverer avant ce qe riens fust baille de la dite commune, e eus pour le dist brief riens ne voleient faire ne vostre commandement en-seure.

‘Edwardus Dei gratia rex Angliæ, dominus Hi-bernæ, et dux Aquitanniæ, dilecto et fideli suo Johanni de Brokesle ad vasta sua in foresta de Melkesham aren-tanda assignato salutem. Ex parte priorissæ et monia-libus de Ambresbur. nobis est ostensum quod cum ipsæ per cartam celebris memoriæ domini Henrici regis pa-tris nostri et confirmationem nostram tenere debeant, et ipsæ et earum prædecessores semper huc usque tenuerunt manerium de Melkesham cum pertinentiis adeo liberè et quietè sicut Amicia quondam comitissa Devo-niæ manerium illud dum vixit tenuit ex concessione dicti patris nostri et eadem priorissa et moniales com-munam pasturæ in foresta nostra prædicta pro se et tenentibus suis manerii prædicti, et similiter pannagium in eadem foresta postquam manerium illud cum perti-nentiis ad manus ipsarum post mortem dictæ comitissæ per concessionem dicti patris nostri et confirmationem nostram devenit pacifice habuissent sicut eadem comi-tissa toto tempore vitæ suæ, dum manerium illud tenuit, hujusmodi communam et pannagium habuit, vos præ-fatas priorissam et moniales quo minus communam pro se et tenentibus suis manerii prædicti et pannagium in foresta prædicta habere possint prout prædicta comitissa ea habuit, et ipsæ post mortem ejusdem comitissæ a tempore confectionis cartarum et confirmationis prædic-tarum huc usque habere consueverunt, nunc de novo impeditis, et ipsas super hiis per graves districtiones mul-tipliciter inquietatis ad grave dampnum ipsarum prioris-sæ et monialium, et contra tenorem cartæ et confirma-tionis prædictarum. Et quia nolumus quod dictis pri-orissæ et monialibus injuriatur in hac parte, vobis man-damus quod si ita est tunc ab hujusmodi impedimentis et districtionibus, dicta occasione, eisdem priorissæ et monialibus de cætero inferendis penitus desistentes, ip-sas priorissam et moniales hujusmodi communam, pro se et tenentibus suis prædictis et pannagium in foresta nostra prædicta prout dicta comitissa toto tempore suo prædicto ea habuit, et eadem priorissa et moniales ac earum prædecessores postquam dictum manerium per concessionem et confirmationem nostram prædictas ad manus earundem post mortem prædictæ comitissæ de-venit hucusque rationabiliter habuerunt, habere permit-tatis juxta tenorem concessionis et confirmationis earun-dem. Et districtionem si quam eis ea occasione fece-ritis sine dilatione relaxetis eisdem. Teste meipso apud Tynemuth, xxij^o. die Junii anno regni nostri vicesimo nono.’

Dorso.

‘QUIA inspectis cartis coram concilio non reperitur aliud nisi quod habeat manerium cum pertinentiis quare videtur quod rex possit seipsum approbare pro voluntate sua, salva rationabili communa ad dictum manerium de Melkesham pertinente, postea dominus rex concessit apud Kenyton xxij^o. die Augusti quod breve fiat Justic. quod assignet eis rationabilem communam. Et si quid

fuerit quare hoc, rege inconsulto, facere non possit, tunc inde certificet regem ad prox. parliamentum.

NUM. XIII.

Pro Priorissa de Aumbresbury.

[Cart. 10 Ed. II. n. 18.]

Rex archiepiscopis, &c. salutem. Inspeximus car-tam quam bonæ memoriæ dominus E. rex Angliæ, pater noster, fecit priorissæ et monialibus monasterii de Aum-bresbury in hæc verba: “Edwardus Dei gratia rex An-gliæ, dominus Hiberniæ et dux Aquitaniæ, archiepisco-pis, episcopis, abbatibus, prioribus, comitibus, baronibus, justiciariis, vicecomitibus, præpositis, ministris, et omni-bus ballivis et fidelibus suis salutem. Ut cultus divinus in monasterio de Aumbresbury de cætero augeatur, et moniales ibidem degentes liberius contemplationi divinæ vacare valeant, ac ne per vicecomites seu alios ministros nostros quoscunque de cætero molestentur proicientes^a nostræ considerationis intuitum ad affectionem qua ad dictum monasterium sumus astricti, contemplatione ca-rissimæ filiæ nostræ quæ in eodem monasterio sub reli-gionis habitu est velata concedimus priorissæ et monia-libus monasterii prædicti libertates subscriptas, videlicet quod habeant in terris, tenementis, et feodis suis visum franci plegii, emendas assisæ panis et cervisiæ, pillorium, tumberellum, et furcas, et omnia amerciamenta de om-nibus hominibus et tenentibus suis ubicumque amerciati fuerint in quacunque curia nostra, coram quibuscunque justiciariis nostris, vicecomitibus, seu aliis ballivis et ministris nostris, pro quibuscunque occasionibus, trans-gressionibus, placitis, aut quærelis de quibus amercia-menta ad nos spectare dignoscerentur; et etiam omnia catalla hominum suorum fugitivorum et felonum, et illorum qui indictati fuerint, et se subtraxerint, vel pro aliquo alio delicto pro quo debeant catalla sua amittere, et similiter pecuniam de murthero, et quod habeant ple-nam potestatem levandi per ministros suos proprios ad opus ipsarum priorissæ et monialium hujusmodi pecu-niam, amerciamenta, et catalla, et pro eisdem sibi red-dend. districtiones quotiens necesse fuerit faciend. ita quod nullus de prædictis amerciamentis, pecunia, seu catallis colligend. vel recipiend. sine districtione pro eisdem faciend. se intrumittat nisi per voluntatem ipsa-rum priorissæ et monialium et successorum suorum, et quod nullus vicecomes vel constabularius seu ballivus aut minister noster, aut aliorum quorumcunque, excep-tis ministris nostris forestæ habeat posse vel ingressum in terras, tenementa, feoda, aut possessiones ipsarum priorissæ et monialium nisi in defectum earundem; sed quod omnia prædicta pertineant ad ipsas et earum suc-cessores et ballivos earundem. Et quod possint pla-citare in curiis suis placitarum de vetito namio. Con-cessimus etiam eisdem priorissæ et monialibus quod in terris et feodis suis habeant returna omnium brevium nostrorum, quare volumus et firmiter præcipimus pro nobis et hæredibus nostris quod prædictæ priorissa et moniales et earum successores habeant et teneant omnes libertates et liberas consuetudines supradictas imperpe-tuum, et eis utantur in forma prædicta sine occasione vel impedimento nostri et hæredum nostrorum, justicia-rorum, vicecomitum, aut aliorum ballivorum seu minis-trorum nostrorum quorumcunque, hiis testibus, venera-bilibus patribus G. Wygorn. R. Bathon. et Wellen. W. Norwyce. episcopis; Edmundo fratre nostro, Edmundo comite Cornub. Henrico de Lasey comite Linc. Williel-mo de Bello Campo comite Warr. Reginaldo de Gray, Roberto Tybetot, Roberto filio Johannis, Ricardo de Bosco, Johanne de Havering, et aliis. Dat. per manum nostram apud Westmonasterium vicesimo septimo die Aprilis anno regni nostri quarto decimo.’ Nos autem concessionem prædictas ratas habentes et gratas eas pro nobis et hæredibus nostris, quantum in nobis est, con-cedimus et confirmamus sicut Carta prædicta rationa-biliter testatur; præterea volentes contemplatione Ma-riæ sororis nostræ prædictæ quæ in eodem monasterio

^a Sic. in orig.

sub religionis habitu elegit suo perpetuo altissimo famu-
lari eisdem priorissæ et monialibus uberiolem gratiam
facere in hac parte, concessimus eis pro nobis et hære-
dibus nostris quod licet ipsæ vel earum prædecessores
libertatibus prædictis vel earum aliqua hætenus usæ
non fuerunt, ipsæ tamen et earum successores nihilomi-
nus eisdem libertatibus et earum qualibet de cætero,
sine occasione vel impedimento nostri vel hæredum
seu ministrorum nostrorum quorumcumque gaudeant et
utantur. Et insuper concessimus eisdem priorissæ et
monialibus quod ipsæ et earum successores, ac earum
homines et tenentes imperpetuum sint quieti de chimi-
nagio et de expeditatione canum suorum. Hiis testibus
venerabilibus patribus, W. Cantuar. archiepiscopo totius
Angliæ primate, et J. Wynton. episcopo cancellario
nostro, Humfredo de Bohun comite Hereford et Essex,
Hugone le Despenser juniore, Waltero de Norwico the-
saurario nostro, Willielmo de Monte Acuto seneschallo
hospitii nostri, et aliis. Dat. per manum nostram apud
Andeure undecimo die Aprilis.

Per breve de privato Sigillo.

NUM. XIV.

Pro Maria Sanctimoniali Sorore Regis.

[Ibid. p. 2. m. 18.]

Rex pincernæ suo qui nunc est vel qui pro tem-
pore fuerit, aut ejus locum tenenti in portu villæ Suth-
ampt. salutem. Cum in partem solutionis illarum cen-
tum marcarum quas carissimæ sorori nostræ Mariæ
sanctimoniali de Aumbresbur. concessimus in subventio-
nem sustentationis suæ, concesserimus ei decem dolia
vini percipiend. singulis annis per manus pincernæ nos-
tri qui pro tempore fuerit vel ejus locum tenentis in
villa prædicta de recta prisa nostra in portu ejusdem
villæ, videlicet quodlibet dolum in valorem quadraginta
solidorum ad totam vitam ipsius sororis nostræ prout in
litteris nostris patentibus ei inde confectis plenius con-
tinetur. Vobis mandamus quod eidem sorori nostræ,
vel ejus in hac parte attornato, dicta decem dolia vini
singulis annis ad totam vitam suam de prisa nostra in
portu villæ prædictæ liberari faciatis. Et nos vobis
inde in compoto vestro debitam allocationem habere
faciemus. Teste rege apud Clarindon xº. die Aprilis.

Per breve de privato Sigillo.

NUM. XV.

Pro Maria Moniale de Ambresbury Sorore Regis.

[Rom. et Fr. 11 Ed. II. m. 14. Rymer, Collect. non impress. MS.
Donat. Mus. Brit. 4578, art. 26.]

PAPÆ rex devota pedum oscula beatorum. Nuper
Sanctitati vestræ, pro quodam negotio, carissimam soro-
rem nostram Mariam sanctimoniale Fontis Ebroldi in
prioratu de Aumbresburi ejusdem ordinis commorantem
et ejus statum, contingente, quod inter desiderabilia
cordis nostri nobis insidet multum cordi votivas direxi-
mus preces nostras quod vestra clementia nostri intuitu
de quo vobis grates referimus favorabiliter habuit com-
mendatam, sicut ex relatu dilecti clerici nostri magistri
Johannis Hildesle didicimus, quem ob dictum negotium
et alia tunc ad vestram præsentiam inseramus; verum
quia negotium illud nondum est ut decet et expedit per
abbatissam loci prædicti expeditum, immo potius volun-
tarie denegatum, ad vestram beatitudinem ea de causa
iterato duximus incurrendum, totis affectibus exorantes
quatinus quandam supplicationem quam vobis super
dicto negotio mittimus, præsentibus interclusam, be-
nigne inspicere et super contentis in ea honori dictæ
sororis nostræ provisionis munificentia dignemini pro-
videre, quod ex denegatione concessionis præhabita
ipsius non ledatur opinio seu status decencia muniatur;
de eo tamen quod super hoc vestra provide circum-
spectio facere decreverit nos velitis quæsumus per lato-
rem præsentium efficere certiores. Conservet vos altis-
simus ad regimen ecclesiæ suæ sanctæ per tempora
prospera et longæva. Dat. apud Lincoln. primo die
Septembris.

NUM. XVI.

Pro Maria Sanctimoniali de Aumbresbury.

[Claus. 1 Edw. III. p. 1, m. 16.]

REX vicecomiti Wiltes. salutem. Cum dominus
E. nuper rex Angliæ, pater noster, decimo die Aprilis
anno regni sui decimo, in partem solutionis illarum cen-
tum marcarum quas Mariæ sanctimoniali de Aumbres-
bury, sorori suæ, concesserat in subventionem sustenta-
tionis suæ concesserit viginti libras, tresdecim solidos, et
quatuor denarios percipiend. annuatim ad totam vitam
suam per manus vicecomitis comitatus prædicti qui pro
tempore foret prout in litteris ipsius patris nostri paten-
tibus ei inde confectis plenius continetur. Nos, con-
cessionem dicti patris nostri prædictam acceptantes, tibi
præcipimus quod eidem Mariæ quod ei aretro est de
dictis viginti libris tresdecim solidis et quatuor denariis
annuis de tempore quo fuisti vicecom. noster comitatus
prædicti, et etiam eosdem viginti libras tresdecim so-
lidos et quatuor denarios annuos, quamdiu vicecomes
noster ibidem fueris de exitibus ejusdem com. habere
faciatis, et nos tibi inde in compoto tuo ad scaccarium
nostrum debitam allocationem habere faciemus. Teste
rege apud Westm. xxiiij. die Februarii.

Per ipsum Regem et Concilium.

NUM. XVII.

[In a Book of Pensions remaining in the Augmentation Office.]

Ambresbury late Pryory surrendryd.

PENCIONES assigned by Robert Southwell essquior.
and other the kynges highnes comyssyoners there to the
late relygious persons of the same late pryory mense
Decembr' anno regni metuendissimi domini nostri R.
Henrici viij^{vi}. xxxj^{mo}.

Johñne Darroll' prioresse . . .	c ^{li} .
Cristian' Ildesley subprieores . . .	vj ^{li} . xiijs. iiij ^d .
Edithe Curteys . . .	vj ^{li} .
Margery Hunton . . .	c ^s .
Johñne Horner . . .	vj ^{li} .
Anne Newman . . .	c ^s .
Anne Preduaux . . .	c ^s .
Margarett Warder . . .	c ^s .
Elizabeth Alen . . .	c ^s .
Agatha Sydnam . . .	vj ^{li} .
Johñne Dawse . . .	iiij ^{li} .
Elizabeth Phetyplace . . .	c ^s .
Johñne Antyle . . .	iiij ^{li} .
Anne Bulkeley . . .	c ^s .
Agnes Kyngesmyll' . . .	c ^s .
Johñne Rolande . . .	iiij ^{li} .
Elizabeth Exhurst . . .	c ^s .
Margarett Beynbrigge . . .	c ^s .
Sibill' Ingelffeld . . .	c ^s .
Julyan' Appryce . . .	iiij ^{li} .
Alis Gifford . . .	vj ^{li} .
Margarett Beche . . .	vj ^{li} . xiijs. iiij ^d .
Brygett Popley . . .	vj ^{li} .
Margaret Acton . . .	iiij ^{li} .
Dorothee Goderde . . .	iiij ^{li} .
Katheryn' Ffewellyn' . . .	iiij ^{li} .
Cecely Ayres . . .	iiij ^{li} .
Mary Cursyn . . .	iiij ^{li} .
Mary Perse . . .	iiij ^{li} .
Brigett Clynton . . .	iiij ^{li} .
Alis Hukan . . .	iiij ^{li} .
Johñne Spadarde . . .	iiij ^{li} .
Anne Yate . . .	iiij ^{li} .
Sibille Antell' . . .	iiij ^{li} .

Sñ cclviij^{li}. vjs. viij^d.

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ROBERTUM SOWTHWELL.
RICARDUM POULET.
WILLIELMUM BERNERS.

NUM. XVIII.

[From a Particular for a Grant to Edw. Earl of Hertford 32 Hen. VIII. in the Augmentation Office.]

Ambresbury nuper Monasterium in Comitatu Wiltes.

Sciſtus nuper monaſterij cum terris dominicalibus eidem pertinentibus		valent in			£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
Firma 290 ſelionum terræ arrabilis communiter vocatarum Acres in cultura nuper prioriffæ et conventus ibidem exiſtentium precium cujuſlibet ſelionis 4d. per annum		4	16	8	}					
Pastura ad 374 oves in communi pastura de Ambresbury prædicta nuper in cultura dictæ nuper prioriffæ et conventus ibidem exiſten. per annum		50								
Firma cujuſdam pasturæ vocatæ le Parke ibidem continentis per estimationem 6 acras terræ in tenura ejusdem nuper prioriffæ per annum		10								
Firma 22 acrarum prati in parco vocato Fletemeade, Lavender Meade, le Folds Rackemeade, Birchmede, et Abbey Bekermade nuper in occupatione dictæ nuper prioriffæ et conventus per annum		44								
Firma quatuor domorum columbariorum ibidem nuper in manibus ejusdem nuper prioriffæ per annum		8	11	14		0				
Firma piſcarie ſeparaliſ aquæ infra rivulam de Aven. in manibus dictæ nuper prioriffæ per annum		2								
Firma ſciſtus nuper monaſterij prædicti, cum omnibus orreis, ſtabulis, ortis, pomarijs, cemiterijs, gardinis, ſtagnis, aquis, terris, et ſolo infra ſciſtum, procinctum, et ambitum dicti nuper monaſterij exiſtentibus, continentis inter ſe per estimationem 12 acras terræ, appreciati per commiſſionarios domini regis per annum		13	4							
Precium lignorum per duas carectas ſingulis diebus annuatim errantes in boſcis de Chete, Groveley, et Bentley Woode, pro eiſdem lignis deferendis ad prædictum monaſterium ex conceſſione regis Henrici ſecundi, appreciatorum per annum		10								

COMPUT' MINISTRORUM DOMINI REGIS TEMP. HEN. VIII.

(Abstract of Roll, 32 Hen. VIII. Augmentation Office.)

MONASTERIUM DE AMBRESBURY.

Com' Wiltes.		£. s. d.		
Manerium de Ambresbury				
Vill' de Ambresbury	Redd' Assis' libor' Tenen'	0	7	0½
	Redd' Cust' Tenen'	18	13	8
	Firm' Scit'	26	10	8
Westambresbury	Annual' Redd'	3	6	8
	Vindic' Bose'	null		
	Tolnet' et Pondag' unius nund'	0	3	6
	Pquis' Cur'	0	7	1
Rectoria de Ambresbury	Firm'	28	0	0
Rothfenne	Firm' Porc' Decim'	1	6	8
Manerium de Bultford	Redd' Assis'	0	6	10
	Redd' Cust' Tenen' et ad Volunt'			
	Dñi	24	0	1
	Firm' Scit'	42	0	0
	Pquis' Cur'	4	7	5
Rectoria de Bulteford	Firm'	13	6	8
Hundr' et Manerium de Melkescham	Redd' Assis'	3	0	6
	Redd' Cust' Tenen' et ad Volunt'			
	Dñi	17	1	6¼
Benacre	Redd' Assis' libor' Tenen'	4	18	0
	Redd' Cust' Tenen'	6	17	3¼
Whiteley	Redd' Assis' libor' Tenen'	2	4	0
	Redd' Cust' Tenen'	5	5	0

Com' Wiltes.

			ℓ.	s.	d.
Decenn' de Woodrew	Redd' Assis'		3	0	0
- - - - -	Redd' Cust' Tenen'		4	13	11
Wulmer	Redd' Assis'		2	7	4
- - - - -	Redd' Cust' Tenen' et ad Volunt'				
	Dñi		11	14	2
Decenn' de Sendrew	Exit' Profic'		0	6	0
- - - - -	Redd' Mobil'		1	2	9½
- - - - -	Firm' Scit'		18	6	8
- - - - -	Redd' Assart'		9	6	2¼
- - - - -	Cert' Redd' Turnor' cum Pquis'				
	Cur'		21	3	4
Manerium de Madington cum Rectoria . . .	Redd' Assis'		1	14	6
- - - - -	Redd' Cust' Tenen' et ad Volunt'				
	Dñi		9	9	10
- - - - -	Firm' Scit'		20	0	0
- - - - -	Cert' Redd' Turnor' cum Pquis'				
	Cur'		4	14	5
Manerium de Berford	Redd' Assis'		1	2	4½
- - - - -	Redd' Cust' Tenen' et ad Volunt'				
	Dñi		1	19	8
North Tudworth	Firm' Decim'		3	0	0
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'				null
Buddesden	Firm' Terr'		4	6	8
Lurgarshale	Penc' Rector'		4	0	0
Rectoria de Durlington	Firm'		20	0	0
Alton	Firm' Rector' cum Terr' Dñical' . . .		9	6	8
Cholleston	Firm' Man'		7	6	8
Rectoria de Wanborough	Firm'		20	0	0
Rectoria de Auldeborne	Firm'		27	0	0
Manerium de Northwintborne	Firm'		9	6	8
Orston S̄ci Georgii	Annual' Redd'		0	6	8
Sarum	Lib' Redd'		1	0	0
Endeforde	Redd' et Firm' Terr'		0	13	4
Myldeston	Firm' Decim'		0	3	4
Borescombe cum Newentontony	Firm' Man' cum Porc' Decim'		13	15	0
- - - - -	Cert' Turnor' cum Pquis' Cur'		0	6	8

Com' Southton.

Manerium de Wallopp					
Wallopp Supior'	Redd' Assis' libor' Tenen'		7	6	0
- - - - -	Redd' Cust' Tenen'		11	7	8½
Wallopp Infior'	Redd' Assis' libor' Tenen'		2	9	2
- - - - -	Redd' Cust' Tenen'		15	18	2½
- - - - -	Firm' Man'		13	6	8
- - - - -	Cert' Turnor' cum Pquis' Cur'		9	5	9
- - - - -	Tolnet' Nundin'		0	6	4
Wyglye cum Memb'	Redd' Assis'		0	18	4
Shelveley	Redd' Cust' Tenen'		1	4	9½
Wygley	Redd' Cust' Tenen'		1	13	8
Cadnam	Redd' Cust' Tenen'		2	5	10½

Com' Berk'

Wyndsore	Redd' Cust' Tenen'		0	16	10½
- - - - -	Firm' Terr' Dñic'		2	6	8
- - - - -	Cert' Turnor' cum Pquis' Cur'		2	13	10
Manerium de Kentbury cum Rector' et Ham-					
lett' de Clopton et Elcote	Redd' Assis'		0	0	2
- - - - -	Redd' Cust' Tenen'		4	10	11
- - - - -	Firm' Man'		34	13	4
Clopton	Redd' Assis' libor' Tenen'		1	6	8
- - - - -	Redd' Cust' Tenen'		5	4	4
- - - - -	Redd' Mobil'		0	1	8
Elcote	Redd' Cust' Tenen'		8	14	10
- - - - -	Redd' Mobil'		0	5	4
- - - - -	Pannag' Porc'		0	3	4
- - - - -	Vendic' Bosc'				null
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'		8	3	8

Com' Berk'		£.	s.	d.
Elcote	Annual' Redd'	1	0	0
Manerium de Chadelworth	Redd' Assis'	1	11	6
Manerium de Chadelworth	Redd' Cust' Tenen'	5	19	9
- - - - -	Firm'	6	13	4
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'	3	8	0
Manerium de Falley cum Rector'	Redd' Cust' Tenen'	6	10	8
- - - - -	Firm' Maner' et Rector'	16	0	0
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'	3	0	0
Manerium de Westhalowe et Pelwyk cum Rec-				
tor' sive Capell' de Westhalow	Firm'	27	12	0
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'	0	13	4
Rectoria de Letcombe Reg'	Firm'	13	0	0
Rectoria de Estchalowe	Firm'	12	0	0
Rectoria de Estgarston	Firm'	13	6	8

Benedictine Monastery of Middleton,

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Milton Abbats,

IN

DORSETSHIRE.^a



IDDLETON, or Milton, Abbey, dedicated to St. Mary, St. Michael, St. Sampson, and St. Brannwalader, was founded according to Bishop Tanner, about the year 933, by King Athelstan, to expiate the murder of his brother Edwin.^b The Register of this abbey, preserved in the King's Remembrancer's Office in the Exchequer, gives us a tedious and romantic account of the founder and foundation. King Athelstan, it is stated, at the beginning of his reign, upon false suggestions that his brother Edwin was concerting measures to destroy him, caused him to be sent to sea in an open boat, with only one attendant. The prince, overcome with despair at his danger, leaped overboard; but his attendant, after great difficulties, swam to shore at Witsand with his corpse. The king, repenting of his crime, confined himself by way of penance, at Lamport in the county of Somerset, seven years, founding the abbey of Michelney on this account, as well as Milton.^c

^a This abbey is reckoned by Speed among his Wiltshire monasteries, and it is also falsely placed in that county by Cressey; Church Hist. lib. xxxi. c. 10. So likewise in Anglia Sacra, vol. i. p. 159. "vii. Kal. Apr. 1287, monasterium de Middletona in Wiltechire ignis consumpsit." Tann. Notit. Mon. Dorset. xviii.

^b Bishop Tanner says, "Though all historians agree as to the royal founder of this abbey, yet the differences or mistakes in writing or printing the time of the foundation may teach the lovers of antiquities to be cautious in trusting at first sight to the dates, either of Saxon charters or histories, without further examination, and comparing the same, and the names of the parties and witnesses, with the most authentic chronicles. For instance, K. Ethelstan is well known to have begun his reign in A.D. 924, and to have died A.D. 940, yet the pretended charter of the foundation of the abbey, in the Monasticon, is said to have been executed A.D. 843, and the history, there also printed out of the leiger book of this abbey, makes that king to begin his reign A.D. 824, and the Rochester Annals (Leland. Collect. vol. iii. p. 71,) put this foundation in the year 839, others, (Leland. Collect. vol. i. p. 67,) place it A.D. 896. I have made it in the year 933, being the tenth year of K. Ethelstan, as expressly in Mon. Angl. (former edition) tom. i. p. 195, col. 1." Notit. Mon. ut supr.

The Harleian MS. 261, fol. 107 b, says, "Anno Domini dcccc^{mo}. xxxix. Rex Ethelstanus pro anima fratris sui Eadwyni quem pravo usus consilio in mari fecerat submergi duo cœnobîa, scilicet Middeltunensis et Mychelneyensis, construi præcepit et ea prædiis multis et possessionibus ampliavit."

^c See Num. II. William of Malmesbury uses the very words of the manuscript here quoted. De Gestis Regum Anglorum, lib. ij.

Hutchins, in the History of Dorsetshire, is wrong in stating that Florence of Worcester places the foundation of Middleton abbey in the year 940.^d The writer of the present article has sought in vain for the passage. Matthew of Westminster notices the foundation both of Middleton and Michelney abbeys under the year 939.^e

According to Athelstan's Charter, in the Saxon tongue, printed in the Appendix of Instruments, the following was the original endowment of the monastery: twenty-six hides of land at Muleburne, five at Wonlonde, three at Frome-mouth, three hides and a meadow at Clyve, three and a half at Liscombe, one at Burdalveston, one at Little Pudele, five hides at Cattestoke, six at Comptone, two at Widecomb, five at Osmyntone, six at Holeworth; a weir on the Avon at Twynham; the water within the shore of Waymouthe and half stream; twelve acres, for the support of the weir and the person who had the care of it, in Sussex; thirty hides at Sidemyntone, two at Chelmyntone, six at Hyfelde, and ten hides at Ercecombe to tymbeplonde.

According to the Saxon Chronicle, in 964, King Edgar expelled the secular clergy, who were first placed here, and introduced monks in their room.^f

In the number of hides the statement of the abbey property in the Domesday Survey is somewhat different

edit. 1596, fol. 29. See also Joh. Bromton, col. 838. The Saxon Chronicle says, "An. dcccc. xxxiii. He ða aþronc Æðþine æþeling on fære." Edit. Gibs. p. 111. Simeon of Durham, Script. x. Twysd. col. 134. "Anno dcccc. xxxij. Rex Ethelstanus jussit Eadwinum fratrem suum submergi in mare." It is singular that Athelstan's Charter of foundation, Num. IV. makes not the least mention of Prince Edwin's death.

^d Hist. of Dors. Gough's edition, vol. iv. p. 214.

^e Matt. West. edit. Francof. 1602, p. 187. William of Malmesbury, speaking again of the foundation of Middleton abbey, De Gestis Pontif. Angl. fol. 143, says it was eminent for the great number of relicks of saints which were repositied in it. "Middeltunensem ecclesiam fecit rex Ethelstanus pro anima fratris sui Edwini, quem pravo corruptus consilio Anglia eiecit. Cujus qui fuerit finis aliâs non silvi. Ibi multas sanctorum reliquias ex Britannia transmarina emptas reposuit, inter quos eminent præcipuè beatissimi SAMPSONIS ossa, Dolensis quondam archiepiscopi sanctissimi, et planè Deo digni viri: cujus virtutes aliquas hîc referrem, nisi quia notæ sunt, et indigenarum sanctorum miraculis scribendis occupatus manus habeo."

Sampson, it will be remembered, was one of the saints to whom the abbey church was dedicated. This monastery also possessed an arm of St. Bradwalader, another of its tutelar saints. Compare the Account of the Relicks bestowed upon the Church by King Athelstan, Num. V.

^f "An. dcccc. lxiv. Hoc anno expulit Eadgarus rex presbyteros in Wentana de antiquo monasterio, etiamque de Novo Monasterio, et de Ceortesige, et de Middeltune, et in iis monachos collocavit; constituit etiam Æthelgarum abbatem in Novi Monasterii abbatem, et Ordbrýhtum [in abbatem] de Ceortesige, et Cyneweardum de Middeltune." Chron. Sax. edit. Gibs. pp. 120, 121.

from that in Athelstan's Charter. In *Hampshire*, in Egheiete hundred, the abbey is stated to have held twelve acres of land which had never paid geld. In *Dorsetshire*, twenty-nine hides at Sidelinge, the Sidemyntone of Ethelstan's Charter; in Middeltune, the "caput abbatiae," twenty-four hides; in Contone, five hides; in Stocche, ten hides; three hides in Pidele; two hides in Clive; ten hides in Osmontone; six hides in Widecome; three hides in Liscome; five hides in Winlande; two hides and a virgate in Wintreburne; five hides in Holverde; three in Ora; ten hides at Ertacomestocche, appropriated to the food and clothing of the monks; two hides at Pidre; and one hide and a half at Cerne. The total annual rents amounting to 67*l.* 5*s.* beside a rent from one manor, Holverde, of a sextary of honey.^a

King Henry the First's Charter of confirmation granted to the abbey, containing a Latin version of King Athelstan's Charter, will be found in the Appendix.^b

The destruction of the monastery of Middleton by fire has been already incidentally mentioned in a Note, but with a false date:^c the conflagration having really occurred in 1309. Hutchins, in the History of Dorsetshire, informs us, that in the fifth of Edward the Second the charters and muniments relating to the possessions of the convent having been destroyed by lightning,^d the monks obtained a Charter of confirmation, wherein all the lands noticed in Athelstan's Charter are recited, and also the following: two parts of the tithes of the demesnes of John de Milborn at Mulebarne, a messuage and two carucates of land at Holway, a messuage and one carucate of land at Bestedon, a messuage and two carucates of land at Knolle, a messuage and one carucate at Cleyhangre, a messuage and carucate at Ringsted, a messuage and eleven acres at Chalvedon Boys, a messuage and one carucate at Pulham, and lands at Hanleigh, Bakebere, Ekerdone, Winterbourne Stickland, Wolvern Wotton, Winterbourne Musterton, Dorchester, Melcombe, and Winterbourne Kingston.^e By this record, Hutchins adds, it appears that they had free warren in all their demesne lands in their manors by charter, 7 Edw. I.

I have seen, he continues, a long roll of parchment, intitled "MIDDLETON. Instaurum vivum, &c. una cum arrer. ballivorum, &c. terminat. ad festum sancti Michaelis anno regni 26 Hen. VI." Part of it, at the latter end, is lost; but a total account of their stock on their demesnes and farms is preserved, by which we may guess at their wealth: Horses and Colts, 79. Bulls and Oxen, 217. Cows, 77. Boviculi (steers), 27. Annates (yearlings), 17. Calves, 35. Multones (sheep), 5502. Hurtardi (rigsies or rams), 129. Matrices (ewes), 4015.

^a Num. VI.

^b Num. VII.

^c See p. 344.

^d The following is the account of this accident, as given in Trivett's Annals, tom. ii. p. 7:

"A.D. 1309. 4 non. Sept. die Martis viz. in crast. S. Egidii abbat, sero paulo ante horam ignitegii visum est horribile fulgur et inauditum, quod quidem fulgur duravit mirabiliter per totam noctem sequentem cum magnis crebrisque tonitruis ictibus circa mediam noctem insequentibus, ita quod sepes plures et arbores in plerisque locis æstu fulguris viriditatem pene amiserunt et decorem. Eadem hora ecclesia de Middleton, in com. Dorsetiæ, Sarum diocesis cum clochero et campanis, ornamenta quoque ejusdem ecclesiæ, libri et munimenta monachorum dicti loci eodem fulgure, conventu ad matutinas astante, penitus combusta sunt et destructa. Pridie nonas ejusdem ortus est ventus validissimus, quo arbores innumerabiles prostrantur et fructus. Et campanile de Modford et Gevelton ad terram similiter ceciderunt."

Walsingham, Hist. Angl. edit. 1574, p. 72, places this fire A.D. 1311.

^e Tanner, Notit. Mon. refers to an earlier Patent, of similar contents. Pat. 2. Edw. II. m. . . d.

^f Hutchins, Hist. Dors. Gough's edit. vol. iv. p. 214.

In the *Customary of Milton* it appears that in all or most of the manors belonging to the convent, their tenants were quite slaves, and prohibited to educate a son in learning to receive the tonsure, "ita quod percipiat coronam," nor marry a daughter out of the manor without licence. This manuscript, Hutchins adds, is entitled "Customarius Abbathie de Milton," and was in the hands of the late Mr. John Bailey, rector of South Cadbury in Somersetshire. It is an original, written on parchment, and contains the customs and customary payments of the manors belonging to the abbey. The first leaves are un-

Hoggastri et Agni, 2744. Hogs, Sows, Boars, and young Pigs, 203. Capons, Cocks, and Hens, 87. Money in arrear, 300*l.* 1*s.* 1*d.*

Amongst the manors and farms of the monastery were reckoned Frome and Stafford, Upton, East Ringsted, Holeway, Stikelane, and La Lee.^f

The original number of monks here, according to an anonymous author in the Cotton library, was forty, which was afterwards reduced to twelve. At the election of abbat Bruton there were fifteen: at the Dissolution twelve: but in both these cases there might be more, and these be only the numbers of those who concurred in that election and the surrender.^g

ABBATS OF MIDDLETON.

CYNEWWARD, or CYNEWARD, was constituted abbat by King Edgar, upon his introducing monks, and expelling the secular clergy, A.D. 964.^h He was made bishop of Wells in 974: and died the following year.

AGELRICUS, or EGELRIC, abbat of Middleton, was deposed at a council at Westminster, held in 1102; together with the abbats of Pershore, Ramsey, Tavistock, &c.ⁱ

R. occurs abbat in the time of Henry the First.^k

A. occurs in the reign of Henry the Second.^l

EUSTACE, sacrist of Middleton, was made abbat in 1198.^m

WILLIAM DE STOKES was elected abbat in 1222.ⁿ

WILLIAM DE TAUNTON was elected in 1256, 41 Hen. III.^o He had before been chosen prior of Winchester in 1249, and was elected bishop by the convent there in 1261: but the pope refusing to confirm him, he desisted from his right.^p He died in 1272.^q Upon his death, the king gave licence, April 15th, 1273, to the monks of Middleton to elect another abbat; and on May 19th following his consent to the election of

ROBERT.^r On the 17th of June, however, immediately succeeding, the temporalities were restored to

WALTER DE CORFF.^s

WALTER DE SIDELING was the next abbat: he received the temporalities from the king March 18th, 1292. It was during the time of this abbat that the abbey church of Milton was destroyed by lightning.^t

ROBERT LE FAUCONER was elected in 1315, 9 Edw. II.^u His death was announced to the king May 28th, 1336,^x when

RICHARD DE MAURO, or MAURY, is said, upon the Patent Roll, to have been elected; the king confirming the choice on June 8th, and restoring the temporalities on July 2d that year.^y Hutchins, however, from Bishop

fortunately cut out, and some in other parts of it. Only the manors of Knoll, Hilfield, Sidling, Liscomb, Wolland, Middleton, and La Lee, are perfect. The title over every manor is "Customarius factus et renovatus ad festum S. Michaelis A.D. m.ccc.xvii. et anno xi. Edw. II. tempore domini Roberti tunc abbatis de Mydeltone."

^g Hutchins, ut supr. p. 216 b.

^h Chron. Saxon. ut supr. See also Sim. Dunelm. Script. x. Twysd. col. 158. Hoved. foll. 244 b, 269. Matt. Westm. p. 197.

ⁱ Sim. Dunelm. col. 228. See also the Actus Pontif. Cantuar. auctore Gervasio, col. 1660. Will. Malmesb. de Gestis Pontif. lib. i. fol. 129 b.

^k Hutchins's Hist. Dors. vol. iv. p. 217.

^l See the Lib. Nig. Scacc.

^m Annal. Winton. Angl. Sacr. tom. i. p. 304.

ⁿ Pat. 7 Hen. III.

^o "Anno m.cclvi. Obiit abbas de Middeltona; cui successit Willelmus de Tanton quondam prior Wintoniensis, qui obligaverat Kavorcinis ecclesiam Wintoniensem in vii. millibus marcarum propter placitum quod fuit inter Admarum electum et monachos Wintonienses." Angl. Sacr. tom. i. p. 310.

^p Prynn's Papal Usurpations, vol. iii. p. 125.

^q Hutchins, ut supr.

^r "Rex confirmat electioni Rob. in abbatem de Middelton. Lit. dir. R. electo Sarum 19 Maij." Pat. 1 Edw. I. See Harl. MS. 6958, p. 32.

^s Pat. 1 Edw. I. m. 15.

^t See Note ^d.

^u Hutchins's Hist. Dors. vol. iv. p. 218.

^x "Nunc regi de morte Roberti abbatis de Middelton. Hab. lic. elig. 28 Maij." Pat. 5 Edw. III. p. 1.

^y Ibid.

Mortival's register (Inter Acta, vol. ii. fol. 211), mentions WILLIAM as an intervening abbat.^a Richard de Mauro resigned Nov. 13th, 1352.^b

ROBERT BURBACH, or DE BURBACHE, received the king's assent to his election Nov. 30th, and the temporalities of his monastery December 12th, 1352.^c Upon his death, in the month of October, 1383,

JOHN HENTON was elected abbat; to whom the temporalities were restored upon the 27th of the same month.^d

WALTER ARCHER was elected abbat in 1392. Hutchins says, the Salisbury Register calls him *William*. He died Jan. 10th, 1417.^e On the 20th of the same month a licence was granted to the convent to choose a new abbat; and on the 4th of Feb. following, the royal assent was given to the election of

RICHARD CLEY, to whom the temporalities were restored Feb. 28th, 1418.^f Hutchins names EDWARD SUTTON, who had been prior of the house, as the next abbat, and says he resigned in 1431.^g From the Patent Rolls, however, it appears that abbat Cley was the person who resigned in 1431: a licence for a fresh election was immediately granted, and on April 4th, 1432, the temporalities were given up to

JOHN HASELBERE.^h Hutchins, from the Salisbury Register,ⁱ says he died May 19th, 1458.

JOHN BRUTON was elected June 10th following.^k

WILLIAM MIDDLETON, a great benefactor to the convent, was elected abbat, upon Bruton's death, Feb. 9th, 1481. He contributed much to the buildings both of the abbey and the church, as appears by the frequent

repetition of his rebus, or device, a W, with a crozier through it, and a mill on a tun. He resigned in 1525.^l

JOHN STEPHENS, *alias* BRADLEY, a monk of the house, was elected Middleton's successor. The Instrument by which the temporalities of the abbey were put into his hands is printed in Rymer, dated June 16th, 1525.^m He was consecrated suffragan bishop of Shaftsbury March 23, 1538.

On the 11th of March, 1539, abbat Stephens, with twelve monks, surrendered the monastery to the king. The List of Pensions granted on this occasion will be found in the Appendix.ⁿ

The scite of the abbey was granted in the 31st Hen. VIII. to Sir John Tregonwell, together with the church, belfry, bells, and church-yard, the advowson of the vicarage, manor, and rectory, with the chapels of Wolland, Lyscombe, and Wydcombe, the tithes of the demesnes in Milton, Huish, Churchcombe, and a portion of tithes in Milborne St. Andrew, to be held in chief by knights-service, as the tenth part of a knight's fee, paying yearly 12*l.* 4*d.*

As far as has been ascertained, no REGISTER, or LEIGER-BOOK, of Middleton abbey, except that in the office of the King's Remembrancer in the Exchequer, is now remaining.^o

The presumed matrix of the ABBEY SEAL, which was found about fifty years ago in the neighbourhood of the monastery, was explained by Dr. Samuel Pegge, in 1771, in a letter addressed to the Rev. Mr. Norris, at that time secretary of the Society of Antiquaries.^p

earl of Warwick, and is the property of Mr. John Bowle, rector of Idmerstone, Wilts.

"It was termed, when first I heard of it, *the Seal of King Athelstan*, who acceded to the throne of Wessex, or the Saxon kingdom, A.D. 925, and left it by death A.D. 941; and the inscription, in the first apprehension, seems to betoken as much:

"Hoc Athelstanus ago quod præsens signat imago;"

importing, that the deed or instrument attested by this signature is the real act of one King Athelstan. For though Athelstan was a known and common name among the Saxons, yet the king, who stands *en sovereign* in the principal tabernacle of the obverse, is indisputably intended. But though this first and most obvious sense seems to accommodate to the nature and design of a seal, yet no one, I imagine, that is tolerably versed in our antiquities, can esteem this to be the real seal of that great and illustrious prince. Seals, in the first place, were not in use here in the tenth century. Secondly, coats of arms, of which there are two on the obverse, were things unknown in that age. Thirdly, no crowns of the form of those on the obverse and reverse, viz. with three fleurs de lis, occur upon any genuine monument of that high date. (See Pere Daniel, *Hist. de France*, tom. i. p. 253; also Seld. *Tit. of Hon.*) And lastly, for I would not be prolix upon a matter which I think so clear as almost to be self-evident, the characters of the legends on both sides are not Saxon, as might justly be expected in King Athelstan's reign, but the old black letter, not introduced till many ages after.

"The question then arises, to whom did this seal belong, if not to King Athelstan, whose image it so plainly bears? But before I attempt to answer this question, you must give me leave, Sir, to describe the seal.

"The king sits *en sovereign* in the middle or principal tabernacle. In that on his right hand is a dragon displayed on a shield; and in that on his left the arms of Mercia and Wessex are combined on another shield. The inscription on this side is,

"Hoc Athelstanus ago quod præsens signat imago."

"The reverse exhibits a Madonna with the bambino in the front, with an angel in the dexter tabernacle, and a monk in the sinister. The legend here,

"Virgo rogo pro me totum semper tibi do me."

"Quære, by the way, whether a direct address to the Virgin, as here, could possibly be made in King Athelstan's time in this island? *

"In the first place, then, I take this to be a monastic seal belonging to some religious house of King Athelstan's foundation, and of the invocation of the Virgin Mary. Athelstanus on the obverse, by an usual metonymy, standing or being put for the convent, or the house he had founded. An interpretation implying that the instrument under such seal is the act of that house or convent.

"Now, on inspecting Bishop Tanner's Notitia, King Athelstan, I find, was the reputed founder of the Augustinian canons at Bodmin, in Cornwall, which was a rich foundation, and styled at the Dissolution the priory of St. Mary and St. Petroc. This king again is reported, on good authority, to have founded a considerable monastery at Exeter, sacred to the Virgin-mother and St. Peter; but as this house afterwards, and long before the age of our seal, (on which a conjecture shall be

^a Hist. Dors. ut supr.

^b Ibid. from Reg. Wyvill. episc. Sar. vol. ii. fol. 161.

^c Pat. 26 Edw. III. p. 3.

^d Pat. 6 Ric. II. p. 1. Hutchins, vol. iv. p. 218, by some mistake, makes him the same person with John de Henton, who died abbat of Michelney, not in the 2d, but in the 8th year of Edw. III.

^e Hutchins, ut supr. from Reg. Chandler, p. 11.

^f Pat. 5 Hen. V.

^g Hist. Dors. ut supr.

^h Pat. 10 Hen. VI. p. 1.

ⁱ Reg. Beauchamp, vol. i. fol. 50.

^k Hutchins, ut supr.

^l Ibid. Abbat Middleton founded the free school of Milton Abbas in the 12th year of Hen. VII. See Hutchins, p. 222. He also glazed the windows, and otherwise ornamented the interior of the abbey church: upon the altar-piece of which the following inscription is still remaining,

"Orate pro bono statu et animabus dompni Willelmi Middellton, hujusalm. Monasterri abbatis, ac etiam magistri Thomæ Wilken, hujus parochiæ vicarii et decretorii cancellarii, qui hoc altare ad Dei laudem suis honorifice depinxerunt sumptibus, anno Incarnationis Domini nostri Jhu X^{ti}. millesimo quadringentesimo nonagesimo secundo."

^m Rym. Fœd. tom. xiv. p. 38. Pat. 17 Hen. VIII. p. 1, m. 20.

ⁿ Num. IX. The following remained in charge in the 2d and 3d of Philip and Mary, A.D. 1553.

"MILTON *nuper Monasterium*. Feod. Thomæ Denny militis, capitalis seneschalli omnium possessionum *nuper monasterii prædicti per annum vij^{li}. xij^s. iiij^d*. Annuit. Willielmi Thornehill per annum xl^s. Georgii Delalinde per annum xl^s. Johannis Davyes per annum xl^s. Thomæ Stone per annum lx^s. Radulphi Worsley per annum vij^{li}. Oliveri Laurence per annum xxij^s. Penc. Henrici Roddell *nuper prioris ibidem xij^{li}. vj^s. viij^d*. Johannis White per annum vij^{li}. Thomæ Earlande per annum vj^{li}. xij^s. iiij^d. Nicholai Goodeson per annum vj^{li}. vij^s. iiij^d. Johannis ap Thomas per annum vi^{li}. xij^s. iiij^d."

^o See Numm. II. III. IV. V. VII. Tanner, in his Notitia Monastica, refers to several Records of importance relating to this monastery. Viz. Cart. 8 Edw. I. n. 53, pro mercat. et feriis apud Album Monasterium [Middleton in *alio* MS.], feria apud Stokeland, &c. Inquis. Dorset. 3 Edw. II. n. 79, in qua ample specificantur maneria, terræ, ecclesiæ, et libertates hujus abbatiae. Pat. 15 Edw. II. p. 3, m. . . . de nova constructione abbatiae. Pat. 18 Edw. II. p. 1, m. 28, de terris in Upsideling. Rom. 4 Edw. III. pro eccl. de Stocton approprianda. Pat. 6 Edw. III. p. 1, m. . . . de ecclesia de Stokland. Pat. 15 Edw. III. m. 6, de maner. de Winterborn Strickland, cum advoc. ecclesiæ eis amortizato a capitulo Constant. [Norman.] unde solvend. annuatim decano Sarisb. x. marc. cantariæ de Melcomb v. marc. et cantariæ de Middleton v. marc. Pat. 21 Edw. III. p. 3, m. 31, de maner. prædicto de Winterburn Strickland. Pat. 16 Ric. II. p. 1, m. 30, pro maner. de East Grinstead, et ten. in West Molesworth, &c. Pat. 25 Hen. VI. p. 2, m. 26, de custodia temporalium et de feriis apud Middleton, Stokeland, et Brodesydelling mutandis.

^p It was as follows:

"DEAR SIR,

"The Seal of which you have done me the honour to send me the impressions is truly most fine and perfect, both in the obverse and reverse, and is highly valuable on that account, even were it not so in other respects. It was found, I am informed, not far from Milton, or Middleton, in Dorsetshire, and has been engraved at the expense of the

Hutchins informs us that the whole of the MONASTIC BUILDINGS of Milton, except the hall and the abbey church, were taken down in 1771. They stood on the west part of what was then the town, upon a rising ground, close by the Church; and formed a long square.

Hutchins, speaking of the state of the buildings about ninety years ago, says:

"The north front was a very low antient range of building, with small narrow windows, perhaps the dormitory or cells of the monks. You entered by a large gate into a small court, whose old buildings were all very irregular in form and height, as indeed was the old fabric: under a window opposite the porch was a W. with a crown over it, and an M. with a crozier through it, and between them 1529. Under a window on the west a shield with the arms and crest of Tregonwell impaling Kelway.

"At the east end of the court was the old abbey kitchen, pulled down in 1737. The roof was vaulted with stone, and supported by a massy stone pillar, and it had two very large chimnies at each end. The western side seems to have been the abbat's lodgings."

The cloisters were placed between the south end of this court and the lower part of the north aisle. The last remain appears to have been taken down in 1730.

"Opposite the great north gate was a building called the Still House: perhaps, by its being placed at a distance from the abbey, it might be the Infirmary. On it was a W. with a crozier through it, a mill on a

offered in the sequel), became the cathedral of Exeter, consisting of a dean and twenty-four prebendaries, had the seal belonged to it, this would assuredly have been known long before this day. Pilton, thirdly, a Benedictine priory in Devonshire, dedicated to the Virgin, was likewise founded by this king. And fourthly, Midleton in Dorsetshire, patronized by St. Mary, St. Michael, St. Sampson, and St. Branwalader,* was of this prince's erection.

"I presume, that in all seals the owners or proprietors of them are expressed; and here King Athelstan represents the foundation at Milton, which otherwise would want a proper designation. And it was equally usual in the monkish times for the blessed Virgin to be joined in dedication with other saints. In Mr. Drake's Plate p. c. No. 8, is the arms of St. Mary York, with a king in the centre; on which he says, 'the king in the centre, I suppose, was given to denote the royal foundation of this abbey.'

"There also, No. 15, the founders Vesci and Percy (see p. 309.) are expressed under the saints. So is the seal of the college of Wye in Kent; Cardinal Kempe, the founder, is kneeling at the bottom.

"These particulars will neither of them be disputed. Some one therefore of the above foundations, especially numbers 1, 3, and 4. may be supposed to have a claim to the seal; and, for my next, I conceive, as the seal is so magnificent, that the greatest probability lies on the side of Middleton, this being far the most wealthy foundation of the three, and indeed it was a rich house, being valued, 26 Hen. VIII. at 578*l.* or, as Speed has it, 720*l.*

"There are two particulars that appear to me to confirm this appropriation. First, the angel may well be thought to represent St. Michael, the second saint of this house in dignity, and placed consequently in the dexter tabernacle or compartment. As to the monk in the other compartment, he may either stand for a mere monk, or for one of the other two saints, St. Sampson or St. Branwalader, there not being room for both; probably St. Sampson the more eminent of the two,† and whose relicks were most numerous at this place.‡ In regard to this, it may be said, there is no glory to intimate a saintship: this is very true; but neither has St. Michael any splendour about his head; this objection is therefore of no force. The second particular is this; there are two tuns perforated in the middle by two mill-hoppers, as they appear to me, in the principal compartment, and held by the angel and the monk. Now the orthography of the place was doubtless MIDDLETON, but the pronunciation *Milton*; this device therefore may seem to be a rebus, expressive of the name of the place, MILTON, according to the vogue of the time when the seal was contrived and fabricated, the point next to be considered.

"To judge from the form of the letters in the legends, one cannot deem this seal to be older than the reign of King Henry IV. and please to observe that the disposition of the seal, consisting of three tabernacles with the king in the middle, and a shield of arms on each side of him, resembles much the great seal of King Richard II. in Sandford;

tun, several roses, and the date 1515. This was pulled down in 1753.

"Under the garden wall, by the road that leads from the town to the abbey, was a foot walk walled, called Ambry Wall: perhaps it was the way to the almonry, where the poor received their alms of the abbey. Near this was the antient abbey barn, which had two porches or threshing floors projecting beyond it. It was 16 goad, or 250 feet 8 inches long, (each goad 15 feet 8 inches) and 32 feet broad. It was all tiled, and much of it rebuilt in 1751."^a

On the inner side of a beautiful Gothic Screen of wood, at the lower end of the Hall, is the date,

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The same date occurs upon a ledge beneath the roof at the south-west corner of the hall. This also was the work of abbat Middleton.

The magnificent mansion, in the pointed style, erected by Sir William Chambers upon the scite of the abbey house, about 1771, was built at the expense of Joseph the first earl of Dorchester. It is at present the residence of Lady Caroline Damer. At the time of the building of the mansion, the earl of Dorchester destroyed the old town, erecting a new village at a considerable distance, together with a church for the accommodation of the inhabitants; which latter was dedicated to St. James in 1786. The church of the abbey became, in consequence, the private chapel of the mansion.

and that the crown, sceptre, and sword correspond with those on the seals of King Henry IV. and V. Particulars which, along with the characters, may seem to assure the seal, almost infallibly, to the fifteenth century. Something also may perhaps be inferred from the roses that appear intermixed in the legends; as this badge did not come into vogue till that century. The rose is seen for the first time on the seal of Henry IV. where, and it is a remarkable circumstance, it is accompanied by a dexter hand, as here on our seal. Roses occur afterwards numerous on the seals of Henry V. and his queen. I may add, that the leonine or rhyming verses in the legends were more the offspring of this century, than of King Athelstan's age, when, it is presumed, they were little known or used.

"After thus appropriating the seal, and ascertaining its age, which seem to be the two main points, I shall detain you no longer, Sir, than whilst I make two short observations on the shields of the obverse.

"The artist has with strict propriety, though escutcheons or shields with arms were not in vogue in King Athelstan's time, charged the dexter shield with a dragon displayed, this being the undoubted standard of that King, as was formerly evinced in a memoir on a coin of King Egbert, addressed to the Hon. Daines Barrington Esq. § It is agreed by all who have viewed the seal, that the device or charge on that seal is a dragon, for though it differs in shape and form from other figures of that imaginary animal, from those in particular on the coin, and on the ring referred to in the note; yet this is of no consequence, since poets, painters, engravers, and statuaries, ever thought themselves at liberty in describing or depicting such subjects of the fancy; besides, there would necessarily be a mighty dissimilitude, as to appearance, between a dragon displayed, as here, and the same when given in profile.

"The second observation is, that as King Athelstan was clearly and fully possessed of the kingdom of Mercia, as well as that of Wessex, it was not ill imagined by the designer of the seal to give him on the other shield, what were taken to be, in the fifteenth century, the arms of Mercia and Wessex, viz. the saltire surmounted with a cross fleurée. For though these devices were unknown as coat armour in King Athelstan's time, our artists had probably appropriated them respectively to those kingdoms long before the reign of King Henry IV.

"It is possible, Sir, that some of the matters advanced in this paper may appear too conjectural. I acknowledge, the arguments do not always carry demonstration. But in these affairs we must be allowed to advance such kinds of proofs as the nature of the subject will admit of, and to have recourse consequently to plausibilities. A declaration, which as I pretend not to prescribe or to dictate, ought to be a sufficient apology for me to all those who may happen to think differently from me.

SAM. PEGGE.

"Whittington, Sept. 20, 1771."

* Hutchins, ut supr. p. 218.

† Dr. Hickes, I. c.

§ See also a Paper on the ring of Bishop Alhstan, by Dr. Pegge, in the *Archæologia*, vol. iv. pp. 47-68.

* See for this saint, who is thought to be British, Dr. Hickes's *Thes.* tom. ii. Dissert. Epist. p. 120.

† Joh. Rossus, p. 56. Tanner, *Biblioth.* pp. 428, 650. *Usserii Primord.* c. v. alibi. Godwin, de *Præsul.* p. 574.

Cartae ad Middeltunense Coenobium in agro Dorsetensi spectantes.

NUM. I.

[Gul. Malmesb. fol. 143 a, n. 10.]

MIDDELTUNENSEM ecclesiam fecit rex Ethelstanus pro anima fratris sui Edwini, quem pravo corruptus consilio, ab Anglia ejecit. Cujus qui fuerit finis aliàs non silui. Ibi multas sanctorum reliquias ex Britannia transmarina emptas reposuit, inter quos eminent præcipuè beatissimi Sampsonis ossa, Dolensis quondam archiepiscopi sanctissimi, et planè Deo digni viri: cujus virtutes aliquas hic referam, nisi quia notæ sunt, et indigenarum sanctorum miraculis scribendis occupatas manus habeo.

NUM. II.

De Nativitate Regis Athelstani Fundatoris Abbathiæ de Middeltone.

[Ex Registro Cartarum Abbathiæ de Middleton in Scaccario penes Remem. Regis, fol. 3 a.]

ERAT in quadam villa opilionis filia, elegantis speciei puella, quæ quod non contulissent natales formæ mercabatur gratia. Huic per visum demonstratur prodigium, lunam de suo ventre splendere, et hoc lumine totam Angliam illustrari. Quod cum mane ad sodales ludo detulisset, ab illis non joculariter exceptum, confestim villicæ auribus quæ filios reges nutrire solebat insonuit. Illa rem examinans, puellam intra lares suos receptam filiæ loco habuit, cultioribus cibis, delicatioribus vestimentis, gestibus facetioribus virgunculam informans. Non multò post, filius regis Elfredi Edwardus, itineris casu per villam transiens, ad domum divertit infantilium olim rudimentorum consciam. Neque enim integrum famæ suæ rebatur si nutricem visitare fastidiret. Ubi visæ virginis amore captus, noctem petiit. Ipsa uno complexu gravidata cum peperisset filium Athelstanum sompni fidem absolvit, nam cum ille pueritia mortua in adolescentiam evaderet, magnam spem regiæ indolis dabat præclaris facinoribus approbatus. Itaque patre defuncto, Edwardus ex legitima conjugē creatus concita morte secutus est. Tunc omnium speciebus in Athelstanum erectis, solus Elfredus, magnæ insolentiæ homo, cum suis clam restitit, quoad potuit, dedignans subdi dominio quem suo non delegisset arbitrio. Fuerunt quidam qui fratrem regis Athelstani, nomine Edwynum, insidiarum insimularent; scelus horrendum et fœdum, quod sedulitatem fraternam sinistra interpretatione turbarent. Edwynus per se et per germanos fidem inplorans germani, et licet sacramento delationem infirmans, in exilium actus est: tamen quorundum mussitatio apud animum in multas curas distentum valuit, ut ephebum etiam exterius miserandum, oblitus consanguineæ necessitudinis, expelleret, inaudito sanè crudelitatis modo, ut solus cum armigero navem conscendere juberetur remige et remigio vacuum, præterea vetustate quassam. Diu laboravit fortuna ut insontem terræ restitueret, sed cum tandem in medio mari furorem ventorum vela non sustinerent, ille adolescens et vitæ in talibus pertæsus, voluntario in aquas præcipitio mortem conscivit. Armiger saniori consilio passus animam producere, modò adversus fluctus eludendo, modo pedibus subrenigando domini corpus ad terram detulit, angusto scilicet à Doveria in Withsand mari.

Athelstanus postquam ira deferbuit, animo sedato factum exhorruit, septennique pœnitentia, ut fertur, apud Lamport spontaneum carcerem subivit. Unde

cum proximam ecclesiam Michelniensem humili statu compactam videret, vovisse plusquam semel dicitur, ut si unquam exiret, eam in sublime culmen eveheret. Sed hæc quomodocumque se habeant, illud reverà constat, quod sicut in cartis ejusdem ecclesiæ legitur, rex Athelstanus ecclesiam Michelniensem sancto Petro excelsiorem fecit, multis redditibus villarum et reliquiarum exhenniis habitatores consolatus. Est enim aditu difficili, permeaturque æstate pede vel equo plerumque, yeme nunquam. Nec illud vacat à gloria quod in delatorem fratris, si tamen credimus, animosè ultus est. Erat enim pincerna regis, et per hoc ad suadenda quæ excogitasset accommodus. Itaque cum fortè die solempni vinum propinaret, in medio triclinio uno pede lapsus altero se recollectit. Tunc occasione arrepta, fatale sibi verbum emisit, sic frater fratrem adjuvat. Quo rex audito, perfidum obtruncari præcepit, sæpius auxilium germani si videret increpitans, et mortem ingemescens. Hæc de fratris nece etsi verisimilia videntur, eo minus corroboro, quod admirabilem suæ pietatis indulgentiam in reliquos fratres intenderit, quos cum pater puerulos admodum reliquisset, parvos magna dulcedine et adultos consortes regni faciens, nunquam eorum intuitu dare operam matrimonio curavit. De sororibus autem quinque quas pater indotatas et innuptas reliquerat, quanta eas majestate provexerit, liber de gestis Anglorum satis expressè narrat.

Unde rex Athelstanus postquam ecclesiam Michelniensem, ut superius lectum est, humili statu compactam in sublime culmen eveheret, eadem illectus causa, Middeltuniensem ecclesiam in decimo regni sui anno, in pago Dorsetiæ, pro anima fratris sui Edwyni, de quo superius satis commemorat, fundavit, eoque plus quod monachi liberiùs cœlestibus possint excubare secretis, quo minùs frequentabantur hominum conventiculis; similiaque contulit et villarum et possessionum exennia, et etiam reliquias de transmarina Britannia et aliis locis, magna cura, magno labore magnarumque divitiarum suarum expensione emptas, monasterio suo de Middeltone misit, quo loco monasterium à fundamentis procuderat.

NUM. III.

Fundatio Abbathiæ de Middeltone.

[Ibid. fol. 9 a.]

Anno Dominicæ incarnationis dcccxxiiij. Adelstanus, primogenitus regis Edwardi primi, filii regis Elfredi, regnare cœpit, omnes antecessores suos devotione mentis, et omnes eorum titulos triumphorum suorum splendore obnubilans, omnem fere Angliam solo nominis terrore sibi subjugavit præter Northanhumbros, cum quorum rege Dano, Sithrico, data ei sorore sua, fœdus iniit. Quo post annum mortuo, Northanhumbria totam sibi subjugavit, expulso Adulpho, qui rebellabat. Judwallum verò regem omnium Wallensium, et Constantinum regem Scotorum cedere regnis compulit. Quos tamen non multò post miseratione infractus, in antiquum statum sub se regnatos constituit, pronuncians gloriosius esse regem facere quam regem esse. Post hæc Analaphus quidam rex Dacus, prædicti Sithrici filius, juvenis audacissimus, cum prædicto Constantino rege Scotorum iterum rebellante, cum multis copiis militum et peditum spe invadendi in Angliam processerat. Cui rex Adelstanus apud Bromfeld cum exercitu Anglorum occurrit, ad dimicandum cum eo

paratus, sed cum ad locum congregiendi pervenissent, accidit infortunium grande regi Adelstano, quod gladius suus ex vagina excidit. Tunc rex ratione infortunii formidatus, invocato Deo, sanctoque Sampson, atque sancto Aldelmo, reducta ad vaginam manu, invenit ensem, qui usque hodie in thesauro regum pro miraculo servatur. Ut igitur Adelstanus, sicut superius dictum est, ensem invenit, socios hortabatur totam spem suam in filium Dei ponere, hostes inde suos audacter invadere, et pro patria unanimiter pugnare. Dispositis tandem Anglorum cuneis, congregiuntur acies, mutuos ictus ingeminant, cruorem non minimum diffundunt. Ceciderunt ibi prædictus Constantinus rex Scotorum, aliique reges quinque, comites duodecim, omnisque pene Dacorum atque Scotorum exercitus. Et dum talem decertationem facerent, nitebatur semper Adelstanus rex habere aditum congregiendi cum Analapho, sed non habuit; nam Analaphus, ut vidit suos subcumbere, Anglos verò nutu Dei prevalere, confestim diffugit, petivitque Hiberniam. Imperaverat enim rex Adelstanus ut præda in castris prædictorum Analaphi et Constantini reperta, ac omnia alia conquesita, vel monasteriis regni sui, vel fidelibus suis largirentur. Deinde Northwalensium, id est Brittonum, regulos ad deditionem et ad annuum tributum solvendum coëgit.

Postea Cornwalenses Brittones ab Excestria, quam cum Anglis jure inhabitarent, cedere compulit, atque terminum provinciae suae citra Tambram flumen constituit. Et sic Adelstanus fuit primus rex Anglorum, qui monarchiam totius insulae Britanniae optinuit. Hic Adelstanus rex habuit filium nomine Aluredum qui parum vixit. Fueruntque regi Adelstano tres fratres, videlicet Edmundus, Eadredus, et Edwynus; quorum Edmundus et Eadredus post regem Adelstanum, alter post alterum, diadema regni susceperunt. Contigit autem in anno regni regis Adelstani nono, quod Edwynus frater ejus quartus, per quendam delatorem apud ipsum graviter fuerat accusatus. Causam accusationis et accusatores hîc scribere dissimulo, ne fortè prolixitate lecturæ legentes graverentur. Rex autem pravo corruptus consilio, Edwynum ab Anglia ejecit, inaudito crudelitatis modo, ut solus cum armigero apud Doveriam navem intraret remige et remigio vacuam, præterea vetustate quassam. Diu laboravit fortuna ut insontem terræ restitueret; sed cum tandem in medio mari furorem ventorum vela non sustinerent, Edwynus adolescens voluntariè in aquas se misit et mortem conscivit. Armiger verò saniori usus consilio, modò adversus fluctus eludendo, modò pedibus subremigando, domini sui corpus ab aquis extraxit et in Wythsand ad terram detulit. Cumque id regi nunciatum fuisset, postquam ira deferbuit, animo sedato factum exhorruit, sæpius auxilium Edwyni fratris sui, si viveret, increpitans et mortem ingemiscens. Deinde rex Adelstanus in decimo regni sui anno, in pago Dorsetiæ, eo quod in festivitate sancti Sampsonis archipræsulis victoria de rege Analapho et ejus satellitibus in loco quo nunc sua capella est sanctæ Katerinæ divinitus ei præmonstrata fuit, et etiam de morte fratris sui Edwyni reminiscens, et ingemescendo in culpa se extitisse dampnabili, contra dictum regem Analaphum victoria belli habita, pro dicti fratris sui Edwyni anima monasterium de Middelton in puram et perpetuam elemosinam fundavit, ita quod nullum omnino servitium inde fieret nisi tantum orationes. Ibidem etiam monachos nigros constituit, atque præfatum monasterium multis donariis villarum et aliarum possessionum ditando honoravit, et illud in honore sanctæ Mariæ sanctique Sampsonis dedicare fecit. Paulo post Amphelisa mater regis Adelstani ab hoc seculo migravit, cujus corpus rex jussit regio more parari, paratumque corpus ad monasterium suum de Middelton deferri, ut ibidem à pontificibus et clero regni honorificè sepeliretur. Hic Adelstanus, rex gloriosus ac Deo devotus, multa bona monasteria construxit, quia scribitur, quod nobilis animus semper incitatus ad ampliora conatur. Vixque fuit in tota Anglia aliquod vetustum quod non vel ædificiis vel ornamentis aut libris aut prædiis decoravit. Inter quæ monasterium suum de Middelton,

tum pro reverentia sancti Sampsonis archipræsulis, tum pro animabus fratris sui Edwyni, atque matris suæ ibidem sepultæ, diversorum sanctorum reliquiis ac aliis ornamentis specialius ornare disposuit.

NUM. IV.

Carta Regis Athelstani.^a

(Cap. II.) In Godey name. ich Aþelstan God gyung kyng pelðing eal Brýtone. mid alle mine pytene. 7 alle byrcope of þan kinédome of Englonde. zelad bý þe prynczge of ðe Halý Gorze. zprantýe and conþrýmýe bý ðýrre minre chartre. for me and for þe kyngzge of Englonde ðæt comeþ æfter me ene and euepe ich. tille Gode and jainta Mapian. and jainte Michael. jainte Samþrone. and jainte Branpaladpe xxvj. hýde londýr æt Muleburne. mid ðan þ þereto lþ. and mif æt Wonlonde. and þreo atte Fromemoupe. atte yle ðan ye to on ree. and on on londe þ 1r to rezzende æt Ope. and þreo at Clýve mid ðape mede þ þereto lþ. and þreo and on halp at Lyrcombe. and on at Burðaluerdon. and on at Litele Pudele. and mife at Cattertoke. and vj. at Comptone. and to at Widescome. and v. at Orymýtone. 7 vj. at Holeperþe. þ 1r aller reuene and rixty hýden into Middelton. and anne pepe on Auene at Trýnham. and al þ pater binne rtaþe of Waimoupe. and halp rtrým on ðan Waymoupe out on ree. and tref acþer to þan pepe 7 ðan perþurde. and þreo ðegne on Suþrekan. and jalterne bý pepe. and xxx. hýden on Sidemýtone. to forþeþland. and to at Chelmýtone. and jix at Hýlþelde. 7 x. hýde at Epecombe. to tymbþlonde. And ich polle þ al ðýr mýn almerlonde mid al ðan þ þereto lþ. and þreo beo in alle ðinge. and þreo curtumer. þ 1r for mine raule helpe and for ðe helpe of hepe raulen þ to forpe me pepe and æfter me comen rchulle kýngzge of Englonde ðan mýrþer to forpe zered of Middelton in ruzte clene almerþe pulle 7 zprantýe þ hit beon al ro þreo in alle ðinge mid ðan þ þereto lþ in eche rþede in Englonde in inýne cýnedome alþa mýn ogen ope. And ich rþedeuarþliche hote. and bebeode in Gode almyztier heze name. Fader and Son and Holý Gorz. þ ðýr min pille and zifte. and of ðýr prut þarþýnge ungeþemmed beo and ungeþeped. and ungeþendelich ðe hþile þ Chþurtenþom duþeþ in ðýr zelonde Engþrekan. Ouþe Louþd God almyztig and alle hýr halgen al ðe yle ho ro hit beo þ ðýr mý dede in oðere þre hit býtupne. oþer zepanye. oþer ho þ euepe beo. be heý Judan þeýne Chþurþer tþaýtoup on helle pytte pýnende 7 on echenýrre. And þ ðýr rþond beo and rþedeuarþ euepe boute ende. ich ðe rþoreþedene kýng Aþelstan ðýr zepþutene bocleof habbe zemeþked mid Chþurþer holý rþode tokne and min ogen honde mid ðýrre zepitnerþe of alle mine zepýtene þ heþærþer zepþuten beo zefunden. 7 mid mine byrcope.

✠ Ego Wolfhelmus, Dorobernensis ecclesiæ archiepiscopus testimonium perhibeo, et cum signo agiæ crucis hoc donum et hanc sententiam prædictam confirmavi. ✠ Ego Atheldredus, Londoniensis urbis episcopus consensi et subscripsi. ✠ Ego Cenwaldus episcopus consensi et subscripsi. ✠ Ego Alfredus episcopus consensi et subscripsi. ✠ Ego Caynan episcopus consensi et subscripsi. ✠ Ego Egwynus episcopus consensi et subscripsi. ✠ Ego Radulphus episcopus consensi et subscripsi. ✠ Ego Brinstanus episcopus consensi et subscripsi. ✠ Ego Alla episcopus consensi et subscripsi. ✠ Ego Offerdus princeps consensi et subscripsi. ✠ Ego Alfredus minister domini regis consensi et subscripsi. ✠ Ego Athelmundus minister consensi et subscripsi.

✠ Acta est hæc nostra donatio et concessio ac præsentis nostræ cartæ confirmatio anno ab incarnatione Domini dcccxliij. in villa regali quæ dicitur Doracestria secunda die Paschæ Domini.

NUM. V.

Istæ sunt Reliquiæ quas Rex Adelstanus Monasterio suo de Middelton contulit.

(Cap. III.) VIDELICET, portiunculam sanctæ crucis

^a Hanc chartam (paucis hîc omissis, illic additis) Latine exhibitam vide infra, p. 350, col. 2.

in qua salvator noster pro salute mundi pependit. Et crucem magnam ex auro et argento atque lapidibus preciosis fabricatam. Brachium et plura ossa sancti Sampsonis archipræsulis, super cujus scapulam columna de supernis celitus missa dum ipse sacros ordines, videlicet diaconatus et presbiteratus susciperet, immobilis stetit usquequo officium ordinationis ejus completum fuisset. Quod miraculum sanctus Dubricius archiepiscopus, ejus consecrator et omnes qui aderant se vidisse testabantur. Item brachium sancti Branwaladri episcopi, et etiam plures alias reliquias in quinque scriniis adhuc firmiter clausis. Omnes istas reliquias prænominatus rex Adelstanus a sancta Romana ecclesia, et ex Britannia transmarina, et à multis aliis locis magna cura, magno labore magnaue divitiarum suarum expensione emptas monasterio suo de Middeltone, pro animabus fratris sui Edwyni et matris suæ, quæ in eodem monasterio jacet sepulta contulit, et in scriniis deauratis, ut prædictum est, locare fecit.

Hic Adelstanus rex gloriosus, sanctæ exaltator ecclesiæ, gentilitatis humiliator pravæ, regni sui speculum, totius bonitatis exemplum, dissipator hostium, pater monachorum et clericorum, adjutor gentium, reformator omnium, sanctorum innovator Anglorum, multum splenduit in vita sua, qui à fortissimis bellatoribus potuit lacesiri, sed nunquam potuit vinci. Post sextumdecimum regni sui annum rex Adelstanus Glocestriæ diem clausit extremum. Exuviæ triumphales Malmesburyæ fuerunt delatæ, et sub altari magno tumulatæ. Ante corpus portata fuere multa in argento et auro donaria. In talibus enim thesauros patris quos ille diu coacervatos et intactos reliquerat consumpsit, sompno ut fertur admonitus, vir qui parum vixit mundo, multum gloriæ, cujus Deus propicietur animæ.

NUM. VI.

Prædia ad Ecclesiam de Middeltune spectantia tempore Regis Willielmi Conquestoris.

[Ex Libro vocato *Domesday Book*, in domo Capitul. Westmon. asservato.]

Hantesc. tom. i. fol. 43 b.

TERRA ÆCCLESIAE DE MIDDELTVNE. In EGHEIETE HUND. Abbatia de Middeltune habet xii. acras terræ et Eduuardus vicecomes tenet de Abbatia. Nunquam geldavit. Ibi est unus villanus cum ii. bobus. et una acra prati. Piscaria fuit. modo non est. Valet xl. denar.

Dorsete, fol. 78.

TERRA ABBATIAE MIDDELTVNENSIS. Ecclesia Middeltvnensis tenet SIDELINGE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro xxix. hid. Terra est xx. car. De his sunt in dominio vi. hidæ. et ibi ii. car. et vi. servi. et xxv. villani et x. bord. cum xiii. car. Ibi ii. molini redd. vii. sol. et vi. den. et xii. acr. prati. Pastura ii. leu. et dimid. long. et vi. quarent. lat. Silua i. leu. long. et tantumdem lat. Valet xxv. lib.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet MIDEVTNE et est caput abbatia. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro xxiii. hid. Terra est xviii. car. De ea sunt in dominio x. hidæ una virgata minus. et ibi ii. car. et vi. servi. et xxvii. villani et xx. bord. cum xiii. car. Ibi molinum reddens xv. sol. et xl. acr. prati. Pastura iii. leu. long. et una leu. lat. Valet xx. lib.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet CONTONE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro v. hid. Terra est iii. car. De ea sunt in dominio iii. hidæ. et ibi i. car. et iii. servi et vi. villani et v. bord. Ibi x. acr. prati et pastura i. leu. long. et ii. quarent. lat. Valet iii. lib.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet STOCH. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro x. hid. Terra est vi. car. De ea sunt in dominio iii. hidæ. et ibi i. car. et vi. servi et xii. villani et v. bord. cum v. car. Ibi molinum reddens xv. denar. et xviii. acr. prati. Pastura i. leu. long. et ii. quarent. lat. Silua vi. quarent. long. et iii. quarent. lat. Valet vi. lib.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet PIDELE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro iii. hid. Terra est ii. car. De ea sunt in dominio ii. hidæ et dim. et ibi ii. car. et iii.

servi et v. bord. Ibi molin. redd xl. denar. et xvi. acr. prati. Valet xl. solid.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet CLIVE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro ii. hid. Terra est ii. car. Ibi sunt v. villani. Valet xx. solid.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet OSMENTONE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro x. hid. Terra est x. car. De ea sunt in dominio iii. hidæ. et ibi ii. car. et iii. servi. et xvi. villani et vii. bord. cum vi. car. Ibi molinum reddens v. solid. et v. acr. prati et una leu. pasturæ. Valet viii. lib.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet WIDECOME. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro vi. hid. Terra est vi. car. De ea sunt in dominio iii. hidæ. et ibi i. car. et ii. servi et vii. villani et v. bord. cum iii. car. Ibi v. acr. prati et pastura xiii. quarent. long. et ii. quarent. lat. Valet iii. lib. et x. sol.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet LISCOME. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro iii. hid. Terra est ii. car. De ea sunt in dominio ii. hidæ. et ibi i. car. et ii. servi. et iii. villani et v. bord. cum i. car. Ibi pastura vi. quarent. long. et iii. quarent. lat. Valet xl. solid.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet WINLANDE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro v. hid. Terra est iii. car. De ea sunt in dominio ii. hidæ. et ibi i. car. et iii. servi et v. villani et v. bord. cum ii. car. Ibi viii. acr. prati. Silva vii. quarent. long. et iii. quarent. lat. Valet lx. solid.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet WINTREBURNE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro ii. hid. et una virgata terræ. Terra est i. car. et dimid. De ea est in dominio una hida. et ibi i. car. cum uno servo et ii. bord. Ibi vi. acr. prati et x. acr. pasturæ. Valet xxv. solid.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet HOLVERDE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro v. hid. Terra est v. car. De ea sunt in dominio iii. hidæ. et ibi ii. car. et iii. servi. et iii. villani et v. coscez cum ii. car. Ibi iii. acr. prati et pastura v. quarent. long. et totidem lat. Valet iii. lib. et sextarium mellis.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet ORA. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro iii. hid. Ibi nulla car. habetur. sed xiii. salinarii redd. xx. solid.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet ERTACOMESTOCHE et Herveus de Abbate. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro x. hid. Terra est xvi. car. De ea sunt in dominio iii. hidæ. et ibi ii. car. et iii. servi. et xl. villani habent xx. car. Ibi iii. molini reddentes xxxvii. den. et xx. iii. acr. prati. Silua xiii. quarent. long. et xii. lat. Valet ix. lib. Hoc Manerium fuit semper de dominio monachorum ad victum et vestitum eorum.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet PIDRE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro ii. hid. Terra est i. car. quæ ibi est et xii. acr. prati. et ii. acr. silvæ. Pastura i. leu. long. et iii. quarent. lat. Valet x. solid.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet CERNE. et Aiulfus de abbate. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro i. hida et dim. Terra est ii. car. De ea est in dominio hida et una virgata v. acr. minus et ibi i. car. Ibi sunt v. bord. et molinum reddens xx. denar. et xiii. acr. prati. et xix. acr. pasturæ. Valuit x. sol. Modo xxv. solid. Qui tenebat Tempore Regis Edwardi non poterat ab æcclesia separari.

NUM. VII.

Confirmatio Cartæ Regis Athelstani.

[Ex Registro Cartarum Abbatia de Middleton in Scaccario penes Remem. Regis, ut supr.]

(Cap. IIII.) HENRICUS Dei gratia rex Angliæ, et dux Normanniæ, et Aquitanniæ, et comes Andegaviæ, archiepiscopis, episcopis, abbatibus, comitibus, baronibus, justitiariis, vicecomitibus, et omnibus ministris et fidelibus suis totius Angliæ salutem. Sciatis nos cartam piæ memoriæ Athelstani regis Angliæ, antecessoris nostri, de terris et tenuris ac libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus ab eo abbathia de Middeltone in comitatu Dorsetiæ sitæ, ac monachis ibidem in divinis Deo servientibus per feofamentum datis et concessis, audisse et inspexisse in hæc verba.

“In nomine Domini, ego Athelstanus Dei gratia rex

Brittonum, cum assensu et voluntate totius consilii mei et episcoporum regni Angliæ, ductus instinctu Spiritus Sancti, do et concedo et hac præsentis carta mea pro me et successoribus meis regibus Angliæ in perpetuum confirmo Deo et sanctæ Mariæ, sancto Michaeli, sancto Saupsoni, et sancto Branwaladro, viginti et sex hidas terræ cum pertinentiis suis apud Muleborn, et quinque apud Wonlonde, et tres apud Fromemuthe apud insulam quæ dicitur la Ye, duas in mari et unam in terra, scilicet apud Ore, et tres apud Clyve cum prato ibidem pertinente, et tres apud Liscombe et dimidiam, et unam apud Bordelestone, et unam apud Litelepidele, et triginta apud Sidelyng, et quinque apud Stoke, et sex apud Cumpstone, et duas apud Chelmingtone, et sex apud Hylefeyld, et quinque apud Osmington, et duas apud Wydecombe, et sex apud Holewourthe, et decem apud Stokelonde, in monasterium et abbathiam de Middeltone. Et ego volo quod tota ista terra cum pertinentiis suis et libertatibus omnibus et liberis consuetudinibus quam pro salute animæ meæ et salute animarum progenitorum et successorum meorum regum Angliæ monasterio et abbathiæ prædictæ de Middeltone in puram et perpetuam elemosinam do et concedo, sit adeo libera in omnibus rebus cum pertinentiis ubique in regno Angliæ sicut mea propria dominica terra. Et firmiter præcipio in nomine omnipotentis Dei Patris et Filii et Spiritus Sancti quod ista donatio mea, concessio, et præsentis paginæ confirmatio, illibata sit et immutabilis ac inpervertibilis dum Christianitas duraverit in ista terra Anglicana. Dominus Deus omnipotens, et omnes sancti ejus omnes illos et singulos qui hoc factum meum in aliquo pervertere vel permutare voluerint, seu quocumque modo attemptaverint, socii sint Judæ traditoris Christi in gehennalibus cruciatibus perpetuò cruciandi. Et quod istud verum sit et stabile semper sine fine, ego prædictus rex Athelstanus hujus scripturæ paginam cum signo crucis Christi mea propria manu signavi cum hiis testibus de meo consilio qui subscripti reperientur, et cum episcopis meis. ✠ Ego Wulfhelmus, Dorobernensis ecclesiæ archiepiscopus testimonium perhibeo, et cum signo agiæ crucis hoc donum et hanc sententiam prædictam confirmavi. ✠ Ego Athelredus, Londoniensis urbis episcopus consensi et subscripsi. ✠ Ego Cenwaldus, episcopus consensi et subscripsi. ✠ Ego Alfredus, episcopus consensi et subscripsi. ✠ Ego Cayan, episcopus consensi et subscripsi. ✠ Ego Egwynus, episcopus consensi et subscripsi. ✠ Ego Radulphus, episcopus consensi et subscripsi. ✠ Ego Brinstanus, episcopus consensi et subscripsi. ✠ Ego Alla, episcopus consensi et subscripsi. ✠ Ego Offerdus, princeps consensi et subscripsi. ✠ Ego Alfredus, minister domini regis consensi et subscripsi. ✠ Ego Athelmundus, minister consensi et subscripsi. ✠ Acta est hæc nostra donatio et concessio ac præsentis nostræ cartæ confirmatio anno ab incarnatione Domini dcccxlj. in villa regali quæ dicitur Doracestria secunda die Paschæ Domini."

Quam quidem donationem concessionem de terris prædictis et tenuris, cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus quibuscumque idem rex Athelstanus, dum easdem terras et tenuras in manu sua et dominico suo habuit, plenius et melius umquam usus fuit, eidem monasterio, videlicet abbathiæ de Middeltone, ac monachis ibidem Deo servientibus, et eorum in perpetuum successoribus, nos Henricus rex prædictus, hac præsentis carta nostra cum sigillo nostro eidem appposito restituimus, reddimus, et imperpetuum, pro nobis et successoribus nostris regibus Angliæ confirmamus, et corroboramus; firmiter præcipientes quod prædictum monasterium et monachi de Middeltone habeant in pace et libere et quietè omnes terras et tenuras et libertates et liberas consuetudines et aquietancias suas in mari et in terra cum soc et sac, et tol et them, et infangenthef, et wayf et assisa panis et cervisiæ, cum furcis, pilloriis, et cum omnibus aliis pertinentiis et libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus suis, in bosco, in plano, in pratis et pasturis, in aqua, in via, et semitis, et cum omnibus aliis rebus sicut umquam melius et plenius et liberiùs tempore prædicti regis Athelstani et successorum suorum regum Angliæ usque ad nos et deinceps habuerunt quibus usi sunt.

NUM. VIII.

Com. Dorset.

Placita de Juratis et Assisis apud Shyrborne in Octavis Sancti Hilarij, anno regni Regis Edwardi Filij Regis Henrici sexto.

[Ex Record. in Domo Capitulari Westmonasterij.]

ABBAS de Myddelton summonitus fuit ad respondendum domino regi quo waranto subtraxit domino rege sectam de Holeworth et Reggestede debitam ad hundredum suum de Wynfrede, et etiam quo waranto clamat habere wrekkum maris, furcas, pyllorium, tumberellum, emendas panis et cervisiæ, assisæ fractæ, et liberam warennam in terris suis in comitatu isto, sine licentia et voluntate domini regis et prædecessorum suorum regum Angliæ; et unde Willielmus de Gyselham, qui sequitur pro domino rege, dicit quod ipse tenet prædictas libertates subtractas, &c.

Et abbas venit et quoad dictam sectam ad prædictum hundredum dicit quod nulla subtractio domini regis inde fieri potest, quia dicit quod prædictum hundredum non est domini regis, immo cujusdam Johannis de Newburgh, qui præsens est, et dicit quod ipse tenuit prædictum hundredum de domino rege in capite. Ideo prædictus abbas quoad hoc inde sine die, et quoad tumberellum, emendas panis et cervisiæ, et warennam, dicit quod ipse habet libertates illas ex concessione regis Henrici, patris domini regis, nunc per cartam suam quam profert, et quæ hoc testatur quod concessit et carta sua confirmavit abbati et conventui de Myddleton, liberam warennam in omnibus dominicis terris suis quæ habent in comitatu Dorset, dum tenementa et terræ illæ non sint infra metas forestæ nostræ, concessit etiam quod habeant unum mercatum in manerio suo de Myddleton singulis septimanis per diem Jovis, et similiter unam feriam in manerio suo de Scotlaunde singulis annis per tres dies duraturam, et quicquid ad feriam pertinet; et quoad wreccum maris dicit, quod ipse et omnes prædecessores sui a tempore quo non extat memoria, usi sunt prædictum wreccum percipiendum.

Et Willielmus de Gyselham, qui sequitur pro domino rege, petit judicium pro domino rege, desicut ipse non est in seisina de weyvo et extrayio quæ sunt immediate annexa wrecco, et similiter hujusmodi libertates non habere potest seu clamare sine aliquo waranto inde speciali obtento si eo modo prædictam libertatem clamare vel exigere possint. Rot. 8. d.

NUM. IX.

Mylton in Com' Dors'

[From a Book of Pensions in the Augmentation Office in the Reign of Hen. viijth.]

HERAFTER ensuith the yerely pençons assigned and appoynted unto the late abbot and covent of Mylton afforsaid by John Tregonwell and John Smythe esquyers the kinges highnes comissionis the xxjth. daye of Marche in the xxxth. yere of our moste dradde soveigne lord King Henry the viijth. that they and evy of them to have one quart^r. of a yers pençon at the feast of thanunciaçon of or. Lady next comyng aft. this date & at Michelmas then next folowing half yere pençon and so to be payd evy half yere during ther liffs.

That is to sey,

Ffirst to John Stephins als Bradley	
buyshoppe of Shaftisbury and late	
abbot ther	cxixij ^{li} . vj ^s . viij ^d .
It' to Henry Rudell prior . .	xij ^{li} . vj ^s . viij ^d .
It' to John White subp ^r or . .	vij ^{li} .
It' to Thomas Garlond Anmer .	vj ^{li} . xij ^s . iij ^d .
It' to Pascall Trygell	vj ^{li} . xij ^s . iij ^d .
It' to Richerd Motte	vj ^{li} . xij ^s . iij ^d .
It' to John ap Thomas	vj ^{li} . xij ^s . iij ^d .
It' to Nicholas Goodson . . .	vj ^{li} . xij ^s . iij ^d .
It' to John Hibberd	vj ^{li} . xij ^s . iij ^d .
It' to John Temmes	vj ^{li} . xij ^s . iij ^d .
It' to Nicholas Edmonds . .	vj ^{li} . xij ^s . iij ^d .

It' to Willm Ffosse v^{li}. xii^s. iii^d.
 It' to Robt. Peto^e. v^{li}. xii^s. iii^d.
 Soine of all the yerely pençons . ccxxj^{li}. vj^s. viij^d.
 Jo. TREGONWELL.
 WILLIAM PETRE.
 JOHN SMYTH.

NUM. X.

*Literæ Patentes Johanni Tregonwell arm. concessæ 31
 Hen. VIII. de Scitu Monasterii de Middleton.*

[Hutchins, Hist. Dors. tom. iv. p. 233.]

HENRICUS octavus Dei gratia Angliæ et Franciæ rex, fidei defensor, dominus Hiberniæ, et in terra supremum caput Anglicanæ ecclesiæ, omnibus ad quos præsentibus literæ pervenerint salutem. Sciatis quod nos, tam in consideratione boni, veri, et fidelis servitii quod dilectus consiliarius noster Johannes Tregonwell arm. LL. D. ante hæc tempora nobis fecit, quam pro summa mille librarum legalis monetæ nostræ Angliæ ad manus thesaurarii reventionum Augmentationum coronæ nostræ pro tempore existentis, ad usum nostrum, per ipsum Johannem Tregonwell, hæredes, executores, vel administratores suos, solutum et solvend. ac etiam in consideratione sursum redditionis quarundarum litterarum patentium annuæ pensionis, sive annualis redditus quadraginta librarum, quam nos, ex mero motu nostro, dedimus et concessimus eidem Johanni pro termino vitæ suæ, pro bono, vero, et fideli servitio, quod idem Johannes ante hæc tempora nobis fecit, percipiend. annuatim per manus thesaurarii cameræ nostræ pro tempore existentis, per dictum Johannem Tregonwell, in manus nostras sursum reddit. cancelland. de gratia nostra speciali, ac ex certa scientia et mero motu nostris, dedimus et concessimus, ac per præsentibus damus et concedimus, eidem Johanni Tregonwell donum et scitum nuper monasterii de Milton, alias dict. Middleton, in comitatu nostro Dors. modo dissoluti, ac totam ecclesiam, campanile, et cimiterium ejusdem nuper monasterii, ac omnia mesuagia, domus, ædificia, orrea, stabula, grangias, columbaria, ortos, pomeria, gardina, stagna, vivaria, terram, et solum nostra, tam infra quam extra scitum, septum, ambitum, circuitum, et procinctum dicit nuper monasterii existent. ac totum dominium et manerium nostrum de Milton, alias dict. Middleton, cum suis jurbus, membris, et pertinentiis universis in dicto com. nostro Dors. nuper dicto monasterio dudum spectandis et pertinendis. Ac advocacionem, donationem, liberam dispositionem, et jus patronatus vicariæ ecclesiæ parochialis de Milton, alias dict. Middleton, in dicto com. nostro Dors. Ac etiam totam rectoriam nostram de Milton, alias dict. Middleton, in eodem comitatu. Ac capellas de Wollande, Liscombe, et Widcombe, in eodem comitatu, eidem rectoriæ et ecclesiæ unit. et annex. cum suis jurbus et pertinentiis universis dicto nuper monasterio dudum spectan. et pertinen. ac omnia et omnimodas decimas garbarum et granorum, ac alias decimas quascunque de, in, et super omnibus terris dominicalibus dicti nuper monasterii in Milton, Huyshe, et Churchcombe, in dicto comitatu nostro Dors. dicto nuper monasterio dudum spectan. et pertinen. de tempore in tempus renovan. provenien. et crescen. Ac omnes et omnimodas decimas quascunque in Holworthe in dicto com. nostro Dors. dicto nuper monasterio spectan. et pertinen. Ac omnes illas portiones decimarum quarumcunque in Milbourne Sancti Andreæ in dicto com. Dors. quæ dicto nuper monasterio dudum spectabant et pertinebant. Ac omnia et singula mesuagia, cotagia, tofta, molendina, curtilagia, terras, tenementa, prata, pascuas, pasturas, boscos, subboscos, mariscos, communas, jumpna, brueras, aquas, piscarias, piscationes, redditus, reversiones, servitia, consuetudines, annuas solutiones, annuitates, ac redditus, et firmas omnium tenentium et firmariorum quorumcunque, ac nativos et villanos cum eorum sequelis, feodi firmas, feoda militum, wardas, maritagia, heriet. escaet. relevia, cur. let. vis. franciplegia, ac omnia quæ ad vis. francipleg. pertinent ac pertinere deberent, nundinas, mercat. assisam as-

saiam et emendationem panis, vini, et cervisiæ, stalag. picag. tolnet. catalla, waviata, extrahuras, catalla felonum et fugitivorum, et qualitercunque dampnatorum, catalla utlagatorum, liberas warennas, ac omnia quæ ad warennam pertinent: necnon omnia alia jura, jurisdictiones, franchisesias, libertates, proficua, commoditates, et hæreditamenta nostra quæcunque, cum pertinentiis in Milton, alias dict. Middleton, in com. nostro Dors. ac alibi ubicunque in eodem com. vel alibi ubicunque dicto manerio quoquomodo spectan. vel pertinen. aut ut membra vel parcella ejusdem manerii antehac habit. cognit. seu reputat. existen. Ac omnia alia mesuagia, terras, tenementa, prata, pascuas, pasturas, redditus, reversiones, servicia, nundinas, mercat. cur. letas, vis. francipleg. liberas warennas, decimas, oblationes, pensiones, portiones, advocaciones, jura patronatum, ac alia jura, possessiones, reventiones, proficua, et hæreditamenta nostra quæcunque, tam spiritualia quam temporalia, cujuscunque sunt generis, naturæ, vel speciei, seu quibuscunque nominibus censeantur vel cognoscantur, situat. jacent. et existen. in villis, campis, parochiis, et hamlettis de Milton, alias dict. Middleton, Huyshe, et Churchcombe, sive in eorum aliquo, in com. prædicto, dicto nuper monasterio quoquomodo spectan. vel pertinen. adeo plene et integre, ac in tam amplis modo et formâ prout ultimus Abbas dicti nuper monasterii, aut aliquis prædecessorum suorum abbatum ejusdem nuper monasterii, in jure nuper monasterii illius, aliquo tempore ante dissolutionem dicti nuper monasterii, dicta manerium, rectoriam, capellas, advocaciones, terras, tenementa, et cætera omnia et singula præmissa, superius specificata, cum pertinentiis, vel aliquam inde parcellam, habuerunt, tenuerunt, vel gavisii fuerunt, habuit, tenuit, vel gavisus fuit, seu habere, tenere, vel gaudere debuerunt aut debuit. Et adeo plene et integre, ac in tam amplis modo et formâ, prout ea omnia et singula ad manus nostras ratione vel prætextu dissolutionis dicti nuper monasterii, aut ratione vel prætextu alicujus cartæ, doni, concessionis, vel confirmationis, per nuper abbatem et nuper conventum dicti nuper monasterii, sub sigillo suo conventuali nobis confect. aut ratione vel prætextu alicujus actus parliamenti, seu aliter quoquo modo devenerunt vel devenire debuerunt, ac in manibus nostris jam existunt, seu existere debent vel deberent. Habend. tenend. et gaudend. prædictum scitum dicti nuper monasterii, et prædicta dominium, manerium, rectoriam, capellas, advocaciones, decimas, pensiones, portiones, terras, tenementa, nundinas, mercatas, vis. francipleg. et cætera omnia et singula præmissa, superius expressa et specificata, cum suis jurbus, membris, et pertinentiis universis, præfato Johanni Tregonwell, hæredibus et assignatis suis imperpetuum. Tenendum de nobis, hæredibus ac successoribus nostris, in capite, per servitium decimæ partis unius feodi militis. Ac reddendo annuatim nobis, hæredibus et successoribus nostris, duodecim libras et quatuor denarios sterlingorum, ad curiam nostram Augmentationum Reversionum coronæ nostræ ad festum sancti Michaelis archangeli, singulis annis solvend. pro omnibus redditibus, servitiis, et demandis quibuscunque, proinde nobis, hæredibus vel successoribus nostris, quoquo modo reddend. solvend. vel faciend. Et ulterius, de uberiori gratia nostra dedimus et concessimus, ac per præsentibus pro nobis, hæredibus et successoribus nostris, concedimus præfato Johanni Tregonwell, hæredibus et assignis suis imperpetuum, quod idem Johannes, hæredes et assigni sui de cætero habebunt, tenebunt, et gaudebunt, ac habere, tenere, et gaudere valeant et possint in manerio de Milton prædict. singulis annis perpetuis temporibus futuris duraturis nundinas per tres dies duraturas, videlicet in vigilia, in die, et in crastino sancti Sampsonis, annuatim tenend. et unum mercatum singulis septimanis in die lunæ, in manerio de Milton. prædict. tenend. ac omnia judicia, jura, jurisdictiones, privilegia, ac omnia et singula quæ ad hujusmodi nundinas et mercatum, seu ad eorum quodlibet pertinent aut pertinere debent. Quodque idem Johannes Tregonwell, hæredes et assignati sui imperpetuum habebunt, tenebunt, et gaudebunt, ac habere, tenere, ac gaudere valeant et possint annuatim infra manerium prædictum visum franciplegii ac omnia quæ ad vis. franci-

pleg. pertinent, ac assisam, emendationem panis, vini, et cervisiæ, stallag. picag. tolnet. catalla waviata, extrahuras, catalla felonum et fugitivorum, ac qualitercumque dampnatorum, catalla utlagatorum, ac liberam warennam cum omnibus quæ ad warennam pertinent. Concedimus etiam dicto Johanni Tregonwell, hæredibus et assignatis suis imperpetuum, infra manerium prædictum, omnia et omnimoda tot, tanta, talia hujusmodi, et consimilia alia jura, jurisdictiones, privilegia, libertates, franchises, commoditates, et proficua quæcumque, quot, quanta, qualia, et quæ et adeo plene et integre, ac in tam amplis modo et forma prout ultimus abbas dicti nuper monasterii aut aliquis prædecessorum suorum abbatum nuper monasterii illius, aliquo tempore ante dissolutionem ejusdem nuper monasterii, vel antequam nuper monasterium illud ad manus nostras devenit, habuerunt, tenuerunt, vel gavisii fuerunt, habuit, tenuit, vel gavisus fuit, seu habere, tenere, vel gaudere debuerunt aut debuit in manerio prædicto et cæteris præmissis, aut in eorum aliquo, seu in aliqua inde parcella, ratione, vel prætextu alicujus doni, concessionis, vel confirmationis, aut aliquarum literarum patentium per nos seu per aliquem progenitorum nostrorum dicto ultimo abbati prædicti nuper monasterii, seu alicujus prædecessorum suorum quoquo modo fact. vel. concess. aut ratione vel prætextu alicujus usus, consuetudinis, præscriptionis, seu aliter quocunque modo. Ac insuper volumus, ac pro nobis, hæredibus et successoribus nostris, per præsentem concedimus præfato Johanni Tregonwell, hæredibus et assignatis suis, quod nos, hæredes et successores nostri, imperpetuum, annuatim ac de tempore in tempus acquietabimus, exonerabimus, et indempnes conservabimus eundem Johannem Tregonwell, hæredes et assignatos suos, versus quascunque personas de omnibus et omnimodis redditibus, feodis, annuitatibus, et denariorum summis quibuscunque, de manerio, rectoria, capellis, terris, et tenementis prædictis, et singulis cæteris præmissis, seu de aliqua inde parcella quoquo modo exeunda seu solvenda, vel exinde onerat. seu onerand. præterquam de redd. et servitio superius per præsentem nobis reservatis, ac præterquam de feod. ballivi dicti manerii de Milton, ac præterquam de annua pensione xiiij^{li}. vj^s. et viij^d. annuatim solvenda vicario ecclesiæ parochialis de Milton pro tempore existen. in plenam solutionem sive satisfactionem stipendii, annuæ pensionis, portionis, sive dotationis vicariæ prædictæ; ac ix^s. vij^d. et uno ob. annuatim solvend. archidiacono Dors. pro sinodalibus et procuracionibus dictæ rectoriæ et ecclesiæ de Milton; ac præterquam de vadiis et stipendiis duorum capellanorum annuatim divina celebrantium apud. capellas de Wollonde et Wydcombe prædictas. Volentes etiam et firmiter injungendo præcipientes tam Cancellario quam Consilio dictæ Curie nostræ Augmentationum reventionum coronæ nostræ pro tempore existen. quam quibuscunque receptoribus, auditoribus, et aliis officiariis et ministris nostris, quod ipsi et eorum quilibet super solam demonstrationem harum literarum nostrarum patentium, absque aliquo alio brevi seu warranto a nobis, hæredibus, vel successoribus nostris, quoquo modo impetrand. seu prosequend. super solutionem dicti annui redditus xiiij^{li}. et iv^d. plenam, integram, debitamque allocationem, defalcationem, deductionem, et exonerationem manifestam, de omnibus et omnimodis hujusmodi redditibus, feodis, annuitatibus, et denariorum summis, de manerio prædicto et cæteris præmissis, seu de aliqua inde parcella, ut præfertur, exeun. seu solvend. vel super eisdem onerat. seu onerand. facient et fieri causabunt. Et hæc literæ nostræ patentem erunt annuatim et de tempore in tempus, tam dicto Cancellario et Consilio dictæ Curie Augmen-

tationum reventionum coronæ nostræ pro tempore existen. quam quibuscunque receptoribus, auditoribus, et aliis officiariis et ministris nostris sufficiens warrantum et exoneratio in hac parte. Et ulterius de ampliori gratia nostra damus ac per præsentem concedimus præfato Johanni Tregonwell, omnia exitus, redditus, reventiones, et proficua omnia scitus dicti nuper monasterii, ac prædicti manerii, rectoriæ, capellarum, messuagiorum, terrarum, tenementorum, et cæterorum omnium et singulorum præmissorum superius expressorum et specificatorum, cum pertinentiis, a festo sancti Michaelis archangeli ultimo præterito, hucusque provenien. sive crescen. habend. eidem Johanni Tregonwell ex dono nostro absque compoto seu aliquo alio proinde nobis, hæredibus vel successoribus nostris pro præmissis, seu aliquo præmissorum, quoquo modo reddend. solvend. vel faciend. Et ulterius de ampliori gratia nostra volumus, et auctoritate nostra regia qua fungimur, pro nobis, hæredibus, et successoribus nostris, per præsentem concedimus præfato Johanni Tregonwell, hæredibus et assignatis suis, quod idem Johannes, hæredes et assignati sui, de cætero imperpetuum habebunt, tenebunt, et gaudebunt, ac in usus suos proprios convertent, ac habere, tenere, et gaudere, et ad usus suos proprios convertere valeant et possint dictam rectoriam et ecclesiam de Middleton, ac prædictas capellas de Wollonde, Lyscombe, et Widcombe, ac omnes et singulas prædictas decimas et cætera omnia et singula præmissa superius specificata, eisdem rectoriæ, ecclesiæ, et capellis, seu earum alicui, ut præfertur, spectan. et pertinen. ac omnes et singulas alias decimas et portiones supradictas, adeo plene et integre, et in tam amplis et consimilibus modo et forma prout ultimus abbas dicti nuper monasterii, aut aliquis prædecessorum suorum abbatum dicti nuper monasterii, aliquo tempore ante dissolutionem ejusdem nuper monasterii, vel antequam nuper monasterium illud ad manus nostras devenit, illa habuerunt, tenuerunt, vel gavisii fuerunt, et in usus suos proprios convertebant, seu potuerunt, habuit, tenuit, vel gavisus fuit, et ad usum suum proprium convertebat, seu potuit, aut habere, tenere, gaudere, et ad usus proprios convertere, debuerunt aut debuit, ratione quacunque aliqua, lege, statuto, ordinatione, constitutione, provisione, restrictione, vel consuetudine in contrarium inde antehac habit. fact. edit. ordinat. usitat. seu provis. aut aliqua alia re, causa, vel materia quacunque in aliquo non obstante. Ac insuper volumus ac per præsentem concedimus eidem Johanni Tregonwell quod habeat has literas nostras patentem sub magno sigillo nostro Angliæ, debito modo factas et sigillatas, absque fine seu feodo, magno vel parvo, nobis in hanaperio nostro seu alibi ad usum nostrum proinde nobis, hæredibus vel successoribus nostris, quoquo modo reddend. solvend. vel faciend. Eo quod expressa mentio de vero valore annuo, aut de aliquo alio valore vel certitudine præmissorum, sive eorum alicujus, aut de aliis donis vel concessionibus per nos vel per aliquem progenitorum nostrorum præfato Johanni Tregonwell ante hæc tempora factis, in præsentibus minime facta existit, aut aliquo statuto, actu, ordinatione, provisione, sive restrictione, in contrarium facta, edita, ordinatâ, sive provisâ, aut aliqua alia causâ, re, vel materia quacunque in aliquo non obstante. In cujus rei testimonium has literas nostras fieri fecimus patentem. Teste meipso apud Westmonasterium xxiiij^o. die Februarii anno regni nostri xxxi^o.

*Per ipsum Regem, et de data prædicta auctoritate
Parliamenti.*

HALES.

COMPUT' MINISTRORUM DOMINI REGIS TEMP. HEN. VIII.

(Abstract of Roll, 32 Hen. VIII. Augmentation Office.)

MONASTERIUM DE MYLTON.

Com' Dors'			£.	s.	d.
Midelton	Firm' Manerij	119	2	11½	
Stokelande	Redd' Assis' lib' Ten'	0	15	2	
- - - - -	Redd' Assis' Cust' Ten'	72	17	5½	
- - - - -	Perquis' Curie	2	6	0	
Sydlyng	Redd' lib' Ten'	1	15	5	
- - - - -	Redd' Cust' Ten'	49	1	11½	
- - - - -	Firm' Manerij cum Terr' Dñic'	30	0	0	
- - - - -	Perquis' Curie	0	12	3	
Compton	Redd' Cust' Ten'	8	2	9	
- - - - -	Firm' Terr'	10	0	0	
- - - - -	Perquis' Curie	0	2	4	
Holway	Firm' Manerij	24	5	8	
Upstertthill	Redd' Cust' Ten'	4	4	0	
Catstoke	Redd' lib' Ten'	1	0	0	
- - - - -	Redd' Cust' Ten'	11	15	9½	
- - - - -	Pençõ Reetor'	0	10	0	
- - - - -	Redd' Gran'	4	8	4	
- - - - -	Perquis' Curie		nult		
Hilfelde	Firm' Manerij	2	6	0	
Knolle	Redd' lib' Ten'	0	19	0	
- - - - -	Redd' Cust' Ten'	7	7	2	
- - - - -	Perquis' Curie		nult		
Osmyngton	Redd' Cust' Ten'	19	15	4	
- - - - -	Firm' Granor'	4	13	4	
- - - - -	Perquis' Curie	1	0	0	
Upton et Estringsted	Firm' de Upton'	10	0	0	
- - - - -	Firm' de Estringsted	18	13	4	
Holworth	Firm' Manerij	28	0	0	
Widecombe	Redd' Assis' Manerij	8	15	3¾	
Dorechester	Redd' Terr' et Teñtor'	1	19	4	
- - - - -	Redd' Granor'	8	0	0	
- - - - -	Perquis' Curie	2	0	0	
Frome Bellet	Redd' Assis'	3	15	0	
- - - - -	Firm' Manerij	8	17	4	
- - - - -	Perquis' Curie	0	0	10	
Burdeleston	Redd' Assis'	7	1	11	
- - - - -	Perquis' Curie		nult		
Clyff in paroch' de Tynkelldell	Firm' Terr' Dñic' cum Mes' et Terr'	8	0	0	
Lusheombe	Firm' Capit' Mes'	11	18	4	
- - - - -	Firm' Decim' Garb'		nult		
Stikland	Redd' Assis' Cust' Ten'	11	16	2	
- - - - -	Firm' Manerij cum Pençõne Reetorie	15	2	8	
- - - - -	Perquis' Curie	0	9	6	
Manerium de Lalee	Redd' Assis' Cust' Ten'	5	9	6	
- - - - -	Redd' Apu' Cust' Ten'	0	3	0	
- - - - -	Firm' Terr' Dñical'	7	17	0	
- - - - -	Perquis' Curie		nult		
Wolland'	Redd' Assis'	2	9	4	
Beadelirste	Firm' Manerij	0	14	8	
Pudell, Owre, Hanley, Shirborne, Carswell, Purbecke, Wynborne Omnium Sanctorum, Knaveswell	Redd' Assis'	16	4	3	
Rectoria de Stokland	Firm' Rectorie	9	0	0	
Rectoria de Sydlyng	Firm' Rectorie	48	3	4	
Rectoria de Osmyngton	Firm' Rectorie	5	0	0	
Hensworth	Firm'	6	13	4	

Michelney Abbey,

IN

SOMERSETSHIRE.



MICHELNEY, Mochelney, or Muchenay Abbey was erroneously placed by Dugdale, in the former edition of the *Monasticon*, in Dorsetshire. It is really situated in Somersetshire, in the village of its name, about two miles south of Langport: surrounded by moorland.

The particulars of the foundation of this abbey by King Æthelstan in 939,^a

have been already given in the Account of Middleton monastery.^b It was dedicated to St. Peter and St. Paul.^c Collinson says, many monarchs were benefactors to it both before and after the Norman Conquest.^d

The possessions of this monastery, at the time of the Domesday Survey, consisted of four carucates of land in the three islands of Michelenie, Midelenie, and Torleie; two hides and a half at Cipestaple; twenty hides in Ileminstre; five hides in Ile; a detached hide and half in Ile; twenty hides in Draitune; ten hides in Camelle; and a hide and a half in Cathangre; all in Somersetshire. Among the minutiae of their possessions, we find an arpent of vineyard noticed within the three islands, and a market belonging to the monks at Ilminster. The produce of the rents of the different manors appears to have amounted to 51*l.* 16*s.*^e

Collinson says, beside what is mentioned in Domesday, the abbat and convent had afterwards the manors of Downhead, Middle-Chilcombe, West Earnshill, and East Earnshill; lands in Drayton, Burton, Bere, Ilford, Martock, and other places;^f with the churches of Mu-

chelney, Chipstaple, Somerton, Isle-Abbots, Five-head Meriot, Ilminster, and the chapel of Drayton.^g

In the 12th of Hen. II. the abbat certified to the king that he, in like manner with his predecessors in the monastery, held his lands by the service of one knight's fee, which was then partly held by Richard Revel, and partly by Margaret daughter of Ralph Tabuel.^h

In the time of King John the abbat was, by an order from the crown, dispossessed of his lands and chattels, and gave three marks of gold to have restoration of the abbey and its possessions.ⁱ

In the 14th of Hen. III. the abbat paid three marks for one knight's fee, to the aid of the king's first passage into Brittany;^k and, in the 38th Hen. III. the same sum to the aid for making the king's eldest son a knight.^l

The following are the names which have been recovered of the

ABBATS of MICHELNEY.

LIUWARDUS is mentioned, in the Domesday Survey, as abbat in the time of Edward the Confessor.^m

RICHARD abbat of Michelney occurs in the 7th of King John, A.D. 1205.ⁿ Hearne, in his Preface to Adam of Domerham, says: "Richardus, nescio quis, occurrit anno xii. Henrici III." Another

RICHARD, sacrist of the monastery, was elected abbat in the 19th Hen. III. A.D. 1235, upon the death of R. late abbat.^o A vacancy in the abbacy occurred in the 21st of Hen. III.^p when, probably,

WALTER was elected. Hearne speaks of Walter as abbat in 1248.^q

JOHN DE BARNEVILL, a monk of the monastery, received the royal assent to his election 29th June, 36 Hen. III. A.D. 1251.^r

^a In one part of Leland's *Collectanea* the date of the foundation, as ascribed to Athelstan, is A.D. 839: as Bishop Tanner supposes by the omission of one of the numeral C's. In a second passage of the *Collectanea*, edit. 1770, tom. i. p. 26, the foundation is ascribed to King Alfred: "Ecclesiæ de Ethelingey, Shaftesbury, et Muchelney, ab Aluredo rege fundatæ." In a third passage, tom. i. p. 78, it is said, "Ina rex fundator."

^b See p. 344.

^c The symbols of St. Peter and St. Paul, as represented in the initial Letter of the present Account, formed at least one of the coats of arms belonging to the abbey of Michelney. The seal of Michelney abbey, appendant to the Surrender still preserved in the Augmentation Office, has for a device, two figures beneath Gothic canopies; one representing St. Peter, crowned, in a rich cope; his right hand uplifted, in the act of benediction, his left holding the crossed staff as pope: the other representing St. Paul, with a book and sword. At the sides are angels holding shields; that on the right of the seal charged with the keys and sword, that on the left with a saltier. The inscription round, as far as it remains, is ABBATIS & CONVENTVS MO DE MOCHELNEY.

^d Hist. Somers. vol. iii. p. 135.

^e See Num. II.

^f Cart. Antiq. Compare Numm. III. IV. See also p. 357, Note A.

^g Taxat. Spiritual.

^h "Ecclesia Midcelaniæ feodum unius militis habet, cuius servi-

tium debet dominio regi, sicuti debuit antiquitus Regibus prædecessoribus ejus. De novo vel de vetero feofamento nec amplius habet, nec amplius debet. Hoc quidem feodum tenet Ricardus Revel partem, et Margareta filia Radulfi Tabuel partem." Lib. Niger Scacc. ed. Hearne, tom. i. p. 89.

ⁱ Mag. Rot. 3 Joh.

^k Ibid. 14 Hen. III.

^l Ibid. 38 Hen. III. See Collinson, Hist. Somers. vol. iii. p. 135. In the "Perambulatio Forestæ de Neracchist in Com. Somerset." Ad. de Domerh. 189, we find,

"Quidam bos, qui appellatur Oterschawe, pertinens ad manerium Yle abbatis, quem abbas de Muchelnye tenet. Bos qui dicitur Sotwode, pertinens ad manerium de Drayton, quem idem abbas tenet. Quidam bos, qui vocatur Uniret, pertinens ad manerium de Hemynster, quem idem abbas tenet. Quidam bos, qui vocatur Haukesbere, pertinens ad manerium de Cammel Abbatis, quem idem abbas tenet."—"Medietas villæ de Horton cum pertinentiis, quam abbas de Mochelneye et Thomas de Mere tenent."

^m Num. II.

ⁿ Cart. 7 Joh. n. 62. Licentia Ricardo abbati de Muchelney concessa claudere boscum suum de Muchelney. 29 Aug.

^o Pat. 19 Hen. III. p. 9.

^p "Temporal. Abb. de Muchelney commiss. durante vacatione." Pat. 21 Hen. III. m. 2.

^q Ad. de Domerh. App. to Pref. p. xxvii.

^r Pat. 36 Hen. III.

WILLIAM DE GYVELE was the next abbat. The royal assent was given to his election Sept. 27th, 1274, and the temporalities were restored on the 8th of October following.^a After his death, the king's licence was granted, 19 Jan. 1293, to proceed to a new election, when

RALPH DE MUCHELNEY was elected. The royal assent was given to his election July 3d, and the temporalities of the abbey were restored Aug. 5th, 1293.^b On Jan. 19th, 1303, upon the death of Abbat Ralph, a licence for a fresh election was granted, when

JOHN DE HENTONE was chosen abbat. The king consented to the election on the 1st of March; and, on the 1st of April, the temporalities were restored. In his time, A.D. 1315, the bishop of Bath and Wells commissioned Thomas de Dilitone, D.D., and Richard de Forde, to visit the abbey.^c In 1317 the office of the sacristary was appropriated to the convent for a year.^d John de Hentone died on the 9th of June, 1334.^e Licence was granted 21st June following; and, on the 8th of July, the royal assent was given to the election of

JOHN DE SOMERTON, to whom the temporalities were restored July 24th.^f Hearne, in his Preface to Adam de Domerham, p. xxix. says, he was confirmed by the bishop of Bath and Wells, on the 14th of the kalends of August, that is, July 19th, 1334. In 1335 the monastery was again visited.^g

THOMAS DE OVERTON occurs abbat in the 27th Edward III. A.D. 1353;^h upon whose death a licence was granted for an election Nov. 21, 1371. On the 1st December following the royal assent was given to the election of

WILLIAM DE SHEPTON, and the temporalities were restored Dec. 19th.ⁱ Upon his death a licence was obtained for choosing a successor Feb. 23d, 1397,^k when

NICHOLAS DE STROTTON became abbat.

JOHN BRUTON was elected abbat in the month of August, 1400, and had the temporalities restored Sept. 13th following.^l

JOHN CHERDE had the temporalities restored to him 28th April, 1433.^m He was also prebendary of Ilminster in the church of Wells.ⁿ He died Sept. 10th, 1463.^o

THOMAS PIPE, or PIPPE, was elected abbat Sept.

20th, and confirmed October 3d, 1463.^p There were fourteen monks then in the abbey.^q

WILLIAM CROKEHORN, or CRUKERN, had the temporalities restored to him as abbat July 23d, 1466.^r Upon his death,

JOHN BRACY succeeded; to whose election the royal assent was given April 7th, 1470.^s He was present at the election of John Gunthorp, dean of Wells, A.D. 1472. He died May 16th, 1489.^t

WILLIAM WIK, or WYKE, was elected abbat June 15th following.^u Fifteen monks were then in the abbey, and two absent. Wyke died in the month of October, 1504.^x

THOMAS BROKE was confirmed abbat Jan. 21, 1504.^y Upon whose death,

JOHN SHIRBORN, or SCHERBORNE, was elected Oct. 10th, 1522, having previously been prior of the monastery for many years.^z

THOMAS YVE was the last abbat, who, with Richard Coscob prior, John Montague, and eight others, subscribed to the king's supremacy July 2d, 1534, 26 Hen. VIII. and afterwards to the surrender Jan. 3d, 1538, 29 Hen. VIII.^a

The revenues of this abbey were valued, according to Collinson, in 1444, at no more than 97*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* According to Dugdale, in 1534, they amounted to 447*l.* 5*s.*: and, according to Speed, at 498*l.* 16*s.* 3*d.*^b The abbat was allowed the mitre, but had no seat in parliament.^c

In the 30th of Henry VIII. the king granted to Edward earl of Hertford the monastery and manor of Muchelney, with the manors of Drayton and Weston, Middeney, Langport and Othery, Yarnhill, West-Camel, Downshead, Isle Abbots, Ilminster, Ilcombe, Fivehead, Chipstaple, Ivell, Ilchester, Milton, and Marston, most of them belonging to this monastery.^d

The abbey is said to have been a large and fine structure. The following are the dimensions of it, as preserved in William of Worcester's Itinerary:

"Longitudo ecclesiæ Mochelly continet 104 steppys.

Latitudo dictæ ecclesiæ continet 30 steppys.

Longitudo Capellæ Beatæ Mariæ continet . . .

Longitudo Claustri continet 54 steppys.

Latitudo Claustri continet 54 steppys."^e

It stood adjoining to the present church-yard.^f

^a Pat. 2 Edw. I.

^b Pat. 22 Edw. I.

^c "6 Id. Jul. 1315. Commissio facta magistris Thomæ de Dilitone, S.T.D. et Ricardo de Forde, juris canon. professori ad visitand. abbatiam de Mochelney et conv." Harl. MS. 6964, p. 28, à Reg. Joh. de Drokenesford, episcopi Bath. Well.

^d "9 Sept. 1317. Dominus episcopus concedit abb. et conv. de Muchelney ut propter res alienum Officium Sacristariæ per unum annum in manus suas recipiant, et de fructibus ejusdem disponere." Ibid. p. 54, à Reg. Joh. de Drokenesford.

^e Decerpta à Kalendario de Muchelny, Præf. Ad. de Domerh.

^f Pat. 8 Edw. III.

^g Harl. MS. 6965, p. 87. "*Injunctiones domini Episcopi in visitatione sua ad abbatem et conv. de Muchelney.*"

"Nuper comperimus quod aliqui monachi domus vestræ, qui secundum canonica Instituta vili supellectili deberent esse contenti, aliis fratribus difformiter conversantes in refectorio vasis preciosis et splendidis in suis refectionibus abutuntur. Alii quibus ex ordinis proprio exilio tuguria sufficere poterant et deberent, lectos seu cubilia in communi dormitorio, ad modum tabernaculi seu vestibuli sibi fieri faciunt, et ornatiorem aliis sibi in hujusmodi perperam apparatus, alii privatum secessum, singulares commessiones seu aliam lasciviam indiscrete nimium affectantes, ad refectionem in refectorio, prout exposcit monachalis professio, non accedunt. Alii solivagi per itinera campos et rura equitant et discurrunt.

"Item extitit in nostra visitatione detectum quod viri sæculares sine delectu, ac mulieres ac puellæ septa claustrum et refectorii vestri monasterii sæpius et impudenter subintrant.

"Prohibemus, &c. dat. ap. Banewell, 6 Id. 1335."

^h Hearne, Ad de Domerh.

ⁱ Pat. 44. Edw. III.

^k Pat. 21 Ric. II. p. 2.

^l Pat. 1. Hen. IV. p. 8.

^m Pat. 10 Hen. VI. p. 1. m. 6.

ⁿ "This prebend had been annexed to the abbacy by Savaric, who was bishop of Bath and Wells from 1193 to 1205. "Hic erexit ecclesias parochiales de Ilmestre et Longe Sutton in Præbendas ecclesiæ Wellensis, quarum primum Abbati de Muchelney, secundum abbati de Athelney et eorum successoribus contulit in perpetuum possidendas." Wharton, Anglia Sacra, tom. i. p. 563.

^o Harl. MS. 6966, p. 120.

^p Pat. 3 Edw. IV.

^q Ad. de Domerh. p. xxx.

^r Pat. 5 Edw. IV. p. 2.

^s Pat. 49 Hen. VI.

^t Hearne, Præf. Ad. de Domerh. p. xxx

^u Ibid. p. xxxi.

^x "Rog. Churchæ deer. doctor. canon. Well. vicar. gen. dat com-

missionem Joh. Bekham decr. bacc. ad supervidend. statum abb. de Mochilney tempore vacationis per mortem Willielmi Wyke ultimi abbatis. Dat. 24 Oct. 1504." Ex Registr. Hadr. de Castello.

^y Harl. MS. 6967.

^z Hearne, ut supr. p. xxxiii.

^a Willis, Mit. Ab. vol. ii. p. 198. The following were the payments chargeable in the 2d and 3d of Phil. and Mary. "MOCHELNEY nuper Monasterium. Annuit. Georg. More per annum lx*l.* Johannis Plumber per annum lx*l.*

^b Collinson, Hist. Somers. vol. iii. p. 136. Tann. Notit. Mon. It is more than probable that there must be some mistake in the valuation of 1444. The revenues, as has been already shown, amounted to 51*l.* 16*s.* as long ago as the time of the formation of Domesday Book.

^c Letter from Hearne to Mr. West, Dec. 20, 1726, MS. Lansdowne, 778, p. 23.

^d Collinson, ut supr.

^e Itin. Will. de Worc. edit. Nasmith, p. 150.

^f Hist. Somers. vol. iii. p. 136. Collinson says, the *Parish Church* of Muchelney was valued in 1292 at nine marks. "In 1308 there was an ordination of the vicarage by Walter Haselschaw, bishop of Bath and Wells, by which it was articulated that the Vicar for the time being should have all that house and curtilage then occupied by Rich. Baldwyne of Martock, vicar of the said church, that he should have from the abbey cellar, every day, one of the monks' large loaves, and two pitchers of the best conventual ale, and from the abbey kitchen, twice a week, viz. Sundays and Tuesdays, a dish of meat; but the rest of the week only a dish of eggs or fish, at the pleasure of the kitchen steward. The vicar and his successors were to receive yearly from the sexton of Muchelney, for the time being, at the four usual quarters of the year, four pounds of silver to defray charges; also all the money offered on sabbath days, as well at Muchelney as in the chapel at Drayton annexed thereto, as also all the money offered at funeral solemnities as well at first as second mass; also legacies left, and mass-pence offered for the deceased; also all the bread and eggs, and other oblations at the cross, on Whitsunday and Easter day, in the church at Muchelney and the chapel of Drayton, as also all confessional oblations, and gifts at purifications. The abbat and convent to receive all tithes, great and small, belonging to both Muchelney and Drayton, and every other perquisite not above specified; and the vicar to sustain all episcopal, archidiaconal, and other charges, besides archdeacon's procurations, and to find a proper chaplain to officiate in the chapel of Drayton." This ordination is dated at Chew, Dec. 2d, A.D. 1308. Collinson, vol. iii. p. 137. See also Hearne, Append. ad Præf. Ad. de Domerham, p. lxxxiii.

"The buildings," Collinson says, "are now mostly taken down, and the remaining part converted into a farm-house, still distinguished by the appellation of The Abbey. Most of the house and offices now standing have an ancient appearance, being in the gothic stile, with battlements, fine arched windows, stone staircases, and large quoins. In several of the windows there are the fragments of what once was finely painted glass. In the adjoining orchard the foundations of

the ancient structure may easily be traced to a great extent. It is surrounded by old venerable elms, and seems to have been a place well adapted to contemplation."

No REGISTER of Michelney abbey has, as yet, been made known to the collectors of our monastic antiquities:^a but several Charters, two of them with the abbey SEAL^b attached, are preserved among the Records in the Augmentation Office.^c

Cartae ad Micelnense Coenobium in Comitatu Somersetensi spectantes.

NUM. I.

[W. Malmesb. fol. 145 b.]

AUTHOR Micelnensis coenobii idem qui Middeltunensis, ubi eadem illeetus causâ similia contulit et villarum et reliquiarum xenia; eoque plus quod monachi liberius coelestibus possint exubare secretis, quo minus frequentantur hominum conventiculis. Est enim aditu difficilis, permeaturque æstate pede vel equo plerumque, hieme nusquam.

NUM. II.

Prædia ad Ecclesiam de Micelenie spectantia tempore Regis Willielmi Conquestoris.

[Ex Libro vocato *Domesday Book*, in domo Capitulari Westmon. asservato.]

Sumerset, fol. 91.

TERRA ÆCCLESIAE DE MICELLENIE. Ecclesia S. Petri de Micelenye habet III. earucatas terræ quæ nunquam geldaverunt in his III. insulis. MICHELENIE. MIDELENIE. et TORLEIE. Ibi sunt in dominio II. ear. et unum arpentum vineæ. Ibi III. servi. et III. villani et XVIII. bord. eum II. ear. Ibi II. piscariæ redd. VI. mill. anguillar. et XXV. acr. prati. et XII. acr. silvæ. et C. acr. pasturæ. Valuit et valet III. lib.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet Cipestable. Celric tenuit tempore Regis Edwardi et geldabat pro II. hid. et dim. Terra est VI. car. De ea est in dominio dimidia hida. et ibi I. car. et II. servi. et XVI. villani. et II. bord. cum V. car. Ibi dimid. aer. prati. et C. acr. pasturæ. Silua dim. leuua long. et II. quarent. lat. Valet L. solid.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet Ileminstre. Liuuardus abbas

tenuit tempore Regis Edwardi et geldabat pro XX. hid. Terra est XX. ear. De ea sunt in dominio IX. hidæ. et una virgata et dim. et ibi III. car. et X. servi. et XXV. villani et XXII. bord. eum XX. ear. Ibi III. molini redd. XXII. solid. et VI. den. et quater XX. acr. prati. Silva III. leu. long. et una leu. et dim. lat. Ibi mereatum reddens XX. solid. De hæ terra ten. II. taini I. hid. et dimid. qui non pot. ab æcclesia separari. Totum valet XX. lib. Quando Abbas obiit valebat XXVI. lib.

A.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet Ile. Godricus tenuit tempore Regis Edwardi et geldabat pro V. hid. Terra est V. car. De ea sunt in dominio III. hidæ. et ibi II. ear. et VI. servi. et XII. villani et V. bord. eum II. ear. Ibi molinum reddens XV. solid. et XL. acr. prati et VII. acr. pasturæ. Silva III. leu. long. et una leu. et dim. lat. Valuit et valet III. lib.

B.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet Ile. Eduinus tenuit tempore Regis Edwardi et geldabat pro una hida et dimid. Terra est I. ear. et dim. Ibi sunt III. bord. tenent. XV. acras. alia est in dominio. et X. acr. prati. et VII. acr. past. Silva III. quar. long. et una quar. lat. Valet XVI. solid.

Ipsa æcclesia ten. Draitune. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro XX. hid. Terra est XV. car. De ea sunt in dominio XI. hidæ. et II. virg. terræ et dim. et ibi VI. car. et X. servi. et XVI. villani et XIII. bord. eum IX. ear. Ibi L. aer. prati et pastura II. leu. long. et una leu. lat. Silva II. leu. long. et una leu. et dim. lat. De his XX. hid. ten. Celric et Vluuard. II. hid. Has teneb. Brietinus et Leuing de abbacia tempore Regis Edwardi. nee inde poterant separari. Ibi sunt III. bord. et III. acr. prati. et XXXV. acr. pasturæ. et VII. acr. silvæ. Totum valet X. lib.

Ipsa æcclesia ten. Camelle. Tempore Regis Ed-

* The following Charters, exclusive of those copied at the end of this Account (Numm. III. IV. V. VI.), will be found in Hearne's Appendix to his Preface to Adam de Domerham. They are entitled, "Excerpta quædam ad coenobium Muchelneyense in agro Somersetensi pertinentia, e Breviariis duobus antiquis, calamo exaratis, penes nobiliss. dom. D. Carolum Bruce, in membranis."

1. Kyngesmore. Querela abbatis de Muchelney, facta domino cancellario.

2. Commissio ad audiendum et terminandum inde ad instantiam reginæ Angliæ.

3. Inquisitio capta apud Sarum de pastura de Kyngesmor. 19 Edw. I.

4. Querela abbatis coram commissionariis de eadem, simul cum Veredicto juratorum.

5. Præsentatio cantariæ sancti Martini in ecclesia cathedrali Well.

6. Compositio Muchelney pro vicaria.

7. Carta de Drayton et Bortone, 24 Edw. III.

8. To make Wode [of which there was a great quantity belonging to the abbey of Muchelney, as well as to the abbey of Glastonbury.]

9. Extenta de Mertok, 43 Edw. III.

10. De pastura de Whattmore.

11. Carta de Meriette.

12. Carta alia de Meriette.

13. De rectore de West Cammelle, A.D. 1304.

Ad. de Domerh. tom. i. p. lxxiv.—xciii.

The Harleian MS. 431, fol. 31, contains "Litera domini Bathoniensis episcopi directa domino abbati de Michelney suæ diocesis qui nimis diu absentans a Monasterio suo, &c. et ut redeat et ibidem resideat." It is of the fifteenth century, but neither the abbat nor the bishop are named.

^b See p. 356, Note c.

^c Other Records from the same repository will be found Numm. VI. VII.

wardi geldabat pro x. hid. Terra est xvi. car. De ea sunt in dominio iiii. hidæ et dimid. et ibi iiii. car. et v. servi. et vii. villani et viii. bord. cum vi. car. Ibi molinum reddens x. solid. et lx. acr. prati. et lx. acr. pasturæ. De his x. hid. tenet Dodeman de abbate i. hid. et ibi habet i. car. et iii. vill. cum i. car. et ii. acras prati. Totum valet x. lib. et x. solid.

c.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet CATHANGRE. Wadel tenuit tempore Regis Edwardi et geldabat pro i. hida et dimid. Terra est i. car. et dim. Ibi est unus villanus cum i. bord. tenent. xv. acras. De hac terra tenet Ingulf i. hid. et ibi habet i. car. cum iii. bord. Ibi vi. acr. prati ex xv. acr. silvæ. Valet xx. solid. Pars monachorum vii. solid.

A. B. C.

Godric. et Eduin. et Wadel non pertinuerunt [ad] Abbatiam tempore Regis Edwardi.

NUM. III.

Carta Regis Edwardi III. de licentia, ut Alexander le Clerk de Westcammell et Willelmus Derby clericus concedere possint Manerium de Dounhevede Abbati et Conventui de Muchelnye.

[Hearn. Ad. de Domerh. Edit. ad præf. suam Appendix, p. lxxi.]

EDWARDUS Dei gratia rex Angliæ et Franciæ, et dominus Hiberniæ, omnibus ad quos præsentis litteræ pervenerint, salutem. Sciatis quod cum nos nuper per litteras nostras patentes concessimus et licentiam dederimus, pro nobis et hæredibus nostris, quantum nobis fuit, dilectis nobis in Christo abbati et conventui de Muchelnye, quod ipsi centum solidatas terræ et redditus per annum, juxta verum valorem eorundem, tam de feodo suo proprio, quam de alieno, exceptis terris et tenementis quæ de nobis tenebantur in capite, adquirere possent, habendas et tenendas sibi et successoribus suis imperpetuum, Statuto de terris et tenementis ad manum mortuam non ponendis edito non obstante, (prout in litteris nostris prædictis plenius continetur,) nos, volentes concessionem nostram prædictam effectui debito mancipari, concessimus et licentiam dedimus, pro nobis et hæredibus nostris, quantum in nobis est, Willelmo Derby capellano et Alexandro de Cammel clerico, quod ipsi manerium de Dounhevede, juxta Westcammell, cum pertinentiis, quod de nobis non tenetur, et quod, ultra servitia inde debita et consueta, valet per annum in omnibus exitibus, juxta verum valorem ejusdem, sex marcas et octo denarios, (sicut per Inquisitionem inde per dilectum nobis Johannem de Bekyngtone, escaetorem nostrum in comitatu Somersetensi, de mandato nostro captam, et in cancellariam nostram retornatam, est compertum,) dare possint et assignare præfatis abbati et conventui, habendum et tenendum sibi et successoribus suis, in plenam satisfactionem centum solidatarum terræ et redditus predictarum, et ad inveniendum quendam capellanum regularem, divina in ecclesia abbatie prædictæ, pro salubri statu ipsius Alexandri, dum vixerit, et pro anima sua, cum ab hac luce migraverit, ac animabus antecessorum suorum, et omnium fidelium defunctorum, singulis diebus celebraturum imperpetuum. Et eisdem abbati et conventui, quod ipsi manerium prædictum, cum pertinentiis, à præfatis Willelmo et Alexandro recipere possint, et tenere sibi et successoribus suis prædictis imperpetuum, sicut prædictum est, tenore præsentium similiter licentiam dedimus specialem, statuto prædicto non obstante. Nolentes, quod prædicti Willelmus et Alexander, vel hæredes sui, aut præfati abbas et conventus, seu successores sui, ratione statuti prædicti, per nos vel hæredes nostros inde occasionentur in aliquo seu graventur. Salvis tamen capitalibus dominis feodi illius servitiis inde debitis et consuetis. In cujus rei testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste meipso apud Westmonasterium quinto die Novembris, anno regni nostri Angliæ tricesimo secundo, regni vero nostri Franciæ decimo nono.

NUM. IV.

Carta Alexandri clerici et Willelmi Derby facta prædictis Abbati et Conventui de Manerio prædicto.

[Ibid. p. lxxiii.]

SCIANT præsentis et futuri, quod nos Willelmus Derby capellanus et Alexander de Cammel clericus, dedimus, concessimus, et hac præsentis carta nostra confirmavimus Deo et sancto Petro, et Thomæ de Overtone abbati de Muchelnye, et ejusdem loci conventui, manerium nostrum de Dounhevede juxta Westcammell, cum pertinentiis suis, ad inveniendum quendam capellanum regularem, divina in ecclesia abbatie prædictæ pro salubri statu ipsius Alexandri dum vixerit, et pro anima sui cum ab luce migraverit, ac animabus antecessorum suorum et omnium fidelium defunctorum, singulis diebus celebraturum imperpetuum, habendum et tenendum sibi et successoribus suis imperpetuum de capitalibus feodi illius, per servitia inde debita et de jure consueta. Et nos vero prædicti Willelmus et Alexander, et hæredes nostri, prædictum manerium cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, præfatis abbati et successoribus suis contra omnes mortales warantizabimus, acquietabimus, et imperpetuum defendemus. In cujus rei testimonium huic præsentis cartæ nostræ sigilla nostra apposuimus; hiis testibus, Radulpho de Myddelnye, Ricardo de Accon, militibus; Johanne de Somertone, Waltero Corbyn, Johanne Mpondre, Johanne Leddrede, Johanne Atte Ok, et aliis. Dat. apud Westcammell, die Jovis proximo post festum Circumcisionis Domini, anno regis Edwardi tertii a Conquestu tricesimo secundo.

NUM. V.

Instrumentum, quo in procuratorem suum constituebant Prior et Conventus Muchelneiensis Radulphum Gaillard.

[Ibid. p. lxxix.]

PATEAT universis per præsentis, quod nos Johannes de Somertone, prior monasterii de Muchelnye, ordinis sancti Benedicti, Bathoniensis et Wellensis diocesis, et ejusdem loci conventus, in omnibus causis et negotiis, motis et movendis, nos ac monasterium nostrum prædictum, seu statum nostrum, qualitercumque contingentibus, coram quibuscumque iudicibus, ordinariis, delegatis, et eorum commissariis, quotiens nos abesse vel adesse contigerit; dilectum nobis in Christo, magistrum Radulphum Gaillard, clericum, ordinamus, facimus, et constituimus nostrum verum et legitimum procuratorem. Dantes et concedentes eidem procuratori nostro potestatem generalem, et mandatum speciale, nomine nostro, ac monasterii et status nostrorum prædictorum, et cujuslibet nostrum, agendi, defendendi, excipiendi, replicandi, ponendi, positionibus respondendi, crimina et defectus obiciendi, status et monasterii nostri prædicti reformationem et in integrum restitutionem, dampna et expensas et interesse petendi, et recipiendi juramentum, tam de calumpnia quam de veritate dicenda, et quodlibet aliud genus liciti sacramenti in animas nostras præstandi, provocandi, appellandi, provocaciones et appellationes intimandi, notificandi, et insinuandi, apostolos petendi et recipiendi, alium vel alios procuratorem seu procuratores loco sui substituendi, ac substitutum seu substitutos revocandi, et procuratoris officium reassumendi, quotiens et quando videbitur sibi expedire, ac omnia alia et singula faciendi, exercendi, et expediendi, quæ circa præmissa, et eorum quodlibet, necessaria fuerint, seu etiam opportuna, etiam si mandatum in se exigant speciale. Pro eodem vero procuratore nostro, ac substituto et substituendo, necnon substitutis et substituendis ab eodem procuratore ratum haberi et judicatum solvi, sub ypotheca et obligatione bonorum nostrorum omnium, promittimus et exponimus cautiones. Nos vero prior et conventus supra dicti approbamus ista verba, superius scripta interlinealiter, viz. 'etiamsi mandatum in se exigant speciale.' In cujus rei testimonium Sigillum nostrum commune præsentibus est

appensum. Dat. in domo nostra capitulari de Muchelnye, quarto idus Junii, anno Domini millesimo ccc^{mo}. tricesimo quarto.

NUM. VI.

Corrodium Radulpho Drake Cantori concessum.

[Ibid. p. lxxx.]

OMNIBUS Christi fidelibus, ad quos præsens scriptum pervenerit, Thomas, Dei providentia, abbas monasterii beatorum apostolorum Petri et Pauli de Mochelney, ordinis sancti Benedicti, Bathoniensis et Wellensis diocesis, et ejusdem loci conventus, salutem in Domino sempiternam. Noveritis, nos, præfatos abbatem et conventum, unanimi assensu et consensu, dedisse et concessisse Radulpho Drake cantori, pro suo servitio nobis in illa scientia musica, quandam annualem pensionem quinque marcarum, et exeuntem et percipiendam annuatim de et in manerio de Cammelle, cum suis pertinentiis in comitatu Somerset. et omnibus messuagiis, terris et tenementis nostris, ubilibet constitutis, habendam, et levandam, solvendamque dictam pensionem quinque marcarum, dicto Radulpho, pro termino vitæ suæ, tam sibi quam assignatis suis, ad quatuor anni terminos, videlicet, Natalis Domini [Annunciationis dominæ beatæ Mariæ Virginis] Johannis Baptistæ, sancti Michaelis archangeli, æquis portionibus. Item præfati abbas et conventus, unanimi assensu et consensu, concessimus dicto Radulpho, ad terminum vitæ suæ, singulis ebdomadis per annum, vii. 'galnes' cervisiæ conventualis, et totidem panes 'le old mychys,' et unam togam, ac quatuor plaustralia lignorum pro focalibus, in le Ile Abbatis, percipienda, dececanda, atque convehenda ex proprio sumptu dicti Radulphi: et si contingat, prædictam pensionem quinque marcarum vii. 'galnes' cervisiæ, vii. 'le old mychys,' sive togam aut plaustralia lignorum, retractare, et à retro fore, in parte vel in toto, xv^{cim}. dies post aliquod prædictorum festorum, in quo solvi debeat, si debito modo petatur, tunc bene licebit præfato Radulpho et assignatis suis, in prædicto manerio, et in omnibus messuagiis, terris, et tenementis, et in qualibet inde parcella, intrare et distringere, sic captas fugare, abducere, et asportare, ac penes se retinere, quousque de prædicta pensione, simul cum arreragiis, si qua fuerint, inde plenarie fuerit satisfactum et solutum. Et volumus per prædictas, quod præfatus Radulphus Drake intererit quotidie missæ beatæ Virginis Mariæ, et omnibus festis diebus altæ missæ, et profestis, si chorus fuerit, et in capis, et utrisque vesperis, nisi aliter fuerit licentiatus, vel morbo ac validudine impeditus, vel aliqua alia occasione magna; et volumus ulterius, quod docebit iii^{or}. pueros, et unum aliquem commonachorum ac confratrum nostrorum, organa pulsare, et omnes alios commonachos ac confratres nostros, qui se ad tale studium applicare voluerint. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum &c.

NUM. VII.

Exemplificatio Finis inter Dom. Regem. Hen. VIII. petentem et Abbatem de Mochelney deforciantem.

[Cart. antiq. Offic. Augment. Pyx. 32.]

HENRICUS octavus Dei gratia Angliæ et Franciæ rex, fidei defensor, dominus Hiberniæ, et in terra supremum caput Anglicanæ ecclesiæ, omnibus ad quos præsentis literæ pervenerint salutem. Sciatis quod inter recorda ac pedes finium cum proclamationibus secundum formam statuti in hujusmodi casu, nuper editi et provisi, coram justiciariis nostris de banco apud Westmonasterium, de termino sancti Hillarij, anno regni nostri vicesimo nono, continetur sic: Somerset' Ss. Hæc est finalis concordia facta in curia domini regis apud Westmonasterium in octabis sancti Hillarij, anno regnorum Henrici octavi, Dei gratia Angliæ et Franciæ regis, fidei defensoris, domini Hiberniæ, et in terra supremi capitis Anglicanæ ecclesiæ, a Conquestu vicesimo nono, coram Johanne Baldwyn, Antonio Fitzherbert, Williel-

mo Shelley, et Thoma Willughby justiciariis, et alijs domini regis fidelibus tunc ibi præsentibus, inter ipsum dominum regem quærentem et Thomam Yue abbatem monasterij beatorum apostolorum Petri et Pauli de Mochelney in comitatu Somerset, deforceantem, de monasterio de Mochelney, ac de manerijs de Mochelney, Dreyton, Westover, Yerneshill, Cammell, Downehed, Ile Abbatis, Ilmyster, Hilcombe, Fiffed, Chipstapull, Middelney, Yevyll, Yevilchester, Milton, Marston, Lamport, et Audresey, cum pertinencijs, ac de decem millibus messuagiorum, triginta millibus acrarum terræ, decem millibus acrarum prati, viginti millibus acrarum pasturæ, quinque millibus acrarum bosci, quinque millibus acrarum jampnorum et brueræ, et centum libratibus redditus, cum pertinencijs, in Mochelney, Dreyton, Westover, Yerneshill, Cammell, Downehed, Ile Abbatis, Ilmyster, Hilcombe, Fiffed, Chipstapull, Middelney, Yevyll, Yevilchester, Milton, Marston, Lamport, et Audresey; necnon de rectorijs de Mochelney, Dreyton, Ile Abbatis, Ilmyster, Hilton, Horton, Fiffed, Somerton, Morton, et Meriet, cum pertinencijs; ac de advocacionibus ecclesiarum de Mochelney, Dreyton, Ile Abbatis, Ilmyster, Hilton, Horton, Fiffed, Somerton, Moreton, Meriet, et Chipstapull; ac de advocacionibus duarum cantariarum in Ilmyster; unde placitum conventionis summonitum fuit inter eos in eadem curia, scilicet quod prædictus abbas recognovit prædicta monasterium, maneria, tenementa, redditum, et rectorias, cum pertinencijs, ac advocaciones prædictas esse jus ipsius domini regis, ut illa quæ idem dominus rex habet de dono prædicti abbatis; et illa remisit et quietumclamavit de se et successoribus suis, prædicto domino regi, hæredibus et assignatis suis imperpetuum. Et præterea idem abbas concessit pro se et successoribus suis quod ipsi warrantizabunt prædicto domino regi, hæredibus et assignatis suis, prædicta monasterium, maneria, tenementa, redditum, et rectorias, cum pertinencijs, ac advocaciones prædictas, contra omnes homines imperpetuum et pro hac recognitione, remissione, quietaclameo, warranto, fine, et concordia, idem dominus rex dedit prædicto abbati octo millia librarum sterlingorum. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum ad brevia in banco prædicto sigillanda deputatum præsentibus apponi fecimus; teste Johanne Baldwyn apud Westmonasterium, vicesimo tercio die Januarij anno regni nostri vicesimo nono.

PAKYNGTON.

NUM. VIII.

Feoda, Corrodia, Redditus, Penciones, &c. temp. Hen. VIII. sine anno.

[Ibid.]

Hic inferius sequuntur diversa feoda, corrodia, redditus, penciones, stipendia et vadia, quæ annuatim per dominum abbatem de Mochelney sunt persolvenda videlicet

FEODA.

Domino regi pro decima parte . .	xlviij ^{li} . xiiij ^s .	vj ^d .
Inpriinis magistro Thome Cromwell militi	iiij ^{li} .	
Magistro Doctori Tregonwell . . .	xl ^s .	
Item Amisio Powlett militi . . .	xl ^s .	
Item Johanni Horsey militi . . .	xl ^s .	
Item Johanni Cuffe auditori . . .	xl ^s .	
Item Thomæ Clarke armigero . . .	xl ^s .	
Item Johanni Williams armigero . .	iiij ^{li} .	
Item Willielmo Portman legis perito . .	xxvj ^s . viij ^d .	
Item Jacobo Hadley legis perito . .	xx ^s .	
Item Egidio Peny nostro attornato . .	xx ^s .	
Item vicecomiti Somerset' qui pro tempore fuerit	xl ^s .	
Item escaetori Somerset' qui pro tempore fuerit	xvj ^s . viij ^d .	
Item Ricardo Watkyns armigero . .	xl ^s .	
Item Johanni Balche nostro sub-senescallo	xx ^s .	
Item Nicholao Fitzjames	xxvj ^s . viij ^d .	

Item Nicholao Wedcham militi	xxvj ^s . viij ^d .	Item Alexandro Yong	xxvj ^s . viij ^d .
Item Ricardo Rakclyve	xx ^s .	Item Johanni Locke	xxxiiij ^s . iiij ^d .
Item Waltero Yonge	xxvj ^s . viij ^d .	Item ballivo de Ylmyster	xl ^s .
Summa	xxiiij ^{li} . xvj ^s . viij ^d .	Item ballivo de Abbotysile	xx ^s .
	Item xlvj ^s . viii ^d .	Item ballivo de Drayton	xxvj ^s . viij ^d . xl ^s .
		Item ballivo de Mochelney	xxvj ^s . viij ^d .
		Item ballivo de Somerton	xxvj ^s . viij ^d .
		Item pro vestimentis omnium illorum	

CORRODIA.

Inprimis Johanni Fyssher pro corro-	
dio domini regis	iiij ^{li} . xiiij ^s . iiij ^d .
Item Ricardo Alyns capellano pro	
corrodio suo	xl ^s .
Summa	vj ^{li} . xiiij ^s . iiij ^d .

REDDITUS.

Inprimis domino regi pro capitale	
redditu exeunte de manerio nostro	
de Downehed	x ^s .
Item domino de Martocke pro parte	
piscariæ suæ in rivulo	vj ^s . viij ^d .
Item domino de Stapulton pro una	
via infra manerium de Stapulton .	ij ^s .
Item domino de Muryfield pro stag-	
no molendini apud Bradon	ij ^s .
Item ballivo hundredorum de Bul-	
stone et Abdyke pro sectis ibidem	
relaxatis	iiij ^s .
Item ballivo hundredi de Somerton	
pro sectis ibidem relaxatis	ij ^s .
Summa	xxv ^s . viij ^d .

PENCIONES.

Inprimis camerario summi pontificis	
Item conventui de Athelney	vj ^{li} . viij ^s . iiij ^d .
Item abbati de Brewton	xxj ^s .
Item ecclesiæ cathedrali de Wellis .	vj ^s . viij ^d .
Item archidiacono Wellensis de de-	
narijs beati Petri	x ^d .
Item eidem archidiacono pro pen-	
sione ecclesiæ	vj ^s .
Item archidiacono Taunton de de-	
narijs beati Petri	vij ^s . iiij ^d .
Item eidem archidiacono pro pen-	
sione ecclesiæ	xxviij ^s .
Item vicario de Currerevell	vj ^s . viij ^d .
Item vicario de Wellis	iiij ^{li} .
Item vicario de Fyvehed	iiij ^{li} .
Summa	xviiij ^{li} . xv ^s . ix ^d .

STIPENDIA.

Inprimis priori nostri conventus . .	v ^s . ix ^d .
Item subpriori	vij ^s .
Item coquinario	cv ^s . xiiij ^s . iiij ^d .
Item camerario	vj ^{li} .
Item pitansario	x ^s . xvj ^s . viij ^d .
Item medarario	cxj ^s . viij ^d .
Summa	xviij ^{li} . xiiij ^s . v ^d . xix ^{li} . viij ^s . ix ^d .

VADIA SERVIENTIUM

qui sunt generosi.

Item vicario de Mochelney	xl ^s .
Item domino Waltero de Drayton .	liij ^s . iiij ^d .
Item Georgio Monro	liij ^s . iiij ^d .
Thomæ Stapford	liij ^s . iiij ^d .
Item Henrico Grenefyld	xxxiiij ^s . iiij ^d .
Item Thomæ Porter	xxix ^s .
Item Johanni Cooke alias Staple .	xxvj ^s . viij ^d .
Item Rogero Wagott	xxvj ^s . viij ^d .
Item Jacobo Locke	xx ^s .
Clementi Merydyen	vij ^s . iiij ^d .
Item Thomæ Huchynson	xxvj ^s . viij ^d .
Item Johanni Bucham	xxvj ^s . viij ^d .
Item Ricardo Gybbys	xx ^s . xxvj ^s . viij ^d .
Willielmo Balche	xl ^s .

Item Alexandro Yong	xxvj ^s . viij ^d .
Item Johanni Locke	xxxiiij ^s . iiij ^d .
Item ballivo de Ylmyster	xl ^s .
Item ballivo de Abbotysile	xx ^s .
Item ballivo de Drayton	xxvj ^s . viij ^d . xl ^s .
Item ballivo de Mochelney	xxvj ^s . viij ^d .
Item ballivo de Somerton	xxvj ^s . viij ^d .
Item pro vestimentis omnium illorum	
vocatorum Lyvery-cotts	x ^{li} .
Summa	xxxviij ^{li} . ix ^s .

VADIA SERVIENTIUM

qui sunt lez yemen.

Inprimis plumbario	xx ^s .
Item Ricardo Dolman	xj ^s .
Waltero Vycars	xxvj ^s . viij ^d .
Item Johanni West	xj ^s .
Item ballivo de Fyfhed	iiij ^s . ix ^d .
Item ballivo de Camell	xiiij ^s . iiij ^d .
Item ballivo de Hylcomb	vj ^s . viij ^d .
Item præposito de Ilmyster	v ^s .
Item messori de Ilmyster	iiij ^s . iiij ^d .
Item pro vestimentis omnium præ-	
dicatorum	xl ^s .
Summa	cxiiij ^s . j ^d .

VADIA SERVIENTIUM

qui sunt lez gromys.

Inprimis Ricardo Chyke	xj ^s .
Item Roberto Hycks	xx ^s .
Item Thomæ Myller	liij ^s . iiij ^d .
Item gardinario	xj ^s .
Item Johanni Father carucario	
frumenti	xxiiij ^s . & pro Ocrijs xx ^d .
Item Johannæ Decon lavendaria	
Item Henrico Welshe	xx ^s .
Item Johanni Michell	vij ^s .
Item brasiatori	v ^s .
modo Thome	xvj ^s .
Item Willielmo Gybbys	xij ^s .
Item Adæ le Barber	vj ^s . viij ^d .
Item Willielmo Roche	xix ^s .
Item Johanni Nasshe	xxvj ^s .
Item Johanni Pyke	xxij ^s .
Item Johanni Mugg	xx ^s .
Item Ricardo Daye	xviiij ^s . & pro Ocrijs xij ^d .
Item pastori ovium apud Mo-	
chelney	xiiij ^s . & pro Ocrijs xij ^d .
Item Roberto	xxij ^s .
Item Georgio Bownde	xxiiij ^s .
Item Thomæ Gurney	xviiij ^s .
Item Nicholao Pycher	xx ^s . & pro Ocrijs ij ^s .
Item pastori ovium apud Weston	
Item Willielmo Denman	xx ^s .
Item Andros apud Westover . . .	xij ^s .
Item laborantibus ad faciendum	
lez Facketts annuatim	xxvj ^s . viij ^d .
Item Adæ le Eggeman	iiij ^s .
Item pro vestimentis eorum . . .	iiij ^{li} . viij ^s .
Summa	xxv ^{li} . iiij ^d .
Summa totalis	cxviiij ^{li} . ij ^s . ix ^d .

Decima Pars proveniens de Conventu de Mochelney.

De priore xiiij ^s . ix ^d .
De subpriore vj ^s . et de eodem xvj ^d .
De elemosinario iiij ^s . iiij ^d .
De rectorio xviiij ^d .
De præsentore viij ^d .
De sacrista xxij ^s .
De coquinario iiij ^{li} . viij ^s . ij ^d . oñ
De camerario xxxiiij ^s . vj ^d .
De custode capellæ beatæ Mariæ xvij ^d .
De ostiario vij ^d .

NUM. IX.

Indenture from the Abbat and Convent, 25th Hen. VIII.

[Cart. Antiq. Offic. Augment.]

THIS indenture made the xth. day of February, yn the yere of the reyne of Kyng Henry the viijth. xxv^{ty}. bytwyne Thomas Yve abbott of the monastery of Mochelney yn the cownty of Somersett, and the covent of the same of the one party, Sr. John Baker^a [and] Rycharde Rakeclyffe yeman, dwellyng yn the cyty of Excetter yn the cownty of Devynshere of the other party, wytnysythe that we the foresayd abbotte and covente have receyvd of the predycte Sr. John Baker [and] Rycharde Rakeclyffe yn lone one c^{li}. of lawfull mony of Ynglond, for the whyche sum of mony, we the foresayde abbott and covent have layde in gage to the predycte Sr. John [and] Rycharde certayne plate the parsells wherof ar contaynyd and comprysyd in certayne shedills to every parte of thys presente indenture, annexyd and indentyd the whyche foresayde sum of mony receyvyd, we the prescripte abbott and covent byne oureselfs and oure successours to repay unto the sayde Sr. John [and] Rycharde, theyr assynes or exequ-tors, at hys^b howse in Excetter, at the termys folowyng, that ys to sey at the feste of the Purifycacyon of oure blessyd Lady nexte and ymmedyatly folowyng after the date of thys presents, or wythyn iij. days folowyng the sayde feste, xxv^{li}. of lawfull mony of Ynglonde and so yerely at the sayde terme, or wythyn iij. days, untill the full contentacion and repayment of the above spokyne of^c c^{li}. receyvyng yerely of the sayde Sr. John

[and] Rycharde, theyr assynys or exequitors, so myche of oure plate as shall ryse to the value of xxv^{li}. and so the hole c^{li}. contentyd and repayd, the hole plate and every parcell therof to returne to us the foresayde abbott and covent; and moreover for lacke of payment at any terme of the termys afore specyfyd, we the sayde abbott and covent bynd ourselfe and owre successors to forfett v^{li}. over and besyde the sum dew, at every terme. In wyttnes wherof to the one parte of thys indenture remaynyng wth. the sayde Sr. John Baker [and] Rycharde Rakeclyffe the sayde abbott and covent hathe putto ther covent seale, and to the other parte of the same indenture wth. the seyde abbotte and covent remaynyng, the sayde Sr. John Baker [and] Rycharde Rakeclyffe have putto theyr seals the day and yere abovesayde.

(Schedule.)

Fyrste, a goblett gylt weyng xxj. unc' iij. q̄ters.
 It' another goblett gylt weyng xxj. unc' iij. q' di'
 It' ij. kevers to the same weyng xxxvj. unc'
 It' a payre of crewetts gylt weyng xvj. unc' iij. q'
 It' baculus pastoral' gylt of iij. pec^s. weyng ciiij. unc'
 It' a crosse gylt weyng lj. unc'
 It' a seyncer parcell gylt weyng iiij^{xx}. unc'
 It' a whyt boll weyng xx. unc'
 It' another whyt boll weyng xviiij. unc' di'
 It' a kever to the same weyng xviiij. unc'
 It' ij. basyns weyng xxxij. unc'
 It' a spyce plate whyte weyng xxj. unc'
 It' a peyr of candelstyks parcell gylt weyng iij^{xx}xv.
 unc'

VALOR ECCLESIASTICUS TEMP. HEN. VIII.

(Abstract of Return, 26 Hen. VIII. First Fruits Office.)

MONASTERIUM DE MOCHELNEY.

DECLARATIO VERE ET INTEGRÉ EXTENTE AC ANNUI VALORIS, &c.

Com' Somers'		£.	s.	d.
Michelney	Manerium	88	16	4
Drayton et Westhon'	Redd' Assis', &c.	68	0	1
Cammell et Downhede	Redd' Assis', &c.	41	6	3
Ile Abbatis	Redd' Assis', &c.	37	19	3 $\frac{3}{4}$
Ilmystre	Redd' Assis', &c.	84	15	1
Hylcombe	Redd' Assis', &c.	11	11	10
Fyffehede	Redd' Assis', &c.	11	9	8
Chypstapull	Redd' Teñtorum	11	9	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
Mydyleny	Redd' Teñtorum	12	8	11
Yevyll	Redd' unius Domus	0	4	8
Yewelchestre	Redd' Teñtorum	0	11	9
Milton	Redd' Teñtorum	0	4	0
Merston	Redd' Teñtorum	0	8	0
Lamport	Redd' Teñtorum	1	15	4
Andresey	Redd' Teñtorum	0	11	0
Mochelney	Rectoria	11	0	0
Drayton	Rectoria	18	0	0
Ile Abbatis	Rectoria	6	0	0
Ilmystre	Rectoria	20	0	0
Hylcombe cum Horton	Decim'	3	5	0
Fyffehede	Rectoria	8	0	0
Somerton	Rectoria	37	13	4
Mowreton	Rectoria	1	5	0
Meriett	Rectoria	12	1	0

Summa totalis Valor' tam omnium Possessionum Temporalium quam Spiritualium 498 16 4 $\frac{1}{4}$

* *Interlined.*

^b *Sic.*

^c *Sic.*

Benedictine Nunnery of Pollesworth,

IN

WARWICKSHIRE.



POLLESWORTH, in a passage of Leland's Collectanea, is corruptly called Pollesbyria.^a There is no mention of this place in the Conqueror's Survey. A roll in old English, formerly belonging to John Ferrers, Esq. of Tamworth Castle, transcribed by Dugdale in 1640, gives the legendary tale of its foundation in the ninth century by King Egbert, at the instance of Modwenna, daughter of the king of Connaught in Ireland. Egbert is stated to have consecrated it to the honour of Our Lady, and to have placed in it his daughter Editha as abbess; who being afterwards canonized, the Monastery was dedicated to her. John of Tine-mouth, however, ascribes the foundation to Athulph, or Ethelwolf, son to King Edgar, whose son Alured, grandson to King Edgar, was cured by St. Modwenna of some infirmity.^b

In the legendary Account just quoted, the whole of which will be found in the Appendix,^c the Nuns are stated to have been dispossessed of all their lands, some little time after the Conquest, by Robert de Marmion, and to have been obliged to retire to their cell called Oldbury.

Robert de Marmion, and Milicent his wife, in the time of K. Stephen, are said to have brought the Nuns back to Pollesworth, and to have restored to them their churches and estates.^d "Hence it is," says Dugdale, "as I guess, that this Robert Marmion and his wife are by the learned Leland accounted to have been founders thereof; in which repute I shall leave them, forasmuch as it also appears^e that they gave the town of Pollesworth totally thereto, with their whole demesne in Waverton; all which were confirmed by King Stephen."

In the supposition that Egbert was the founder, the nunnery of Pollesworth would rank as the oldest religious house in Warwickshire.

The following is Sir William Dugdale's account of the subsequent endowment of this monastery.

"I shall now descend to such other benefactors as these nuns had; the next and chiefest whereof was one

Walter de Hastings, who gave Oldbury unto them^f (it being a cell to this monastery). After which, they had, by Robert Marmion, son to the before-specified Robert and Milicent, the church of Queinton in Gloucestershire^g (which in 12 Ric. II. they procured to be appropriate to them).^h As also the mill at Kingsburie, called Hemlingford Mill, with certain meadow-ground and other lands, by Robert Fitzwalter and Amabil his wife, one of the coheirs unto Osbert de Arden:ⁱ and moreover, a mill ad Hurley, given by Alice, sister to the said Amabil, then wife of Simon de Harecurt:^k both which were confirmed by Raphe de Bracebrigge, afterwards lord of that manor. In Draiton, in com. Leic. they had a good proportion of land given by Picot Archer^l in H. II. time, and confirmed by Robert then earl of Leicester;^m with a further augmentation by William de Trumpinton.ⁿ In Burdingburie, in Warwickshire, certain lands by Edelina, sister to Robert Boteler of Ingleby, for the soul's health of Walter de Somerville her husband.^o The church of Barwell, in Leicestershire, by Erneburga, the mother of William de Hastings:^p the church of Ansley, in Warwickshire, by William the son of Robert de Hardreshull:^q certain lands in Bromcote by William Fitz-Walkeline of Bromcote,^r which were confirmed by Robert his son and heir, in consideration that these nuns allowed him to have a chantry in his chapel at Bromcote; whereunto Robert de Grendon, in 32 Edw. I. added a yard-land and certain messuages lying in the same village.^s

"All those lands called Coppenhull, near Shutter-ton, given by William Burdet;^t which Hugh, his son, confirmed temp. Hen. II. A yard-land in Sirescote by Roger the son of Walter de Sumervile.^u Certain lands in Snarkeston, com. Leic. which William de Appilby gave,^x together with his body to sepulture in this monastery, and which were confirmed by William de Charnells and Clementia his wife.^y The mill of Freseley, and a proportion of land there, by Robert de Kaily;^z with addition of more by Sir Jordan de Whitacre knight, and William Savage,^a which William gave also certain lands in Dodenhale, as also all the ground he had in Povele-wood, where the chapel above St. Edith's well was built.^b In Bromcote they had a yearly rent of xx^s. given to them by Eustace de Mortein, for the health of his soul, and the soul of Hillaria his wife; upon condition that if they did enjoy those lands in Shotswell

^a Collectanea, vol. i. p. 325.

^b App. Num. I. See also Dugd. Antiq. of Warw. edit. 1656, p. 799.

^c Num. II.

^d Tann. Notit. Mon.

^e Pat. 21 Ric. II. p. 2, m. 10, per Inspex.

^f Ex autogr. penes Fr. Nethersole, eq. aur. See App. Num. VIII.

^g Pat. 20 Ric. II. p. 3, m. 22, per Inspex.

^h Pat. 4 Hen. IV. m. 35.

ⁱ Ex vet. Cod. MS. penes T. Wilmington, gen.

^k Ibid.

^l Ex autogr. penes S. Archer, eq. aur.

^m Ibid.

ⁿ Ex autogr. penes Fr. Nethersole, eq. aur.

^o Pat. 20 Ric. II. ut supr.

^p Ibid. Of this church, see also Nichols's Leic. vol. iv. p. 477.

^q Ex autogr. penes Fr. Nethersole, eq. aur.

^r Ibid.

^s Ibid.

^t Ex autogr. penes S. Roper, ar.

^u Ibid.

^x Ex autogr. penes præf. Fr. Nethersole.

^y Ibid. This was about A.D. 1260. See Nichols, Leic. vol. iii. p. 1043.

^z Ex autogr. penes præf. S. Roper.

^a Ibid.

^b Ibid. See also Num. V.

whereof he made them a grant, that then they should not challenge this annuity.^a From Raphe Lord Basset of Drayton, they had an annual rent of a mark of silver, for the enlarging of their diet upon the day of St. John the Baptist, in honour of that festival.^b In Norton (now Hoggs Norton) a carucate of land given by Robert de Gresele,^c and a yard-land by Geoffrey de Greseley, with certain rents, as also the homage and services of sundry persons:^d and in Harlaston the rent of v^s. yearly, given by William de Vernun, for the maintenance of a lamp to burn every night in the chapter-house here at Polesworth.^e

"The chapel of Hoo, with a certain proportion of land thereto belonging, and set forth by metes and bounds, given by Robert de Grendon lord of Grendon, in consideration whereof the said nuns were to find two priests to celebrate divine service therein, for the health of his soul, and for the soul of William de Bray his grandfather, and for all the faithful deceased.^f In Anstrey they had lands given to them by Hugh de Hatton.^g In Nether Whitacre a yard-land by Robert Marmion lord of that manor.^h In Glascote, a good proportion by William le Franceis.ⁱ In Sutton, by Thomas de Overton.^k In Pakinton by Cicely de Limsie, and Robert de Sumervile.^l In Durand's Thorpe by Geoffrey de Bec.^m In Appilby, by Margaret Banaster.ⁿ In Suarkeston by Robert de Motun.^o The church of Eiton (scil. Church Eiton in com. Staff.) given by Robert de Brienton, heir to Edelina, by the consent of Eve his wife.^p A rent of two marks per annum issuing out of Coventry given by Ranulph earl of Chester.^q Five shillings rent per annum in Shukborough by Isabel de Sumervile.^r A mesuage with a yard-land and a cottage, lying in Whichnovre, by Robert de Sumervile.^s In Badsley a mesuage with half a yard-land given to the chapel there (belonging to those nuns) by Richard de Herthull.^t The mill at Swebston by William de Charnells:^u and of later time, six mesuages, lx. acres of land, and three acres of meadow, lying in Polesworth, Dodenhale, and Bromcote, given by Richard de Dodenhale merchant of Coventry.^x But sundry other petty parcels, in several other places, for brevity's sake I omit.^y

"And that there might be nothing wanting to them, as well for their conveniencies as necessities, they obtained a special Charter from King Henry III.^z for a weekly market here at Polesworth, upon the Thursday, and a fair once every year, to last for three days, beginning on the eve of St. Margaret (scil. 13 kal. Julii) with immunity for themselves, their servants and tenants, from attendance at the county or hundred-courts;^a as also the sheriff's turn, with power to hold a court-leet for all their tenants owing suit to the court at Polesworth; and other privileges.^b

"All which lands, rents, &c. before specified, by the Survey made in 26 Hen. VIII. were valued at 109*l*. 6*s*. 8*d*.^c but of which 26*s*. 8*d*. yearly, being deducted for almes given to the poor, on Maunday Thursday, at the washing of their feet; and 26*s*. per annum for three bushels of rye at 6*d*. a bushel, made into bread, and distributed weekly, throughout the year, to poor people at the gate of the monastery; and 30*s*. per annum for the fee of Sir John Willoughby knight, then high

steward thereof; and several other constant payments, viz. of rents, wages, and pensions, which altogether amounted to 21*l*. 10*s*. 3*d*. left the clear yearly value, as the commissioners at that time certified, no more than 87*l*. 16*s*. 3*d*. So that being under 200*l*. it was by the statute of 27 Hen. VIII. then liable to dissolution, yet for some respects it was permitted to stand till the general destruction of all the great Houses in 30 Hen. VIII. at which time the nuns here being, subscribed an Instrument, dated ult. Jan. 30 Hen. VIII. whereunto their conventual seal was affixed,^d by which they surrendered their monastery.

The delay in the surrender will probably be best accounted for by the following letter, addressed, in 1537, by the king's commissioners to Lord Cromwell. The original is still preserved among the Cottonian manuscripts in the British Museum.^e

"After oure dueties of humble recommendacon unto youre good lordship hade, it may please the same to be advertysed that we have surveyed the monasterie or nonnery of Pollesworth in the countye of Warwik, wherein ys an abbas namyd dame Alice Fitzherbert, of the age of lx. yeres, a very sadde, discrete, and relygyous woman, and hath byn heed and governor their xxvij yeres; and in the same howse vnder her rule ar xij. vertuous and religyous nonnes and of good conversacon, as far as we can here or perceyve, as well by our examinacons as by the open fame and report of all the countrey; and never one of the nonnes that will leyve nor forsake their habite and relygyon. Wherefore in our opynions, yf it myght so stande with your lordships pleasure, ye mought doo a right good and meryetoryous dede to be a medyator to the kings highnes for the said house to stande and remayn unsuppressed. For, as we thinke, *ye shall not speke in the preferment of a better Nonnery nor of better women.* And in the towne of Pollesworth ar xliij. tenements and never a plough but one: the resydue be artifycers, laborers, and vitellers, and lyve in effect by the said house: and the repayre and resorte that ys made to the gentylmens childern and studiounts that ther doo lif to the nombre sometyme of xxx^{ti}. and sometyme xl^{ti}. and moo, that their be right vertuously brought upp. And the Towne and Nonnery standith in a harde soile and barren ground, and to our estymacions, yf the nonnery be suppressed, the towne will shortely after fall to ruine and dekaye, and the people therin to the nombre of vj or vij^{xx}. score persones are nott unlike to preserve your lordshippe in good lif and longe, with encrease of honor. Wrytten at Maxstok beside Coventre the xxviij daye of July.

By the kings commissioners,

JOHN GREVYLL.
SYMOND MOUNTFORT.
THOMAS HOLTE.
ROGER WYGSTON.
GEORGE GYFFARD.
ROBERT BURGOYN."

The original document relating to the pensions granted to the nuns, will be found in the Appendix of Instruments.^f

^a Ex autogr. penes præf. S. Roper.

^b Ibid. See Num. VII. Carta Radulphi Basset.

^c Pat. 21 Ric. II. p. 2, m. 10.

^d Ibid. ^e Ibid.

^f Ex autogr. penes Walt. Chetwin ar.

^g Pat. 21 Ric. II. p. 2, m. 10, per Inspex.

^h Ibid. ⁱ Ibid. ^k Ibid.

^l Ibid. ^m Ibid. ⁿ Ibid.

^o Ibid. ^p Ibid. ^q Ibid.

^r Ibid. ^s Ibid. ^t Ibid.

^u Ibid. ^x Pat. 21 Ric. II. p. 3, m. 24.

^y Nichols, in his Hist. of Leic. vol. iv. p. 853*, says, "In the time of King Henry III. Sir Adam de Whellesburgh, knight, gave three yard-lands in the lordship of Bilston to the nunnery of Polesworth, yielding yearly twelve pence rent to the monastery of Miravall in the county of Warwick." Ex Reg. Mon. de Miravall.

^z Cart. 26 Hen. III. m. 4. Pat. 21 Ric. II. p. 2, m. 10, per Inspex.

^a Ibid.

^b Ibid. Among Peck's preparations for a Continuation of the

Monasticon, in the British Museum, vol. iii. is a Deed relating to an annual rent of ij^s. in Norton, com. Leic.

^c Which, says Bishop Tanner, is far more likely than that the gross sum should be only 23*l*. 8*s*. 6*d*. and the clear 21*l*. 2*s*. as Speed, Stevens's Supplement, vol. i. p. 31, and even a manuscript Valor of some credit. For the abbess and fourteen nuns were pensioned with 56*l*. per annum at the Dissolution. See Num. XIV. The abbess alone was pensioned with 26*l*. 13*s*. 4*d*.

^d Dugd. Antiq. of Warw. ed. 1656, pp. 798, 799.

^e MS. Cotton. Cleop. E. iv. fol. 210 b.

^f Num. XIII. The following payments were remaining in charge in the 2d and 3d of Philip and Mary.

"POLLESWORTHE nuper Monasterium. Annuit. Willielmi Wigeston per annum xl^s. Eliz. Fytzherbert per annum xl^s. Georgii Gifforde mil. per annum xl^s. Willielmi Townesende per annum xl^s. Willielmi Belgrave per annum xxvj^s. viij^d. Georgii Treshamme pro Georg. Gifford assign. s. xx^s. Thomæ Fanne per annum xl^s. Michaelis Purfrey per annum xxvj^s. viij^d. Penc. Johannæ Pennye per annum liij^s. iiij^d. Elenæ Blounte per annum xl^s. Edithæ Willingate per

Sir William Dugdale has given the following List of the Abbesses:

OSANNA occurs in the time of King Henry the First.^a

MURIEL, in the time of King John.^b

MARGERY DE APELBI received the royal assent to her election as abbess Sept. 16th, 21 Hen. III.^c

SARRA DE MANCESTRE received the royal assent Dec. 5th, 54 Hen. III.^d

ALBRED A DE CAMVILE occurs abbess 5 Edw. I.^e

CATHERINE DE APELBI occurs 22 Edw. I.^f

ERNEBURGA DE HARDRESHULL received the royal assent to her election May 21st, 29 Edw. I.^g

MATILDA DE PIPE received the royal assent April 22d, 15 Edw. II.^h

LETITIA DE HEXSTALL received the royal assent Oct. 14th, 22 Edw. III.ⁱ

AGNES DE SOMERVILE received the royal assent Oct. 13th, 23 Edw. III.^k

MATILDA BOTTOURT received the royal assent March 8th, 36 Edw. III.^l In the Lambeth Registers she is called MATILDA BOUTOURD. Her resignation was made in a chapter of the monastery Nov. 5th, 1400.^m

CATHARINE DE WYRLEGH received the royal assent Dec. 24th, 2 Hen. IV.ⁿ Her death was communicated to the archbishop of Canterbury July 30th, 1414.^o

BENEDICTA PREDE, or PRYDE, was confirmed abbess by the archbishop of Canterbury Aug. 21st, 1414.^p Her election received the royal assent on August 30th following.^q

MARGARET RUSKYN received the royal assent to her election April 1st, 6 Edw. IV.^r

ELIZABETH BRADFIELD received the royal assent July 24th, 16 Hen. VII.^s

ANNE FITZHERBERT received the royal assent Dec. 15th, 21 Hen. VII.^t

ALICIA FITZHERBERT, the last abbess, received the royal assent to her election Dec. 12th, 1 Hen. VIII.^u

In the 36th Hen. VIII. the scite and demesnes, with the whole lordship of Pollesworth, were sold to Francis Goodere, gentleman.^x

Considerable portions of the buildings of Pollesworth yet remain; a gate-way, and two Norman arches.

SIR William Dugdale having placed the Instruments relating to

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in the Account of Pollesworth, in the old Monasticon, it seems unnecessary, as well as deviating from his plan, to make distinct articles of them in the present edition. Speaking of a Roman camp at Oldbury, in the neighbouring parish of Manceter, he says:

"On the south side of this fort, had the nuns of Pollesworth very antiently a Cell, as appeareth by part of a chapel yet standing, which was dedicated to St. Laurence: and if we may credit that old historical manuscript vouched in my discourse of that monastery, it must not be denied but that it was theirs before the Norman Conquest. 'Tis true that in King Henry the

First's time Walter de Hastings and Athawis his wife did by their special Charter, in the presence of Roger de Clinton, then bishop of this diocese, grant unto these nuns, Osanna being then the prioress, the site of this Oldburie, and all Stipershull, in fields and woods, down to the midst of the valley on that side Manceter: as also a certain part of the wood lying south-east of Oldburie, and extending to the rivulet which comes from Hardreshull. And moreover all those grounds called Calve-croft, and Birchley, lying betwixt these two ways, sc. Mere-street and Birchley-street, unto Hugh's wood,^y in circumference.^z

"But this I do not account to be any other than in the nature of a confirmation, which was very fit for these nuns to have, considering that notwithstanding the Conqueror by those laws he made in the fourth year of his reign,^a seemed favourable to religious persons, yet by the preamble to those of King Henry the First,^b there is an acknowledgement of manifold oppressions; which had there not been, how expedient it was for them to obtain some good assurance from their new lords, will easily be judged: and that this, though it pass by the words 'dedit et confirmavit,' was no other than a ratification, seems likely to me, both by his declaratory Instrument made thereupon,^c and that of Walcheline de Mancestre, who having the first grant of Mancestre (within the territories whereof this place lieth) from the said Walter de Hastings, in his Charter to the said nuns, which could be no other than for corroboration, hath the words 'concessi et confirmavi,' expressing all the lands, with the bounds as abovesaid.^d

"Other particulars (wherewith I have met) which specially relate to this place, were, briefly these; that the nuns here residing had two yard land in Waverton, given to them by Raphe Boteler of Tamworth with his daughter, whom he there placed to be a votresse: as also that a special Indulgence for release of xv. days penance, was granted, by Robert bishop of Hereford, to all such as should contribute to these nuns, towards their buildings here:^e and lastly, that after much controversy betwixt the nuns of Pollesworth and the parson of Manceter (about the beginning of Edward the First's time) for the right to all oblations made in the chapel of St. Laurence, at this place, and the tithe-corn of two pieces of inclosed ground, one lying on the south part of the house and the other on the north, they grew at length to this conclusion, for themselves and their successors; viz. that the said nuns should totally have the benefit of them; in consideration whereof they were yearly, every Michaelmas day, to bring to the church of Manceter three pounds of wax, and there, before noon, deliver the same to the parson for the time being, upon the high altar. Provided nevertheless, if it did happen in time to come, that God should work any strange miracles here, by reason whereof there might be a more than ordinary confluence of people to this chapel, and so consequently a multitude of offerings, that then all such extraordinary offerings to be divided equally betwixt the said nuns and the parson: and also provided that the priest so celebrating divine service here, should not admit any of the parishioners of Manceter thither, on Sundays or holy-days, either to the sacrament or divine service, without the express license

annum xl^s. Eliz. Oteley per annum xl^s. Benedictæ Burton per annum xl^s. Katherinæ Corbyn xl^s. Mariæ Charnell per annum xl^s. Graciæ Hulton per annum xl^s. Mariæ Saunders per annum xl^s."

^a Ex autogr. penes Fr. Nethersole eq. aur.

^b Ibid. ^c Pat. 21 Hen. III. m. 2.

^d Pat. 54 Hen. III. m. 25.

^e Rot. F. 5 Edw. I. m. 20.

^f Ex autogr. penes præf. Fr. Nethersole eq. aur.

^g Pat. 29 Edw. I. m. 14.

^h Pat. 15 Edw. II. p. 2, m. 19. "Commissio in negotio electionis factæ in abbacia monialium de Pollesworth de domina Matilda de Pipe moniali dicti monasterii in abbatissam ejusdem per mortem ultimæ abbatissæ ejusdem loci vacant. dat. apud Lameth 15 kal. Feb. A.D. 1321." Reg. Reynolds archiep. Cantuar. fol. 128 b.

ⁱ Pat. 22 Edw. III. p. 3, m. 30.

^k Pat. 23 Edw. III. p. 3, m. 38.

^l Pat. 36 Edw. III. p. 1, m. 25.

^m Reg. Arundell archiep. Cant. fol. 488 b.

ⁿ Pat. 2 Hen. IV. p. 1, m. 6.

^o Reg. Chichele archiep. Cant. fol. 122 a.

^p Ibid. fol. 122 b.

^q Pat. 2 Hen. V. p. 1, m. 1. See also Rym. Fœd. tem. ix. pp. 157, 158.

^r Pat. 6 Edw. IV. p. 1, m. 5.

^s Pat. 16 Hen. VII. p. 1, m. 13.

^t Pat. 21 Hen. VII. p. 1, m. 22.

^u Pat. 1 Hen. VIII. p. 2, m. 14.

^x Dugd. Antiq. Warw. edit. 1656, p. 803. Tanner says to Francis Goodyere, gentleman. Mr. Gough, in the Additions to Camden, edit. 1789, vol. ii. p. 348, calls him, by mistake, Goodwin.

^y Sc. Hug. de Hardreshull.

^z See Numm. VIII. X.

^a Hist. Angl. Script. x. col. 2355.

^b Ibid. col. 310.

^c See Num. XI.

^d Ex autogr. penes S. Roper ar.

of the said parson or his deputy. Which agreement bears date on the eve of the feast of St. Philip and St. James the apostles, an. 1284, 12 Edw. I.^a

Which lands, lying here in Oldburie, so belonging to those nuns, were in 26 Hen. VIII. valued at $vj^{\text{li.}}$ $x^{\text{d.}}$ ^b and coming to the crown, together with the said monastery of Polesworth in 30 Hen. VIII. were, in 33 of

the said king's reign, granted to Charles Brandon duke of Suffolk, and his heirs, by the name of "Dominium et Manerium de Oldburie, ac capitale messuagium de Oldburie, &c. Monasterio de Polesworth spectan'.^c Which duke immediately thereupon past the same unto one Robert Green,^d who in 3 Eliz.^e sold it to John Symings doctor in physick."^f

Cartae ad Pollesworthense Coenobium in agro Warwicensi spectantes.

NUM. I.

De Rege West-Saxonum, Ethelwulpho (sive Athulpho).

[Ex Hist. aurea Joh. Tinemuth. MS. in Bibl. Bodleiana, lib. xviii. cap. 14.]

Hic quoque Athulphus filium suum Aluredum, incurabili morbo languentem, ad sanctam Modwenam, Hiberniae morantem, curandam transmisit; unde postmodum, vastata ecclesia S. Modwenæ, Angliam venienti, terram pro duobus monasteriis virginum construendis tradidit, unam in Arderne apud Pollesworth, quæ usque hodie floret, in quo Ositha et Athea virgines, unâ cum sancta Editha sorore regis Athulphi manserunt. Ipsa autem Modwena mansit aliquantisper in altero monasterio apud Streneshale, et inde Romam ter visitavit.

NUM. II.

Of the Foundation of the Nunnery of Pollesworth.

[Ex Rotulo pervetusto penes Johannem Ferrers de castro Tamworthense armigerum, an. 1640.]

IN the wolde tyme the londe of Englonde was departyde abowt in many kinges: for one kinges toward the west, that had the name Egbright, that was king of the countyes of Warwyke, Worsyttur, Colchestur, Arforte, Salysbery, Stafford, Darbyshire, Chiesturshire, Lancasturshire.

This Egbright the kinge had on son his eyre that had the name Arnulfe, and a dowhtur that had the name Edith. This Arnulfe the son of the kinge was a lepur and taken with many sore syknysse that hee himselfe might uneth meve: wherefore the kynge his fadur and his lords made ryght greyt sorrow and sowhten meydissons all abowyt, and nothyng aveyled. Bott at the last there came a boschoppe from Hyrelond towards the kings cowrte that spake with the kynge Egbright, and cownsylde him that hee shuld send his son Arnulfe that was taken with soe many sicknysys into Hyrelond to a wolly lady a nune that was the dowgtur of the kinge of Cunoke, and was callyd Modwen, that heylyd all maner of syknysse of folke that to hur came. And the kynge Egbright, did after his consill to send his sone Arnulfe into Hyrelond to sent Modwen that him reseyyd full gladly and hylde him with hur a yeare and more in Hyrelond, and him heylyd by the grace of Gode of all maner of syknysse and send him agyne into Englonde to his fadyr kinge Egbright on the ferist chyld in all the world. And the kinge Egbrygt send to sent Modwen that and she wold come

into Englonde to him hee wold gyffe to hure londs and tenements with the wech shee hurselpe myght make an abbey for hur ond hure sisters; and sowne aftur thys sendynge the kynge of Hyrelond and thoyse of Hyrelond fowgton togedur and ich one of them dystryde and sluue odur; soe that the howys of sent Modwen in Hyrelond was bronyd and dystride, and all the country about, for the wych cause sent Modwen toke with hur two of hur sisturs and came into Englonde to kinge Egbryht and fonde Arnulfe that shee hadde helyde the kyngs sone one of the feyryst kneytys of the worlde, and the king Egbryht for the wellenesse that was in sent Modwen betoke to hure his dowgtur Edyth to norych and to kepe and to informe hur aftur the reule of sent Benett, and aftur to veyle his dowgtur of the boschoppe of Chestur, and gaffe to the seyde sent Modwen a dwellynge place in the forest of Ardurne, that was callyd Trensale, there where sent Edyth and sent Lyne and sent Osythe were dwellyng togedur, ledinge wolly live, and sone aftur sent Modwen send to the kynge Egbrygt by Arnulfe his sone that he wold come at the leyst every ere on tyme for them to vesyt, and that hee wold giffe to his dowgtur Edythe londes and tenements and a dwelling place worwythe sche and hur sisters might be susteyned God to serve; for many dowgters of good folke were veyled in her company, and they had not worwyth they might bee susteyned. Wherefore the kynge Egbrygt made for to make a dwellyng place not far from Trensale there where sent Modwyn dwelled undyr a revar that was callyd Ancur upon a depness of watur that was callyd Poll and Worth, that is a worde of wold English that is as much to say as wonyng: so that of this Poll and Worth was callyd Pollysworth: and there the kynge foundyt an abbey in the honor of our Lady, and gaffe to the seid sent Edyth his dowhtur and to hur systers certyn londys and tenements for them to susteyne at all deyes and so werin in the wold tyme and yet byn callyd in a booke that is callyd Domisdey. There were all the wolde townes of Englonde byn namyd, soe as the abbey of Pollysworth with the apurtenauns namyd the lond of seynt Edyth without odyr thinge there namyd. Then made the kynge Egbrygt to make his said dowhtur abbys of Pollysworth, and from that tyme the seyde sent Edyth unto the conquest of Englonde of William Bastorde fro abbys to abbys were the possessions of ther howys holden fre and pure and perpetuall all deyes to them to holde.

Bot when William the Bastard came into Englonde and conquest the londe after that hee had sleyne Harrold

^a Ex autogr. penes præf. Fr. N.

^b MS. penes S. A. eq. aur. fol. 54 b.

^c Pat. 33 Hen. VIII. p. 6.

^d Ibid. p. 4.

^e Pat. 3 Eliz. p. 4.

^f See Dugd. Antiq. of Warw. edit. 1656, p. 778, 779.

the kynge of Englonde and the greatest party of the folke of this lond, so made hee to seyt a parlement at London, and ordeyned there pees to make in his londe: and to mayntene that pees, he gaffe diverse londs and tenements to the folke that him served; among the which there were two knyghts swarne bredur, to the weche the kinge gave, that is to wytt, to Sir Robert Marmyon the castyll of Tomworth and the forren londys without, and the town of Tomworth that was in the tyme of the conquest a wolrich at the watur wend; and soe hee steide in the grace of the kynge that hee him granted the towne of Tomworth and all the home that is called Wyggynton-home the terme of his live. And for that that the aforeseyde abbey of Pollesworth was within the pursute of the londys that the kyng him had gyffyn, so put out the seyde Sir Robarte and schasyd away the abbys Oseyth and all the ladyes of the howys of Pollesworth out of theyre abbey, so that the seyde abbys and hur nunns the went unto ther cell of Woldbyry and dwellyd there well nigh a yere. And the tothyr swarne brodyr of Sir Robert Marmyon was callyd monsieur Galtere of Somervile, to whom the kinge gave Wychynore and Barton with apurtenauns, so that hit hapannyd within a yere aftur that the seyde Sir Robert Marmyon made a greyte gedyringe at his castill of Tomworth of yourlys and barons, and made to send for his swarne brodyr monsieur Galtere of Somervile that he schulde come to him, and when the dey of the fest was passyd, and ichon went to theire reyst, and the Lord Marmion was leyd in slepyng: so there came byfore him that him was avysed a nunne with a croyse in hur honde and seyde to hyme, yelde to me and to my sisturs my londys and my tenements, the wech the King Egbricht my fadyr me gaffe, or you shall have an evill ende, soe schall you goe into hell. And for that you ne schuld this thinge forgeytt; the seyde lady him smotte undyr the side with the poynt of hur croyse, so vanished away, and the seyde Robert cryde with a right feyrefull cry, and continually cryde as a woyde man unto they lordys that arboryd en his castyll and his swarne brodyr of Somervyle came unto him, and hee seyde to them the aventure that was befallen to him by slepyng, and they foundon his shetys bloody of the syde of him that was woundyt be the croyse, as if hee had byn at a mortall batyll, for the wiche wonde he might have no rest. Warfore they made him to be confessyd of a pryst and sethyn to avow to restore to seynt Edith and bringe ageyne to the seyde ladyes what that he had of them takynne and borne away. And when hee had makyn the avow his pennys seyssed, and they made him to lye in a new beyde, and he slepyd anon, and when hee wakinnyde he feyld no manner of grevans. And the wonde that hee had in his side of the croyse of sent Edyth was all woll without blemych, for why the seyde Sir Robert Marmyon and all the odyr greyte lordys that were at that gedyryng leght upon their horses on the morrow betyme, and soe whent they unto the cell of Woldbyrre and broght agyn the abbys Oseyth and hur sisturs unto theire abbey of Pollesworth and restowryd unto them there londys and tenements that he had of them unto the leyst alpurth of godys that he had takyn from them, and preyd them of pardon and absolution: and moreover he preyed them that hee and his sworne brodyr of Somervyle myght be bredur and myntenars of there howys from that dey furth, and that hee and his heyrys might be byrreyd there, and his brodyr of Somervile and his heyrys, for why Sir Robert Marmyon chayse his bereyng place for him and his heyrys in the chapitur of Pollesworth, and monsieur Galtere of Somervile his berryng for him and his heyrys in the clowstur, soe that the Marmyons and the Somervyles have theire bereynges before namyd, for there frendys byn byrreyde in the quere, and in the chappyll of Our Lady and so indured Sir Robert Marmyon and Somervyle as avowes of the howys all the tyme of the lyve of William the Bastarde. Bot aftur the deth of William the Bastard, William his sone that was kinge, after that he was cronyd kynge soe hylde hee a parlement at London and chalynchyd dyverse of his barons there foundations, and there avowes of all the howson in Englonde of relygion there were they had don

croyses, ne that the seyde howson might not be put from the crone. Then hee preyde to his lordys that his crone might be restoryd of that that was wrongfully takynn away in the tyme of his fadyr William the Bastard, and grantyd was by the lordys then to the seyde Kynge William and to his heyrys that all the howson of religion there where the had don croyssys belongyd to the kynge and to his heyrys as avowes of the seyde howys, and that the seide kinge and his heyris schulde have the avoydons and the vantagysis if hit were without a pleyt unto the pleyt were reseyyd of the kinge. And soe in thys manner was the Lord Marmyon put fro the foundation and the avoery of the howys of Pollesworth, and all the grettyst lordys of the lond in the same maner from there avoreys there where the haddyn croyses: but that time there was nothyng spokyn of the croyses of whyte monkys for that that there was not at that tyme in this lond bot few howson of that religion, and never the wodyr hytt was foundon that the were not abbotts perpetuall, bot at the will of there covynt resonabull. And for that this law and custome is not in the croyssys of whyte monkys all be they of the foundation of the kinge himselfe or of odyr lordys, nothyng ne have they to doe, ne to take away any thinge in the tyme when the whyte abbotts dyne or beyng put done. And in the same maner it is in the croyssys of whyte chanons that the kinge ne non odyr lorde hath nothyng with them to medyll in the tyme of the avoydons of the abbot of that seyde releygion.

NUM. III.

Pollesworth Moniales.

[Lelandi Collectan. tom. i. p. 33.]

ROBERTUS Marmion fundator, et Milisent uxor ejus.

Verba Donationis.

Notum sit omnibus nos concessisse Osannæ priorissæ, ad relig. instaurandam sanctimonialium ibi, ecclesiam S. Edithæ de Pollesworda cum pertinentiis, ita quod conventus de Aldeberia ibi sit manens.

NUM. IV.

Carta Galfridi le Sauvage.

[Harl. MS. Brit. Mus. 5805, fol. 300 b.]

SCIANT præsentis et futuri quod ego Galfridus le Sauvage dedi concessi et hac præsentis carta mea confirmavi dominæ mulieri abbatissæ de Poleswrthe et sanctimonialibus ibidem Deo servientibus hominem meum Thomam filium Roberti de Westun, nativum meum, solum et quietum de me et hæredibus meis imperpetuum; et omne jus, et omnem clamorem quam in prædicto Thoma nativo meo et in secta sua, et in catallis suis, habui, prædictæ M. abbatissæ de Poleswrth et monialibus, ibidem Deo famulantibus, quietum et solum concessi. Pro hac autem donatione, concessione, confirmatione, et quietâ clamatione, dedit mihi prædicta M. abbatissa de Poleswrthe et moniales duas marcas argenti. Et ut hac mea donatio, concessio, confirmatio, et quietâ clamatio futuris temporibus robur firmitatis optineat, præsens scriptum sigilli mei impressione dignum duri corroborandum, his testibus, Will. de Appelbi, Gileberto de Povele, Willielmo de Phago, Ricardo Russel, Willielmo Russel, Hugone de Suttintona, Rogero le Forester de Suttintona, et multis aliis.

NUM. V.

Carta Willielmi Salvagii.

[Ibid. fol. 301.]

SCIANT præsentis et futuri quod ego dominus Willielmus Salvagius dedi et concessi et hac præsentis carta mea confirmavi Deo et beatæ Eadidæ de Polesworth et sanctis monialibus ibidem Deo servientibus omnia messuagia et omnes terras et omnes redditus quas Robertus

Salvagus frater meus aliquando habuit in villa de Freseleye et in villa de Dodenhole. Præterea dedi et concessi prædictis abbatissæ et monialibus et eorum successoribus totam meam partem illius terræ in capella ultra fontem sanctæ Eadidæ in bosco de Povele et ædificata. Et volo ut capiant de terra tam extra quam infra ad claudendum et folsandum ibidem quando necesse fuerit. Habend. et tenend. de me et hæredibus meis libere et quiete in feodo et hæreditate cum omnibus pertinentiis suis et liberis communis et aisiamenis de prædictis mesuagiis ad terras et redditus spectantibus in omnibus locis, reddendo inde annuatim unam marcam argenti ad duas pitancias: scilicet ad anniversar. dominæ Petronillæ matris meæ dimid. marc. et ad anniversar. Roberti Salvagii fratris mei dimid. marc. et unam peciam ceræ ad luminar. ad matutinas conventus, pro omnibus rebus sæcularibus et sectis curiarum et universis quærelis et demandis. Et quia volo quod mea donatio et concessio et cartæ meæ confirmatio rata sit et stabilis, et in sempiternum permaneat, huic præsentī scripto sigillum meum apposui, hiis testibus, domino Roberto de Grendon, Jordano de Wytar, Willielmo Fago de Waver't, Michael de Langedon, Willielmo Petipas, Ricardo de Hyntes, et aliis.

NUM. VI.

Carta Eustachii de Moreton de Terris in Sotuwell.

[Cart. antiq. Cotton. Mus. Brit. XII. 54.]

OMNIBUS sanctæ matris ecclesiæ filiis ad quos præsens carta pervenerit Eustacius de Moreton salutem. Noverit universitas vestra me divinæ pietatis intuitu, et pro salute animæ Ellariæ uxoris meæ, et omnium antecessorum nostrorum, dedisse et concessisse et hac mea præsentī carta confirmasse Deo et domui sanctæ Eadithæ de Polwrth et sanctimonialibus ibidem Deo servantibus, duas virgatas terræ cum pertinentiis in villa de Sotuwell quas fuerunt de maritagio ipsius Ellariæ, illam scilicet quam Gilebertus ad vadium tenuit cum eodem Gileberto et sequela sua, et illam quam Robertus Pubbel tenuit; tenendas in puram et perpetuam elemosinam, liberas et quietas ab omni servitio sæculari et exactione. Si vero prædictæ duæ virgatæ non valeant xx. sol. per annum, ego Eustacius prædictæ domui sanctæ Eadithæ et sanctimonialibus ibidem Deo servantibus perficiam xx. sol. de annuo redditu in eadem villa de eodem maritagio. Et si ego vel hæredes mei prædictam terram warantizare non possimus, ego vel hæredes mei faciemus excambium prædictæ domui et prædictis sanctimonialibus in propria hæreditate mea de terra ad valentiam xx. sol. per annum. Hiis testibus, Rob. de Grendon, Rob. de Appelbi, Hug. de Moreton, Willielmo de Glocestr. Gileberto de Sancto Albano, Galfrido de Leicestr' capellanis; Willielmo persona de Grendon; Hugone de Morl. et pluribus aliis.

NUM. VII.

Carta Radulphi Basset.

[Cart. antiq. Harl. 45 G. 25.]

OMNIBUS sanctæ matris ecclesiæ filiis Radulphus Basset salutem. Noverit universitas vestra me concessisse et dedisse, et hac carta confirmasse Deo et sanctæ Eadithæ de Poleswrda et monialibus ibidem Deo servantibus pro salute animæ meæ, et pro salute animarum omnium antecessorum meorum, unam marcam argenti ad suam coquinam die sancti Johannis Baptistæ ad meliorationem suorum ciborum, pro veneratione illius sanctæ festivitatis, reddendam singulis annis in vigilia sancti Johannis Baptistæ, donec redditum ad valens unius marcæ ibidem assignem. Hujus concessionis et confirmationis testes sunt, Simon Sorel, Will. Marmion, Will. de Sés, Galfr. de Abbetot, Simon Malherbe, Henricus de Ses, Johannes de Cloptona, Johannes de Bulenhulla, Rob. filius Adam, Henricus Truan, et alii.

OLDBURY, CELLA DE POLLESWORTH.

NUM. VIII.

Carta Walteri de Hastinge de Aldburi et Stipershull.

[Ex ipso Autographo penes Franciscum Nethersole de Polesworth, equit. aurat.]

SCIANT tam præsentēs quàm futuri, quod Walterius de Hestinges, cum uxore sua Athawis, dedit et confirmavit jure perpetuo Deo et sancto Laurentio et Ossannæ priorissæ, et omnibus sanctimonialibus sub ejus disciplina Christo militantibus, et in præsentia Rotgerii, Cestrensis episcopi, situm loci de Aldaburia et totam Stipershullam in plano et in nemore usque ad medium valli ex parte Mangestriæ, et quandam partem nemoris ex Sutest de Aldaburia usque ad torrentem qui uenit de Herdredeshulla, et totam terram de Calvecroft et Bircheleiam, illam scilicet terram quæ jacet inter duas vias de Merestret et Bircheleiastræt usque nemus Hugonis per circuitum. His testibus, Hugo de Herdredeshulla, Willielmus de Welesburia, Petrus sacerdos de Wiredela, Willielmus sacerdos de sancto Martino, et multi alii.

NUM. IX.

Confirmatio Rogeri Episcopi Cestriæ super eandem concessionem.

[Ibid.]

ROGERUS Dei gratia Cestrensis episcopus, omnibus sanctæ Dei ecclesiæ filiis salutem. Noverint tam præsentēs quàm futuri Walterum de Hastinge et Hadevisam ejus uxorem in mea præsentia dedisse et concessisse et religioni et conversationi pauperum mulierum deputasse, locum de Aldeburia cum omnibus suis pertinentiis, ita quod nichil proprii juris vel domini vel advocacionis terrenæ inibi sibi retinuerunt, præter hoc quod eundem locum debent munire et protegere contra omnes importunitates ut suam elemosinam. Eapropter volo et firmiter præcipio, ut locus ille in ea libertate jugiter perseveret quam Walterus et Hadevisa eidem annuerunt. Et ego eorum precibus eandem libertatem confirmavi, et ratam et constantem fore statui. Si quis autem ausu temerario sciens hujus meæ confirmationis et testimonii tenorem, prædicti pauperis loci libertatem minuerit vel in aliquo turbaverit, aut manum laicalem vel potestatem terrenam in ejus possessiones exercuerit, anathematis sententia dampnetur, et Dei maledictionem et beatorum apostolorum ejus Petri et Pauli incurrat. Valete.

NUM. X.

Carta Hugonis Filii Ricardi.

[Ibid.]

OMNIBUS fidelibus sanctæ ecclesiæ, Hugo filius Ricardi et uxor ejus Margareta in Christo salutem. Notum sit omnibus quod ego cum uxore mea et filiis meis concedo et confirmo in elemosinam jure perpetuo pro anima patris et matris meæ et pro anima patris et matris uxoris meæ, et omnium parentum meorum, quicquid Walterius de Hestinges et uxor ejus Ethawis dederunt sanctimonialibus de Aldburia, sicut earum carta commemorat et testimonium perhibet, hoc est, totam Calvacroft, scilicet illam terram quæ jacet inter duas vias de Merestret et Bercheliastræt usque ad nemus Hugonis per circuitum, et cætera omnia quæ ipsæ sanctimoniales tenuerunt et habuerunt ex dono et consensu ipsius Walterii et uxoris ejus Ethauis. His testibus, Margarita uxor Hugonis et filiis ejus, Willielmo, Jordano de sancto Edwardo, Roberto de Turbervilla, G. de Tutaburia, Pagano de Stepfort, et multis aliis qui hoc viderunt et audierunt.

NUM. XI.

Carta Walchelini de Mancestria.

[Ibid.]

UNIVERSIS sanctæ matris ecclesiæ filiis tam futuris

quàm præsentibus, Walchelinus de Mancestria salutem. Sciant omnes tam futuri quàm præsentes, quod ego Walchelinus concessi et hac præsenti carta mea confirmavi Deo et sanctæ Mariæ et sancto Laurentio et ecclesiæ sanctæ Eadithæ de Pollesworth et sanctimoni- alibus ibidem Deo servientibus situm loci de Aldeburia, et totam Stipereshullam, in plano et nemore, usque ad medium valli ex parte Mancestriæ, et quandam partem nemoris ex Suthest de Aldeburia usque ad torrentem qui venit de Herdredeshulla, et totam terram de Chelurecroft et Bircheleiam, scilicet illam terram quæ jacet inter duas vias de Merestret et Bircheleistret usque ad nemus Williemi de Herdredeshulla per circuitum, pro salute animæ meæ, et uxoris meæ, et liberorum meorum, et omnium antecessorum meorum, in liberam et quietam elemosinam, de me et de hæredibus meis jure perpetuo tenendam liberè et quietè et honorificè absque omni servicio seculari et consuetudine et exactione et placitis et querelis. Nam ego et hæredes mei adquietabimus totam supradictam terram de toto forinseco servitio. His testibus Rogero Can. del Hou. Gaufrido presbytero, Siwardo presbytero. Adam presbytero. Reginaldo clerico de Grendona, Will. de Bromchot, Richerio de Overtona, et Rogero fratre ejus, Adam de Wellesberga, Helia de Odestona, Jordano de Poneleia, et multis aliis.

NUM. XII.

Lease from the Abbess and Convent of Pollesworth of the Tithes of Tadderley.

[Cart. Antiq. Offic. Augment. S. 47.]

THIS Indentur made the iiijth. day of October in the xxxth. yere of the reign of our soveign lorde Henry the viiith. by the gēe of God, of Ynglond and Ffraunce, kyng, defender of the ffeith, lorde of Ireland, and in erthe as sup^{me} heed of the church of Ynglond, between Alice abbesse of the monastery or howse of sent Edithe of Pollesworth, in the countie of Warwyk, and the covent of the same place of the oon ptie, and Roger Cokayn of Tadderley and Alice his wyffe oon that oder ptie witnessith that the seid abbesse and covent by their woolle assent, and consent, have consented, gr̄nted, demysed, and to fferme have lett and sett unto the seid Roger Cokayn and Alice and their assigns, all the tithe of all man^r of corne in Tadderley aforeseid, and all other pfitts, comōdities, emoluments, and advauntags, with their app^rteñes what so ev^r they be, sett, lyeng, and beyng within the towne and felds of Tadderley aforeseid, to the psonage of Pollesworth in any wyse belongyng or app^rteyning, to have and to hold all the seid tithe of Tadderly, and all other the p^rmisses with their app^rtenñes, to the seid Roger Cokayn and Alice and their assigns, from the fest of thañnciaçōn of our Lady next comyng, after the date of these p^rsent indenture, unto thende and tme of threescore yeres then next immediatly foloweyng, fully to be completed and demyned, yeldyng and payng their fore yerely to the seid abbesse and covent, their successours and assigns, twentie sixe shillyngs and eight pence of gud and lawefull money of Ynglond, at too tmes in the yere, that is to sey, at the ffests of sent Michell tharchangell and thañnciaçōn of our Lady, by evyn porçōns. And if hit happen that the seid rent of xxvj^s. viij^d. or any pcell theirow to be behynde unpaid in prte, or in all after any of the seid ffests at whiche hit ought to be payd by the space of xx. dayes, if hit be lawfully asked that then hit shalbe lawefull to the seid abbesse and covent, their

successours and assigns, into the seid tithe of Tedderly and all other the p^rmisses with their app^rtenñes, to entre and destreyne, and the distres there lawefully taken, to leyde, dryve, chase, take, and carie away, and the same to reteyn, untill suche tyme as the seid rent and the arrerayrs of the same if any be, to them be fully satisfied, content, and payd. In witness wheirow to the oon pte of these p^rsent indenture remaynyng with the seid Roger Cokayn, Alice the seid abbesse, and covent, have sett their covent sealls, and to the oder prte of the same indenture remaynyng with the seid abbesse and covent, the seid Roger Cokayn and Alice have sett their sealls the day and yere abovesaid.

NUM. XIII.

[From a Book of Pensions in the Augmentation Office, temp. Hen. VIII.]

Pollesworthe.

IN my right humble man^r. I have me comendyd unto your gudd mastershippe, certefyyng the same, that I and master doctor Baskerfield, by vertue of the kynges comyssyon, have taken the surrendre of the abbas and coventt of Pollesworthe; and for as mucche as the sayd abbas and coventt, to the greate charge of their frynds, latly purchasyd agayne of the kyng in your highe cowrte their howse to contynue, and that notwithstanding leffte their howse in suche state as the dette hadd yn the kings grace is in no coste for y^r. dysspachyng, and dyd wth. lovyng man^r. surrend^r. y^r. sayde howse, we have assygned to y^e abbas a pencyon yerely to be payde of xxvj^{li}. xiijs. iiij^d. She hath byn always reputed a vertuose woman and a gudd howsewyffe. The pr^rmiss^r y^rfore with her great age consydneyd, we thowght in consyence she was worthy rather to have a bett^r. then a lesse pencyon. We have farth^rmore assigned to Joane Penye the prorasse liijs. iiij^d. pencyon, to Margaret Todye liijs. iiij^d. pencyon; bothe these be agydd wemen: and to every of the oy^r xiii. nunnes xl^s. by yere in pensyon, and every oon of these pencyons to be payde unto them at two usuall termys of the yere. I beseke yo^r. mastershippe to be gudde unto them in ratefyng and confyrmyng these pensyons unto every of them, for moste parte of them be agyd or impotentt, or hathe no frendys; and all theye shall pray unto all myghtye Godde long to p^rserve yo^r. gudde mastershippe with increase of mucche honor; at Burton upon Trentt 2^o. Februarij.

Alicia Fitzharberd abbaissa	. xxvj ^{li} . xiijs. iiij ^d .
Johanna Penye p ^r orissa	. . . liijs. iiij ^d .
Margareta Toddye	. . . liijs. iiij ^d .
Anna Fremyngā	. . . xl ^s .
Maria Charnelles	. . . xl ^s .
Katherina Corbyn	. . . xl ^s .
Elynora Blunt	. . . xl ^s .
Editha Willinghall	. . . xl ^s .
Elizabeth Oteleye	. . . xl ^s .
Elizabeth Wadlilf	. . . xl ^s .
Alicia Ulleye	. . . xl ^s .
Maria Saunders	. . . xl ^s .
Katherine Whytkyrtill	. . . xl ^s .
Gracia Holton	. . . xl ^s .
Benedicta Burton	. . . xl ^s .

Your bounden and assured orat^r.

JOHN LONDON.

To the ryght honorable and his singuler gudd Mr. master chawnecler of the Augmentacyon.

COMPUT' MINISTRORUM DOMINI REGIS TEMP. HEN. VIII.

(Abstract of Roll, 31 Hen. VIII. Augmentation Office.)

MONASTERIUM DE POLLESWORTH.

Com' Warw'							ℓ.	s.	d.
Manerium et Villa de Pollesworth	.	.	.	.	.	Redd' Ten' ad Vol' Dñi	15	16	6
-	-	-	-	-	-	Firma Mes' et Terr'	7	11	4
-	-	-	-	-	-	Firma Molendinorum	6	13	4
-	-	-	-	-	-	Firma Scit' Monast' cum Terr' Dñi-cal'	21	1	0
Rectoria de Pollesworth	.	.	.	.	.	Firma Rectorie	16	6	8
Warton, Baddisley, Freysley Hall Ende, et Polesey	.	.	.	.	.	Redd' Assis'	0	0	8
-	-	-	-	-	-	Redd' Ten' ad Vol' Dñi	4	14	10
-	-	-	-	-	-	Firma Terr' et Teñt'	4	7	0
Oldebury	.	.	.	.	.	Redd' et Firm'	3	1	4
-	-	-	-	-	-	Redd' et Firm' Terr' Dñic'	4	3	4
Tamworth, Glascott, Syrescott	.	.	.	.	.	Redd' Ten' ad Vol' Dñi	1	13	4
-	-	-	-	-	-	Firma in Tamworth	0	1	0
Kynnesburye	.	.	.	.	.	Firma Molend'	3	6	8
-	-	-	-	-	-	Firma unius Pastur'	2	5	0
Coventr' Sutton Colfyld, Hurley, Whyttacr'	.	.	.	.	.	Redd' Assis'	0	4	0
-	-	-	-	-	-	Firma	1	8	10
-	-	-	-	-	-	Pencio	6	13	4
Annesley, Allestre, Scotfold, et Clyston Canwyld	.	.	.	.	.	Redd' Terr' ad Vol' Dñi	0	18	4
-	-	-	-	-	-	Firma	2	5	0
-	-	-	-	-	-	Firma Rectorie de Annesley	2	15	4
Churcheyton, Thorpe, Wycheno', et Aydyn-gayle	.	.	.	.	.	Redd' Assis' in Thorpe	0	3	0
-	-	-	-	-	-	Redd' Ten' ad Vol' Dñi in Aydyn-galle	0	8	0
Wicheno'	.	.	.	.	.	Firma	0	8	0
-	-	-	-	-	-	Penc' Rectorie de Churcheyton	10	0	0
Quynton et Thormerton	.	.	.	.	.	Firma in Thormerton	0	7	0
-	-	-	-	-	-	Firma Rectorie de Quynton	10	0	0
Hoggysnorton	.	.	.	.	.	Redd' Assis'	0	7	4
Astonflavell', Bilston, Leicestr'	.	.	.	.	.	Redd' Ten' ad Vol' Dñi	2	19	0
-	-	-	-	-	-	Redd' et Firm' Molend'	0	10	8
Snarston, Berwell	.	.	.	.	.	Firma Terr' et Teñtor'	5	6	0
-	-	-	-	-	-	Pençõ	0	13	4
Packynton, Alsgeythorpe, Appleby, et Donys-thorpe	.	.	.	.	.	Redd' Ten' ad Vol' Dñi	0	15	0
-	-	-	-	-	-	Firma Mes' et Terr'	1	2	0

Benedictine Abbey of St. Werburgh,

SINCE MADE THE

Cathedral of Chester.



ISHOP Tanner, in his *Notitia Monastica*, speaking of Chester, says, "Though this city is deservedly famous on account of its antiquity, being unquestionably a colony of the Romans and the station of one of their legions,^a yet the building of a cathedral church here to the honour of St. Peter and St. Paul, in the time of King Lucius,^b must be looked upon

as a fiction of later writers.

"Of not much better authority is the tradition concerning Wulphere (who was the first Christian king of Mercia) founding here, about the year 670, a Nunnery for his daughter Werburgh,^c and other virgins disposed to lead monastic lives.

"It is more certain, that, before the end of the seventh century,^d an episcopal see for part of the Mercian dominions was placed in this city. This was sometime under different, but, for the most part, under the same bishops with Lichfield, and to that at length was united; but, after the Conquest, Bishop Peter and his successor Robert de Limesy^e removing wholly from Lichfield, fixed their residence for almost thirty years here at Chester in St. John's church, where Bishop Peter was buried, till A.D. 1102, when Bishop Robert, taking

greater liking to the rich monastery of Coventry, made that one of his cathedrals, and left Chester. Though afterward, several of the bishops of Lichfield and Coventry wrote themselves, and are styled by others, bishops of Chester.^f

"In this city," Bishop Tanner continues, "there was pretty early in the Saxon times, a religious House, probably a Nunnery,^g and dedicated to St. Peter and St. Paul,^h whither, as to a place of safety, the remains of St. Werburgh were brought from Heanburgh, A.D. 875.ⁱ But this monastery was ruined by the wars or injury of time, and in the reign of King Ethelstan re-edified for secular Canons^k by the noble Elfreda countess of Mercia,^l and afterwards it was more amply endowed by the munificence of King Edmund,^m King Edgar,ⁿ Earl Leofric,^o and other benefactors, in honour of the above-mentioned royal virgin St. Werburgh."^p

All authorities, says Mr. Ormerod, agree that in the reign of King Athelstan, a monastery of secular Canons was established here in honour of St. Werburgh and St. Oswald; and the Chronicle of the House states^q that, in 1057, Leofric earl of Chester (as he is styled) repaired the buildings of the convent, and bestowed upon it additional privileges.^r

The canons of St. Werburgh, at the time of making the Domesday Survey, held thirteen houses free from tax of any kind in Chester, one appropriated to the warden of the church, the rest belonging to the canons. Mr. Ormerod thinks this entry indicates the precise number of which the ecclesiastical body consisted. In

^a Camden, &c.

^b Leland, *Collect.* vol. ii. p. 60. *Ex Vita S. Werburgæ*, per Hen. Bradshaw, mon. Cestr.

^c King's Vale Royal, P. i. p. 26.

^d Angl. Sacr. tom. i. pp. 424, 427.

^e Ibid. pp. 433, 434.

^f Mr. Ormerod, in his *Additions to Sir Peter Leycester's Account of the Bishoprick of Chester*, furnishes us with numerous instances in which the bishops of Lichfield and Coventry so signed themselves. *Hist. of Chesh.* vol. i. pp. 71, 72. This see, as it relates to St. John's Chester and Coventry, will be noticed under the respective churches.

^g See the extract from William of Malmesbury, fol. 164 b, in the *Append. Num. I.*

^h Mr. Ormerod, however, appears to doubt the existence of any church so dedicated. *Hist. of Chesh.* vol. i. p. 212.

ⁱ "Anno Domini dccc.lxxv. quo Burredus rex Merciorum per Danos apud Ripendon expulsus fuit, Hamburgenses indigenæ qui circiter quinque milliaribus a Ripendon distabant pavore soluti corpus sanctæ Werburgæ virginis, diu ibidem sepultum, ad Cestriam tanquam ad locum tutum transtulerunt." *Script. X. Twysd. Chron. Jo. Brompton*, col. 810. See also Higdeni *Polychr.* edit. Gale, pp. 240, 257.

^k *Polychron.* p. 240.

^l Leland. *Collect.* ut supr.

^m Ibid.

ⁿ "The spurious foundation Charter," Bishop Tanner adds, in a Note, "printed in the *Monasticon*, vol. i. p. 200," [See *Num. II.*] "led me (and Mr. Willis, and the editor of the *Magna Britannia Antiqua et Nova*, who followed me) into a great mistake about the restoration of this church by King Edgar to the honour of St. Werburgh, several years before the translation of her bones hither, or that king was born."

In truth, however, the ancient copy of this Charter preserved in the Harleian manuscript 1965 has the date of 958, not of 858, as printed by Dugdale. The readings of the Harleian copy, also, inserted in the margin of the present edition, render the text of the Charter more intelligible. King Edgar's endowment is stated to have consisted of the lands of seventeen "manentes" in Hodeshlid, Ceofanlea, Huntingdon, Hupton, Easton, and Barve. It is singular that the copy of Edgar's Charter, preserved among Randle Holmes' manuscripts, Harl. MS. 2060, fol. 66, should also have the date of 858.

^o Leland, ut supr. See also the "Discourse of the Foundation and Endowment of the Abbie of St. Werburg's in Chester, written by N. N." printed in King's Vale Royal of England, and republished in Mr. Ormerod's *History of Cheshire*, vol. i. p. 161.

^p William of Malmesbury makes St. Werburgh to have been a nun, or abbess, at Chester; but Capgrave and all other historians and writers of her life are silent in this particular, though they specify other places of her abode, viz. Ely, Wedon, and Trikingham, where she died, and Heanbury, where she was buried; from which last place, (as has been already noticed) almost two hundred years after, her reliques were translated to Chester. *Tann. Notit. Mon.* The death of St. Werburgh happened on February the 3d, about A.D. 690. *Two Lives of her will be found in the Acta Sanctorum of the Bollandists*, Month of Febr. tom. i. p. 384, fol. Antv. 1658. 1. *De S. Wereburga Virgine*. 2. *Vita*, auctore Goscelino monacho; ex MS. Guilielmi Camdeni. See also *Gul. Malmesb. de Gestis Pontif.* fol. 164 b, 165. Butler's *Lives of the Saints*, 8vo. edit. vol. ii. p. 41.

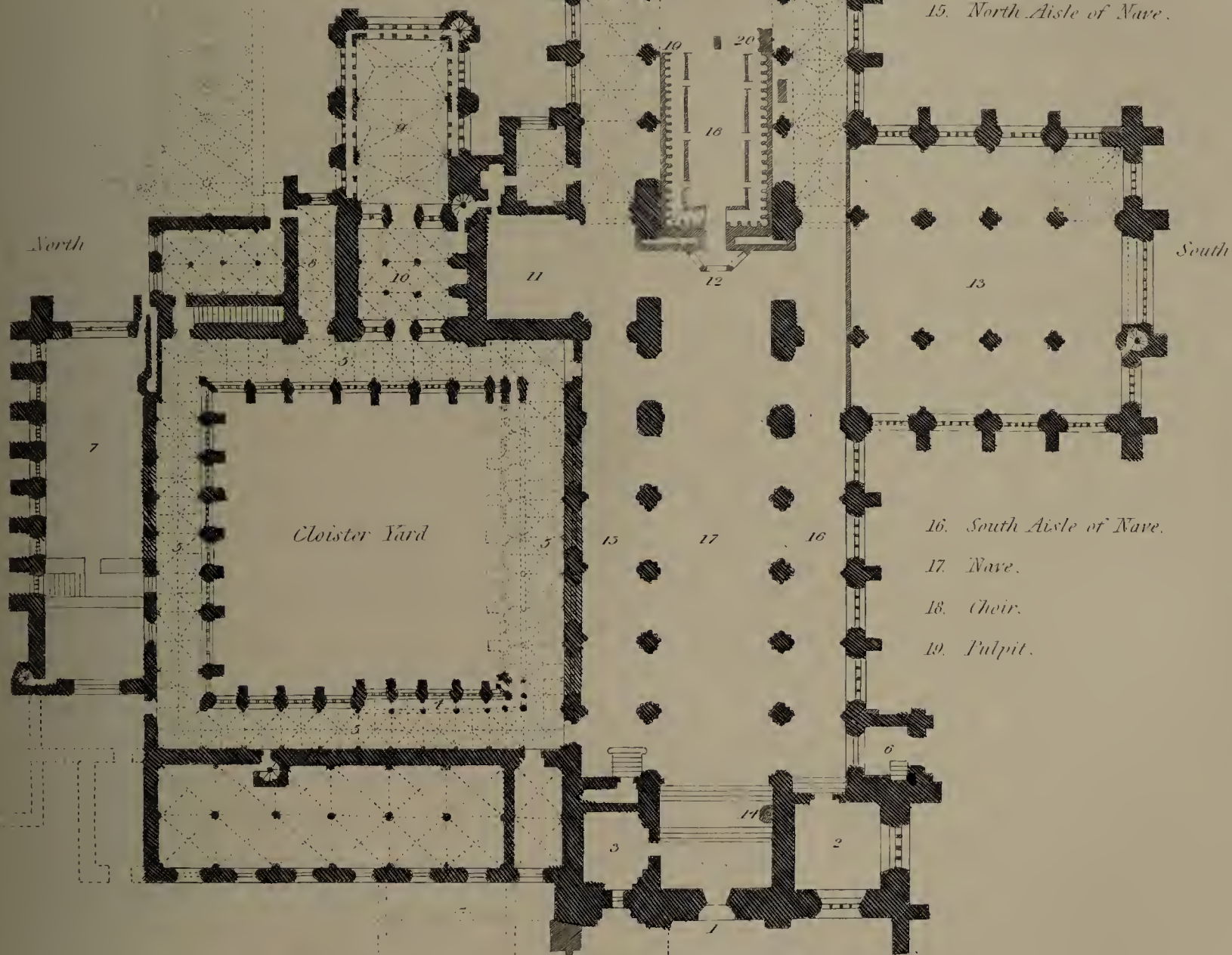
^q A copy of the Chronicle is appended to Bishop Gastrell's MS. *Notitia Cestriensis*.

^r *Hist. of Chesh.* vol. i. p. 212.

East

1. 6th West Entrance.
2. Consistory Court.
3. West Tower.
4. The Lavatory.
5. Cloisters.
6. South Entrance.

7. School Room.
8. Arched Passage.
9. Chapter House.
10. Vestibule.
11. North Transept.
12. Center Tower.
13. { South Transept new Parish
Church of St Oswald.
14. Font.
15. North Aisle of Nave.



The dotted lines shew the groining
of the Roof and parts now down
or in Ruin.

20. Bishop's Throne.
21. Altar.
22. Chapel of the Virgin Mary.
23. North Aisle of Choir.
24. South Aisle of Choir.



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Ground Plan of Chester Cathedral.



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West Wall of the Abbey of Melrose

Well delin. 1810

Dudestan hundred they held two hides in Saltone, three in Cavelea, three in Hunditone, three in Bocstone, and half a hide in Pulford; in Riseton hundred, one hide at Etingehalle; in Wilaveston hundred, a hide and two parts of another hide in Wivevrene, one hide in Crostone, one at Wisdelea, one at Sudtone, one at Salhare, one at Sotowiche, a third of two hides at Nestone, and half a hide at Rabie; in Roelav hundred, one hide at Trosford, and three at Inise; in Tunendune hundred, one hide at Midestune, and one at Clistune; in Exestan hundred, half a hide at Odeslei; at Atiscros hundred, two parts of a hide in Wepre, and a virgate of land at Leche: making a total of twenty-five hides and a half, two parts of a hide in two distinct places, and a third of two hides, as has been already mentioned, at Nestone; all of which are called "*hidæ geldantes*," as if the returns were of such of the canons' lands only as paid tax. The annual value of the property appears to have been much diminished at the time of forming the Survey. In Edward the Confessor's time the total amount had been 14*l.* 19*s.* which, at the time of the Survey, was reduced to 13*l.* 11*s.* 3*d.* although three places are mentioned as yielding rent in the time of King William which had been waste in the time of the Confessor. The two parts of a hide in Wepre, and the virgate at Leche, have no value specified.^a

Among the inferior tenantry upon the canons' lands, at Crostone and Clistune, we find *radmen*. These were the same with the *radchenistri* mentioned in some other counties of Domesday. Their principal duty, and whence they were supposed to derive their name, was the accompanying their lord from one manor to another on horseback, in order to protect his person when riding about the country. So Bracton, lib. ii. c. 35, n. 6. "*Discuntur radknights, qui debent equitare cum domino suo de manerio in manerium, vel cum domini uxore.*"^b *Bovarii*, neat-herds, occur upon the canons' lands under Midestune and Clistune; and *Ancilla*, a female of servile condition, under Trosford. The words "*navicula et rete*," under Cavelea and Hunditone, imply fisheries upon two of their manors.

From an entry under Earl Hugh's lands, in Domesday, it should seem as if the canons of St. Werburgh suffered somewhat in their property after the arrival of the Normans. Fol. 264. "*Ipse comes tenet STANEL.—Ibi i. hida geld.*" "*De hac terra quinta acra fuit et esse debet in ecclesia S. Wareburg. teste comitatu. Canonici calumpniantur quia injuste perdunt.*" And again, fol. 864 b, under BURWARDESLEI, among the lands held of Earl Hugh by Rob. fil. Hugonis. "*Ibi iii. hidæ.*" "*De hac terra i. hida fuit ablata ab æcclesia S. Warburgæ. Hanc vendiderunt præpositi comitum Edwini et Morcar cuidam Ravechil.*"

In the year 1093, at the instigation of Anselm, afterwards archbishop of Canterbury, Hugh Lupus earl of Chester expelled the secular canons from St. Werburgh's church, and established in it an Abbat and convent of Benedictine monks from Bec in Normandy. Earl Hugh's Charter of foundation, in which his countess Ermentruda joined, is given in the Appendix of Instruments.^c Anselm, who was at that time abbat of Bec, recommended his own chaplain,

RICHARD, to Earl Hugh, as a fit person to be the superior of the monastery: and he was accordingly appointed the first abbat.^d

It is singular that Earl Hugh's Charter, in specifying the confirmation of the former endowment of the monastery, includes the lands at Stanei and Burwardeslei, which had been usurped—"terciam partem de Stanea—et tertiam partem de Berewardeslei." He added to the monastic property in Chester the Northgate street, from the gate to the church; he also gave a mill-site near the bridge; two manors in Anglesi, one in Ros, and

one in Wirhale called Erbery; he also gave ten bovates in Lindsei, with the reversion of Weston in Derbyshire. He gave the tithe of the manor of Weston, and the church of Eston, with two carucates of land, and the tithe not only of corn, but of every titheable article in his manors of Etthon, Frodesham, Weweresham, Leche, Roceestre, Haurdine, Coleshul, Bissopestred, Uppetune, Campeden, and Esteham; the tithe of the fisheries of Frodesham, Rodelent, Angleshei, and Etthone, with the tithe of all fish taken in the river Dee, and the liberty of having a boat upon that river free from any payment of custom. To these grants he added the church and tithes of Deneford, with liberty to each of his principal barons to give land, to the value of a hundred shillings, to the abbey; and to his other tenants to give, each, as much as they were able or willing to bestow: and further, that each of his barons and knights might bequeath their bodies to sepulture in the church, giving to the monastery the third part of their substance; which privilege he also allowed to his burgesses and freemen.

Of Earl Hugh's barons, or tenants in capite, William Malbanc gave Witeby, the third part of Wepre, the church and tithe of Tattenhale, a salt-work in Wich, two bovates of land, and the tithe of Salchale, Claiton, and Yraduc; Robert Fitz Hugh gave the chapel of Crinstentune, with the land belonging to it, a field at Cryn, a salt-work at Fulewich, two manses in Chester, and a small quantity of land in Botechetunestan; Hugh and Ralph Fitz Norman gave all their land in Lostoch, the church of Cotintune, with the tithe of that village, and also of Lay; Richard de Vernon gave the tithe of Estone and Pichtone; Richard de Rullos gave the church and tithes of Wavertone, Hettone, and Clotone, with the mill of Clotone; Billeheld, the wife of Baldric, gave Pecfortune; Ralph the huntsman gave three carucates in Brochetune; Hugh de Mara gave Reddeclive. Earl Hugh, moreover, gave the tithe of Calders, which grant Robert Fitz Serlo confirmed when the lordship was given to him: he also gave the tithes of Storton and Gravesbiri, which Nigel de Burceio confirmed, adding, of his own gift, eight bovates in Gravesbiri. Ralph the son of Ermiwin gave eight bovates in Wudechurche, with the tithes of Berleston in Wirhale, and of Werveleston in Wischesfeld, as also of all his mares. Robert de Fremouz gave Fideluestan. Walcheline, nephew of Walter de Vernon, gave certain lands in Nesse, the whole of the tithes of Preston in Levedesham, and the third part of his and his wife's goods. Seward gave the chapel of Bevintone, with four bovates, and the tithe of the manor; the tithes of Bromhale, Walei, Maynes, Weston, and Willne; and after the death of himself and his wife, the third part of their substance in Cheshire and at Maynes. Gilbert de Venables gave the church of Estburi, with a moiety of the wood and plain and other appurtenances at Neobold. Geoffrey de Sartes gave the tithe of Withtricastun. Richard de Mesnilwaren gave the tithes of every thing titheable in Blachanot. Robert Pultrel gave a carucate of land in Masclesfeld. Walter de Vernon gave the tithe of his mares.

Earl Hugh, moreover, gave the monks the privilege of fishing, with one vessel and ten nets, in Anglisi: he also gave them the toll and all the profits of the fair at the feast of St. Werburgh, for three days; ordering that for all forfeitures in the fair the pleas should be held in the court of St. Werburgh, for the benefit of the monks: and that any malefactor coming to the fair should not be attachable while it lasted, provided he was guilty of no new offence.^e

Earl Hugh died on the 6th of the kalends of August, A. D. 1101; having been, three days before, professed a monk of the monastery.^f His body was first buried in

^a See Num. III.

^b The *radmanni* also occur upon the tenanted lands of the abbey of St. Peter Westminster, in Worcestershire.

^c The Annals of Chester, formerly in the Cotton library, Otho B. III. dated the foundation in 1094. John of Tinemuth, as may be seen in the extract from his History given in Num. I. placed it in 1095.

^d See Num. I.

^e See Num. IV.

^f "*Interea Hugo Cestrensis comes in lectum decidit, et post diutinum langorem monachatum in cœnobio, quod idem Cestræ construxerat, suscepit: atque post triduum, vj. kal. Augusti obiit.*" Order. Vital. Eccl. Hist. p. 787.

the cemetery of the abbey, but was afterwards removed to the chapter-house by Randal Meschines, on which occasion the latter gave the manor of Upton to the monks.^a

Abbat Richard died April 26th, 1117, and was buried in the east angle of the south cloister.^b

WILLIAM, the second abbat of Chester, is stated not to have been elected to the office till the year 1121. Mr. Ormerod supposes the government of the monastery to have been intermediately confided to Robert, the prior of the house, who died in 1120. During this intermediate government, Richard (son of Hugh Lupus), the second earl of Chester after the Conquest, granted his Charter of confirmation, A. D. 1119: adding to the possessions of the monastery, which his father had given, certain lands in North-gate at Chester, with the mill of Beche, and three manses. Earl Richard also confirmed some other donations from his barons, the principal of which were the lordships of Neutone, Gosetre, Lantrene, Cenoctirne, the church and lordship of Norwrdine, Plumley, the church of Haliwell, the church of St. Olave, and the lordship and church of Buttanari: adding the tenth salmon taken at the bridge of the city, a site for a mill below the bridge, and the tithe of his mill above it: allowing the monks to hold their court for pleas and forfeitures, in as full a manner as the earl's; provided that the abbat should not implead any person in matters beyond the jurisdiction of his own court.^c

Earl Richard is said, in the Polychronicon, and by Knighton, to have been only seven years old at his father's death;^d but his signature and cross occur at the end of the foundation Charter of 1093. He was drowned, with the sons of Henry the First, while returning from Harfleur, on the 7th of the kalends of Dec. A. D. 1119. Mr. Ormerod, in a note on Leycester's Prolegomena, says he was unpopular with the monks of Chester. His donations, he adds, were small; and he is said to have threatened to wrest Saughton Grange from the abbat, if he had returned safe from his voyage to Normandy.^e

Randle, or Ranulph, surnamed de Meschines, nephew of Hugh Lupus, had succeeded to the earldom of Chester before abbat William's election. His translation of Earl Hugh's body to the chapter-house of the monastery has been already noticed. His Charter, exclusive of the manor of Upton, contains a confirmation of the church of Dissart, which his brother William de Meschines had given to the monks, a confirmation of the church of Turstaniston, which had been given by Matthew de Ruelent, and of numerous smaller donations by other persons.^f The Polychronicon places his death in 1128. Ranulph, or Randle, his son, succeeded him in the earldom of Chester.

Abbat William died on the 11th of the nones of October, A. D. 1140, and was buried at the head of his predecessor.^g

RALPH, the third abbat of Chester, was elected on the 11th kal. of February following.^h

During his time, the four Charters of Earl Ranulph Gernons, the son of Ranulph de Meschines, appear to

have been granted. Sir Peter Leycester places the last of these about the year 1152. The first Charter contains the confirmation of the privilege of holding a fair and market before the abbey gate.ⁱ The second conveys the tithe of the earl's rents in Chester, the Charter having been laid, by his own hand, upon the altar of the church.^k The third Charter confirms all the donations made by former earls of tithes, with the addition of the tithes of all mills belonging to the earldom in Cheshire, and those of the mill of Leec.^l By the fourth Charter, he gave to the church of St. Werburgh, as a satisfaction for evils done by him to it, the manors of Estham and Bruneburgh.^m The death of this earl is placed in 1153.ⁿ

The Charter of Richard and Robert de Rullos, confirming their father's gift of Gravesbi, in Wirhale,^o is probably to be ascribed to this period.

ROBERT FITZ-NIGEL, the fourth abbat, is supposed to have been of the family of the barons of Halton.^p He is said to have been elected on St. Nicholas's day, A. D. 1157, and to have received the benediction at Lichfield.^q He died in the month of February, 1174: on the third of the nones of which month

ROBERT, the fifth abbat, was elected. He received the benediction at Chester, on the feast of St. Agatha.^r This abbat obtained a bull from Pope Clement, confirming the ecclesiastical possessions of the abbey, and granting various privileges.^s He died on the 2d of the kalends of September, 1184: on which the king took the abbey into his hands, and committed the custody of it to Thomas Hupeburne.^t

It was probably in the time of this abbat that Ranulph, or Randal, the third earl of Chester of his name, surnamed Blundevill, granted his Charter of confirmation.^u This Ranulph succeeded his father in the earldom A. D. 1181. He died in 1232.

ROBERT DE HASTINGES, or HASTINGS, the sixth abbat, was appointed to his office by King Henry the Second and Baldwin archbishop of Canterbury in 1186.^x Mr. Ormerod says, "He received the benediction at Canterbury from the hands of Baldwin, whom he had the honour of entertaining as legate, at Chester, in the next year, from St. John's day to the following Sunday." This appointment, however, was opposed by Earl Randal; and, after much and long controversy before Hubert archbishop of Canterbury, Hastings was deposed, upon condition that Geoffrey, who was elected in his room, should pay him an annual pension of twenty marks. Abbat Hastings was buried at the heads of his predecessors, William and Ralph, in the south cloister.^y

GEOFFREY, the seventh abbat, was confirmed on the deposition of Hastings in 1194.^z

Mr. Ormerod says, the situation (from a document contained in the Red Book of the abbey) appears not to have been particularly enviable at this period. The greater part of the church was in ruins, and the rebuilding had proceeded no further than the choir, from want of money. The inroads of the Welsh had deprived the monks of a valuable rectory and two manors, and the inundations of the sea had been equally fatal in

Egenesham in præsentia regis et archiepiscopi istæ factæ sunt electiones. Prior de Chertosa secundum hominum opinionem vir admodum justus electus est ad ecclesiam Lincolnensem, Willielmus de Norehalle ad Wigornensem, Willielmus de Ver ad Herefordensem. Prior Cantuariensis A. electus est abbas Theokesberie quasi in penam suæ constantiæ, et Prior Rofensis Abendonie; ROBERTUS DE HASTINGES Cantuariensis cucullatus, Cestrie, ob meritum suæ perfidiæ qui pro B. archiepiscopo suo defuit conventui in die necessitatis. Ne igitur intentio archiepiscopi qualibet impediretur occasione, Cantuariam advolans benedixit Priorem Alanum jam electum Abbatem Theokesberie, xvij. kal. Julii. Prædictum quoque Robertum benedixit in abbatem canobii Cestrie iij. idus Julii. Eademque die ex assensu et petitione conventus suum quondam capellanum Honorium prius celerarium substituit in prioratum." Script. x. Twysd. Gervas. Cant. col. 1480.

^y Ormerod, ut supr. p. 213.

^z So Bishop Kennett, MS. Diptycha, ex Annal. Cestrens. MS. penes D. Tho. Mostyn Baronett. "1194. Confirmatus abbas G. in abbazia de Cestria, disceptans et litigans coram archiepiscopo H. Cant. contra Robertum de Hastings quondam abbatem Cestrie; tandem patrocinante S. Werburga et glorioso Comite Cestrensi G. obtinuit dignitatem suam, reddendo annuatim supradicto Roberto de Hastings xx. marcas duobus terminis, et sic pacificati sunt."

^a Ormerod's Hist. Chesh. vol. i. p. 15, Note. See the Charter Num. VI.

^b Ibid. p. 213.

^c See Num. V.

^d Higdeni Polychron. edit. Caxton. fol. ccc.lxiij. b. Knyghton de event. Angliæ, Script. x. Twysd. col. 2376.

^e Hist. Chesh. vol. i. p. 17, note. Compare also Dugd. Bar. vol. i. p. 36.

^f See Num. VI.

^g Hist. Chesh. vol. i. p. 213. Bishop Kennett, in his MS. Diptycha, says, from the Annal. Cest. pen. D. Tho. Mostyn Baronett. MS. 3 non. Octob. 1141.

^h Hist. Chesh. ut supr. "6 Kal. Febr." Bp. Kennett.

ⁱ Num. VII.

^k Num. VIII.

^l Num. IX.

^m Num. X.

ⁿ See Mon. Angl. former edit. tom. ii. p. 280. His grants as a benefactor to various other religious houses are enumerated by Mr. Ormerod. Hist. Chesh. vol. i. p. 26.

^o Num. XI.

^p Ormerod, Hist. Chesh. vol. i. p. 213.

^q Kennett, MS. Diptycha.

^r Ibid.

^s Num. XII.

^t Ormerod, ut supr.

^u See Leycester's Prolegomena; Ormerod, Hist. Chesh. vol. i. p. 33.

^x AD. 1186. "Coadunato igitur clero Angliæ mense Maio apud

Wirral and Ince. Abbat Geoffrey died May 7th, 1208, and was buried in the chapter-house, on the left hand of the entrance, near the door.^a

HUGH GRYLLE, the eighth abbat, was elected in 1208.^b He occurs as a witness to the marriage covenant of John earl of Chester with Helen daughter of Llewellyn prince of Wales: and many grants to the monastery were made in his time. Mr. Ormerod considers it probable that the repairs of the church in this abbat's time were completed, and the affairs of the monks in a more prosperous state generally, as Earl Randle, the third of the name, grants to this abbat and his convent a permission to extend their buildings in the direction of the north gate. Abbat Grylle died April 21, 1226, and was buried in the chapter-house, under the second arch from the door, on the left hand side, at the feet of Geoffrey.^c

WILLIAM MARMIUN, the ninth abbat, was elected on the Sunday after the feast of St. James, A. D. 1226, and the next day received benediction from the bishop in the church of St. John Chester.^d He died in 1228. His place of interment is stated to have been in the cloister, close to Robert Fitz-Nigell, on the left hand side of him. The name of this abbat, Mr. Ormerod adds, occurs in a very curious document relative to the office of hereditary master-cook of the abbey.^e

WALTER PINCEBECH, the tenth abbat, received the benediction in London, on Michaelmas-day, 1228. He was one of the witnesses to a contract between Randle Blundeville and Roger de Maresey, respecting the lands between the Ribble and the Mersey, A. D. 1232: and held the abbacy till his death in 1240, when he was interred in the chapter-house, at the head of abbat Hugh Grylle. A short time before his death he appropriated the rectory of Church Shotwick to support the increase of the kitchen expenses of the convent, occasioned by adding six monks to the previous number.^f

ROGER FREND, the eleventh abbat, was consecrated at Coventry by Hugh de Pateshul, bishop of that see, on St. Matthew's day, 1240.^g He died in 1249, and was buried in the chapter-house, under the second arch on the right hand of the door. This abbat added the appropriation of the chapel of Wervin to the funds of the kitchen, in consequence of having increased the number of his monks to forty.^h

THOMAS CAPENHURST, who had previously been prior of the house, became the twelfth abbat, upon Frend's death, in 1249. Mr. Ormerod says, he was of the family of the mesne lords of Capenhurst, and had to struggle with a series of powerful enemies of the convent. The first was Roger de Montalt, justiciary of Chester, who endeavoured, by means of the additional power which he enjoyed by his office, to wrest from the abbey restitution of the manors of Lawton and Goosetrey, and the churches of Bruera, Neston, and Codrington, which had been given by his ancestors to the abbey. A portion of these possessions was occupied by an armed force, and the business was only compromised by severe sacrifices on the part of the monks. The resignation of Bretton manor is the only one noticed in the Chronicle of the abbey, but the Chartulary mentions several other losses;ⁱ to which may certainly be added that of Lea in Broxton hundred, of which the Montalts had afterwards possession. The Chronicle does not fail to notice the judgments of Heaven on Roger de Montalt; that his eldest son died within fifteen days after the compromise, and that Roger himself died in want, his

burial-place remaining unknown to the common people.^k A similar attempt to recover Astbury was made by Roger Venables in 1259, and, according to the Chronicle, was attended with an equal interposition of Providence, the baron of Kinderton dying the year after. In 1263 another contest arose between the abbat and William la Zuche, justiciary, who occupied the abbey with an armed force, and proceeded to extremities of insult; which occasioned all the churches of Chester to be laid under an interdict. In the next year the gardens and buildings of the abbey in Baggelton were destroyed, to facilitate the strengthening of Chester against a siege, which was apprehended from the barons and the Welshmen. Capenhurst survived this last grievance only one year, and dying 4 kal. May, 1265, was buried at the head of his predecessor, on the right hand of the entrance into the chapter-house.^l

"SIMON DE ALBO MONASTERIO, or WHITCHURCH, who had previously been a monk of this abbey, succeeded as thirteenth abbat, and, if we may judge from the frequent occurrence of his name in the Abbey-Chartulary, was one of the most active heads which this monastery ever had. He was regularly elected by the entire convent on the 15th of the kal. of May, 1265, in the forty-fifth year of his age, and the 22d after his assuming the cowl; Simon de Montfort being then usurper of the earldom of Chester. His admission was opposed by Lucas de Taney, justiciary of Chester, who kept the abbacy open for three weeks, and, taking the revenues into his hands, wasted them by the most scandalous profligacy. Simon de Montfort, however, much to his honour, on hearing the circumstances, admitted the abbat, and directed Lucas de Taney to make ample compensation to the abbey: after which, Roger de Meuland, then bishop of Coventry and Lichfield, confirmed his election at Tachebrook, on Whit-Monday; and Simon de Montfort having invested him with the temporalities at Hereford the Monday following, the new abbat received the benediction from his before-mentioned diocesan, at Tachebrook, on Trinity Sunday. On this same day the partizans of Prince Edward laid siege to Chester castle, and a reverse of fortune speedily taking place, the election of the abbat was declared void by the lawful earl, as having been unratified by himself. The abbat, however, made his peace with Prince Edward at Beeston; and compensation was made to him, at the instance of James de Audley, justiciary, even to the replacing, from the stores in the castle, two casks of wine which had been consumed by the prince's attendants during this deposition.^m

"The struggles between the laity and the clergy, which are particularly observable in the documents of Vale Royal and this monastery about this period, and had so peculiarly disquieted the abbacy of Thomas de Capenhurst, were continued in that of his successor. Philip Burnel, and his wife Isabella, baroness of Malpas, attempted to recover the manors of Saighton, Huntington, Cheveley, and Boughton, a domain as desirable to the abbey from its richness as its contiguity to Chester. After a protracted contest, the claimants released their right to abbat Simon in the king's court at Westminster in 1281, in the royal presence, but the monks purchased the compliance by a bond for the payment of 200*l.* sterling. The Chartulary states, that the influence of Robert Burnel, bishop of Bath and Wells, and uncle to the claimant, was corruptly used in extorting this bond: payment was, however, never made, for the abbat had

^a Ormerod, Hist. Chesh. ut supr.

^b From the Annals of Chester, formerly in the Cotton library, Otho B. III. it should appear that this abbat was not installed till the 3 kal. of April, 1214. MS. Kennett.

^c Ormerod, ut supr.

^d Kennett, MS. Diptycha.

^e Hist. Chesh. ut supr. and under Lea in Wirral Hundred.

^f Ibid. vol. i. p. 213.

^g "1240. Obijt Walt. abbas Cestriæ. Item Hugo de Pateshul consecratus in episc. Coventriæ, qui in primo adventu suo ibidem post consecrationem, scil. in die sancti Matthæi apostoli benedixit Rogero Frend creatum abbatem Cestriæ." MS. Kennett, ex Annal. Cestr. pen. D. Tho. Mostyn Baronett.

^h Hist. Chesh. ut supr. Mr. Ormerod says, in a Note, "If this increase was equal to the preceding one, the monks in the time of

William Marmion could have been only twenty-eight. Yet the master-cook held his place as an honorary office, was allied to considerable families, held lands in several manors by this tenure, and had kitchen perquisites worth a regular recovery in the Portmote Court. These circumstances can only be accounted for by supposing an immense number of dependants, and the most splendid and constant hospitality."

ⁱ See Hist. Chesh. Neston, Wirral Hundred, p. 295.

^k "Ignorante tunc vulgo certam ejus sepulturam."

^l Hist. Chesh. vol. i. p. 214.

^m The Chronicle adds, "Per quod patet quod dominus Cestresiarie tempore vacationis abbatie S. Werburgæ nullum omnino exitum debet habere, eo quod dicta abbatia super nulla baronia sit fundata, sed omnia ad eandem spectantia data sint in puram et perpetuam elemosynam."

shortly afterwards the address to procure a release, on stipulating for the maintenance of two chaplains to pray for the soul of the said Philip Burnel for ever.^a

"Among the following donations by the family of Burnel, was the grant of a fountain at Christleton, which was, doubtless, of high importance. A cistern, twenty feet square, was made at Christleton, and another formed within the cloisters, and a communication established by pipes, which a patent from Edw. I. enabled the monks to carry through all intervening lands, permitting even the city walls to be taken down for the purpose.^b It is observable that a forester of Delamere, Randle de Merton, whose estate was trespassed on in consequence of this order, ventured on cutting off the pipes which the abbat had laid, for which he was ordered to make reparation by a royal mandate, 13 Edw. I.^c

"This abbat died April 24, 1289, aged 69, and was buried in the chapter-house, on the south side, under a marble stone, within an arch supported by six marble pillars.

"During this abbacy, the monastery, or a considerable portion thereof, was rebuilt, as appears by precepts directed to Reginald de Grey, 12 Edw. I. to allow venison from the forests of Delamere and Wirral for the support of the monks then occupied 'on the great work of the building of the church.' Abbat Simon also appropriated a large share of the revenues of the abbey to the several uses of the infirmary, the kitchen, the refectory, and the distribution of alms, as specified in the Chartulary."^d

After the death of Simon de Whitechurch, the king retained the abbey in his hands two years.^e

THOMAS DE BURCHELES, or BYRCHE-HYLLES, was the fourteenth abbat. He had been chaplain to his predecessor. He succeeded in the month of March, 1291.^f The temporalities appear to have been delivered to him on March the 18th. He died in 1323, and was buried on the south side of the choir, above the bishop's throne, nearly in the line of the pillars. On his grave-stone was a brass plate, with his effigies; and in this spot his body was found, in almost complete preservation, on opening a grave for the remains of Dean Smith, in 1787.^g It was in the time of this abbat that the agreement with the mayor and citizens of Chester was made, respecting the annual fair before the abbey gate.^h

WILLIAM DE BEBINGTON, who had previously been prior of the monastery, was elected the fifteenth abbat Feb. 5th, 1324. In 1345 he obtained the mitre for himself and his successors, and, in the following year, an exemption from the bishop's visitation. He died Nov. 20th, 1349, and was buried on the right side of his predecessors.ⁱ

RICHARD SEYNESBURY, the sixteenth abbat, was

elected in 1349. In 1359 he stated the privileges of his abbey in a plea of Quo warranto, of which a copy is given by Mr. Ormerod among the documents subjoined to his Account of the Abbey of St. Werburgh, transcribed from the original in the exchequer of the palatinate.^k

In 1362, about the feast of the Annunciation, the abbat of St. Alban's, provincial president of the Benedictines, the prior of Coventry, and the sub-prior of St. Alban's, visited Chester abbey as commissioners deputed by the abbat of Evesham. In consequence of this visitation, Richard de Seynesbury, who (according to the Chronicle) was fearful of a scrutiny into his offences and excessive dilapidations, resigned his abbacy into the hands of the pope, as the abbey, being an exempt foundation, was under the papal protection. An inquiry into his conduct was instituted at Rome, and in the following year Pope Urban admitted the abbat's resignation, and conferred the office on his successor. This abbat is stated to have died in Lombardy.^l

THOMAS DE NEWPORT, the seventeenth abbat, received the benediction in the papal court on the feast of the Annunciation, and was installed at Chester on the day of St. Remigius following, A. D. 1363. This abbat died at his house of Little Sutton in Wirral June 1st, 1385, and was interred in the chapter-house, within the inner door, with his effigy in brass upon the stone.^m

WILLIAM DE MERSHTON, or MERSTON, a monk of the convent, was elected the eighteenth abbat July 30th, 1385. He died on the 13th of January following, and was buried without the choir, on the right of William de Bebington, in the south aisle.ⁿ The name of this abbat, as well as that of his successor, was unknown to Willis.

HENRY DE SUTTON was the next and nineteenth abbat. The king's consent was given to his election Feb. 28th, 1386.^o He occurs in 1410, in the pleas of the abbey, holden that year over the monastery gate, before Nicholas Fare, the abbat's seneschal. This abbat was, for a time, justice of Chester; and, in 1399, had licence to fortify his three principal manor houses at Little Sutton, Saighton, and Ince. He died May 8th, 1413.^p and was buried in the broad aisle, close to the north side of the south pillar, next to the entrance into the choir, before a painting formerly called the Piety of St. Mary.^q

THOMAS YERDESLEY, or ERDELEY, the twentieth abbat, had the king's assent to his election Sept. 18th, 1413.^r He occurs in several portmote pleadings of the 7th Hen. Vth. and is mentioned also several times in the reign of Hen. VIth. He was one of the justices in commission to hold assizes for the county; and, dying in 1434, was buried under a marble stone on the north side of the choir, above the shrine of St. Werburgh.^s

JOHN SALGHALL, the twenty-first abbat, received

^a Chartulary, Harl. MS. 1965, foll. 16 b, 17.

^b Ibid.

^c Red Book of St. Werburgh, Harl. MS. 2071, fol. 75. This, Mr. Ormerod adds, is not the only dealing which this active abbat had with the foresters of Delamere. In the 55th of Hen. III. he was presented for an unlawful chase on the moors of Onston, and taking two of the earl's deer.

^d Ormerod, Hist. Chesh. vol. i. pp. 214, 215. It was in the early part of abbat Whitechurch's time that the convent had a licence to hold a fair in their manor of Bromburg. "Anno 6 Edw. I. m. 18. Rex. concessit abb. et monachis sanctæ Werburgæ Cestr. unum mercatum singulis annis per diem Lunæ in manerio suo de Bromburg in com. et unam feriam ibidem singulis annis viz. in vigil. in die et in crastino sancti Barnabi Apostoli nisi &c." Harl. MS. 2074, fol. 202.

In 1281, abbat Whitechurch having by his own liberality furnished the king, in his expedition to Wales, with men and carriages, the king granted him this patent for his future indemnity, that it should not infringe his charters and privileges for time to come. Pat. 10 Edw. I. m. 9. pro abbate S. Werburgæ. "Rex omnibus &c. ad quos, &c. salutem. Licet dilectus nobis in Christo abbas sanctæ Werburgæ Cestriæ de hominibus, equis, et carectis suis, ad diversa negotia nostra in præsentis expeditione nostra Wall. facienda, nobis liberaliter subvenerit. Nolumus, etiam, quod liberalitas hujusmodi ad consequentiam vel consuetudinem per nos vel hæredes aut ballivos nostros in posterum trahi possit, vel quod occasione dictæ subventionis gratuitæ præfato Abbati vel successoribus aut hominibus suis præjudicium futuris temporibus aliquatenus generetur. In cujus, &c. Teste rege apud Cestr. 26 die Junii." Pryne, Papal Usurpat. tom. iii. p. 290.

In the 11th Edw. I. the king renewed the grant to him of the tithe of venison taken in the forest of De la Mere. Claus. 11 Edw. I. m. 9.

"Mandatum est custodi forestæ regis de la Mare, quod faciat habere abbati sanctæ Werburgæ Cestr. decimam venationis quæ nunc capitur in foresta regis prædicta per præceptum regis, sicut decimam illam habere debet et solet temporibus retroactis. Teste rege apud Rothelan. 28 die Decembris."

^e Ormerod, Hist. Chesh. vol. i. p. 215.

^f Licentia eligendi abbatem sanctæ Werburgæ Cestr. per mortem Simonis de Albo monasterio quondam abbatis sui. 1 Mart. Pat. 20 Edw. I. Kennett, MS. Diptycha. The Annales Cestr. penes D. Tho. Mostyn baronettum, quoted by Bishop Kennett in his MS. Diptycha, call him *Tho. de Lythelas*; as well as Willis, in his Mitred Abbies, vol. i. p. 152. Ryley, in the Plac. Parliam. p. 96, says, "Thomas successit et a rege in parlamento 1292. decerni obtinuit ut, juxta morem antiquum Rex nil de exitibus abbatæ Cestr. vacantis perciperet."

^g Hist. Chesh. ut supr.

^h See Num. XIII.

ⁱ Hist. Chesh. ut supr. During the time of this abbat the royal licence was obtained for the appropriation of the church of Campeden in Gloucestershire. Pat. 6 Edw. III. p. 2, 27 Jan.

^k Ibid. p. 237. Num. VI.

^l Ormerod, Hist. Chesh. vol. i. p. 215.

^m Ibid. Willis, Mit. Ab. vol. i. p. 153, mistakes when he says this abbat was appointed justice of Chester in 1369.

ⁿ Hist. Chesh. vol. i. p. 215.

^o Pat. 10 Ric. II. p. 2.

^p The king's licence for a new election was dated May 20th that year. Pat. 1 Hen. V.

^q Hist. Chesh. ut supr. Qu. Our Lady of Pity.

^r Pat. 1 Hen. V. p. 3.

^s Hist. Chesh. vol. i. p. 215. It was this abbat who was excommunicated in 1425.

"Nono mensis Maii die comparuit coram dicto reverendissimo

the royal assent to his election Jan. 23d, 1435.^a This abbat died in 1452, and was buried in St. Mary's chapel, between two pillars on the south side, under an alabaster stone, which had his effigy in brass fixed upon it. The scite of his interment was formerly called the chapel of St. Erasmus.^b

RICHARD OLDON, or OLDHAM, the twenty-second abbat, had the royal assent June 2d, 1453.^c About twenty years afterwards he was promoted to the bishoprick of the Isle of Man; and dying Oct. 13th, 1485, was buried at Chester abbey: a short time before which he was indicted in the Portmote Court for removing the city boundaries about the North-gate; and, at the same time (21 Edw. IV.), "divers wymen" were indicted, who were the paramours "of the monkes of Chester."^d

SIMON RIPLEY, or DE RIPLEY, was the next and twenty-third abbat. He rebuilt the nave, tower, and south transept of the abbey, and, Mr. Ormerod thinks, commenced the great plan of alterations and improvements which were interrupted by the Reformation. This abbat, also, rebuilt or considerably improved the great manor-house at Saighton, the embattled tower of which is yet remaining. He died at Warwick, Aug. 30th, 1492,^e and was buried in the collegiate church there. On the north side of the north-east large pillar, supporting the central tower of Chester cathedral, was formerly painted the history of the Transfiguration, in which was intro-

duced a figure of this abbat under a canopy, with a book in one hand, the other lifted up in the act of blessing, and the ring upon the fourth finger. An imperfect sketch of the painting is preserved in the Harleian manuscript 2151.^f

JOHN BIRCHENSHAW was appointed the twenty-fourth abbat by the pope Oct. 4th, 1493. He is supposed by Willis to have been a native of Wales, from his name appearing in an inscription on the great bell of Conway church. His attention, like that of his predecessor, was turned to restoring the magnificence of the buildings of the abbey. The beautiful western entrance is his work; and he doubtless intended to have added two western towers to this great entrance, of one of which he laid the foundations in 1508. The hall of Ince manor-house is apparently in the style of this abbat's time; and for the further improvement of Saighton manor-house, which had already been sumptuously restored by his predecessor, he obtained, 6 Hen. VIII., the royal licence to impark a thousand acres in Huntington, Cheveley, and Saighton. At the same time he had a charter of free warren granted in all his lands in Cheshire, not being parcel of the king's forests.^g

In the year 1511, in the mayoralty of Thomas Smith, violent dissensions had arisen between the city and this abbat.^h THOMAS HYPHILE and THOMAS MARSHALL were successively appointed, and acted as abbats

patre (Henr. archiep. Cant.) et suffraganeis suis *abbas Cestriae*, Coventren. et Lich. diœces. et petiit se humiliter absolvi ab eodem rever. patre a sententia excommunicationis, quam alias incurrebat propter contumaciam suam, pro eo quod citatus ad comparandum personaliter in ultima convocatione dicti reverendissimi patris, non comparuit, nec voluit comparere; allegans pro se quandam exemptionem, quam tamen ostendere nescivit. Unde idem rever. pater recepta benigniter submissione prædicta, præstito primitus per eundem abbatem juramento corporali, tactis per eum sacrosanctis Dei evangeliiis, de peragendo penitentiam sibi pro hujusmodi contumacia injungenda, et de comparando coram eo, quandocunque citatus fuerit, salvis semper privilegiis suis, ipsum abbatem a sententia excommunicationis absolvit, pœna sibi usque alias reservata, et sacramentis ecclesiæ restituit tunc ibidem." Act. Convoc. Prælatorum et Cleri Provinciae Cant. 23 die Aprilis, 1425, in Ecclesia S. Pauli Lond. ex Reg. Chicheley, P. ii. fol. 40. Wilkins. Concil. tom. iii. p. 433.

^a Pat. 13 Hen. VI.

^b Ormerod. Hist. Chesh. ut supr.

^c Pat. 33 Hen. VI. p. 2.

^d Ormerod, ut supr. from Harl. MS. 2057, fol. 114 b.

^e The Harl. MS. 2057, fol. 21 a. says in 1491.

^f Ormerod, ut supr.

^g Pat. 6 Hen. VIII. in Chester Exchequer. See Hist. Chesh. ut supr.

^h The following is the account of the award made between the abbat and the city of Chester, by commissioners appointed for the purpose, in the 1st Hen. VIII. A.D. 1509, as given in one of the volumes of the Holme Collections, Harl. MS. 1989, fol. 454.

"In continewance of tyme many greate dissensions and controversies did arise betweene the abbot and covent of Chester upon the one partie and the maior and citizens of Chester upon th'other partie, concernge the graunts, priviledges, customs, and jurisdictions claymed by either parties for the appeasinge whereof (namelie of such controversies as were in question about the first yeare of the raigne of King Henry the viij.) some speciall and worthie persons by name Sir Charles Booth, Sir William Uvedall, knights, and George Bromley, esquior, three of the kinges commissioners, and Anthony Fitzherbert sarjant at lawe and William Rudell the queenes attorney, were by the said parties indifferently named and chosen to be arbitrators between them. Who upon the hearinge and debatinge of the matters in controversie, did sett downe their decree and award bearing date the vijth. day of August anno primo Henrici octavi.

"The chiefest matters agreed upon in the said award (as in the same may at large appeare) were these that followe.

1. That the aforesaid parties should bee good frends, and from thenceforth should so remaine.

2. That St. Warburge faire or any other fayre court should not thenceforth be kept by the abbot.

3. That the abbot and his successors should at all tymes give such assurance unto the maior for the performance of his award as by counsell learned should be advised.

4. That the maior should give the like assurance unto the said abbot or his successors within three yeares next after the date of the said Award.

5. That the abbot should keepe all other courts within the precincts of the monasterie in manner as formerlie they have beene accustomed.

6. That the abbot nor any monk should be arrested in the precincts of the monasterie for any offence.

7. That the abbots servants or ministers should not be arrested within the precinct of the said monasterie, except it were for treason, murder, felony, or debt.

8. That the abbots servants and ministers should come to answer any plaint or suit entered before the maior or sheriffes of Chester

within xxiiij. howres after they shall be sent for by the maior or sheriffs, and in default of their appearance to be attached in the monasterie.

9. That upon any affray committed by any inhabitants in the monasterie, within the citie, the offender, beinge sent for before the maior, he shall be sent unto him. And if he come not within xxiiij. howres, then the offender to be attached in the monasterie.

10. The abbot to have all forfeitures for murders and felonies done in the monasterie, and all felons goods beinge within the precinct of the monasterie at the tyme of the felonie done, and the moitie of all felons goods in the Northgate street without the Northgate.

11. That the maior shall heare and determine all murders and felonies done within the precinct of the monasterie.

12. That the coroners of the citie should view the bodies slaine in the monasterie, and to enquire thereof in the citie.

13. That the same coroners should take the abjuration of persons takenge sanctuarie in the monasterie, and if they refuse to abjure and to confesse the felonie committed, then the same persons to be used accordinge to lawe by the coroners and other officers of the citie.

14. That all the abbots tenants in the Northgate streete shall beare scot and lott with the citie as other citizens doe and to have the libertie that other citizens have.

15. That the officer or constable belonginge to the abbot may attach any for breach of peace without the Northgate, and then commit to prison within the great west gate of the monasterie, to be punished accordinge to lawe, provided that if the maior doe send to the abbott for the said prisoner that then he shall be delivered without delay, to be by the maior ordered accordinge to lawe. And also that the maior may attach any for breach of peace in the said Northgate street, and to commit them to the common goale of the cittie there to remayne duringe the pleasure of the maior.

16. That the abbots tenants in the Northgate streete shall sue all personal actions before the maior at their pleasure, and the abbot to have the half of all fynes and americiaments.

17. That the abbots tenants may sue in the abbots Court if they please.

18. That the abbot shall have his Leete and all things thereto belonginge, in the Northgate streete, except affrays, bloodwipes, breach of peace, and assize of bread and ale, which the maior shall punish: and the abbot to have one half of the fynes.

19. That the limitts of the said monasterie should begin at the greate west gate thereof, within the sam gate, and soe followinge within the said wall of the monasterie, northward, nigh unto the towne wall of the said cittie, and soe following within the said towne wall unto the posterne in the same wall goinge into a place called the caleyard or covent garden, accordinge to the walls and ditches of the same, and soe to retorne againe to the said posterne, and from thence followinge within the said towne wall southward towards the Eastgate street against the end of a stone wall that abutteth nigh upon St. Warburge lane, that lyeth from the abbay towards the Eastgate streete, soe from the stile, followinge within the ould wall that abutteth nigh upon the said towne wall, unto the church stile unto the west end of the newe church stile, at the west ende of the newe church, includinge the newe houses built at the same because they be inhabited by citizens haveinge theire entrie and regresse unto and from the said houses towards the streete of the said citie, and soe followinge by the said newe houses northward within the wall of the said monasterie, unto the said greate west gate, where the limitts began.

20. That the citizens shall have libertie to carrie stones or other things necessarie within the precincts of the monasterie for the repairinge of the said citie.

21. That a copy of estreates of all americiaments everie yeare shall be delivered to the parson of St. Peeters, for the use of the abbot, together with the one half of the mounney collected by the said estreates."

in his room. After a contest, however, which lasted many years, BIRCHENSHAW was restored, about 1530, and is supposed to have enjoyed his abbacy to the time of his death, which happened about seven years afterwards.^a

In 1516, a commission was issued at Rome to Thomas cardinal of York, to hear and make award between Geoffrey bishop of Lichfield and this abbat, respecting the use of the mitre, crosier, and other pontificals, and the giving the blessing.^b

THOMAS HYPHILE and THOMAS MARSHALL ranking as the twenty-fifth and twenty-sixth abbats,

JOHN CLARKE, who was elected about 1537, is here reckoned as the twenty-seventh. Little more is known of him than that he readily complied with the wishes of the king in surrendering the monastery at the Dissolution: on which account he was suffered to retain the government of the dissolved abbey, under the character of Dean of the new cathedral.^c

At the Dissolution, the yearly revenue of this monastery amounted, according to Dugdale, to 1003*l.* 5*s.* 11*d.*: Speed says, 1073*l.* 17*s.* 7½*d.* Mr. Ormerod, on the authority of an official document, states the clear yearly value to have been 889*l.* 18*s.* He says, the monks had also the patronage of several rich unappropriated rectories. Their lands extended over various parts of Cheshire and other counties, but in Wirral created an overwhelming influence, and extended in an almost unbroken ring round the city of Chester. Many considerable families held lands by the tenure of various offices in the abbey. The hereditary master-cook has been already noticed; the manerial lord of Burwardsley was their champion; and a valuable rectory (Ince) was appropriated to the uses of the almoner. The earl of Derby was seneschal at the time of the Dissolution.^d

By a Charter of one of the earls, of the name of Randle, the abbats were directed at an early period to have their manor-houses fitted up in a state fit to receive the abbat's retinue, and to be the seats of the courts; and, by licence from the bishop of Lichfield, oratories were also established in these manor-houses. Irby, Bromborough, Sutton, and Salughton, appear to have been the principal ones at an early period. The three first were the original seats of the courts held for the Wirral manors, and Salughton occurs in a licence for fortifying by Edward I. noticed in the Chartulary. By a subsequent licence for fortifying, 19 Ric. II. it appears that Sutton, Salughton, and Ince, had then become the principal manerial residences; and these continued such to the Dissolution.^e

The jurisdiction of the abbat's courts is stated at large in the plea to a Quo warranto, already referred to, of the 31st Edw. III. The omission, Mr. Ormerod remarks, of the privilege of outfangtheof, which the abbats of Vale Royal enjoyed, is observable; and it is also remarkable, that during Chester fair, which was originally a right of the abbey and not of the city, the abbat had the exclusive criminal jurisdiction in all cases, excepting trials for murder; and that where capital conviction followed, contrary to the ordinary custom of the city, the criminal was executed on the earl's gallows by the officers of the abbat.^f

^a Hist. Chesh. ut supr.

^b See Num. XIV.

^c Hist. Chesh. vol. i. p. 216. The following were the fee, annuities, and pensions, still payable in the 2d & 3d of Phil. and Mar. "*Feod. Edwardi com. Derb. capitalis seneschalli omnium possessionum ibidem per ann. xl^s. Annuity. Roberti Lewes per ann. xl^s. Galfr. Lee et Thomæ Standish, per ann. liij^s. iiij^d. Roberti Warmyngton per ann. xl^s. Edwardi ap Gryffyn per ann. iiij^l. xiiij^s. viij^d. Willielmi Riddal per ann. lxxvj^s. viij^d. Hugonis Burrowe per ann. xx^s. Roberti Vaudre per ann. liij^s. iiij^d. Radulphi Worsley per ann. iiij^l. Ricardi Colley per ann. vj^l. xiiij^s. iiij^d. Edwardi Pynchebanke per ann. xxvj^s. viij^d. Thomæ Guente et Ricardi Hide per ann. lxxvj^s. viij^d. Henrici Richardesone per ann. xxvj^s. viij^d. Johannis Bercheley per ann. vj^l. Ricardi Spencer per ann. xxvj^s. viij^d. Ricardi Sparke per ann. xx^s. Ricardi Wrenche per ann. xij^l. Thomæ Ridley per ann. liij^s. iiij^d. Roberti Radforde per annum iiij^l. Roberti Standisshe per annum lxxvj^s. viij^d. Roberti Britten per ann. c^s. Penc. Johannis Gostillowe per ann. c^s. Roberti Wingham per ann. vj^l. Ricardi Downe per ann. xl^s. Johannis Maier per ann. vj^l. Johannis Gostlowe per ann. c^s. Thomæ Rutter per ann. liij^s. iiij^d."*

^d See his appointment to the office, 1 Hen. VIII. Num. XV.

^e Ormerod, ut supr.

The abbey of St. Werburgh was surrendered, with all its lands, Jan. 20th, 31 Hen. VIII. under the convent seal: a valuation being made of the estates.^g Two years after which, in the 33d of Henry the Eighth, the king, by his letters patent, dated at Walden Aug. 4th, 1541, founded within the scite of the dissolved monastery an episcopal see and cathedral church, for a bishop, dean, and six prebendaries. The church was ordered to be thenceforth styled the church of Christ and the blessed Virgin Mary: the king declaring by the same, that the vill of Chester should thenceforth for ever be a city, and that the county and city of Chester should be exempt from the jurisdiction of the bishop of Coventry and Lichfield. By these letters patent the king also translated to, and confirmed as bishop in the said see, John Byrde bishop of Bangor; and annexed to the said bishoprick the archdeaconries of Richmond and Chester, then lately resigned to the king by William Knyght doctor of laws: enumerating among the appurtenances of the archdeaconry of Richmond, the rectory and church of Bolton in Lonsdale in Lancashire, the rectories and churches of Clapham, Easingwold, and Thornton Stuart, in the county of York, and the chapel or chantry of Rastall; with all the tithes, &c. belonging to the said churches: and among the appurtenances of the archdeaconry of Chester, the prebend of Bolton-le-Moors in the cathedral church of Lichfield. A specified portion of the abbey-buildings was also granted as a palace for the bishops of Chester. The subsequent provisions of the letters patent grant to the bishops of Chester the same ecclesiastical authority which other bishops enjoy in their respective sees: place the entire see within the province of Canterbury: and make the bishop a body corporate in himself, with all privileges of suing, &c. Then follow the several nominations of Thomas Clerk as first dean, William Walle first prebendary, Nicholas Bucksye second prebendary, Thomas Newton third prebendary, John Huet fourth prebendary, Thomas Radford fifth prebendary, and Roger Smyth sixth prebendary of the church: which dean and prebendaries were to rule themselves according to a Charter afterwards to be given; they were to be the chapter of the new cathedral, with the same powers as those enjoyed by the chapter of the diocese of Coventry and Lichfield; they were to be a body corporate, with all privileges of suing, a common seal, &c. The letters patent next grant to the chapter the scite and precinct of the dissolved abbey, excepting that part which had been granted to the bishop; further giving them the power of appointing or removing all the inferior officers of the cathedral, reserving to the crown the appointment of the successors of the said dean and prebendaries. The final provision removes the archdeaconries of Richmond and Chester from the dioceses of York, and of Coventry and Lichfield, annexing them to the bishoprick of Chester, and subjecting them to the episcopal jurisdiction of the bishop of that see, reserving the metropolitanical and archiepiscopal prerogative of the archbishop of Canterbury.^h

By a subsequent act of parliament passed in the same year of the king, the see of Chester was placed within the province of York.ⁱ

The Particular of the exchange of temporalities

^f Ibid. At an early period, Mr. Ormerod adds, the abbat used the trial by battle in his court, as appears in the confirmation of Burwardsley by Roger de Hastings to Roger de Cumbrey. (See Hist. Chesh. Burwardsley, Broxton Hundred. p. 392.) The powers of the court, by the Charters of Earls Hugh and Richard, were made equal, within the abbat's jurisdiction, to those of the earl himself; and after the confirmation of this privilege by his successor, Randle I. there is this very remarkable addition, "*et ut ego comes Ranulfus dare exemplum posteris, veni ipse propter unum placitum in curiam abbatis, audiens et suscipiens ibi meum judicium, non a meis sed a iudicibus abbatis, ut in omnibus haberet beata Werburga jus suæ dignitatis in perpetuum.*" Ib.

The form of the oath which was taken by the abbat after his election is preserved in the Harleian MS. 7032, p. 288, ex MS. Cai. Conv. cui titulus Miscel. Collect. Roberti Hare, vol. i. p. 36.

^g See Num. XVI. That the copy of the Survey given under this number is imperfect, cannot be helped; the original, being upon paper, has been torn in several places. It is defective at the beginning, and in several of the sums total.

^h See the letters patent at length, Num. XVII.

ⁱ See Num. XVIII.

between the bishop and King Henry the Eighth, in 1546, will be found in the Appendix, transcribed from a manuscript in the Harleian library.^a Mr. Ormerod's extract from the patent in the Rolls' Chapel, instead of Sept. 28th, bears the subsequent date of Jan. 8th. 38 Hen. VIII. It has, moreover, the addition of lands in Morley in the county of Derby, and also mentions messuages in Fleshmonger-lane in Chester, and in the parishes of Mancote and Hawarden, together with tenements in Crabwall, Heath House, near Newton, St. Oswald Chester, Podington, Burton, Pulton Lancelyn, and Bebington, none of which occur in the Particular above referred to. In other respects it is full in point of information.

Mr. Ormerod says, "Besides the original dotation of the bishoprick, 33 Hen. VIII. and the exchange of the temporalities, 38 Hen. VIII. there was a grant, 4 & 5 Phil. and Mary, of St. Bees and Cartmel, and of the patronage of the Prebends of Chester, in recompense of the rectory of Wirklington, which had been granted, 38 Hen. VIII. but which had been before granted to Robert Brocklesby and John Dion. In 3d Eliz. another grant of Cartmell and Childwall. In 6 Jac. the like. In 4 Eliz. a pension of 26*l.* 12*s.* 2*d.* from the earl of Chester was confirmed. There are also some minor grants, which do not appear worthy of enumeration."^b

BISHOPS OF CHESTER,

Since the foundation of the Cathedral by King Hen. VIII.

JOHN BYRDE, or BIRD, D. D., who had, in 1539, been made bishop of Bangor, was translated, upon the foundation of the new bishoprick, to Chester, A. D. 1541. He was deprived of his bishoprick in 1554 by Queen Mary, because he was married. After his deprivation, he was made vicar of Dunmow in Essex. He died in an obscure condition, and was buried, according to Wood, in Chester cathedral: but at Dunmow, according to Le Neve. His works are enumerated in the *Athenæ Oxonienses*.

GEORGE COTES, COOTES, or COTYS, was the second bishop of Chester. He received the temporalities of the see April 18th, 1554, 1 Mariæ. He died at Chester in 1555, and was obscurely buried in the cathedral, near the bishop's throne.

CUTHBERT SCOT, D. D., and master of Christ's college Cambridge, was made bishop of Chester in 1556. He was deprived by Queen Elizabeth. He afterwards fled to Louvain, where he died.

WILLIAM DOWNEHAM, D. D., was consecrated bishop May 4th, and received the temporalities of the see May 9th, 1561. He died in the month of November, 1577, and was buried in the choir of the cathedral.

WILLIAM CHADERTON, D. D., was consecrated bishop of Chester Nov. 9th, 1579, and thence translated to Lincoln 1595. He died in 1608.

HUGH BELLOT, D. D., and bishop of Bangor, was translated to the see of Chester Sept. 25, 1595. He was installed on November the first. He died in the month of June, 1596, and was buried at Wrexham in Denbighshire. His funeral was solemnized at Chester June 22, 1596.

RICHARD VAUGHAN, D. D., was translated to this bishoprick, from the see of Bangor, in the month of June, 1597: and thence to the see of London in 1604. He died March 30th, 1607, and was buried in St. Paul's cathedral.

GEORGE LLOYD, D. D., was consecrated bishop of Chester Jan. 14th, 1604. He died Aug. 1st, 1615, and was buried in the choir of his cathedral.

GERARD MASSIE, D. D., was nominated to this see after the death of Bishop Lloyd, but died before consecration.

THOMAS MORTON, D. D., was consecrated bishop of Chester July 7th, 1616. He was translated to the see of

Lichfield and Coventry in 1618, and thence to Durham in 1632. He died in 1659.

JOHN BRIDGEMAN, D. D., was consecrated bishop of Chester May 9th, 1619. Mr. Ormerod says, "He was the compiler of a valuable work relating to the ecclesiastical history of the diocese, now deposited in the episcopal registry, and usually denominated Bishop Bridgeman's Leger."^c He died during the period of the great rebellion. His son Sir Orlando Bridgeman became lord keeper in 1667.

BRIAN WALTON, D. D., the compiler of the great Polyglot Bible, was consecrated bishop of Chester Dec. 2d, 1660, upon the restoration of King Charles II. He died Nov. 29th, 1661.

HENRY FERNE, D. D., was consecrated bishop of Chester Feb. 9th, 1662, at Ely House in Holborn. He died the fifth Sunday after his consecration, and was buried in Westminster Abbey March 25th following.

GEORGE HALL, D. D., was consecrated bishop of Chester May 11th, 1662. He was the younger son of Joseph Hall bishop of Exeter. He died at Wigan in Lancashire, the benefice of which he held in commendam, Aug. 23, 1668.

JOHN WILKINS, D. D., was consecrated Nov. 15th, 1668: the well known author of several philosophical and mathematical works. He had been made master of Trinity college Cambridge by Richard Cromwell. He died Nov. 19th, 1672.

JOHN PEARSON, D. D., was consecrated bishop of Chester Feb. 9th, 1673: the author, among other works, of an exposition of the Creed. He died July 16th, 1686.

THOMAS CARTWRIGHT, D. D., was consecrated Oct. 17th, 1686. He was one of the ecclesiastical commissioners appointed by King James II. in his memorable contest with the fellows of Magdalen college Oxford. He afterwards fled to France: and accompanying King James to Ireland, died at Dublin in 1689.^d King James the Second is said to have nominated him, during his exile, for the see of Salisbury.

NICHOLAS STRATFORD, D. D., was consecrated in 1689.

SIR WILLIAM DAWES, Bart. and D. D., was consecrated Bishop of Chester Feb. 8th, 1708. He was translated to the archbishoprick of York in 1714.

FRANCIS GASTRELL, D. D., was consecrated April 14th, 1714, in Somerset House chapel. He held a canonry of Christ church Oxford in commendam with his see. Mr. Ormerod informs us, that the MS. Cheshire collections of the Randle Holmes, now in the British Museum, after being rejected by the corporation of Chester, were purchased, through the interference of Bishop Gastrell, by the earl of Oxford, and thus preserved for the public. From these and his episcopal registers, Bishop Gastrell compiled his excellent MS. compendium of documents relating to the benefices of the diocese, entitled "*Notitia Cestriensis*."^e He died Nov. 24th, 1725.

SAMUEL PEPLOE, D. D., was nominated to this See on April 4th, and consecrated April 26th, 1726. He died at the episcopal palace Feb. 21, 1752, and was buried in his cathedral.

EDMUND KEENE, D. D., was consecrated March 22d, 1752: holding the rectory of Stanhope in the bishoprick of Durham in commendam. He was translated to the see of Ely in 1770. The bishop's palace at Chester was wholly rebuilt by him, at the expence of 2200*l.*^f

WILLIAM MARKHAM, LL.D., dean of Christ church Oxford, was advanced to the see of Chester in 1771; whence, in 1776, he was translated to the archbishoprick of York. He died in 1807.

BEILBY PORTEUS, D. D., was promoted to the bishoprick of Chester Dec. 31st, 1776: whence, in 1787, upon the death of Bishop Lowth, he was translated to the see of London. He died May 14th, 1808.

^a See Num. XIX.

^b Hist. Chesh. vol. i. p. 74.

^c Ibid. p. 76.

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^d "Jacobum regem et fortunam ejus secutus, obiit in civitate Dubliniensi rebus et animo abjectus." Kennett, MS. Diptycha.

^e Hist. Chesh. vol. i. p. 79.

^f MS. Cole, Brit. Mus.

WILLIAM CLEAVER, D. D., was consecrated bishop of Chester Jan. 20th, 1788; whence, in 1799, he was translated to the see of Bangor; and, in 1806, to St. Asaph. He died May 15th, 1815.

HENRY WILLIAM MAJENDIE, D. D., was consecrated bishop of Chester June 14th, 1800; whence he was translated to the see of Bangor in 1810.

BOWYER EDWARD SPARKE, D. D., was consecrated bishop of Chester Jan. 21st, 1810. He was translated to the see of Ely in 1812.

GEORGE HENRY LAW, D. D., son of Edmund late lord bishop of Carlisle, was consecrated bishop of Chester July 5th, 1812. He is the present bishop, Sept. 2d, 1818.

AFTER the bishoprick of Chester had been founded; out of the residue of the estates belonging to St. Werburgh's abbey, King Henry the Eighth endowed the DEAN and CHAPTER of the Cathedral, by a Charter dated August 5th, 1546. This Charter, which will be found in the Appendix,^a contained an ample provision; but was unfortunately void from the omission of the word "Cestriæ" after "concedimus decano et capitulo ecclesiæ Christi et beatæ Mariæ Virginis;" notwithstanding which omission, the dean and chapter continued to receive the rents for a considerable time, as if the lands had been properly granted.^b

The following is the account of the dispute on this occasion, as given by Mr. Ormerod:

"In the 1st year of Edward VI. Dean Cliffe and two of the prebends were imprisoned in the Fleet, by procurement of Sir Richard Cotton, comptroller of the king's household, and under intimidation granted to him most of their lands for the yearly rent of 603*l.* 17*s.* the old rent being above 700*l.* Sir Richard died seized of these manors and estates Oct. 2d, 3 and 4 Ph. and Mary, leaving George Cotton, Esq. his heir.

^a Num. XX.

^b The Harleian manuscript 2015 contains the "Statuta ecclesiæ cathedralis Christi et beatæ Mariæ Virginis Cestrensis, edita per serenissimum ac potentissimum principem Henricum octavum, Dei gratia Angliæ, Franciæ, et Hiberniæ regem, fidei defensorem, et in terra ecclesiæ Anglicanæ et Hiberniæ supremum caput, ejusdem ecclesiæ Cestrensis fundatorem."

The chapters are, 1. De numero integro eorum qui in ecclesia cathedralis Christi et beatæ Virginis Cestrensis sustinentur. 2. De qualitatibus, electione, et admissione decani. 3. Juramentum decani. 4. De officio decani. 5. De visitatione terrarum. 6. Dimissio terrarum et tenementorum ad firmam. 7. De traditione honorum decano. 8. De residentia decani. 9. De obedientia decano præstanda. 10. De qualitatibus, electione, et admissione canonicorum. 11. De juramento canonicorum. 12. De residentia canonicorum. 13. De concionibus in ecclesia nostra habendis. 14. De mensa canonicorum. 15. De stipendio decani et canonicorum. 16. De electione officiorum. 17. De officio vice decani. 18. De officio receptoris. 19. De officio thesaurarii. 20. De qualitatibus, electione, et admissione minorum canonicorum et clericorum. 21. Juramentum ministrorum. 22. De residentia ministrorum. 23. De præcentore et ejus officio. 24. De sacrista et subsacristis. 25. De choristis et ipsorum magistro. 26. De pueris grammaticis et eorum informatoribus. 27. De pauperibus et eorum officiis. 28. De inferioribus ecclesiæ ministris. 29. De communi mensa omnium ministrorum. 30. De vestibus ministrorum quas liveratas vocant. 31. De stipendiis ministrorum in ecclesia nostra. 32. De celebratione divinorum. 33. De communi ærario. 34. De custodia sigilli et munimentorum. 35. De ratione seu compoto quotannis reddendo. 36. De delictis et offensis corrigendis. 37. De elemosinis et scholasticis in academia studentibus. 38. De capitulis celebrandis. 39. De visitatione ecclesiæ. 40. De precibus in ecclesia dicentis. These Statutes are dated June 4th, 36 Hen. VIII. and signed "Nicholaus Wigorn. Georgius Cicestrensis, Richardus Cox." Another copy of these Statutes will be found in the Harl. MS. 2159, fol. 78; and copies occur of the time of Henry the Eighth, both in Latin and English, in the Harl. MS. 2103.

^c "According to your lordship's letter the 18th of this last month, we have considered of the question and doubt therein mentioned, concerning the dean and chapter of Chester their patent from King Henry the VIII. which we think very meet to be tried by course of the common law, whereupon we shall be ready to show our opinions, for the judgement thereof as cause shall require, when time shall aptly serve to do the same.

And albeit the lands he lying in the county palatine, yet by an action of intrusion, to be brought on her majesty's behalf against some of the occupiers of some parts of those lands, the matter may have trial at Westminster, whereof we have also considered with her majesty's attorney general, for the manner and speedy doing thereof, who is ready and willing to procure the same as shall appertain: trusting that by your lordship's good means, her highness will accept thus much from us this time, and to pardon the setting down of our further opinions,

"This grant was opposed by Walker, the next dean, on the grounds of the insufficiency of the rent, the manifest compulsion, and the act not having been that of the entire body; upon which George Cotton, aware of the badness of his title, granted the greater part of these lands at two years rent to several gentlemen of the county, whose names are given in Elizabeth's confirmation to the fee-farmers. In this dilemma, the right of the lands lost by this flaw being supposed to be vested in the crown, the earl of Leicester applied to the three principal judges for instructions, and received for answer the letter subjoined,^c recommending an action of intrusion as the proper mode of determining the dispute, and declining an extrajudicial opinion. Accordingly, 19 Eliz. an information of intrusion was brought against Sir Hugh Cholmondeley, Sir George Calveley, Richard Hurleston, Esq. and others of the fee-farmers, into the Exchequer at Westminster, whereby the title came in question between her majesty and the fee-farmers. The cause was argued twice in Easter term, 20th Eliz.; and on another day being appointed for Serjeant Gaudge to argue the case on her majesty's behalf, it was put off by the fee-farmers, who were assured by Mr. Egerton that the law was against them.

"The earl of Leicester is next stated, positively, to have been bribed by the fee-farmers with six years rent of the abbey lands. In consequence of this, he obtained a special commission for hearing the cause; and both parties having surrendered their rights into the queen's hands, anno 21 Eliz. an award was made by the earl, in consequence of which the lands were confirmed to the fee-farmers, subject to certain rents issuing therefrom, which continue to be paid to the dean and chapter to the present day,^d and which having necessarily remained stationary, whilst all other landed revenues were increasing, are far from fulfilling the intentions of the royal founder of the see."^e

which we do forbear, because the party aggrieved in this case will not be satisfied with an opinion, but object we should vindicate the judgments of the law by unorderly means.

And nevertheless since it appeareth by your lordship her majesty is so gracious unto the estate of the church, if it shall please her highness to make a new grant of the lands unto the dean and chapter, containing the right name of that corporation, in such manner as that, that lacketh, 'Chester,' that, the same, will put them in good security for the maintenance of their house thenceforth, and so we most humbly take our leave,

At the Serjeants Inn this first of December, 1576.

Your loving friends at command,

CHRISTOPHER WREY.

ROGER MANWOOD.

JAS. DYER.

GILBERT GERARD." Harl. MS. 2071.

^d "A claim to these lands was also made by Peter Grey and his second son Edward, under a grant of concealed lands made them by the queen. This interest was sold by the Greys to Laurence Bostock, and Launcelot Hitchcock, March 19th, 19 Eliz. whose rights were purchased by some of the fee-farmers to strengthen their title; among these purchasers were Thomas Venables baron of Kinderton, Thomas Wilbraham Esq. Henry Mainwaring of Barnshaw Esq. John Hurleston of Picton Esq. George Beverley of Huntington, and others. The principal fee-farmers who did not purchase were Lady Egerton, relict of Thomas Leigh, of Adlington Esq. Sir Rowland Stanley, Hugh Calveley of Lea Esq. William Glazier Esq. Richard Bavand merchant, and Henry Hardware gent." Harl. MS. 2071.

^e Hist. Chesh. vol. i. pp. 216, 217. Mr. Ormerod has given the following Abstracts of Queen Elizabeth's Charters to the fee-farmers.

I.

Abstract of the Grant of the Dean and Chapter Lands to the Fee-Farmers.

(Pat. 22 Eliz.)

Elizabeth D.G. &c. grants by letters patent to Sir Geo. Calveley, Kt. George Cotton, Hugh Cholmeley, Thomas Leighe, Henry Maynwaringe, John Nuthall, and Richard Hurleston, Esquires, the manors of Huntington, Sutton in Wirral, Upton, Brombrorow, Irby, Ince, Salgh-ton, Barnshawe, and Fernell, in com. Cest. cum pert. late part of the possessions of the dissolved monastery of St. Werburgh, and also grants to the same all royalties and privileges to the said manors; and further grants to the same all lands, royalties, and other privileges of the said abbey, in Beckford, Huntingdon, Cheveley, Sutton, Brombrorow, Upton, Boughton, Newton, Wervin, Croughton, Upton, Christelton, Chorle-ton, Moston, Salghall, Shotwick, Crue, Bebington, Eastham, Plymyard, Irreby, Greaseby, Frankby, West Kirkby, Knoctorum, Woodchurch, Walesey, Kirkby Waley, Ince, Elton, Thornton, Manley, Cattnehall, Idencote, Hellesby, Frodsham, Bridge Trafford, Plemstowe, Saughton,

Numerous original papers and documents relating to these transactions will be found among the

Huxley, Coddington, Barnshawe, Goosetrey, Lees, Crannage, Sandbache, Asthull, Chelford, Prestbury, Northwich, Hulse, Winnington, Nether Tabley, Plumley, Budworth, Northenden, Fernehall, Bunbury, Idenshaw, Tarvin, Great Sutton, Little Sutton, Hutton, and Thornton, in the said county.

Also to the same all the rents in the city of Chester which Richard Hurleston claimed by virtue of a grant from William Clyffe, late dean of Chester, and all tythes and oblations possessed by the said monastery in the parishes or hamlets of Bromborowe, Upton, Eastham, Plymyard, Ince, Elton, Barnshawe, Prestbury, Idenshaw, Great and Little Sutton, Hutton, Thornton, Whitby, and Overpoole.

Also to the same the rectories and churches of Sutton, Bromborowe, Upton, Prestbury, Great and Little Sutton, Neston, and Willaston, and the rectory and church of Ince, late possessed by the said monastery.

Also to the same all granges, glebe, &c. in Sutton in Wirral, Bromborow, Barneston, Eastham, Plymyard, Childer Thornton, Hutton, Over Poole, Nether Poole, Great and Little Sutton, Prestbury, Great and Little Neston, Willaston, and Ince.

Also to the same the patronage of the churches of Christleton, Bebington, and Astbury, in the county of Chester, and of St. Mary's in the city of Chester, late possessed by the said monastery.

All of which are granted in as full and entire possession as they were ever held by the last abbot or any of his predecessors, or came by virtue of surrender by the abbot and convent into the hands of King Henry VIII.

Saving to the queen and her successors the manor of Abbots Cotton, late parcell of the bishopric of Chester; all lands and messuages from which rents are due to the crown: the rectories of Shotwick and St. Oswald in the county and city of Chester (with the exception of the Burland tithes of Upton near Chester, parcell of the said rectory); all tithe-barns, tithes, and oblations in Shotwick, Great and Little Saughall, Crabwall, Capenhurst, Huntington, Cheveley, Saughton, Church on Heath, Boughton, Newton, Wervin, Croughton, or Bache, or in any other part of Cheshire, except as before excepted, and further excepting certain tithe barns specified in Boughton, Wervin, Saughall, and Ledsham; and all tithes of Huntington, Cheveley, Saughton, Church on Heath, Boughton, Newton, Wervin, Croughton, Back, Shotwick, Great and Little Saughall, Ledsham, and Capenhurst; and the Burland tithes of the parishes of West Kirkby and Woodchurch, in West Kirkby, Woodchurch, Thurstaston, Upton in Wirral, Irreby, Knocktorum, Greaseby, and Frankby: and the same tithes in Wybunbury, Worleston, Wigsterston, Weston, and Over Figden; also the advowsons of West Kirkby, Thurstaston, Dottleston, Hanley, Coddington, Northenden, Kirkby Walley, Neston, Eastham, and St. Oswald's: excepting also Cellarer's meadow, Carter's hey, the pool of Bache mill and a fishery therein, within Upton; a wick house in Wich Malbank, and the isle of Hilbree with a fishery therein; excepting also a pension of 19*l.* 10*s.* called Castle Rent, and all pensions issuing from the churches of Astbury, Christleton, St. Mary's in Chester, Eastham, Kirkby, Tatlenhall, Dottleston, Warton, Hanley, and Coddington; excepting also all liberties or grants of deer or of other beasts either granted to the abbots of St. Werburgh, or the dean and chapter of Chester, in the forests of Mara and Mondrem, alias Delamare: excepting also the manors of Lee or Ley near Backford, Whitby, and Overpoole, with messuages in Upton, Great and Little Sutton, Saughall, Shotwick, and Chorleton.

The aforesaid manors, &c. with these exceptions, to be held from the crown as of the manor of East Greenwich in Kent, by the aforesaid Sir George Calveley, George Cotton, &c. and their assigns for ever, subject to certain specified reserved rents payable to the crown at Lady-day and Michaelmas at the West gate of the before-mentioned dissolved monastery, the said rent to be levied by distress, and if left unpaid for thirty days, a forfeiture of one fourth of the value of the grant to be incurred.

The said Sir George Calveley, &c. to hold the said rectories with all ancient privileges except as before excepted, and to be discharged from all former rents, &c. payable to the crown, for which these letters patent shall be sufficient warrant to the treasurers, chancellor, and barons of the exchequer: the said letters patent to be inrolled, and received as evidence in all courts of law, and passed without fine or fee under the great seal of England.

Test. me ipsa apud Westm. xix^o Decembris, a^o rⁱ nⁱ rⁱ xxii^o per ipsam reginam, &c.

II.

Abstract of the Charter which confirmed to the Fee-farmers the Lands granted to the Dean and Chapter of Chester in their first Charter.
(Pat. 22 Eliz.)

ELIZABETHA D. G. Ang. Franciæ et Hib. &c. Recital of the grant to Sir Geo. Calveley, Geo. Cotton, Hugh Cholmley, &c. dated 19 Dec. 22d Eliz. as before mentioned, after which follow the exceptions contained in that grant of lands, &c. reserved to the queen and her heirs, and a recital of another grant by letters patent under the great seal of England, bearing date 30th Nov. last past, whereby the queen grants to William and John Glasier, gents. the manor of Ley, alias Lee, by Backford, and the vills of Ley, Whitby, and Over Poole, with tenements in Moston, Upton, and Boughton, with court leet, and all other profits and privileges appertaining to the said manor in Ley, Whitby, &c. as possessed by Chester abbey, saving to the queen and her heirs all tithes, oblations, &c. in Whitby and Over Poole, to be held from the crown in socage, and not in capite, as of the manor of East

Greenwich, subject to a certain reserved rent, to be gathered by distress, as in the preceding grant to the other fee-farmers.

After which follows a recital of her father Henry VIII. having by letters patent, dated at Walden 5 Aug. a^o reg. 33, founded within the site of the abbey of St. Werburgh, a new episcopal see, and a cathedral church for one bishop, one dean, and six prebends, to be called the dean and chapter of the cathedral church of Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary of Chester, the which foundation is confirmed by the queen, who wishing that the same "may be honourably endowed for the praise and honour of Almighty God, and that he may be worshipped in the same daily, according to her father's original intention, that the holy Gospel of Christ may be preached constantly and purely, that for the increase of Christian faith and piety the youth of the kingdom may be constantly instructed there in good learning, that hospitality may be exercised by the dean and prebends aforesaid, and the poor be there continually relieved," of her special grace, &c. &c. grants to the said dean and chapter as follows.

71*l.* 3*s.* 9*d.* annual rent, issuing from the manors of Huntinton, Cheveley, the rectories of Great and Little Neston, and Willaston, and lands in Crue.

168*l.* 19*s.* 10*d.* issuing from the manors of Sutton and Ince, and the rectories of Sutton, Brumbro, and lands granted out in Elton, Catlenhal, Manley, Edencot, Hellesby, Bridge Trafford, and Plimstow.

31*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* issuing from the manor of Irreby, and lands in Irreby, Greaseby, Knocktorum, Woodchurch, Frankby, and Wallesey.

51*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.* issuing from the manor of Saughton, with lands in Saughton, Church on Heath, Coddington, and Huxley.

54*l.* 10*s.* issuing from the manor of Barnshaw, and lands in Barnshaw, Asthull, Chelford, Goostre, Lees, Cranage, Northwich, Hulse, Wynington, Nether Tabley, and Plumbley.

5*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* issuing from the manor of Tilston Fernhall, and lands there.

113*l.* 11*s.* 4*d.* issuing from the manor and rectory of Prestbury, and premises belonging to that manor.

24*l.* issuing from the manor of Estham and the appurtenances thereof.

33*l.* 3*s.* issuing from the ferry, the ferry house, and the wood of Eastham.

5*l.* 5*s.* 11*d.* from lands, &c. in Plimyard.

4*s.* 5*d.* from the long medowe in Backford parish.

In Upton, 12*l.* 9*s.* 10*d.* fee farm rent issuing from the Burland tithes, held by Eliz. Browne widow; 13*l.* 3*s.* 1*d.* from the lands held by Robert Brock; 1*l.* 9*s.* 9*d.* from William Smyth's lands; 1*l.* 9*s.* from the lands of William Heley; and 7*s.* 7*d.* from the lands of Richard Spencer.

In Boughton, 2*l.* 6*s.* 3*d.* from the lands of Ralph Payne; 2*l.* 9*s.* 3*d.* Thomas Foxe; 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* Ralph Davenport; 2*l.* Robt. Hanley; 1*l.* 14*s.* 7*d.* Thomas Ball; 1*l.* 14*s.* 6*d.* Christopher Taylor; 3*l.* 7*s.* 4*d.* Thomas Richardson; 2*l.* 11*s.* 5*d.* William Cooke; 3*l.* 8*s.* 2*d.* Thomas Browne; 1*l.* 2*s.* 8*d.* Hamlet Mores; 2*l.* 6*s.* 6*d.* Roger Wharton; 2*l.* 4*s.* 4*d.* John Hamond; 2*l.* 8*s.* 4*d.* John Ley; 3*l.* 12*s.* 8*d.* Thomas Dodd; 4*l.* 3*s.* 10*d.* Richard Ball; 7*s.* 10*d.* Richard Cotton; 9*s.* John Carter.

2*l.* 12*s.* 10*d.* issuing from Boughton windmill, paid by John Handley.

52*l.* 8*s.* 2*d.* issuing from lands in Idenshaw, Newton, Wervin, and Croughton.

5*l.* 13*s.* 8*d.* issuing from Stanford mill, and lands there, in holding of Thomas Venables.

In Chorlton the following sums issuing from lands therein, Robert Cooke 7*s.*; Richard Ashton 2*l.* 12*s.* 8*d.*; Margaret Forshea 1*l.* 18*s.* 10*d.*; Thomas Trafford 1*l.* 12*s.* 2*d.*; John Kinge 1*l.* 18*s.* 10*d.*; Thomas Whitefield 1*l.* 14*s.* 8*d.* for the windmill and lands thereto attached.

10*l.* 4*s.* 4*d.* issuing from the messuage, mill, and lands, &c. in Brumbrow, held by Henry Hardware.

32*l.* 13*s.* 3*d.* issuing from lands in Childer Thornton, Brumbrow, and Bebington, in the holding of Richard Bavand, and William Baxter, alias Mayo.

4*l.* 10*s.* 10*d.* issuing from lands in Moston, in the holding of Ralph Rogerson.

4*l.* 10*s.* 10*d.* issuing from lands ibidem, in the holding of John Ashton.

8*l.* 9*s.* 3*d.* issuing from lands in Salghall and Shotwick.

1*l.* 2*s.* 9*d.* issuing from lands in Northenden.

16*s.* 8*d.* issuing from lands in Christleton, held by William Cotgreave.

10*l.* 11*s.* 4*d.* issuing from the manor of Lee, held by William and John Glasier.

34*l.* 15*s.* 4*d.* issuing from the vills of Whitby and Overpoole, held by the same.

1*l.* issuing from the long medowe in Backford, held by the same.

2*l.* 8*s.* 6*d.* issuing from lands in Boughton, held by the same.

2*l.* 6*s.* 10*d.* issuing from lands in Upton, held by the same.

Together with all rents, services, and lands, parcell of the dissolved abbey estates, which in the previous grants to the fee farmers, the queen had reserved to herself and her successors; given in free and perpetual alms.

The queen further grants to the aforesaid dean and chapter:

The rectories of St. Oswald and of Shotwick.

All tithes of Huntinton, Cheveley, Saughton, Churchenheath, Boughton, Newton, Wervin, Croughton, Bache, Shotwick, Great Saughall and Little Saughall.

The tithes of Ledsham and Capenhurst.

Holme Collections for Cheshire in the British Museum.^a

The tithes of Crabwall, Poole House, and Heath House, growing in the parish of St. Oswald.

The Burland tithes of West Kirkby, and Woodchurch, growing in West Kirkby, Woodchurch, Upton in Wirral, Irby, Greaseby, Knoctorum, Thurstanston, Frankby, and Wallesey.

The Bordland tithes of Nantwich, Wybunbury, Worleston, Wighterston, Neston, Over, Wisterston, Willaston, Eccleston, and Figden, or other places in the county aforesaid, being parcel of the dissolved monastery.

Also a rent of 19*l.* 10*s.* issuing from the earldom of Chester, and previously paid to the abbey of St. Werburgh.

Also all profits or privileges possessed in any part of England by the rectors or the churches of St. Oswald's or Shotwick.

Also the advowsons of the rectories of West Kirkby, Thurstanston, Doddleston, Hanley, Coddington, and Northenden, and of the vicarages of St. Oswald's, Eastham, and Neston, to be held in pure and perpetual alms, by paying yearly to the queen at the treasury, the sum of 106*l.* 16*s.* 5*½d.* in lieu of tenths and first fruits.

Also all privileges within the rectories of St. Oswald's, Shotwick, West Kirkby, &c. and the forest of Delamere, which were at any time enjoyed by the before-mentioned abbey of St. Werburgh, and came into the hands of the crown by the surrender thereof.

Also a licence to the said dean and chapter to appropriate and convert to their own uses the churches of St. Oswald's, Shotwick, or West Kirkby, or their appurtenances, which were in any manner appropriated by the abbot and convent of St. Werburgh, without the said dean and chapter appointing any incumbent thereto.

The aforesaid grants to be exonerated from pensions and payments whatsoever on the condition of the dean and chapter paying annually the sums following:

106*l.* 16*s.* 5*½d.* to the queen and her heirs.

4*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* to the minister of a priest at Chelford, in Prestbury parish.

4*l.* to the minister of St. Bridgetts in Chester.

4*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* to the minister at Ince.

5*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* to the minister at Shotwick.

3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* to the minister at Wervyn.

6*s.* 8*d.* to an assistant minister at St. Oswald's in Lent and Easter.

4*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* to a minister at Brombro'.

1*l.* 13*s.* 8*d.* to the vicar of St. Oswald's.

3*l.* 5*s.* 4*d.* to the archdeacon of Chester, in lieu of synodals annually issuing from the following churches: Ince, 8*s.* 2*d.*; Neston, 16*s.* 4*d.*; St. Oswald's, 8*s.* 2*d.*; Brombro and Eastham, 16*s.* 4*d.*; and Neston, 16*s.* 4*d.*

All which sums the dean and chapter covenant to pay for themselves and their successors.

After this follows a pardon of the dean and chapter for all intrusions and trespasses upon the possessions of the crown, which they might have been guilty of previous to the date of this Charter, and a stipulation that in all courts the Charter shall be interpreted as advantageously as possible for the interests of the dean and chapter, and as strictly as possible with respect to the interests of the crown: that no advantage shall be taken of any omissions or contradictions therein, and the same shall be sealed with the great seal of England, without any fee or fine whatsoever.

Test. me ipsa apud West^m. 22^o die Dec^{is}. a^o rⁱ xxii.

^a Harl. MS. 2016. art. 52. The state and petition of the cause touchinge the deane and chapter of Chester to the commissioners, fol. 82.

Art. 53. The Fee-farmors breviatt of the state of the cause betweene her majestie and them, about the lands late belonging to the cathedrall church of Chester, fol. 82 b.

Art. 54. The auditor's report concerning an allowance to be made to the said dean and chapter, fol. 83.

Art. 55. Petitions made and exhibited on behalf of the Fee-farmors, fol. 83 b.

Art. 58. Her majestie's commission to certen of the lords of her privie counsell; who had charge to heare and determyne the cause of Chester, fol. 85.

Art. 59. Mr. Attorney-general Popham his opinion touching the Chester case, fol. 85 b.

Art. 60. The order sett downe by the commissioners, touchinge the matter of Chester . . . April, 1579, fol. 86.

Art. 61. The humble petitions, to the commissioners, of Raphe Calveley and James Glaseor, poore leasees; for themselves, and the rest of the leasees, fol. 88.

Art. 63. A discourse by William Glaseor and James Glaseor, how farre Chester-matter hath proceeded, what the value of the lands is, &c. fol. 89 b.

Art. 65. The names of the Fee-farmers; and what landes they houlde from the church of Chester, fol. 92 b.

Art. 66. A surrender of lands in Cheshire made by the Fee-farmers, 21 Eliz. fol. 94 b.

Art. 67. The attorney-general's information in the Exchequer, against the Fee-farmers, 18 Eliz. fol. 96.

Art. 68. A briefe abstract concerning the late abbey-landes of Chester, how they have binne enjoyed sythence the Suppression of the same: and proveth much to be concealed, subtracted, or wrongfully detained from her majestie, fol. 98 b.

Art. 69. Another copy of Serjeant Popham's opinion (see art. 59), fol. 99.

Art. 70. The confirmation of the former reasons, by certeyn judges and others learned in the lawes of England, fol. 100.

Art. 71. Account of what followed upon the attorney-general's information, art. 67, fol. 100.

In respect of the LEIGER Books which are now remaining of St. Werburgh's abbey, the two principal

Art. 72. A brief abstract concerning her majesties graunt in fee-firme of all the sayd lands to Peter Greye and Edward Gray; 19 Eliz. fol. 100 b.

Art. 73. Concerning the rest of the said abbey-lands, unsold; remaining only in Hitchcock as survivor of Bostock; with the names of the occupiers thereof, fol. 101 b.

Harl. MS. 2103, art. 1. Order of the lord-treasurer Burghley, the earle of Leycester, &c. authorised by her majesty to heare and determine all causes and controversies growing upon the validity and invalidity of the dotation and grant made by K. Henry VIII. to the deane and chapter of Chester 7 Aprilis, anno 21 R. Elizabethæ, fol. 1.

Art. 8. The case between Sir Hugh Beeston Knight plaintiffe and Peter Daniell Esq. defendant: about Abbots-Cotton, which John Bird bishop of Chester lett for 89 years; and so was lett from one to another, till the church received little benefit from it, fol. 11.

Art. 18. Observations made on the antient state of the revenue given to the cathedral church of Chester by K. Henry the Eighth, of which here is an account; and of the improvement of the same made by an order of Q. Elizabeth's commissioners; with an account of what further accrued to the dean and chapter beyond their allowance; and of many abuses committed by them, in sundry kinds, fol. 27.

Art. 60. Queries arising from the first donation of the cathedrall church of Chester by K. Henry VIII. where the word Cestrensis was left out, fol. 95.

Art. 61. Copie of the surrendour made to Queen Elizabeth, by the deane and chapter of Chester, of all their lands and rents, parcell of the possessions of the late dissolved monastery of St. Werburgh, fol. 97.

Art. 64. Carta dotationis decani et capituli Cestrensis, 5^{to}. Augusti, anno 33 Hen. VIII. fol. 102.

Art. 65. Carta dotationis decani et capituli Cestr. anno 22 Eliz. (with recytal of what is granted to the Fee-farmers) fol. 106.

Art. 66. Copie of an indenture, made the 14th of December, anno 36 R. Henr. VIII. whereby Henry Man deane, and the chapter of Cheshire dimised unto John Calvely gentleman the mannour of Saughton, with certain lands, tithe-corne, &c. for 21 yeares (to comence at the expiration of a certain terme) for the annual rent of 11*l.* 10*s.* fol. 110.

Art. 67. Questions arising from a graunt of an old mease, which was made by the deane and chapter of Chester; whereof they had only a rent passed unto them, and not the thing itselfe, fol. 114.

Art. 68. Copie of the lease made by Will. Cliffe deane, and the chapter of Chester, to Sir Richard Cotton, of almost all their lands, to be held in fee-farme, for the annual rent of 603*l.* 18*s.* 10*d.* fol. 116.

Art. 69. Questions arising from the case of the prior and convent of Christ Church's being translated into a deane and chapter; with the answers thereunto, fol. 120.

Art. 71. Coppie of the surrender of lands belonging to the late abbey of St. Werburgh in the city of Chester, to the queene's majestie, by the gentlemen fee-farmours, dat. ultimo die Septembris, anno 21 R. Elizabethæ, fol. 123.

Art. 72. A coppie of a sopplye kessone (supplication) to the quene's maigestye, anno 1577, fol. 125.

This supplication was signed by the gentlemen fee-farmers aforesaid, to have their estates and interests in the lands of the church of Chester confirmed, in case the letters patent of K. Henry VIII. whereby he founded the cathedrall church of Chester, should be deemed imperfect or defective.

Art. 73. Short notes or extracts from the said patent, &c. touchinge the foundation of the bishoprick, deanary, and chapter of Chester, fol. 126.

Art. 89. Another copy of art. 1.

Art. 90. Notes of many long leases granted by the abbot and convent of Chester, and by the dean and chapter of Chester of certein of their lands and tenements there, fol. 158.

Other copies of articles 52, 53, 54, 55, 58, 59, 60, 61, 63, 65, 66, 68, 72, and 73, occur in num. 2071 of the same Collection, together with

1. Notes concerning the concealed lands in Cheshire granted by Qu. Elizabeth to Peter Gray and Richard his son; and, by them, to Lancelot Bostock and Francis Hitchcock, fol. 102.

2. The deed of purchase, &c. for Bostock and Hitchcock, from the Grays, fol. 103.

3. A briefe note of all such parcells of the said concealed lands as were sold and granted in fee-farme by the said Bostock and Hitchcock, fol. 104 b.

4. Particular valuation of the rectory of Prestburie, anno 19 Eliz. fol. 105.

5. A note of concealed lands, tythes, &c. in the possession of the dean and chapter of Chester, fol. 105 b.

6. The latter part of certain letters patent made by Queen Elizabeth to William and John Glaseor, and to the dean and chapter of Chester, anno regni 22, fol. 152.

7. Queen Elizabeth's letters to the Fee-farmers of the church of Chester's lands, anno regni 22, fol. 152 b.

8. Robert Hitchcock's answer to the bill about concealed lands of Chester abbey, fol. 164.

9. Possessions granted by Bostock and Hitchcock to Mr. Knight, fol. 166 b.

10. Names of the Fee-farmers who purchased Hitchcock's title to strengthen and make good their own, fol. 167.

11. Names of Fee-farmers who have not yet concluded for Hitchcock's title, fol. 167.

Compare also the manuscript 2060 in the Harlcian Collection, art. 35.

are transcripts of the Register which formerly went by the name of "*Sanctorum Prisca*:" these being the first words of Hugh Lupus's Charter, with which the Register began. These transcripts form the numbers 1965 and 2062 of the Harleian collection. Both are written upon vellum; and contain abstracts of the original Deeds of the founders and benefactors to the monastery, as well as of the papal bulls confirming the same. Wanley observes, in the Harleian catalogue,

* The following are the titles of the Charters in the Harleian MS. 1965, as given in a table of reference at the beginning, in a hand coeval with the manuscript itself. The folios and columns referred to are those of the ancient pagination, marked in small Roman numerals in the middle of the upper margin of each leaf.

*Tituli Munimentorum Monasterii Sanctæ Werburgæ.
Prima distinctio.*

- Sanctorum Prisca H. com. primi, fol. 1, col. 1.
Perhibicio testimonii sancti Anselmi, fol. 1, c. 2.
Confirmatio et Protectio Theobaldi archiepiscopi, fol. 3, c. 1.
Magna bulla, fol. 5, c. 3.
Donationes et Confirmationes Ric. com. II. fol. 2, c. 1.
Donationes et Confirmationes Ran. comitis II. fol. 2, c. 1.
Cartæ de nundinis Cestr. fol. 2, c. 2, 4.
De decima reddituum Cestr. et pontis, et piscium, fol. 2, c. 4.
fol. 16, c. 2.
De nativis fugitivis, fol. 3, c. 1.
De decimis dominicorum, fol. 3, c. 1.
Confirmat. R. com. IIII. de donatione de Upton, fol. 2, c. 3.
Carta de Persona in forestis, fol. 16, c. 4.
Donatio ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ de Castro, fol. 3, c. 1.
Confirmatio R. comitis IIII. de multis, fol. 2, c. 3.
Confirmatio R. comitis VI. de omnibus prius datis, fol. 3, col. 1.
Confirmatio J. com. de quietat. de tribus panibus et pultura servientum, fol. 3, c. 2.
De decimis novorum molend. Cestr. fol. 4, c. 3, fol. 3, c. 2.
De pultura servientum in Wyrhale, fol. 17, c. 4.
Confirmatio H. regis de possessionibus et libertatibus in Cestrescir, Derbysir, et Notyngamsir, fol. 3, c. 2.
Confirmatio generalis, E. reg. fil. H. fol. 3, c. 2.
Confirmatio ejusdem super donationibus H. primi com. et R. fil. ejus, fol. 3, c. 2.
Confirmatio ejusdem super cartis R. t' com. et successorum suorum, fol. 3, c. 2.
Confirmatio ejusdem regis E. super ecclesiâ de Prestebur, et libertatibus Weston, et multis, fol. 3, c. 4.
Carta ejusdem de exitibus monasterii in vacatione, fol. 3, c. 4.
Carta ejusdem de venatione capienda, fol. 3, c. 4.
Carta ejusdem de warennâ maneriorum, fol. 17, c. 3.
Carta ejusdem de subventionem omnifactorum in Wallia, fol. 16, c. 1.
Protestatio Rogeri de Clifford et Thomæ de Boulton in spectione cartarum, fol. 3, c. 3.
Protestationes R. de Schirborn, fol. 3, c. 3.
Protestat. Guncelini de Ba fol. 3, c. 3.
Protestationes R. Burnel, fol. 4, c. 4.
Veredictum coram R. de Schirburne prolatum super libertatibus monasterii, fol. 4, c. 1.
Carta de mesuag. et redditibus, fol. 16, c. 1. fol. 27, c. 1. fol. 28.
De curtilagio conventus, fol. 16, c. 1.

Tituli Cartarum de Brexin Hundred.

- Cartæ de Boghton, fol. 39, c. 2.
De Fonte et Aqueducta, fol. 17, c. 1.
De Huntington, fol. 28, c. 3.
De Salghton et Cheveleygh, fol. 16, c. 4, fol. 17, c. 1. fol. 38, c. 3.
Item de Cheveley, fol. 24, c. 4. fol. 38, c. 1.
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Tituli Cartarum Wyrhall.

- De Blaken, fol. 40, c. 1.
De Crabwall, fol. 39, c. 4.
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De Chorleton, fol. 29, c. 4.
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that the shortness of many of the abstracts seems to show that they were not taken to remain in the monastery as copies of the deeds, but rather to serve the abstracts as memorandums on occasion. The MS. in number 2062 is in folio, written in different hands. That which forms 1965 is in the quarto size. Mr. Ormerod has given an elaborate enumeration of the titles of the Charters, as they stand in the manuscript, principally from their rubrics.^a It has been already noticed, that

- De Raby, fol. 17, c. 4.
De Estham et Wilaston, fol. 31, c. 1. fol. 17, c. 4.
De Bromborgh, fol. 16, c. 1, 2. fol. 17, c. 4. fol. 30, c. 4. fol. 32, c. 2.
De Bebinton, fol. 26, c. 4. fol. 30, c. 3. fol. 9, c. 4.
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De Pulton, fol. 30, c. 3.
De Yrby, fol. 32, c. 1.
De Gravesby, fol. 3, c. 2. fol. 17, c. 4.
De Wodechurch, fol. 29, c. 1.
De Budeston, fol. 30, c. 3.
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De Nativis, fol. 32, c. 1.

Tituli Cartarum de Edesbur' Hundred.

- De Ynes, fol. 16, c. 1, 2. fol. 39, c. 4.
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De Barewe, fol. 24, c. 4.
De Ydenchale, fol. 36, c. 1.
De Tudelston, fol. 17, c. 2. fol. 24, c. 4.

Tituli Cartarum de Wych Hundred.

- De Wich Malbanc, fol. 16, c. 3. fol. 25, c. 3.
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Tituli Cartarum de Nortwich Hundred.

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- De Machlisfeld, fol. 26, c. 3.
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- De Tabley, fol. 4, c. 2.
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- De Clyfton, fol. 16, c. 2.

De Lancastreschir.

- De Rouzford, fol. 41, c. 2.
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De Maletby, fol. 13, c. 1.
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De Weston, fol. 8, c. 4. fol. 9, c. 2. fol. 11, c. 2, fol. 12, c. 2, 3.
De Aston, fol. 8, c. 4. fol. 9, c. 1, 2, 3, 4. fol. 10, c. 1, 2, 3, 4. fol. 11, c. 1, 2, 3, 4. fol. 12, c. 1. fol. 13, c. 2. fol. 14, c. 1.
De Schardelowe, fol. 13, c. 2, 3, 4. fol. 14.
Wylne, fol. 14, c. 1, 2, 3, 4.
Smalley, fol. 13, c. 3, 4.
Morley, fol. 12, c. 3, 4. fol. 13, c. 1, 4.

De Spiritualitate, foll. 5, 6, 7, 8.

- De donatione eccl. sanctæ Mariæ in Cestr. fol. 3, c. 1.

at folio 1 b of this manuscript a copy of King Edgar's Charter is preserved, in a hand of the middle age. The monks appear only to have interested themselves with Hugh Lupus's, and the subsequent Charters to the monastery. They seem to have been indifferent to the preservation of any documents relating to the previous endowment of their church. At the end of the copy of "Sanctorum Prisca," in the manuscript 2062, is a detached Instrument: "Conventio inter dominum Thomam abbatem Cestr. et Ricardum de Wetenhale et Petrum fil. ejus de vasto de Tideliston."

The Harleian manuscript 2148 contains a thin manuscript in folio, on vellum, written by different hands, to which Wanley, in the Catalogue of the Collection, has given the following title: "Apographa Litterarum atque Brevium, una cum Regesto Placitorum forensium ad amplissimam Abbatiam S. Werburgæ Cestrensis, variis temporibus spectantium." At the beginning and end are modern indexes of persons and places mentioned in the manuscript, in the hand-writing of the third Randle Holme.^a

The Harleian manuscript 2071, fol. 24, contains two leaves of a Chartulary of St. Werburgh's abbey, distinct from the Sanctorum Prisca, written in a hand of the fourteenth century. The titles of the Instruments they contain will be found in the Note.^b

Abridged extracts from the Sanctorum Prisca occur in the Harleian manuscript 2060, and a complete transcript in art. 13 of 2071. Scattered in different manuscripts also of the same Collection are a few Instruments and other Records, the titles of the more important of which will be found below.^c

- De ecclesia sancti Petri in Cestria, fol. 28, c. 1.
- De decimis dominorum Comitum, fol. 3, c. 1.
- De decima reddituum civitatis Cestr. fol. 2, c. 4. fol. 16, c. 2.
- De advocacione eccl. de Prestebur', fol. 3, c. 2. fol. 24, c. 5. fol. 25, c. 3.
- De advocacione eccl. de Astebury, fol. 16, c. 3.
- De advocacione eccl. de Morlegh, fol. 13, c. 1.
- De ecclesia de Kyrkeby, fol. 23, c. 1.
- De ecclesia de Neston, fol. 24, c. 1.
- De eccl. de Lauton, fol. 24, c. 3.
- De eccl. de Haliwell, fol. 17, c. 4.
- Confirmatio archiepiscopi super ecclesiis de Waley, Astebur', et Prestebur', et viij. sol. de ecclesia de Hanley, fol. 16, c. 4.
- Confirmatio episcopi super ecclesiis de Bebynton et Waley, et viij. sol. de ecclesia de Hanley, fol. 16, c. 4.
- De pensione ecclesiæ de Hanley, fol. 4, c. 2.
- De decimis et oblationibus de Staney, fol. 15, c. 1.
- De decimis dominicalibus de Roucestr' et Werlaston, fol. 22, c. 2.
- De decimis de Frodesham, Wenham, et Leet, fol. 22, c. 3.
- Compositiones cum fratribus hosp. sancti Johannis, fol. 23, c. 3.
- Compositiones cum canonicis S. Johannis et cum monialibus et fratribus prædicatis, fol. 23, c. 4.
- Compositio cum rectore eccl. de Wodechirch, fol. 32, c. 3.
- Compositio cum rectore capellæ de Govesworth, fol. 36, c. 2.
- Compositio cum rectore eccl. de Lauton, fol. 38, c. . .
- Compositio cum rectore de Playn Hole, fol. 39, c. 2.
- De cantaria in Berneschawe, fol. 35, c. 1.
- Compositio rectoris eccl. de Weston . . . fol. 11, c. 2.
- Privilegium oratorium construendi in
- Compulsio episcopi contra detentores decimarum et . . . latro-num et debitorum, fol. 23, c. 1.
- De restitutione bonorum in diocesi Bangor, fol. 22, c. 1.
- De capellan pro Philippo Burnel celebrantib. fol. 16, c. 1.
- De capellan. pro Johanne Arneway celebrantibus, fol. 41, c. 1.
- Compositio inter abbatem et rectores eccl. de Stoke, fol. 41, c. 3.
- Summa diffinit. super decim de Poninton, fol. 41, c. 3.
- De capella de Wydeford, fol. 26, c. 3.

^a The following may serve as a table of reference to the principal Deeds in this manuscript.

- Brevia in thesauro Castri Cestriæ, fol. 5.
- Placita 1 Edw. III. foll. 8. 12 b, 16 b, 20.
- Inquisit. fol. 10 b.
- Quo Warranto, fol. 11-17.
- Cartæ de Astebury, fol. 17.
- Kirkeby, fol. 22.
- Chapmoneswick, fol. 24.
- Coudray, fol. 25.
- Cestria, fol. 28.
- Raby, fol. 29.
- Waverton, Bebynton, foll. 30, 55, 59.
- Thornton, super Mora, foll. 31, 32 b.
- Codynton, fol. 31.
- Salghall, fol. 33.
- Stanlowe, fol. 33 b.
- Idinghale, fol. 35 b.
- Upton, foll. 36, 53.
- Wirhale, fol. 37, 70.
- Irreby, fol. 52.
- Chellford et Wythinton, fol. 57 b.

"The CONVENTUAL BUILDINGS," says Mr. Ormerod, "occupied nearly, if not wholly, one fourth of the city, and were bounded by the city walls on the north and east, and (with perhaps some slight exceptions) by the Northgate and Eastgate streets on the remaining sides.^d The principal entrance was from the Northgate street, under the greater Abbey-gate still remaining, which led into a space nearly co-extensive with the present Abbey-square, surrounded on three sides with offices of the convent, and on the fourth by the abbat's house, standing on the scite of the present episcopal palace. In the north-east angle of this square was St. Thomas's chapel, now the dean's house, and in the north-west angle another entrance from the city by the Little Abbey-gate still existing. East of the refectory was another quadrangle nearly co-extensive with the present Little Abbey-court, and probably occupied by the domestics; and south-west of the great church was the chapel of St. Nicholas, perfectly detached from the general mass of buildings. Of this part of the monastery there only now remain fragments of the walls and arches of the chapel of St. Nicholas, worked into the buildings which occupy the scite; the Little Abbey-gate, a detached arch near the Northgate; and the Great Abbey-gate, consisting of a lofty pointed arch, with a postern at the side, both of which are included in a larger obtuse one. The interior of the gateway is vaulted with stone, with ribs, and carved key-stones at the intersections; and the rooms over, now used as the registry, were originally approached by a spiral staircase. On the south side was the porter's lodge, and on the other St. Thomas's Court, to which the tenants of

Astebury, 59.

Hontyndon, Cheveley, Bocton, et Salthton, fol. 65.

Butteleggh, fol. 65 b.

Salghton, fol. 73.

Cotes et Waverton, fol. 74.

Tatenhale, fol. 74 b.

Wyrwyn, fol. 75.

Prestbury, fol. 77 b.

Estham et Hoton, fol. 82.

^b They are,

1. Carta Patr. fil. Ricardi de Neston, de advocacione ecclesiæ de Neston.
2. Confirmatio Ric. Coventrensis episcopi, de eadem.
3. Confirmatio Ric. Cantuar. archiepiscopi, de eadem.
4. Confirmatio Will. Coventrensis episcopi, de ecclesia de Neston.
5. Confirmatio Honorii papæ III. de ecclesiis de Prestebur', de Bromburth, et de Neston, cum capellis, anno pontif. quinto.
6. Confirmatio Clementis papæ.
7. Confirmatio Radulphi decani de Lichesfeld, de appropriatione ecclesiarum de Neston, de Prestebur', et de Brumbrody, cum capella de Hestham.

8. Confirmatio G. prioris Coventr. de eisdem.

9. Carta Roberti domini Moaldic de confirm. villæ de Gorestre.

10. Queta camancia Roberti Bruyn de eadem.

^c Harl. MS. 1994, fol. 267. Fines factæ domino abbati Cestriæ per tenentes suos, 16 Hen. VIII.

Ibid. fol. 287. Rentale terr. et ten. quæ pertinent custodi operis monasterii S. Werburgæ Cestr. a festo S. Mich. archangeli anno r. r. Henr. sexti post Conquestum vicesimo nono, usque ad idem festum ex tunc. prox. sequen. per unum annum integrum.

Ibid. fol. 291. Compotus Johannis Ley prioris monasterii S. Werburgæ Cestr. ac custodis fabricæ et operis ejusdem monasterii, a festo S. Mich. anno r. r. Hen. VII. vicesimo quarto, usque ad idem festum, S. Mich. ex tunc proxime sequen. anno primo r. r. Hen. VIII. per unum annum integrum.

Harl. MS. 2022, fol. 89 b. Indenture whereby John abbat of Chester granted liberty to Richard Grosvenor of Eton, squier, to make and attach a weyre or fish-yard in the water of Dee, upon the soyle and ground of his convent: and also to make a little howse on the said ground, for the safe keepinge of the fish and netts of the sayd Richard, &c. together with all the teith-fish that shall happen to be taken in the sayd fysh-yord and weyre, except of picke, tench, and breame: for the annual rent of xxv. shillings: that is to witt, for the sayd attachment and howse, 20 pence; and for the seyd teyth-fish, xxiiij^s. iiij^d. Dated 6 Septemb. 4 Hen. VIII.

Harl. MS. 2101. fol. 202. Confirmatio Greg. IX. papæ super appropriatione ecclesiarum, anno pontif. xi.

^d Among the Holme Collections in the British Museum, Harl. MS. 2073, is a plan of the buildings of the monastery, as they remained a short time after its dissolution, drawn with a pen. The different parts of the church are referred to by the letters of the alphabet, the conventual offices by figures. This plan has been engraved by the Messrs. Lysons in their account of Cheshire in the new Magna Britannia, vol. II. pt. ii. p. 452; in which work, also, p. 574, is an engraved plan of the present remains: and in Mr. Ormerod's Hist. of Chesh. is a plan of the present cathedral, incorporated with one of the existing conventual buildings and the vestiges of such as do not now exist, but had their foundations laid bare by the late Dean Cholmondeley.

several abbey manors still render suit and service. Before this gate were anciently ranged the booths for the merchants frequenting the abbat's fair, covered with reeds, which the monks were empowered by an especial Charter to gather from Stanlaw marsh; and here also the performers in the Chester mysteries commenced the exhibitions of their pageants."^a

South-east of the square of offices to which the gate just mentioned formed the entrance, was the CONVENTUAL CHURCH, now the CATHEDRAL.

It consists of a nave and choir, separated from their respective aisles by clustered columns; a central tower resting on four massive piers; transepts; and a Lady-chapel to the east. An ambulatory passing above the arches not only of the nave, but of the choir and transepts. The western entrance is by a pointed door-way, from which two descents, by steps, lead into the nave. On one side is the bishop's Consistory Court; on the other, an entrance to the bishop's palace. These were intended to have formed the bases of two western towers, and the foundation of them was laid with much ceremony by abbat Birchenshaw in 1508. The south porch of the church is in the style of the same period. The transepts are of very unequal proportions: being uniform neither in size nor appearance. The north transept has an ornamented oak roof, supported by angels holding emblems of the crucifixion. At the south-east angle of this transept is an ancient vestry, in a style of very early Norman architecture. The south transept, which is by far the larger of the two, is used as the parish church of St. Oswald. In the choir opposite to the pulpit is the stone case which formerly surrounded the shrine of St. Werburgh, now shortened, and used as the bishop's throne. It exhibits a rich specimen of Gothic architecture, in the style of the early part of the fourteenth century. Under the east window of the choir is an arch opening to the Lady-chapel.

The Cloisters, situated on the north side of the nave, form a quadrangle of about a hundred and ten feet square. The centre formerly contained a cistern for water, which was brought in pipes from Christleton.^b These cloisters originally consisted of four vaulted walks, of which the south walk is destroyed. In the church wall, in the south walk, are six semicircular arches, resting on short pillars; the three eastern ones have ornamented pillars. These indicate the places of sepulture of the Norman abbats. The west walk opens to the nave by an early Norman arch at the south end; and by another, now closed, it formerly opened to a passage leading to the great square of conventual offices. Another door-way, opposite to the south walk (closed by a pillar placed before it to support the present vaulting), led to an arched passage, forming the abbat's way to the church. Along the rest of this walk extends a kind of crypt, consisting of a double row of circular arches, sprung, with one exception, from short cylindrical columns.^c The north walk contained the chief entrance into the refectory of the convent under a rich semi-

circular arch; and at the east end was a door-way leading to the culinary offices and to the stair-case of the dormitory. Along the greater part of the north side ranged the refectory, a noble apartment, ninety-eight feet in length and thirty-four in height, with a roof of oak resting on brackets, which was removed about 1804.

The chapter-house, entered from the east side of the cloister, by a vaulted passage, or vestibule, extends eastward, parallel with the choir of the cathedral. The inner apartment, or chapter-room, is thirty-five feet high, fifty feet long, and twenty-six in breadth; with lancet-headed windows, and a vaulted roof.

The only other remains of the conventual buildings are portions of the abbat's cellars existing in the episcopal palace.

Some circular arches against the north wall of the nave, on the outside, where the south cloister formerly stood; a cellar of the bishop's palace, adjoining the west end of the north aisle of the nave: and the cellar under what was formerly the abbat's hall; are considered by the authors of the new *Magna Britannia* to be as ancient as the time of Earl Leofric, by whom the church was repaired in the eleventh century.^d

The north aisle of the choir; the chapter-house; and the frater, or ancient refectory of the convent, now changed to a school-room, are referred, by the same authority, to the early part of the thirteenth century. The central tower is said to have been finished in 1210.^e

A very large portion of the rest of the cathedral belongs to the fourteenth century. The western entrance, the upper part of the nave, and the south transept, are supposed to have been the work of abbat Simon Ripley; to whom, also, the choir has been ascribed.

The general style of the cloisters is that of the fifteenth century. From certain circumstances, however, enumerated by Mr. Ormerod, it seems obvious that the present cloisters are only a restoration of an earlier building. This restoration, he adds, is usually ascribed to abbat Ripley; some portions are, however, of the time of Henry VIII.

At the intersection of one of the beams in the oak roof of the north transept are the arms of Wolsey.

Chester cathedral suffered great injury during the civil war, and continued in a very dilapidated state in 1656.^f

Its length from east to west is three hundred and forty-eight feet. The width of the choir and nave is seventy-four feet six inches.

At the time the duke of Monmouth was at Chester, in 1683, the mob forced the doors of the cathedral church, and destroyed most of the painted glass; they also injured the font, pulled down some monuments, attempted to demolish the organ, and committed other outrages.

Leland, in his *Itinerary*, vol. v. p. 56, speaks of BIRKENHEAD priory, in Cheshire, as subordinate to the abbey of Chester: but Bishop Tanner doubts the fact.^g

^a A beautiful engraving of the abbey-gate of Chester has been prefixed by J. H. Markland, Esq. to two of the "Chester Mysteries: De Deluvio Noe: De Occisione Innocentium," 4to. Lond. 1818; a few copies only of which were printed, for presentations to the members of the Roxburghe club. The engraving also represents the performance of the latter of these Mysteries, with the moveable theatre, as described by Dugdale in the *History of Warwickshire*.

The series of Mysteries performed at Chester, and usually attributed to Randle, or Ralph Higden, a monk of St. Werburgh's abbey, although not the most numerous, has been considered both as the most ancient and most complete collection of the kind now in existence. The date usually assigned to their composition is the year 1327. Mr. Markland, however, ascribes them to an earlier time and another author. Indeed, he thinks it by no means improbable that in the composition of these plays, two, or even a greater number of monks, might have been concerned. Two or three manuscripts of these interludes are still extant, each containing twenty-four Mysteries, comprehending a representation of the most striking incidents recorded in the Old and New Testament, from the creation of the world to the last judgment.

^b See p. 374.

^c "This building was probably used as a depository for the imported stores of the abbey, of which we may form no mean idea from a Charter from the king of the Isles to the abbat of St. Werburgh, granting ingress and egress to the vessels of the monks of the abbey of St. Werburgh, with sale and purchase of goods toll free, and right

of fishery upon his coasts. *Carta regis Insularum de navigiis, et mercibus, et navigationibus monasterii.* Harl. MS. 1965, fol. 16 a." Ormerod, *Hist. Chesh.* vol. i. p. 218.

^d The *Annales Cestrie*, quoted in Bishop Gastrell's *Notitia*, say "A. D. 1057. Leofricus comes Cestrie reparavit ecclesiam S. Johannis Baptistae ac ecclesiam S. Werburgae infra civitatem situatam, ac privilegiis decoravit."

^e Ormerod, *Hist. Chest.* vol. i. p. 217, from Stone's MSS.

^f Dean Arderne, by will, dated Oct. 27th, 1688, and proved at Chester, bequeathed (excepting a trifling legacy) "his whole estate to the glory of God and the service of the cathedral church of Chester, more particularly for a small beginning of a public library of books:"—and, "if this doe not take place," for the further use, to keep it as a stock "to defend the rights and privileges of this ecclesiastical corporation," and "to defray the expenses of an act of parliament" for the disposal of a certain lease in such a manner as should be most conducive to the welfare of this cathedral and the public good. When the dean made this will, his own property was very small. The value of the bequest consisted in an unexpected reversion of one sixth part of the Done property, including the sixth turn of Tarperley rectory, which the dean and chapter obtained by subsequent litigation. The particulars are given in the *History of Cheshire*, under Alvanley, Edisburg Hund. p. 40, and under Utkinton, in the same Hund. pp. 134, 135.

^g See also Ormerod, *Hist. Chesh. Wirral Hund.* p. 255, col. 1.

Cartae ad Sanctae Werburgae Coenobium in urbe Cestrensi spectantes.

NUM. I.

[Gul. Malmesb. fol. 50, n. 30.]

HABUIT ex illo rege Ercomberto (Sexburga scilicet, filia Annæ regis Orientalium Anglorum) duas filias, Ercongotam, et Ermenildam. De Ercongota scire volentes lectio Bedæ informabit. Ermenilda Wlphero regi Merciorum locata, habuit filiam Werburgam virginem sanctissimam. Sanctæ utræque, mater scilicet sancta Ermenilda apud Hely, ubi post matrem Sexburgam abbatissa fuit, et filia apud civitatem Legionum pausant in monasterio ejusdem urbis, quod construxit noviter Hugo comes Cestrensis, ejectis inde pauculis clericis, qui ibidem fœdo et pauperi victu vitam transigebant.

[Ibid. fol. 123 b, num. 20.]

— ADVENTUS (Anselmi scilicet abbatis Beccensis, post Cantuar. archiepiscopi) plures et rationabiles fuere causæ, sed hæc precipua, ut abbatiam apud Cestriam firmaret, quam ejusdem civitatis comes, Hugo, monachis potissimum Beccensibus implere volebat, et ut eundem Hugonem jamdudum languentem visitaret.

[Ibid. fol. 164 b, num. 30.]

— IN urbe fuit ex antiquo sanctimonialium monasterium: nunc per Hugonem, Cestrensem comitem, monachis repletum. Predicatur ibi Wereburga virgo, filia Wlferii regis Merciorum.

[Cron. anonym. Evesham. Cœnobii, MS. in Biblioth. Bodleiana, fol. 9 b.]

Hoc quoque anno (scilicet mxcii.) venerabilis Anselmus abbas Beccensis de Normannia venit Angliam, rogatu Hugonis Cestrensis comitis, tribus de causis videlicet, ut monasteria quæ prius in Anglia fundaverat à gravi tributo regio levigaret, ut Hugonem comitem tunc graviter ægotantem visitaret, et ut monasterium apud Cestriam fundaret, cui loco capellanum suum Ricardum primum assignavit abbatem, canonicos seculares in monachos regulares convertendo: sed inde redeundo factus est archiepiscopus Cantuar.

[Joan. Tinemuthen. Hist. aurea, in Bibl. Bodl. MS. ca. 12.]

ANNO mxcv. Anselmus, rogatu Hugonis comitis, fundavit monasterium Cestriæ in honorem sanctæ Werburgæ. Monachos de canonicis ibidem inventis tonsoravit, Ricardum capellanum suum abbatem fecit, et in redeundo archiepiscopus Cantuar. consecratus est.

[Lelandi Collectan. vol. ii. p. 63.]

LEOFRICUS reparavit monasterium S. Werburgæ Cestriæ.

Hugo Lupus, filius ducis Britanniae, et nepos Gulielmi magni ex sorore, factus est comes Cestriæ, et postea, vocato Anselmo mutavit collegium S. Werburgæ ubi erant canonici et prebendarii, in collegium monachorum,

ubi primus abbas erat Richardus Beccensis monachus per Anselmum designatus.

NUM. II.

Carta Foundationis Abbatiae Cestriæ per Edgarum Regem.

[Ex vetusto exemplari penes Willielmum Vernon de Skakerley in com. Lanc. generosum, an. 1630.]

OMNIPOTENS pater, spes unica mundi, fabricator cœli, conditor orbis, qui diem Titanis splendidissimè^a radiis flagrantibus lustrando procreavit, noctemque Cinthiæ jubaris splendore^b omnia nobis bona plus merito concedens donavit, vicemque aliis tam per evangelii^c paradigma quam per aliarum seriem scripturarum rependi precepit. Quapropter ego Edigarus,^d regni Merciorum, Christi favente gratia, sublimatus ad culmina, pro expiatione animæ meæ meorumque predecessorum, Edmundi videlicet, incliti Anglorum regis et genitoris mei, necnon et beatæ memoriæ Ethelstani ejusdem gentis regis nobilissimi, dono et libenter concedo humili familiæ Deo omnipotenti in honore sanctissimæ semperque virginis Werburgæ in loco qui dicitur Leiacestria assidue militanti, quandam partem agrorum, hoc est xvij. manentium, non in uno tantum loco sed in diversis sparsim locis,^e quorum nomina hîc tenentur inserta, qui^f sic vocitantur, Hodesnid, et Ceosaula,^g et Huntingdon, et Hupton, et Eston,^h et Barve, ut habeant cum omnibus bonis ad illam terram pertinentibus, et sine ulla contradictione omni tempore jure hereditario possideant, et quicquid exinde facere voluerint liberam in omnibus potestatemⁱ faciendi. Est autem hæc terra circumcincta terminis et metis.^k Etiam^l hoc meæ concessionis donum liberum ab omni aggregatione^m secularis servicii, et ab omni censu et expeditionis protectione, pontisque constructione, et arcis munitione. Si quis verò quod absit, donationis munimenⁿ frangere aut minuere voluerit, sciat se reum omni hora vitæ suæ, et tenebrosi Tartaris flammineas^o voragines in futuro non evadere, nisi prius cum satisfactione pleniter emendaverit. Actum est hoc meæ concessionis donum anno Dominicæ incarnationis dcccviij.^p indictione anno regni mei,^q in loco famoso qui dicitur Wentric.^r Hii testes aderant qui hoc consenserunt et subscripserunt et cum triumphali vexillo sanctæ crucis Christi firmaverunt et corroboraverunt. Ego Edgarius^s rex Merciorum ceterarumque nationum consensi et scribere jussi, et cum signo sanctæ crucis firmavi et corroboravi.

NUM. III.

Prædia ad Ecclesiam S. Werburgæ Cestr. spectantia, tempore Regis Willielmi Conquestoris.

[Ex Libro Censuali vocato *Domesday Book*, in domo Capitulari Westm.]

Cestrescire, fol. 263.

IN CIVITATE CESTRE habet æcclesia S. Wareburg xiii. domos quietas ab omni consuetudine. Vna est custodis æcclesiæ; aliæ sunt canonicorum.

^a splendidissimi. Harl. MS. 1965.

^b splendore comit. ibid.

^c evangelicum. ibid.

^e locis divisos. ibid.

^g Hodeshlid et Ceofanlea. ibid.

^h Easton. ibid.

^k et metis, desunt in MS. Harl.

^d Eadgarus. ibid.

^f quæ. ibid.

ⁱ potestatem habeant. ibid.

^l Sit etiam. ibid.

^m aggravatione. ibid.

ⁿ Si quis vero quod absit invidiæ facibus succensus præsumptibili elationis fastu hoc meæ donationis munimen, &c. ibid.

^o flammivomas. ibid.

^p dcccviij. ibid.

^q indictione v^o. anno sc. regni mei. ibid.

^r Pencerit. ibid.

^s Eadgarus. ibid.

In DVDESTAN HUND. Ipsa æcclesia tenet SAL-
TONE, et tenuit tempore Regis Edwardi. Ibi II. hidæ
geldantes. Terra est VIII. car. In dominio est una car.
et unus servus, et IX. villani cum V. car. Valuit et valet
XL. solid.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet CAVELEA, et tenuit tempore Re-
gis Edwardi. Ibi III. hidæ geld. Terra est V. car. In
dominio sunt II. [sc. carr.] et III. servi. et III. uillani. et
unus bord. cum II^{bus}. car. Ibi navicula et rete. Tempore
Regis Edwardi valebat xxx. solid. Modo xx. solid.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet HVNDITONE, et tenuit tempore
Regis Edwardi. Ibi III. hidæ geld. Terra est VI. car.
In dominio sunt II^æ. et IIII. servi et II. villani et II. bord.
cum I. car. Ibi I. acr. prati. et navicula et rete. Tem-
pore Regis Edwardi fuit wasta. Modo valet XVI. solid.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet BOCSTONE, et tenuit tempore Re-
gis Edwardi. Ibi III. hidæ geld. Terra est V. car. In
dominio sunt II^æ. et IIII. servi et V. villani et IIII. bord.
cum III. car. Tempore Regis Edwardi valebat xx. solid.
modo XVI. sol.

In RisetON HUND. Ipsa æcclesia tenet ETINGE-
HALLE, et tenuit tempore Regis Edwardi. Ibi I. hida
geld. Terra est I. car. In dominio est dimid. car. et I.
servus. Ibi silva dimid. leuua long. et una acra lat.
Tempore Regis Edwardi valebat VIII. sol. Modo V.
solid.

In WILAVESTON HUND. Ipsa æcclesia tenet WIVE-
VRENE, et tenuit tempore Regis Edwardi. Ibi I. hida
et II. partes I. hidæ. Terra est III. car. Ibi IIII. villani
et II. bord. habent. I. car. et dimid. Ibi dimid. acra pra-
ti. Tempore Regis Edwardi valebat xxx. solid. Modo
xx. solid.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet CROSTONE, et tenuit tempore Re-
gis Edwardi. Ibi I. hida geld. Terra est I. car. Ibi I.
radman et II. villani et I. bord. habent I. car. Ibi I. acr.
prati. Valuit et valet x. solid.

Ipsa æcclesia tenuit et tenet WISDELEA. Ibi I.
hida geld. Terra est III. car. In dominio est una. et
II. servi et II. villani et II. bord. cum I. car. et I. acr.
prati. Tempore Regis Edwardi valebat x. sol. modo
tantumdem.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet SUDTONE, et tenuit tempore
Regis Edwardi. Ibi I. hida geld. Terra est V. car. In
dominio est dimid. car. et V. villani et IX. bord. cum II.
car. Tempore Regis Edwardi valebat XL. solid. Modo
xxx. solid.

Ipsa æcclesia tenuit et tenet SALHARE. Ibi I. hida
geld. Terra est I. car. Ibi est in dominio. et II. servi
et I. vill. et I. bord. Tempore Regis Edwardi valebat
XVI. sol. Modo tantumdem.

Ipsa æcclesia tenuit et tenet SÓTOWICHE. Ibi I.
hida geld. Terra est III. car. Ibi IIII. villani et II.
bord. cum I. car. et una acra prati. Tempore Regis
Edwardi valebat XVI. solid. Modo XIII. solid. et III.
den.

Ipsa æcclesia tenuit et tenet NESTONE, et Williel-
mus de ea. Ibi tertia pars duarum hidarum geld. Terra
est I. car. Redd et redd de firma XVII. sol. et IIII.
denar.

Ipsa æcclesia tenuit et tenet RABIE, et Willielmus
de ea. Ibi dimid. hida geld. Terra est I. car. Redd et
redd de firma VI. solid et VIII. denar.

In ROELAV HUND. Ipsa æcclesia tenuit et tenet
TROSFORD. Ibi I. hida gel. Terra est In do-
minio est I. car. et III. servi et I. ancilla. et I. bord. et I.
acra prati. et unus homo redd xx. denar. Tempore Re-
gis Edwardi valebat V. sol. modo VIII. solid.

Ipsa æcclesia tenuit et tenet INISE. Ibi III. hidæ
geld. Terra est V. car. In dominio est I. car. et II.
servi et VIII. villani et I. bord. cum I. car. Tempore Re-
gis Edwardi valebat xxx. sol. Modo XV. sol. Ibi II. acr.
prati.

In TVNENDVNE HUND. Ipsa æcclesia tenuit et tenet
MIDESTVNE, et Willielmus de ea. Ibi I. hida geld. Terra
est III. car. In dominio est dimid. car. et I. bovar. et III.
villani cum dimid. car. et I. bord. Ibi II. acr. silvæ.
Tempore Regis Edwardi reddebat XVI. sol. Modo val.
x. sol.

Ipsa æcclesia tenuit et tenet CLISTVNE, et Williel-
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mus de ea. Ibi I. hida geld. Terra est II. car. In do-
minio est una et II. bov. et unus radman et I. bord. cum
I^a.

Valet x. sol. wast. fuit.

In EXESTAN HUND. Ipsa æcclesia tenuit et tenet
ODESLEI. Ibi dimid. hida geld. Terra est I. car. Ibi
est unus villanus redd. VIII. denar. Val. III. solid.
Wast. fuit.

In DUDESTAN HUND. Ipsa æcclesia tenet PUL-
FORD, et tenuit T. R. E. Ibi dimid. hida geld. Terra
est I. car. Ibi est cum I. villano et I. bord. Valebat
III. solid. modo V. solid.

In ATISCROS HUND. Ipsa æcclesia tenuit et tenet
WEPRE. Ibi II^æ. partes unius hidæ geld. Terra est I.
car. Ibi est cum II. villanis et II. bord. Willielmus
tenet de æcclesia. Ibi est silva I. leuu. long. et dimid.
leuu. lata.

Ipsa æcclesia tenuit LECHE. Ibi I. virg. geld.
Terra est dimid. car. Wasta fuit et est.

NUM. IV.

Sanctæ Werburgæ Prædia et Possessiones, ex Dono Hugonis Comitis Cestren. et aliorum.

[Ex ipso Autographo penes Decanum et Capitulum Ecclesiæ Cathe-
dralis Cestren. an. 1640. Vide etiam Cart. 2 H. v. parte I. m. 26.]

SANCTORUM prisca autoritate patrum, qui in no-
mine Patris, et Filii, et Spiritus Sancti, in sancta ecclesia
regiminis gubernacula hactenus tenuerunt, quique suos
adjuutores, sanctæque ecclesiæ fundatores, sua nobis in-
dustria, suorumque scriptorum longa traditione cognitos
reddiderunt, admoneri videmur, ut ea quæ à temporaneis
nostris in sanctæ ecclesiæ matris exaltatione facta sunt,
præsentibus per nos manifestentur, posterisque dinos-
cenda nobis scribentibus reserventur.

Nos igitur, majorum imitantes exempla, jam quæ-
dam pietatis opera referamus, quæ in Anglica terra gesta
sunt à Hugone, Cestrensi comite, anno ab incarnatione
Domini millesimo nonagesimo tertio, regnante poten-
tissimo rege Willielmo, atque in archiepiscopatu Can-
tuariensi pontificante Anselmo, atque in Eboracensi pon-
tificante Thoma.

Volumus verò ut religiosi atque fideles Christiani
cognoscant, quia idcirco nobis ista describere placuit, ut
qui ea relegerint vel audierint, dominum supplicabili
affectu pro sanctæ ecclesiæ fundatorum salute implorent,
et ut præsentibus ad regna cœlestia tendentes etiam inter
ætatis hujus primates quos sequantur inveniant.

Igitur ad honorem et gloriam summæ et individue
Trinitatis, atque incomprehensibilis Divinitatis, jam
proferamus quæ nos dicere spopondimus: Hugo comes
Cestrensis atque Ermentrudis comitissa, devotioni reli-
giosè pia mente subditi, piissimæque Dei visitatione in-
spirati, in quadam ecclesia quæ constructa est in honore
sanctæ Werburgæ virginis in civitate Cestriæ, monachos
religiosè viventes posuerunt, (concedente rege Williel-
mo) qui dominum assidue exorarent tam pro utilitate
animæ regis Willielmi, et Willielmi patris ejus nobilis-
simi regis, et Mathildis reginæ matris ejus, fratrum et
sororum ejus, atque regis Edwardi, quàm pro animarum
suarum salute, et pro animabus patrum, et matrum, et
antecessorum, hæredum, parentum, et baronum suorum
omniumque Christianorum tam vivorum quàm defunc-
torum.

Huic verò ecclesiæ sanctæ Werburgæ, Hugo supra-
dictus comes, et Ermentrudis comitissa, possessiones pri-
ores liberas imperpetuum et quietas concesserunt, et de
suis augmentaverunt, habitationique monachorum habi-
lem reddiderunt, eamque abbatiam nulli omnino abbatiæ
subditam fecerunt. Postea in ea monachos et abbatem,
Deo donante, et supradicto rege Willielmo concedente,
constituerunt. Hanc etiam et quicquid ad eam pertinet
abbati et monachis dederunt: videlicet Ynes, Saltho-
nam, Sutthonom, Cheveleiam, Huntithonom, Boetho-
nam, Weveresham, Croctonom, Trochford, Clifthonam,
Estonam, Wisdleh, Hodesleiam, Weapram, et dimidiam
Rabbi, et tertiam partem de Westona, et tertiam partem
de Salehale, et tertiam partem de Staneia, et dimidiam
partem de Leche, et unam carucatam terræ ad Pulford,

et tertiam partem de Berewardesleia, et Edinchale, et Sotewica.

Insuper dederunt huic ecclesiæ in ipsa civitate de suo dominico vicum à porta de North usque ad ecclesiam, et locum unius molendini ad pontem civitatis, et duo maneria in Anglesi, unum autem in Ros, unum in Wirhalle, Erberiam; et in Lindsei terram decem boum, et post obitum comitis vel comitissæ, Westonam cum appenditiis suis in Derbesira, et ad præsens decimam ipsius manerii, et ecclesiam de Estona, et terram duarum carucarum, et rectam decimam non solùm de annona, verùm etiam de pullis, et vitulis, de porcis et agnis, de butiro et caseo, et de omnibus rebus de quibus debeat decima dari in his meis maneriis, scilicet Etthona, Frodesham, Weveresham, Lech, Roecestra, Haurdina, Coleshul, Bissopestred, Uppetuna, Campedena, Esteham, et rectam decimam piscatoriarum de Frodesham, de Rodelent, de Anglesheia, non solùm de dominio suo, sed etiam de navibus ibi, et in omnibus aquis suis piscantibus, et decimam de piscatoria Etthone, et de omni pisce qui accipitur in De, et unum batellum ab omni re liberum.

Adhuc verò dederunt ecclesiæ, et terram ecclesiæ, et decimam de molendinis, et de omnibus rebus quæ decimari debent in Denefordia. Quinetiam baronibus suis principalibus concesserunt, ut unusquisque daret præfatæ abbatiæ centum solidatas terræ, alii autem secundum suum posse et velle.

Insuper constituerunt, ut singuli barones et milites darent Deo, et sanctæ Werburgæ post obitum suum sua corpora, et tertiam partem totius substantiæ suæ. Et non solùm hæc constituerunt de baronibus, et militibus, sed etiam de burgensibus et aliis hominibus liberis suis. Teste Anselmo archiepiscopo, Herveio episcopo, Baldwinio monacho, Eustachio monacho, Heldebaldo monacho, Roberto filio Hugonis, Willielmo constabulario, Willielmo Malbanc, Ranulfo dapifero, Hugone Normanni filio, Radulfo dapifero, Hugone filio Osberni, Hammone de Maci, Gilberto de Venables, Richardo de Vernon, Richardo de Rullos, Bigod de Loges, Richardo filio Nigelli, Roberto filio Serli, Ranulfo venatore, Erneiso venatore, aliisque quamplurimis.

Willielmus Malbanc dedit huic abbatiæ sanctæ Werburgæ Witebiam, et tertiam partem Wenpre, et ecclesiam et decimam de Tattenhale, et unam salinam in Wich, et terram duobus bobus, et decimam de Salchale, et de Claitona, et de Yraduc. Teste comitissa, Ricardo Banastre, Hugone Osberni filio, Bigod de Hoge, Richardo pincerna et Suardo. Robertus filius Hugonis dedit capellam Crinstentune, et terram capellæ, et terram cuiusdam rustici, ipsumque rusticum, et quoddam molendinum, terramque ipsius molendini, et chotam Ordrici ipsumque Ordricum, et quendam campum junctum huic chote et Cryn; et quendam salinam in Fulewich, et duas mansuras in civitate, et paululum terræ juxta Botechetunestan. Hoc donum concessit Hugo comes. Teste Willielmo Nigelli filio, et fratre ejus Richardo, Ranulpho dapifero, Bigod, Hamone de Maci, Hugone Osberni filio, Hugone Normanni filio, Fulcone de Bajunvilla, Unfrido de Costentin, Willielmo de Berneres, Acardo, multisque aliis. Hugo filius Normanni, et Radulfus frater ejus, dederunt partem suam de Lotoch, et ecclesiam de Cotintuna, et terram ecclesiæ, et decimam illius villæ, et de Lay similiter. Teste Willielmo Malbanc multisque aliis. Richardus de Vernon dedit decimam Estone, et Pichetone. Richardus de Rullos dedit ecclesiam et decimam Wavertonæ, et Hettonæ, et Clotonæ, et molendini Clotonæ. Item Billeheld uxor Baldrici dedit Pecfortunam. Teste Normanno de Arrecio, multisque aliis. Radulfus venator dedit terram trium carrucarum in Brochetuna. Item Hugo de Mara, Reddeclivam, concedente comite. Teste comitissa, Willielmo Nigelli filio, Ranulfo dapifero, Gileberto Venables, multisque aliis. Item Hugo comes, dum habuit in suo dominio Calders, dedit inde decimam de omnibus quæ decimari debent, quod etiam concessit et confirmavit Robertus filius Serlonis, quando villa data est ei. Item comes Hugo, quando habuit in suo dominio Stortonam et Gravesbiri, dedit inde decimam de omnibus quæ de-

cimari debent, sicut antea dederat in suis propriis maneriis. Quæ omnia confirmavit Nigellus de Burceio veniens in hæreditatem, augens etiam ex sua parte terram octo bobus in Gravesbiri. Teste Ranulfo et Garacino fratre ejus, multisque aliis. Item Radulfus Ermiwini filius, et uxor ejus Claricia, dederunt terram ad octo boves in Wudechurche, et decimam de Berlestona in Wirhala, et de Wervelestona in Wischesfeld, de equabus omnibus ubicunque sint, et de omnibus quæ decimari possint. Teste Godfrido mercatore, Roberto Anglico, Fulberto, multisque aliis. Item Robertus de Fremouz dedit Fideluestan. Teste Radulfo fratre suo, Roberto dapifero, Richardo de Briceio.

Walcelinus nepos Walteri de Vernon dedit quandam agricolam, et terram quatuor boum in Nessa, et decimam de omnibus rebus suis quæ decimari possint in Prestona in Levedesham, et tertiam partem totius substantiæ suæ et uxoris ejus. Teste Gileberto, multisque aliis. Item Seward dedit capellam de Bevintone, et terram quatuor boum, et decimam illius manerii, et decimam de Bromhale, et de Walei, et de Maynes, et de Westona, et de Willne, et post obitum suum omnis substantiæ suæ et suæ mulieris tertiam partem de Cestursira; et de Maynes. Teste Willielmo constabulario, Hugone Osberni filio, et Wimundo de Col. Item Gilbertus de Venables dedit Deo et S. Werburgæ ecclesiam de Estburi cum medietate boschi, et plani, et omnium quæ pertinent ad Neobold. Item Gaufridus de Sartes dedit decimam suam in Withtrichestun. Teste Willielmo filio Gud. et ipso domino suo Willielmo Malbanc. Richardus de Mesnilwaren dedit decimam de Blachenot, de annona, de piscatoria, et de omnibus de quibus decima debet dari. Teste Rogerio fratre suo, et Ranulfo Bruello, et Ranulfo de Walbruno. Robertus Pultrel dedit terram unius carucæ apud Masclesfeld. Teste Waleranno de Baro, et Nigello de Rapentune, et multis aliis. Item Walterius de Vernon dedit decimam equarum suarum. Item comes dedit navim unam cum decem retibus ad piscandum in Anglisi imperpetuùm liberam et quietam. Teste comitissa, Willielmo Pincerna, Hugone camerario. Item ad festum sanctæ Werburgæ in æstate dedit comes Hugo theoloneum omnesque redditus et exitus nundinarum trium dierum: præcipiens ut si aliquis forisfecerit in nundinis, omnia placita pertractentur in curia sanctæ Werburgæ ad opus monachorum. Concessit etiam ad honorem Virginis, ut sive latro, sive aliquis malefactor venerit ad solennitatem, habeat firmam pacem dum fuerit in nundinis nisi fortè in illis aliquid forisfecerit.

Hæc sunt itaque dona data abbatiæ sanctæ Werburgæ, quæ omnia ego comes Hugo, et Richardus filius meus, et Ermintrudis comitissa, et mei barones, et mei homines dedimus abbatiæ sanctæ Werburgæ, et concessimus ut hæc omnia prædicta, et abbathia, et omnia ad eam pertinentia essent libera et pacata et quietata ab omni consuetudine, et ab omni re, nichil retinentes in his omnibus, nisi orationes et beneficia monachorum in hoc loco commanentium, et tam liberum et quietum honorem sanctæ Werburgæ dedimus et constituimus, pro salute animæ regis Willielmi, et omnium nostrorum, ut nullus post nos aliquid libertatis, vel quietis addere possit. Et quando nos hanc chartam confirmavimus, nullum opus, nullum servicium, nullam consuetudinem, nullam omnino rem præter orationem in terra sanctæ Werburgæ retinimus præter hoc solum, quod si abbas hujus loci superbia inflatus nollet facere rectum vicinis suis, comes constringeret eum ad rectum faciendum, et hoc in curia sanctæ Werburgæ, quia volumus ut sancta Werburga habeat per omnia curiam suam, sicut comes suam.

Et ut hæc omnia essent rata et stabilia imperpetuùm, ego comes Hugo, et mei barones confirmavimus ista omnia coram Anselmo archiepiscopo, non solùm sigillo meo, sed etiam sigillo Dei omnipotentis, id est, signo sanctæ crucis ✠ ita quod singuli nostrum propria manu in testimonium posteris signum in modum crucis facerent ✠. Signum Hugonis comitis ✠. Signum Richardi filii ejus ✠. Signum Hervei episcopi ✠. Signum Ranulfi nepotis comitis ✠. Signum Rogeri Bi-

god ✠. Signum Alani de Percey ✠. Signum Willielmi constabularii ✠. Signum Ranulfi dapiferi ✠. Signum Willielmi Malbanc ✠. Signum Roberti filii Hugonis ✠. Signum Hugonis filii Normanni ✠. Signum Hamonis de Masci ✠. Bigod de Loges.

NUM. V.

Carta Ricardi Comitis Cestriæ.

[Cart. 13 E. I. m. 11, n. 38, per Inspex. vide etiam Cart. 2 E. III. m. 6, n. 23.]

ANNO ab incarnatione Domini mcxix. regnante potentissimo rege Henrico, ego Ricardus comes meique homines communi consilio confirmavimus, sigillo meo, omnes donationes quæ datæ sunt à me vel à meis in meo tempore ecclesiæ sanctæ Werburgæ Cestriæ; ego itaque comes Ricardus post obitum patris mei dedi, pro salute animæ suæ, terram Wlfrici præpositi foris portam de North, prius per unam spicam frumenti, deinde per unum cultellum super altare sanctæ Werburgæ; et molendinum de Beche, et tres mansuras quietas et ab omni re liberas, duas in civitate et unam extra portam de North. T. Willielmo constabulario, Waltero de Vernun, Radulfo dapifero, et aliis multis.

Willielmus constabularius dedit Neutonam, simul cum servicio Hugonis filii Udardi de quatuor bovatis, et cum servicio Wytheberni de duabus bovatis. Hugo filius Normanni dedit Gosetre et Lantrenam. T. Hugone de Lacy, et Radulfo et Rogero filiis Normanni, multisque aliis. Ricardus de Praers dedit Cenocirne. T. Willielmo et Adam filiis suis. Corbinus dedit unam carucam terræ in Werewelle. Hamundus de Macy, concessu hæredum suorum, et Roesia uxor Pigoti, concessu Rogeri fratris sui, dederunt Norwrdinam, et ecclesiam, cum omnibus quæ ei pertinent, concedentibus et testibus filiis eorum. Rogerus de Melinguarin dedit Plumleiam cum Wydone filio suo quando factus est monachus. T. Willielmo et Ranulpho filiis. Ranulphus venator dedit Bradeford et unam salinam in Northwyche concessu Ricardi comitis et Hugonis de Vernun domini sui. Item Ricardus comes dedit decimum salmonem de ponte, et locum unius molendini citra pontem, et decimam illius molendini ultra pontem. Burell dedit ecclesiam de Haliwella, et decimam de molendino suo, et de omnibus rebus suis. Herebertus Weambasarius dedit terram quatuor boum in Hole. Ricardus pincerna dedit ecclesiam sancti Olavi et terram juxta ecclesiam et duas mansuras in foro. Rogerus de Sancto-Martino dedit terram duorum bovum in Bebintone. Willielmus de Punterleya dedit Buttanari cum omnibus appendiciis suis, id est ecclesiam et totum manerium solutum et quietum, et silvam Lectone ad rogum faciendum et ad communem usum domestici operis, concessu et testimonio Hereberti filii sui et Aluredi domini sui et Ricardi comitis. Hugo de Vernun, concessu Ricardi comitis, dedit unam mansuram in civitate, solutam et quietam ab omni re et consuetudine. Hiis itaque descriptis, ego comes Ricardus meique barones et mei homines confirmavimus non solum ista set etiam illa omnia quæ comes Hugo pater meus et barones sui confirmaverunt, constituentes, sicut illi constituerunt, ut hæc omnia sint stabilia soluta et quietata et ab omni re ita libera ut nichil libertatis possit eis addi ulterius, nichil enim retinemus præter orationem in rebus sanctæ Werburgæ virginis. Concedimus etiam ut beata virgo Werburga habeat suam curiam de cunctis placitis et forisfactis sicut comes habet suam, ita verò quod abbas illius loci non exeat neque placitet contra aliquem de aliquo placito vel de aliqua re extra curiam suam. Test. Ranulpho Meschin, et Willielmo fratre suo, Willielmo constabulario, et Ricardo fratre suo, Hugone Malbanc, Osberno Meschyn, Hugone filio Osberni et Willielmo fratre ejus, multisque aliis, apud Graham.

NUM. VI.

Carta Ranulphi Meschyn Comitis Cestriæ.

[Ibid.]

UNIVERSIS matris ecclesiæ filiis, Ranulphus comes Cestriæ salutem. Notum sit vobis pariter me concess-

sisse quando feci transferri corpus Hugonis comitis avunculi mei à cimiterio in capitulum, ut in die meæ mortis darem simul cum corpore meo ecclesiæ sanctæ Werburgæ Uptunam solutam et quietam ab omni re, ut elemosinam liberam, sicut ego ipse in illa die haberem eam in terris, in hominibus, in planis, in pascuis, in pratis, in placitis, et in omnibus pertinentiis suis, pro anima ipsius Hugonis comitis, et pro salute animæ meæ et animarum omnium parentum meorum. Item quoniam comes Hugo concesserat antea ecclesiæ sanctæ Werburgæ theoloneum et omnes redditus nundinarum trium dierum, id est a nona vigiliarum sanctæ Werburgæ usque ad vesperam sequentis diei post solemnitatem, ego comes Ranulphus illud idem concedo et confirmo, constituens sicut ipse constituerat, ut sive latro sive roberator, sive aliquis malefactor venerit ad solemnitatem habeat firmam pacem dum fuerit in nundinis nisi fortè forisfecerit in illis; et si fortè aliquis forisfecerit in nundinis, omne placitum et forisfactum et justitia à ministris abbatis et à vicecomite civitatis tractabuntur in curia sanctæ Werburgæ virginis; et ut vicecomes intentiùs et fidelius hoc agat, computeter et tallietur ei à meis camerariis in suam firmam quicquid monachi ex hiis omnibus acceperint. Willielmus Meschin frater meus dedit Deo et ecclesiæ sanctæ Werburgæ ecclesiam de Dissard cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, consensu Ranulphi comitis et Ranulphi filii sui. T. Willielmo clerico de Ruelant, Willielmo Flandrensi, multisque aliis. Matheus de Ruelant dedit ecclesiam de Turstemestone cum suis pertinentiis quando Simon frater ejus factus est monachus. Teste Roberto de Petraponte, multisque aliis. Hugo filius Osberni dedit unam mansuram in Cestria et unum pratum quod vocatur Kingeseya. Suueyn de Wethenhale factus monachus dedit ij. bovatas in Wethenhale concedentibus filiis suis. Ricardus de Cruce dedit unam mansuram in Cestria in vico apud pontem, et partem terræ quam habuit in Morcetone cum vellet monachus fieri. T. Normanno filio suo multisque aliis. Leticia de Malpas dedit Deo et sanctæ Werburgæ unam mansuram versus portam Clippe. T. et concedente Ricardo domino suo, et fratre suo Ricardo Maillard, Nigello Chaundel, multisque aliis. Willielmus filius Andreæ dedit cum filio suo monacho facto unam magnam soppam inter domum Wyneband et Hammit in foro.

Hæc sunt itaque dona quæ data sunt à me et à meis hominibus ecclesiæ sanctæ Werburgæ in meo tempore; quapropter concedimus et confirmamus tam ego quam homines mei, non solum hæc supradicta set et ea omnia quæ comes Hugo meus avunculus, vel Ricardus comes ejus filius aut eorum homines dederunt ecclesiæ sanctæ Werburgæ; deprecantes et præcipientes cunctis nostris amicis et hominibus, tam præsentibus quam futuris, quatinus ea omnia sint stabilia soluta et quietata, et ut elemosina ob omni re ita libera ut nichil libertatis possit eis addi ulterius, quia nichil retinemus in hiis exceptis orationibus. Adhuc etiam concedimus et confirmamus sicut prædicti comites et eorum homines antea confirmaverunt, ut beata Werburga habeat de cunctis rebus curiam suam, ita quod abbas illius loci non placitet usquam contra aliquem de aliqua re ad ecclesiam pertinente extra curiam suam. Et ut ego comes darem exemplum posteris veni ipse propter unum placitum in curiam abbatis, audiens et suscipiens ibi meum iudicium, non à meis sed à iudicibus abbatis, ut in omnibus haberet beata Werburga jus suæ dignitatis imperpetuum. Ut igitur sic sint omnia sicut supradictum est libera, confirmamus ea hinc sanctæ crucis signo ✠ hinc meo sigillo, hinc horum virorum testimonio, scilicet Willielmi Meschini, Willielmi constabularii, et Radulfi dapiferi, Hugonis Malbanc, Ricardi Banastre, Hugonis filii Osberni, Osberni filii Hugonis, Roberti de Maci, Roberti filii Bigoti, Adæ de Praers, Gaufridi capellani, Gurgicii doctoris, Ricardi filii Nigelli. Signum ✠ Ranulphi comitis. Signum ✠ Willielmi Meschini. Signum ✠ Willielmi constabularii. Signum ✠ Roberti de Palmas. Signum ✠ Radulphi dapiferi. Signum ✠ Hugonis Malbanc. Signum ✠ Ricardi Banastre. Signum ✠ Hugonis filii Osberni. Signum ✠ Osberni filii Hugonis. Signum ✠ Roberti de Macy.

NUM. VII.

Carta Ranulphi filii Ranulphi Meschines.

[Ibid.]

RANULPHUS comes Cestriae constabulario, dapifero &c. Universitati vestrae notum facio me concessisse in elemosina imperpetuum Deo et sanctae Mariae et monachis ecclesiae sanctae Werburgae pro salute animae meae, et pro salute animarum omnium meorum antecessorum, nundinas et tentoria mercatoria, atque forum omnium venalium fieri ante portam eorum monachorum, ita verò quod ipsi monachi faciant ex suo tentoria mercatorum, conducentes ea postea mercatoribus in quantum poterint ad proficuum ecclesiae eorum. Quapropter prohibeo super amorem meum, ut nec mercator nec institor nec permentarius, nec corvesarius, nec ullus minister volens vendere vel emere, non vendat nec emat aliquid alicubi nisi ibi quamdiu nundinae duraverint; et si quisquam deprehensus fuerit, et vendere vel emere aliquid alias extra hunc locum, praecipio vicecomiti civitatis quicumque fuerit super amorem meum et forisfactum meum, ut ipsi et ministri abbatis cum eo eant et accipiant ipsum mercatorem cum sua mercatione retinentes eum donec inveniatur fidejussores faciendi rectum in curia S. Werburgae. Volo etiam atque firmiter praecipio, ut super omnia haec elemosina bene et integritate manuteneatur, ne mea oblacio quam ego ipse optuli super altare S. Werburgae coram meis baronibus in aliqua re disturbetur; ego enim optuli eam propria manu super altare coram testibus.

NUM. VIII.

Alia ejusdem Ranulphi Carta.

[Ibid. m. 10.]

RANULPHUS comes Cestriae constabulario dapifero, baronibus, justitiariis, vicecomitibus, Cestr. tam praesentibus quam futuris, et omnibus hominibus suis Francis et Anglicis clericis et laicis salutem. Universitati vestrae notum facio me dedisse in elemosina imperpetuum Deo et S. Mariae et ecclesiae S. Werburgae, et Radulpho abbati et conventui dictae ecclesiae pro salute animae Hugonis comitis, praedictae ecclesiae fundatoris, ac pro salute animae Ranulphi comitis patris mei, et antecessorum meorum, et pro salute animae meae, et Christianorum omnium, omnem decimam integritate et plenarie omnium reddituum meorum civitatis Cestriae; videlicet de denariis, et nominatim decimum denarium de illis novem denariis qui accipiuntur de ponte et de aliis piscationibus quia habuerunt antea decimum salmonem ex dono Ricardi comitis; eapropter volo et firmiter praecipio ut praedicta elemosina sit stabilis et firma, et ut computetur et talliatur vicecomiti meo in firmam suam à camerariis meis. Prohibeo ne aliquis vestrum contra Deum et sanctam Mariam et contra beatam Werburgam, et super amorem et forisfactum meum praefatam elemosinam temerarie disturbare, celare, vel aliquo modo minuere praesumat. Si quis autem vestrum infelix hanc elemosinam, à me manu mea super altare S. Werburgae oblatam fortè disturbare vel minuere praesumpserit, precor episcopum Cestriae et obnixè requiro et justiciam meam Cestriae super amorem meum et meorum praecipio quod illum justiciet donec ad dignam satisfactionem venerit. T. Roberto dapifero. Normanno de Verdon, (&c.)

NUM. IX.

Alia Carta ejusdem Ranulphi Comitis.

[Ibid.]

NOTUM sit tam futuris quam praesentibus quod ego Ranulphus comes Cestriae concedo et confirmo donationes omnium decimarum, quas Hugo comes, Richardus filius ejus, aut Ranulphus pater meus dederunt ecclesiae S. Werburgae; et insuper ego ipse do praedictae ecclesiae pro salute animae meae, et pro animabus praedictorum comitum, decimas omnium molendinorum meorum Cestresirae, et molendini de Léec, precipiens

omnibus ministris meis, et omnibus super amorem et hominum michi debitum quatinus reddant praedictae ecclesiae per singulos annos, hanc meam elemosinam, ne audiam inde super forisfactum queremoniam. Et si quis fecerit de dominio terram tributariam, sive sit rusticus, sive sit firmarius qui teneat eam, praecipio ut reddat S. Werburgae decimam suam, ita verò quod nec clericus nec laicus faciat inde injuriam. T. Hugone Ost. Ricardo, Gaufrido dispensatore, (&c.)

NUM. X.

Alia Carta ejusdem Comitis.

[Ibid.]

RANULPHUS comes Cestriae, episcopo Cestriae, archidiacono, omnibusque sanctae Dei ecclesiae et constabulario, dapifero, justiciariis, baronibus, vicecomitibus, ministris, et ballivis, et omnibus hominibus et amicis suis salutem. Notum est vobis quod multum forefeci rebus S. Werburgae, unde in fine poenitentiam agens, dedi Deo et sanctae Werburgae pro salute meae animae, et pro satisfactione malorum praedictae ecclesiae à me illorum, Estham et Bruneburgh in perpetuam elemosinam, cum cunctis suis pertinentiis, in hominibus in ecclesiis, in terris et aquis, in silvis et in omnibus consuetudinibus, sicut ego habui eas die qua ego fui vivus et mortuus. Quapropter volo et firmiter praecipio super fidem et amorem michi debitum, ut haec mea elemosina pro salute et satisfactione mea data, sit, sicut decet, ab omni re soluta et libera; et si quis eam diminuerit in aliquo ipse Deus eum diminuat et destruat. T. Willielmo abbate Rademore, Roberto priore de Calke, Johanne capellano, Eustachio filio Johannis, Simone filio Willielmi, Willielmo de Greille, Ricardo pincerna, Heigone ancip. Roberto de Buscherville, Roberto filio Hugonis, Simone filio Osborni, apud Greseleg.

NUM. XI.

Carta Ricardi de Rullos et Roberti fratris ejus de Villa de Granesbi.

[Ibid.]

IN nomine Domini Jhesu Christi, notum sit tam illis qui sunt, quam illis qui futuri sunt, quod ego Ricardus de Rullos, et Robertus frater meus concedimus Deo et S. Werburgae, et fratribus ibidem Deo servientibus, unam villam in Wirhale scilicet Granesbi solutam et quietam, et in liberam elemosinam, pro animabus nostris et pro anima patris nostri qui praedictam terram liberè et honorifice absque censu et servicio praedictis fratribus concessit pro anima sua cum moreretur et pro animabus parentum suorum; quare precamur amicos nostros, et hominibus nostris precipimus, quatinus hanc elemosinam pro amore Dei et nostro manuteneant. Nos autem in praedicta villa nichil in manu nostra retinemus praeter orationes et elemosinam. T. Andreas capellanus, Turstanus sacerdos, Willielmus sacerdos, (&c.)

NUM. XII.

Confirmatio Clementis Papae

Super Possessionibus et Privilegiis Monasterii, et Concessio aliorum Privilegiorum.

[Harl. MS. 1965, fol. 7 b.]

CLEMENS episcopus, servus servorum Dei, dilectis filiis Roberto abbati sanctae Werburgae Cestr. ejusdemque fratribus, tam presentibus quam futuris, regularem vitam professis in perpetuum. Quoties id a nobis expetitur quod religioni et honestati convenire videtur, animo nos decet libenti concedere, et petentium desideriis congruum suffragium impertiri, ea propter, dilecti in Domino filii, vestris justis postulationibus clementer annuimus, et praefatam ecclesiam in qua divino mancipati estis obsequio, sub beati Petri, et nostra protectione suscipimus, et praesentis scripti privilegio communimus.

In primis siquidem statuentes, ut ordo monasticus, qui secundum Dei timorem et beati Benedicti regulam,

in eadem ecclesia nascitur institutus, perpetuis ibidem temporibus inviolabiliter observetur. Præterea quascunque possessiones quæcunque bona eadem ecclesia in præsentiarum juste et canonice possidet, aut in futurum concessione pontificum, largitione regum, aut oblatione fidelium, seu aliis justis modis præstante Domino poterit adipisci, firma vobis vestrisque successoribus et illibata permaneant, in quibus hæc propriis duximus exprimenda vocabulis: nundinas sanctæ Werburgæ, sicut continetur in cartis donatorum, decimas reddituum civitatis Cestriæ, decimas omnium piscium qui capiuntur in Dee, Ynes et ecclesiam, Salghton et ecclesiam de Bruer', Huntindon, Cheuel, Sutton, Bochton, Wirvena, Crocton, Trocford, dimid. Raby, terciam partem de Saluhale, Idinchal, Soctewic et ejus ecclesiam, Irreby, in Maltebi terram x. boum et unum molend. Weston et ejus ecclesiam, Eston et ejus ecclesiam, et decimam de omnibus rebus unde decima debet dari de dominio in hiis maneriis: Heton, Frodesham, Weverham, Lech, Rovestr. Harwardin, Colshull, Campeden, et de Frodesham, decimam piscium piscinariarum, et decimam de piscinaria de Heton. Ecclesiam de Daneford cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, ecclesiam de Estham, ecclesiam de Neston, ecclesiam de Eston in Derbisir', et decim. de molendino et de dominio de omnibus rebus unde decima dari debet. Witebi et ecclesiam de Tatenhal, unam salinam in Wico, ecclesiam de Cristelton, molendinum de Staneford, et Cotham Ordrici, ecclesiam de Cotinton, Cruwe, et capellam de Waverton, Brocton, Radeclivam, Tidulvestan, Gravesby, Cnoctyrum, et dona omnia quæ Hugo comes fundator loci illius et hæredes sui concesserint et cartis suis confirmaverint. Sane novalium vestrorum quæ propriis manibus ac sumptibus colitis sive de nutrimentis vestrorum animalium, nullus a vobis omnino exigere decimas vel extorquere præsumat.

Statuimus etiam ut nulli episcoporum vel ministris eorum, indebitas aut injustas exactiones in ecclesiis, vel in terris vestris liceat exercere. Liceat quoque vobis seu fratribus vestris in ecclesiis presbyteros eligere, ita tamen ut ab episcopis vel episcoporum vicariis animarum curam absque venalitate suscipiant, quam si committere illi, quod absit, ex pravitate noluerint, tunc presbiteri ex apostolicæ sedis benignitate officia celebrandi licentiam consequitur. Crisma vero, oleum sanctum, consecrationes altarium seu basilicarum, ordinationes clericorum qui ad sacros ordines fuerint promovendi a diocesano, suscipiatis episcopo, siquidem catholicus fuerit, et gratiam atque communionem apostolicæ sedis habuerit, et ea gratis absque pravitate vobis voluerit exhibere: alioquin liceat vobis catholicum quem malueritis adire antistitem, qui nimirum nostra fultus auctoritate, quod postulatur indulgeat.

Præterea cum generale interdictum fuerit, liceat vobis in ecclesia vestra, exclusis excommunicatis et interdictis non pulsatis campanis, suppressa voce divina officia celebrare. Sepulturam quoque loci illius liberam esse decrevimus, ut eorum devotioni et extremæ voluntati, qui se illic sepeliri delibuerint, nisi forte excommunicati vel interdicti sint, nullus obsistat; salva tamen justiciâ illarum ecclesiarum a quibus mortuorum corpora assumentur. Obeunte vero te, nec ejusdem loci abbate, vel tuorum quolibet successorum, nullus ibi quâvis surreptionis astutiâ seu violentiâ præponatur, nisi cum fratres communi consensu, vel fratrum pars consilii sanioris, secundum Deum et beati Benedicti regulam, providerint eligendum, atque ad eum ordinandum, qualemcumque illis placuerit, episcopus advoc. Prohibemus autem ut nulli fratrum vestrorum prius factam in eodem loco, professionem liceat absque abbatis licentia de claustris discedere; discedentem vero absque litterarum communi cautione, nullus audeat retinere.

Decrevimus ergo ut nulli omnium hominum liceat præfatam ecclesiam temere perturbare, ac ejus possessiones auferre, vel ablata retinere, minuire, seu quibuslibet vexationibus fatigare: sed omnia integra conserventur eorum pro quorum gubernatione ac sustentatione concessa sunt, usibus omnibus profutura, salva sedis apostolicæ auctoritate, et diocesani episcopi canonica justitia. Si quis igitur in futurum ecclesiastica sæcularisve persona hanc nostram constit. paginam sciens, contra

eam temere venire temptaverit, secundo tertiove communita, nisi reatum suum congrua satisfactione correxerit, potestatis honorisque sui dignitate careat, reamque se judicio existere de perpetrata iniquitate cognoscat, et a sanctissimo corpore et sanguine Dei et Domini nostri aliena fiat, atque in extremo examine districtæ ultioni subjaceat.

NUM. XIII.

Finalis Concordia de Nundinis in Vico juxta Abbatiam, 17 Edw. I.

[Plac. de Com. Cestr. MS. Harl. 2148, fol. 28.]

HÆC est finalis concordia facta in pleno scaccario Cestr. die Jovis prox. post festum sancti Hillari anno regni regis Edwardi xvii^o. coram Reg. de Grey justiciario Cestriæ, Priore de Birkheued, Radulpho de Vernun, Johanne de sancto Petro, Patricio de Hesilwelle, Ricardo de Sondbache, Ricardo de Masey, Rogero Dunvill, Johanne de Boydel, milit. et pluribus aliis domini regis fidelibus tunc ibidem præsentibus inter dominum Simonem abbatem sanctæ Werburgæ Cestr. et ejusdem loci conventum ex una parte, et maiorem et cives Cestr. ex altera parte; videlicet, quod cum prædicti abbas et conventus habere clamant situm Nundinarum Nativit. sancti Johannis Baptistæ in civitate prædicta ante portam abbatiae prædictæ, tam in seldis suis propriis prope portam prædictam, quam alibi in vico juxta abbatiam suam; ita quod omnes res venales ibidem non alibi venditioni exponi debent durantibus nundinis illis, secundum donationem et concessionem quondam comitum Cestriæ eidem abbati et successoribus suis inde confectam: ac prædicti maior et cives reclamando opponunt, asserentes se licite posse mercandisas suas alibi facere quibuscunque locis in prædicta civitate pro libito suæ voluntatis, non obstantibus donacione et concessione prædictis durantibus nundinis illis. Conquieverunt et convenerunt in hac forma subscripta dum tamen curia regia ipsam formam stabilem duxerit et acceptam. Videlicet quod prædictus abbas et conventus pro se et successoribus suis in perpetuum, quantum in eis est, concesserunt quod prædicti cives et eorum hæredes vel assignati prædictam civitatem inhabitantes, habeant et teneant situm nundinarum prædictarum, et seldas et ementoria, singulis annis, tempore nundinarum illarum sumptibus illorum civium construere possint in placea illa quæ se extendit a porta cimiterii usque ad domos ipsius abbatis, in longitudine sub muro ipsius cimiterii, et alibi ex opposito illarum seldarum, et alibi in vico illo prout sibi magis viderint expedire, excepta placea illa qua se extendit a porta abbatiae usque ad portam cimiterii prædicti; ita quod nec introitus nec exitus ipsarum portarum nec accessus ad domos ipsius abbatis, nec ad domos vicinas in vico illo impediuntur vel artentur aliter quam solebat esse tempore nundinarum prædictarum. Et quod cives ipsi in seldis sic constructis, durantibus nundinis illis, commodum suum faciant in omnibus. Ita tamen quod statim, finitis nundinis illis, prædictæ seldæ et ementoria constructa sic per prædictos cives penitus amoveantur, vel per ipsum abbatem et successores suos in ipsorum civium defectum. Conventum etiam et concordatum est quod prædicti abbas et conventus non locabunt domos suas in ipsis nundinis quas habent in vico juxta abbatiam aliquibus mercatoribus ejusdem civitatis dummodo prædictæ seldæ seu bothæ per ipsos cives sic constructæ non extiterint locatæ. Bene tamen licebit ipsis abbati et conventui et eorum successoribus domos suas prædictas mercatoribus extraneis ibidem venientibus, et domos illas locare volentibus, locare secundum quod sibi viderint expedire, et etiam mercatoribus ipsius civitatis si prædictæ seldæ per prædictos cives constructæ mercatoribus intrinsecis non possint sufficere, sine impedimento vel inquietatione, fraude seu dolo civium prædictorum. Prædicti vero abbas et conventus concesserunt pro se et successoribus suis, quod prædicti cives et eorum hæredes vel assignati percipiant et habeant singulis annis tempore nundinarum prædictarum stallagium per totam civitatem prædictam sicut prædicti abbas et conventus stallagium illud temporibus prædictis percipere et habere consueverunt et debuerunt.

Pro hac autem concessione et dimissione, pace, fine, et concordia, prædicti cives et eorum hæredes et assignati prædictam civitatem inhabitantes vel inhabitaturi præfatis abbati et conventui et eorum successoribus in ecclesia sua conventuali Cestriæ, die translationis sanctæ Werburgæ virginis, quadraginta et sex solidos et octo denarios solvent singulis annis in perpetuum. Convent. etiam concorditer inter partes prædictas quod si curia regia dictam formam pacis admiserit et acceptaverit, tunc utraque pars illarum ordinationi et considerationi ejusdem curiæ regis parebit. Et ad prædictam pacem confirmandam et ratificandam fideliter se intromittet et procurabit bona fide. Et si pendente prædictæ pacis securitate et confirmatione Nundinæ prædictæ supervenerint, prædicti burgenses solvent prædictis abbati et conventui prædictos xl. sex^s. viij^d. sicut prædictum est. In quorum solutionem si defecerint ministri domini regis similiter cum ballivis ipsius abbatis ipsos burgenses per totam civitatem Cestr. distringent ad solutionem prædictam faciendam. Et si curia regia prædictam formam pacis non admiserit, nec prædictis abbati et conventui per prædictas concessiones et dimissiones nec ipsis civibus per prædictas soluciones fiat præjudicium aliquale, quominus status utriusque partis integer sit et salvus aut in aliquo derogatus aliter quam ante prædictæ pacis provisionem. Et cum prædicti abbas et conventus pro pace ista ratificanda nuncium suum ad curiam domini regis transmiserint, prædicti cives nuncium suum cum nuncio abbatis transmittent communibus sumptibus utriusque partis inter ipsas æqualiter dividend.

NUM. XIV.

Pro Cardinali Eborum, super Lite, in curia Romana pendente, de Potestatibus, A. D. 1516.

[MS. Cotton. Vitell. B. III. fol. 103. Rym. Fœd. tom. xiii. p. 573.]

DILECTE Fili salutem et apostolicam benedictionem. Exponi nobis nuper fecit venerabilis frater Galfredus episcopus Coventrensis et Lichefeldensis quòd, cum aliàs, lite in Romana curia coram dilecto filio magistro Johanne Antonio Trivultio, capellano nostro, et causarum palatii apostolici auditore, inter eum et dilectum filium Johannem abbatem monasterii sanctæ Vuerburgæ ordinis sancti Benedicti, Coventrensis et Lichefeldensis diocesis, super prætensa executione, et prætenso jure, necnon mitra, baculo, et aliis pontificalibus utendi, et benedictionem elargiendi, rebusque aliis ex illorum occasione, indecisa pendente, pro parte ipsius Galfredi episcopi literæ compulsoriales generales, prout, pro juribus in partibus extrahendis, fieri solet, obtentæ fuissent, et Nos, illas approbando, compulsoribus seu executoribus in illis deputatis, per alias nostras literas, in forma Brevis, dedissemus in mandatis, ut contra abbatem et quoscunque alios penes quos aliqua documenta ad causam hujusmodi facientia reperirentur, si ad effectum ea transumptandi dare vel exhibere denegarent, ad censuras et alias procederent, ac dicti compulsores præfatum Johannem abbatem, certa documenta penes eum existentia exhibere denegantem, literarum prædictarum vigore, excommunicationis sententiâ innodassent, et pro tali publicari et in ecclesia nunciari fecissent; quidam Hunfredus Bonner, presbyter seu clericus, instante et jubente præfato Johanne abbate, in contemptum et derisionem apostolicæ sedis, populo astante, pulpitu publice ascendit, ac alta et intelligibili voce exclamando, qualiter ipse eundem Johannem abbatem absolvet et absolutum esse declarabat dicere præsumpsit; et dictus Johannes abbas, sedem prædictam et literas ab ea emanatas parvi pendendo, varia et diversa verba contumeliosa contra nuncium protulit; quare dictus Galfredus episcopus nobis humiliter supplicare fecit ut cum præfatus abbas minus vere se a jurisdictione ordinaria exemptum, et per aliquem Papam ejus excessus puniri non posse prætendat, ac justum sit ut pro hujusmodi contemptu poenam condignam non evadat, ne alii in partibus a Romana curia remotis, in quibus Sedes Apostolica in maxima veneratione habetur, inde exemplum capient et indices similia vel deteriora in dedecus dictæ Sedis facere præsumant, providere, super

hoc, justitiæ ministerio dignaremur; nos igitur, hujusmodi supplicationibus inclinati, circumspectioni tuæ per præsentem committimus, et mandamus quatenus, vocatis Johanne abbate et presbytero præfatis, ac aliis evocandis, causam et causas, quas dictus Galfredus episcopus, contra abbatem et presbyterum præfatos, ac quoscunque alios sua interesse putantes, super contemptu, vilipendio, seu spreto literarum apostolicarum, et verbis contumeliosis hujusmodi, movere intendit, summarie et de plano audias, cognoscas, et partibus justitiam ministrando fine debito termines et decidas, faciens quod decreveris per censuram ecclesiasticam firmiter observari. Nos enim tibi abbatem et presbyterum præfatos, ac omnes et singulos sua interesse putantes citandi, necnon sententiam sive decretum, per te forsitan ferendum, sub censuris et poenis ecclesiasticis exequendi, ac, in eventum non paritionis, censuras et poenas ipsas incurrisse declarandi, illasque aggravandi, reaggravandi, interdicendi, auxilium brachii sæcularis invocandi, ac eosdem juxta ipsorum demerita arbitrio puniendi, corrigendi, et castigandi, ac poenitentiam salutarem injungendi, et alia præmissis et circa ea necessaria faciendi et exequendi, plenam et liberam facultatem concedimus per præsentem; non obstantibus præmissis ac constitutionibus et ordinationibus apostolicis cæterisque contrariis quibuscunque. Datum Romæ apud sanctum Petrum, sub annulo piscatoris, die vicesimo secundo Decembris, millesimo quingentesimo decimo sexto, pontificatus nostri anno quarto.

F. CASTILIONEUS

Dilecto filio Thomæ tituli sanctæ Cecilie Presbytero Cardinali Eboracensi, Apostolicæ Sedis Legato noto et Angliæ Primati.

NUM. XV.

De Officio Seneschalli.

[MS. Harl. 2074, fol. 238.]

OMNIBUS Christi fidelibus hoc præsens scriptum visuris vel audituris, Johannes abbas monasterii sanctæ Warburgæ Cestr. et ejusdem loci conventus salutem in Domino sempiternam. Noveritis nos præfatum abbatem et conventum concessisse et hoc præsentem scripto nostro confirmasse venerando ac nobili viro Thomæ comiti Derbiæ ac domino Stanley pro bono consilio, auxilio, favore, et tuitione suis, nobis ac monasterio nostro impensis et imposterum impendend. officium seneschallie monasterii nostri prædicti, ac omnium maneriorum, dominiorum, terrarum, et tenementorum nostrorum in com. Cestriæ; tenendum, occupandum, et exercendum officium prædictum eidem comiti pro termino vitæ ipsius comitis, una cum vadiis feodi quadraginta solidorum, percipiend. annuatim eidem comiti de et in omnibus maneriis, dominiis, terris, et tenementis nostris prædictis ad festa Nativitatis sancti Johannis Baptistæ et sancti Martini in hyeme, æquis porcionibus; provisum semper quod dictus comes non faciet deputatum seu deputatos suos in officio illo, nisi ex concessu et assensu dicti abbatis illius monasterii qui pro tempore fuerit; et ulterius provisum quod dictus comes in aliquo se non intromittat de dimissione, deputatione, locatione, sive concessione maneriorum, dominiorum, terrarum, et tenementorum prædictorum; nec de aliqua inde parcella nec aliquem tenent. sive firmarum ejusdem amoveat, exoneret, seu amoveri faciat de tenementis, firmis, sive tenuris, nec se aliquo modo intromittat in eisdem; in cuius rei testimonium, &c. Dat. xx^{mo}. die mensis Novembr. anno regni regis Henrici octavi post Conquestum Angliæ primo.

NUM. XVI.

Surveys of Monasteries after their Dissolution temp. Hen. VIII.—Augm. Office.

The Survey of the seyd late Monast'y of Seynt Warburge within the seyd Cytte of Chestre.

Com' Cestr'

Temp'altyes.

CELLERERS Medowe lyenge nere vnto Stonebrig

on the northe ptye of the cytye in the p̄sshe of Saynt Oswald wth. all tythe corne and hey of the Bache lett by indent' vnto Thōms Gose, wherof the date ys the fyrste day of Septembre in the xxxth. year aboveseyd cont' by est' vj acres.

Carters Hey pasture is lette vnto Otwell Worseley gentylman, by indenture datyd the viijth. day of Septembre in the xxxth. yere abovewryten for the terme of lj yerys.

The manor of Huntynghdon and Cheveley in the p̄sshe of Saynt wth. thapptyn̄cs ar lete vnto Thōms Doctor Lee by indent' datid the xvij daye of Octobre in the xxxth. yere of o^r. seyd soʒeygn lord the kinge for the terme of iiij^{xx}. xix yer's.

The manor of Sutton in Wyrehalle in the p̄sshe of wth. all thapptyn̄cs, wth. xv^s. yerlye to be taken of Willm Ardren for certain lands belongynge to the seyd manor diversse lands in the holdynge of the seyd Willm Ardren to the yerlye valewe of iiij^{li}. lyenge in the p̄sshe of Bromborowe and other lands in the occupaçon of Ric. Grossenor fermor of the p̄sonage of Bromborowe oonlye exceptid. The seyd manor is lette unto Raffie Huknal by indenture datyd the viijth. daye of Octobre in the xxxth. yere aboveseyd for the terme of l. yers,

Is worth yerelye xj^{li}. xij^s. ij^d.

Uppon the whiche indenture the for̄seid late abbotte examyned and sworne saythe the seyd indent. was sealyd and immediatlye deliʒed to the seyd fermor wthoute any condycōn bytwene them made.

Diʒsse customs in cariagis ther,
Ar worthe by yere xxix^s. viij^d.

The p̄ce of iij^c. henns and iij^miiij^{xx}. eggs of diʒsse teñnts ther to be receyvyd,
Ar worthe by yere lijs. x^d.

The sume of the seyd demeanys lxx^{li}. xij^d.

Rents and fermes of the manor of Upton lyenge and beynge in the p̄sshe of Upton that is to saye in Upton in the p̄sshe of Saynt Marys uppon the Hille xxj^{li}. xj^s. vj^d. Boughton xxxvij^{li}. xij^s. ij^d. Newton xvij^{li}. xvij^s. iiij^d. Wyrwyn xj^{li}. xvij^s. ij^d. Crowton vij^{li}. vij^s. iiij^d. ij. mills wthoute the Northegate of Chestr' wthin the p̄sshe of Saynte Oswald iiij^{li}. xij^s. iiij^d. Stampford mille in the p̄sshe of Kysterton c^s. Cristelton xvij^s. Cho'leto' ix^{li}. v^s. vj^d. Lee cū Lez acreys ix^{li}. vj^s. iiij^d. Moston longe medowe infra pōchiam of Backford vij^{li}. Salghalle vij^{li}. xj^s. vj^d. Shotewyk xlv^s. ij^d in the p̄sshe of Shotwyk, and certain fre rent in Cru in the p̄sshe of Farnton,

Ar worthe by yere cxliij^{li}. xjs. iiij^d. oʒ.

Rents and fermes in the cytye of Chestr' thatt is to saye in the p̄sshe of Saynte Oswalde lvj^{li}. xvij^d. Saynt Peter vij^{li}. vij^s. vj^d. Saynt Marys xiiij^s. Saynt Mychaell vjs. viij^d. Saynt Bryggett x^s. Saynt John ls. iiij^d. Nantwyche xij^s. iiij^d. and in the p̄sshe of Acton vij. fysshynge stalls wthin the water of Dee in the p̄sshe of Saynt Maryes in Chester,

Ar worthe yerlye lxxvij^{li}. xvij^s. xj^d.

Rents and fermes of the manor of Abbotts Cotton that is to saye, beynge in the p̄sshe of Crystelton and in the hamletts of Crystelton xij^{li}. xvjs. viij^d. Crabwalle xl^s. Hethe house nere Newton wthin the p̄sshe of Saynte Oswald iiij^{li}. and in the hamletts of Podyngton xij^s. in the p̄sshe of Burton; Pulton Launcelyn iij^s. in the p̄sshe of Bebyngton,

Ar worthe by yere xix^{li}. xjs. viij^d.

Rents and fermes of the manor of Bromborowe that is to saye, in the p̄sshe of Bromborowe xxvij^{li}. xv^s. vij^d. Bebyngton xvjs. Esth̄m xxj^{li}. ijs. vj^d. Plymyerd vij^{li}. in the p̄sshe of Easth̄m Bromborowe,

Ar worthe by yere lvj^{li}. xiiij^s. ij^d.

Rents and fermes of the manor of Irbye, scil't in the hamletts of Irby xl^s. in the p̄sshe of Thirstynton; Gresbye x^{li}. ijs. ix^d. oʒ. and Frankbye iij^s. iiij^d. in the p̄sshe of Weast Kirkbye: Knoctrout iiij^{li}. xij^d. and Wodechurche x^{li}. xij^s. vj^d. in the p̄sshe of Woodchu^h. and Walesey iij^s. in the p̄sshe of Kirkbye Walley,

Ar worthe yerlye xxvij^{li}. xvij^s. vij^d. oʒ.

Rents and fermes of the manor of Ince, that is to saye, of Ince, xxxj^{li}. xx^d. the hamlett of Elton xxxv^s. viij^d. in the parish of Thorneton a certain free rent in Katten Halle xxx^s. Manley xx^s. Edencote xvjs. Helsbye xxij^s. in the p̄sshe of Froddesh̄m and a certain chyf rent Brugetraford xvjs. in the p̄sshe of Plymstone,

Ar worthe by yere xxxvij^{li}. xvjs. iiij^d.

Rents and fermes of the manor of Salghton, that is to saye in Salghton^r xliij^{li}. xvij^s. vj^d. a certain rent in Huxley xliij^s. in the p̄sshe of Wav'to' and in Codyngton vjs. iiij^d.

Ar worthe yerelye xlv^{li}. viij^s. x^d.

Rents and fermes of the manor of Barneshaw that is to saye, in the hamletts Barneshawe xxj^{li}. ix^s. Gostre iiij^{li}. xvij^s. xj^d. Leyghes vj^{li}. ijs. xj^d. and Cranage iiij^{li}. xij^d. in the p̄sshe of Sandbacche the hamlett of Chelford vij^{li}. iij^s. iiij^d. Asthulle iij^s. in the p̄sshe of P'st-bury; Northwyche vjs. viij^d. Hulsse xlijs. vj^d. Wynngto' x^s. iiij^d. and Nethertabeley vjs. Fre rent in Plomley iiij^s. in the p̄sshe of Budworthe and in fre rent in Northden xvjs. v^d. oʒ in the p̄sshe of Northerden,

Ar worthe by yere xlvij^{li}. iiij^s. j^d. oʒ.

Rents and fermes of the manor of Fernehalle lxij^s. iiij^d. and in the hamlett of Tylston xxxvj^s. ij^d. oʒ in the p̄sshe of Bunberye and in Edenshaw in the parisshe of Tervyn viij^{li}. xij^s. iiij^d.

Ar worthe yerelye xiiij^{li}. xij^s. x^d. oʒ.

The manor of Churchelaughton,
Is worthe by yere xij^{li}. iiij^s. v^d. oʒ.

Rents and fermes in the bayliwyk of Sutton, that is to saye, in the hamlett of Muche Sutton and Little Sutton xxxij^{li}. v^s. iiij^d. Over Pole vj^{li}. xvij^s. vj^d. Hutton vij^s. j^d. and Thorneton viij^{li}. iiij^s. iiij^d. and Whitebye xxiij^{li}. iij^s. ij^d. in the p̄sshe of Bromborowe,

Ar worthe by yere lxxj^{li}. xvij^s. v^d.

Com' Derb'

Rents and fermes in the bailiwick of Weston, that is to saye, Weston xlvij^{li}. iiij^s. vj^d. Aston xv^{li}. iij^s. iiij^d. oʒ. Wilne vj^{li}. xvij^s. viij^d. and Shardlowe x^{li}. vij^s. in the p̄sshe of Aston, Morley and Smalley lvjs. iiij^d. and Derbye xij^s.

Ar worthe by yere iiij^{xx}iiij^{li}. xxj^d. oʒ.

Com' Lancast'

A certeyn fre rente owte of the manor of Rufford in the p̄sshe of Rufford,

Is worthe by yere xl^s.

Sp'ualties.

The p̄sonage of Saynt Oswaldis wth. a certeyn tythe barne wthin the seyd late abbey of Chestr' as itt is sett att Boughton wth. all the tythe cornes, hey, lambe, and wolle wth. all other comodytes, and p'fitts to the same belongynge,

Is worthe by yere lxxij^{li}. xij^s. vj^d.

Whiche p̄sonage was latelye in the abbotts hands to the use of his house, and now is lette unto Will'm Snyder and Will'm Hollerofte, by an indenture datid the vjth. daye of Sept. in the xxx. yere of o^r. soʒeyn lorde Kinge Henrye the viijth.

The p̄sonage of Shotewyk wth. the tythe corne and haye and a tythe berne of Greate and Littell Salghalle vj^{li}. and the berne, corne and haye of Leddesh̄m in Wyrehalle ix^{li}.

Is worth yerelye xv^{li}.

Which is lett to Thom's Stret and Raff Radford, by indenture datid the xj. daye of Oetob'r in the xxxth. yere of o^r. sayd soʒeyn lorde.

The p'sonage of Shotwyk, that is to saye, a tythe berne w^t. tythe corne, hey, lambe, wolle and fissue xxj^s. viij^d. and other tythes, w^t. the Easter Rolle and all other offeryngs iiij^{li}. v^s. ij^d.

Ar worthe by yere viij^{li}. vij^s.

Whiche p'sonage is lette unto Thom's Pillyn by indenture datid the xvijth. daye of Octob^r. in the xxxth. yere abowewrytten.

The p'sonage of Sutton in Wyrehall w^t. all the tythe corne in Bromborowe, and the manor called Bromborowe Corte, Burnesto' Easth'm Plumyard, Childerne, Thornewton, Hutton, Overpole, Netherpole, Sutton Magna and P'va, and all of the churche of Bromborowe, w^t. all the customes and cariag's therunto belongynge,

Is worthe yerely lxj^{li}. ix^s.

Whiche p'sonage is lett to Willm Goodman and Hugh Aldersey by indenture datyd the xth. daye of Oetob^r in the xxxth. yere aboveseyd uppon eondye'on yf the said monast' wer nott dissolvdyd that then the seyd Willm and Hughe to redelyver the seyd indent' as dothe appere by a eerteyn obligac'on wherein they stand bound to the seyd late abbote.

The p'sonage of Upton, eallid Bordland Tythe,
Is worthe yerely cvj^s. viij^d.

The p'sonage ther callid Bordland Tythe in the pysshes of Westkirkby, Irbye liij^s. iiij^d. Woodechurche xxx^s. Figdon iiij^s. w^tin the pisse of Ekleston. Over v^s. et Worleston xxvj^s. viij^d. and also of the late monastye of Doeucresse vj^s. viij^d. Vale Reall iiij^{li}. and Norton xxxvj^s.

Is worthe by yere xij^{li}. xx^d.

The tythe sheif of Crabwall and Polehouse xiiij^s. and Hethehouse nere unto Newton xij^s. iiij^d
Is worthe by yere xxvj^s. iiij^d.

The p'sonage of P'stburys
Is worthe by yere cli.

The p'sonagis of Neston Magna, Neston P'va and Wellaston w^t. the tythes of wolle, lambe and offeryngs,
Ar worthe by yere xxxvj^{li}. ix^s. viij^d.

Which p'sonage was latelie in the abbott's hands to the use of his house, and now is lette unto Rie. Thomesew, Esquyer, by indent' datid the iiijth. daye of Oetob'r in the xxxth. yere of the kinge aboveseyd.

The p'sonage of Inee, w^t. the tythe corne, hey lambe, and wolle, w^t. all other th'app'tynneys,
Is worthe yerely exiiij^s. iiij^d.

Whiche p'sonage is lett unto Rie. Cowley, by indenture datid the xvjth. daye of Septemb'r in the xxxth. yere above wrytten.

Com' Wigorn.

The p'sonage of Campden]
Is worthe by yere xxvj^{li}.

Com' Cestr'

Pencons owte of the p'sonagis and churches of Cristelton xxiiij^s. Our Ladye's churche liij^s. iiij^d. Saynt Peter's in Chester xl^s. Bevington xxvj^s. viij^d. Easth'm xxxiiij^s. iiij^d. Kirkbye ij^s. Thurstanton v^s. Westkyrkbye liij^s. iiij^d. Endeleston xvij^s. Codyngton iiij^s. Katten Halle ij^s. Wav'ton iiij^s. Hanley xij^s. iiij^d. Astburye xij^s. and Northerdon iiij^s.

Is worthe by yere xiiij^{li}. xiiij^s.

Almes gyven unto the seyd late abbey by our soʒeyn lord the kinge p'd by the chamberers of Chest'r,
Is worthe by yere xix^{li}. x^s.

Com' Derb

Penc'ons owte of Weston xl^s. Aston lxvj^s. viij^d. and Morley v^s.

Ar worthe by yere cxj^s. viij^d.

Com' Staff.

Almes gyven unto the seyd late abbey by o^r. seyd soʒeygn lorde the kynge owte of New Castell under Lyne,

Is worthe by yere lx^s.

iiij^c.iii^{xx}.j^{li}. ij^d.

Repes goyng owte yerelye of the lands and possessio's of the seyd late abbey.

Rent resolute.

To o^r. soʒeygn lorde the kynge, for lands in Rudhethe and Asthulle viij^{li}. xvij^s. viij^d.; to the p'sone of Laughton for a water eorse vij^s.; to Launcelett Woodehill for lands sometyme Thomas Garnett's xxx^s. to the shereff of Chest'r for rent v^s. vj^d. to the master of the hospitalle of w'towte the Northgate of Westchest'r. for a teñte in P'son's lane xvij^d. to Richard Maynewarynge Knyght owte of a teñte in the tenure of Edward Smythe in Northgate strete, viij^s. to the kyng's baylye of his manor. of Halton, for rent goynge owte of a teñte sometyme in the tenure of Willm Conyon xij^d. to the late pryoresse of Shene for rente owte the lands in Westky'kbye xxx^s. to o^r soʒeygn lord the kynge for a wey callyd Spoundon wey vj^s. viij^d. owte of a teñte in Weston for the sustentac'on of oon lampe burnynge in the churehe of Aston in the countye of Derbye ij^s. and to Robrte Woodhouse for rente owte of lands callid Collys lands in Westchester ij^s. in the whole l^s. vj^d.

Fees that is to saye,

To therle of Derbye, hye stewarde of alle the lands and possessyons of the seyd late monast'ye in the countye of Cestr' xl^s.; to therle of Shrewsberye stewd of the manor of Weston in the countye of Derbye xl^s. to Ottwell Worsley gent. baylye of Upton, w^t. the members iiij^{li}. to the seyd Ottwell, baylye of the rents and fermes w^tin and nere to the eytye of Chester, iiij^{li}. to Sir Willm Brereton, Knyghte bailye of Churehe Louton xx^s. Raffe Leftwehe gent. baylye of Barnshawe xl^s.; Thom's Hurleston and Humfrye Hurleton baylys of Inee xl^s. to John Breffye bailye of Edenshawe xx^s. Thom's Wryte baylye of Irbye xx^s. Raffe Hukenhalle baylye of Sutton xxvj^s. viij^d.; Willm Erwyn baylye of Bromborowe xxvj^s. viij^d. Antonye Venables gent. baylye of Salgton xl^s. Xpofer Ayer, baylye of Weston l^s. to Robrto Hoppe, baylye of Abbots Cotton, xx^s. to Richard Abraham bayliff of Neston xxvj^s. viij^d. and John Byreheley teeher of the children vj^{li}. unto them and eyther of them grūntyd by lres patents under the conventuall seale for tme of ther lyves: the hoole xxxiiij^{li}. x^s.

To Ottwell Worsley gent. elerke of the chekker of the seyd late abbey, and also of alle the courts of the seyd late monastye w^tin Chesshyre, as well in redye money xl^s. as mete and drynk of the seyd Ottwell and of his servante liij^s. iiij^d. and als his ehimbr' w^tin the seyd late monastye x^s. and suffeyent fuell xx^s. grasse and p'vendre for the fyndynge of horssees xxx^s. and for stabill rome for the seyd ij horses vj^s. viij^d. also in the pryce of vij loves eallid Payne qurters iiij gallons of cōvent ale, and iiij gallons of the seeunde ale weakelye xxvj^s. viij^d. A gentilman liŵye unto the seyd Ottwell xij^s. iiij^d. by lres pattents bearynge date the vjth. daye of Sept. in the xxxth. yere of o^r. seyd soʒeygn lord the kynge for terme of lyffe grūntyd xij^{li}.

Fees and Anuytes.

Thoms Audeley knyght Lorde Audeley ehūneello' of Yngland xl^{li}. Richard Page, knyght to the late Lord Crumwell xij^{li}. vj^s. viij^d.; John Boughton xiiij^{li}. vj^s. viij^d. Thoms Wrothesley e^s. Raffe Worsley iiij^{li}. Humpfrey Hurleton lernyd in the lawe liij^s. iiij^d. Richard Colley

gent. lxxvjs. viij^d. Robrte Wermynngton xls. Launcellett Woddeall liijs. iiij^d. Launcellett Broughton xxvjs. viij^d. Robrte Lawdrye liijs. iiij^d. Robrte Lawys xls. Ewent lxxvjs. viij^d. Henrye Legghe xxvjs. viij^d. Thom's Staundysshe gent. xxvjs. viij^d. Robrte Radford pryste iiij^{li}. Rychard Sperk by lres pattents inrollyd xx^s. Rychard Wattkyns of London gent. iiij^{li}. Edwarde Pynchon of London xxvjs. viij^d. John Mason brother unto them by lres pattents for terme of lyffe grūtyd and before the audytor shewed xxvjs. viij^d. Edward Algriff porter of the seyde late monastye xxvjs. viij^d. his mete (ev^rye weake iiij^d.) xvjs. iiij^d. breade and drynke (weake-lye x^d.) xlvjs. iiij^d. and for iiij lode of woode for wynter vjs. viij^d. in the hole cxiiij^{li}. xiijs.

Lands grūnted for tīne of lyff.

To Willm Ardren gent. for diſse lands pcell of the mano^r of Sutton as apperethe by an indenture by the reporte of Thom's Clerk, late abbote ther iiij^{li}.

Wagis of psts, that is to saye,

Of Edward Acton, pryest serveinge at Chelford in the pŷsse of Pstburye iiij^{li}. vjs. viij^d. of Ric. Lowther, pryest att the church of Saynte Bryggtyt's wīn the cytye of Chest'r iiij^{li}. Jamys Whytefeld pryest sŷynge in the church of Ince iiij^{li}. vjs. viij^d. Thom's Hand lykewyse sŷynge in the church of Shotwyk cvjs. viij^d. and Raffe Browett pŷste kepynge the cure att Wyrbyn lxxvjs. viij^d. unto them durynge pleasure for ther sŷeys doynge by the seyde late abbote grūtyd: and the wagis of the pŷsse pryest of Saynt Oswald's askethe vjs. viij^d. for mete and drynk of a pryest helpynge hym in the tyme of Lente and att Easter, to here confessyon, as ytt hathe ben accustomyd, xxj^{li}. xiijs. iiij^d.

Pençõs

Of Richard Davys vyker of Saynt Oswald's xxxiijs. iiij^d. and of Peter Brereton xxvjs. viij^d. for certen tythes goynge owte of hamlett of Crowton, the hole lx^s.

Pxis and sinagys.

To the archdekon of Chester for the churches of Neston xvjs. iiij^d. Saynt Oswald's viijs. ij^d. Ince viijs. ij^d. Bromborowe and Esthm xvjs. iiij^d. and Pstburye xvjs. iiij^d. in the countye of Chest'r the hole lxxs. iiij^d.

And so remayneth clerelye by yere viij^e. iiij^{xx}. ix^{li}. xviijs.

Wt. xxij^{li} x^s. for almesse money lately payd by the chambŷleyn of Chest'r and xix^{li}. x^s. owte of Newe Castill underlyne now denyed.

M^d. after the fynnysshynge of this boke he askethe allowance of a pryest wagis in Bromborowe by yere iiij^{li}. vjs. viij^d.

Ex^d. p me, JOHĒM WISEMAN,
Auditorem.

NUM. XVII.

De Erectione Episcopatus Cestriæ.

[Rym. Fœd. tom. xiv. p. 717. Pat. 33 H. VIII. p. 2, m. 23.]

REX omnibus ad quos &c. salutem. Cū nuper cœnobium quoddam sive monasterium, quod dūm extitit ecclesia sanctæ Werburgæ vulgo vocabatur, atque omnia et singula ejus maneria, dominia, mesuagia, terræ, tenementa, hæreditamenta, dotationes, et possessiones, certis de causis specialibus et urgentibus, per Thomam, ipsius nuper cœnobii sive monasterii abbatem, et ejusdem loci conventum nobis hæredibus et successoribus nostris imperpetuū jamdudū data fuerunt et concessa, prout per ipsorum abbatis et conventūs cartam, sigillo suo communi sive conventuali sigillatam, et in cancellariam nostram irrotulatam, manifeste liquet, quorum prætextu, nos de ejusdem nuper cœnobii sive monasterii scitu septu et precinctu, ac de omnibus et singulis prædictorum nuper abbatis et conventūs ma-

neriis, dominiis, mesuagiis, terris, tenementis, hæreditamentis, dotationibus, et possessionibus, ad præsens pleno jure seisiti sumus in dominico nostro ut de feodo, nos utique sic de eisdem seisiti existentes, divinâque nos clementiâ inspirante, nihil magis ex animo affectantes quàm ut vera religio, verusque Dei cultus inibi non modo non oboleatur, sed in integrum potius restituatur, et ad primitivam suæ genuinæ sinceritatis normam reformetur, corruptisque enormitatibus in quas monachorum vita et professio longo temporum lapsu deplorabiliter exorbitaverant. Operam dedimus, quatenus humana prospicere potest infirmitas, ut imposterū ibidem sacrorum eloquiorum documenta, et nostræ redemptionis sacramenta purè administrentur, bonorum morum disciplina sincerè observetur, juvenus in literis liberaliter instituatur, senectus viribus defectiva, eorum præsertim qui circa personam nostram, vel alioquin circa regni nostri negotia publicè et fideliter nobis servierint, rebus ad victum necessariis condignè foveatur, ut denique elimosinarum in pauperes Christi largitiones, viarum pontiumque reparationes, et cætera omnis generis pietatis officia illinc exuberantèr in omnia vicina loca longè latèque dimanent, ad Dei omnipotentis gloriam, et ad subditorum nostrorum communem utilitatem felicitatēque, idcirco nos, infra prælibata scitum, septum, circuitum ambitum et præcinctum dicti nuper cœnobii sive monasterii, ad gloriam et honorem Christi et beatæ Mariæ Virginis, sedem episcopalem, et quandam ecclesiam cathedralem, de uno episcopo, et de uno decano presbytero, et sex præbendariis presbiteris, ibidem omnipotenti Deo omnino et imperpetuum servituris, ipsumque scitum dicti nuper monasterii, ac locum et ecclesiam ipsius, in sedem episcopalem, ac in ecclesiam cathedralem creari, erigi, fundari et stabiliri decrevimus, et eandem ecclesiam cathedralem, de uno episcopo, de uno decano presbytero, et sex præbendariis presbyteris, tenore præsentium realiter et ad plenam creamus, erigimus, fundamus, ordinamus, facimus, constituimus et stabilimus perpetuis futuris temporibus duraturam, et sic stabiliri ac imperpetuū inviolabiliter observari volumus et jubemus per præsentis, volumus itaque, et per præsentis ordinamus quòd ecclesia cathedralis prædicta, ad gloriam et honorem Christi, et beatæ Mariæ Virginis matris ejus, per nos noviter per præsentis erecta et fundata, cathedralis ecclesia Christi et beatæ Mariæ Virginis Cestriensis imperpetuū vocetur, nuncupetur et appelletur, et quod ecclesia cathedralis prædicta sit, et deinceps imperpetuū erit ecclesia cathedralis Christi et beatæ Mariæ Virginis et sedes episcopalis, ac quòd tota villa nostra Cestriæ extunc et imperpetuū sit civitas, ipsamque civitatem Cestriam vocari, appellari, et nominari volumus et decrevimus, ac ipsam civitatem et totum comitatum nostrum Cestriæ, prout per metas et limites dinoscitur et limitatur, ab omni jurisdictione, auctoritate et diœcese episcopi Coventriensis et Lichefeldensis et successorum suorum pro tempore existentium, separamus, dividimus, eximimus, exoneramus, et omnino per præsentis liberamus, ac omnem jurisdictionem episcopalem infra eandem civitatem et comitatum prædicto episcopo Cestriensi, a nobis per has literas nostras patentes nominando et eligendo et successoribus suis episcopis Cestriæ, ac prædicto episcopatu Cestriæ adjungimus et unimus, et ex dictis comitatu et civitate diœcesim facimus et ordinamus per præsentis, illamque diœcesim Cestriæ imperpetuū similiter vocari, appellari, nominari, nuncupari, volumus et ordinamus, et ut hæc nostra intentio ad debitum perducatur effectum, reverendum in Christo patrem dominum Johannem Byrde episcopum Bangorensem, virum utique vitâ et moribus commendatum, sacrarum literarum cognitione præditum, atque in spiritualibus et temporalibus plurimum circumspectum, ab eadem ecclesia cathedrali et sede episcopali Bangorensi, quibus nunc laudabiliter præsidet, ad ecclesiam cathedralem et sedem episcopalem Cestriæ antedictam tenore præsentium, transferimus et translatum fore censemus, ita quod ipse reverendus pater dominus Johannes Byrde, ex sola et unica hac translatione, abhinc sit et esse censeatur episcopus ecclesiæ cathedralis et sedis episcopalis Cestriæ antedictæ, possitque idem reverendus pater, vigore translationis

hujusmodi, dictam ecclesiam cathedralem et sedem episcopalem Cestriensem ingredi et nancisci, eisque præfici et præesse, ac eas pariter ac totam civitatem et diocesim Cestriæ, clerumque et populum eorundem, quatenus officio pastoris incumbit, regere ac gubernare, necnon pontificalia omnia officia et jurisdictionem episcopalem in eis exercere, et exerceri facere, durante vitâ sua naturali, libere, licite, et absque aliquo impedimento aut gravamine nostro hæredum nostrorum vel aliorum quorumcumque, in tam amplis modo et formâ, ac si per archiepiscopum Cantuariensem fuisset sic translatus, et in episcopum Cestriensem confirmatus, nullâ aliâ sententiâ decreto sive confirmatione, quatenus ad effectum præsentium effectualiter assequendum, habitis seu requisitis, cæterum ut præfatum reverendum nunc episcopum Cestriensem et ejus successores imperpetuum statum eorum juxta pontificalis dignitatis exigentiam decentius tenere possint, cumque etiam Wilielmus Knyght, fidelis et prædilectus capellanus noster, legum doctor archidiaconus archidiaconatus Richmondiæ in ecclesia metropolitana Eborum, per sufficientem cartam suam, datam decimo die Februarii anno regni nostri tricesimo secundo, et cartâ reverendi in Christo patris Edwardi archiepiscopi Eborum et decani et capituli ejusdem diocetis metropolitanae ecclesiae Eborum datâ octavo die Martii anno regni nostri tricesimo secundo, munitam corroboratam et confirmatam, disposuit, dedit, destinavit et concessit nobis hæredibus et successoribus nostris, totum illud archidiaconatum suum Richmondiæ prædictum in dicta ecclesia metropolitana Eborum, ac totam illam rectoriam et ecclesiam suam de Bolton in Londisdale cum pertinentiis in comitatu Lancastriæ, ac etiam omnes illas rectorias et ecclesias suas de Clapham, Esingwood et Thornton Stuerd in comitatu Eborum, ac totam illam capellam sive cantariam suam de Rastall cum pertinentiis in dicto comitatu Eborum, ac etiam omnia et omnimodas decimas, oblationes, obventiones, terras glebas, proficua, commoditates, et emolumenta quaecumque cum suis pertinentiis in dictis comitatibus Lancastriæ et Eborum, ac alibi infra hoc regnum nostrum Angliæ, dictis rectoriis et ecclesiis et capellis et earum cuilibet aut eorum alicui pertinentia sive spectantia, necnon omnia et singula maneria, mesuagia, grangias, terras, tenementa, redditus, reversiones, servitia, pascua, boscos, subboscos, pasturas, decimas, oblationes, terras, glebas, pensiones, portiones, rectorias appropriatas, vicarias, et ecclesias, capellas, cantarias, advocaciones, nominationes, patronatus, communias, curias, letas, proficua curiarum, libertates, franchises, privilegia, ac omnia alia hæreditamenta, proficua, commoditates, possessiones et emolumenta quaecumque, cum suis pertinentiis universis in dictis comitatibus Eborum, Lancastriæ, et in civitate Eborum, ac alibi infra regnum nostrum Angliæ, dicto archidiaconatui Richmondiæ pertinentia sive aliquo modo spectantia, aut aliquo tempore antehac habita nominata cognita seu reputata fuerint ut pars parcella sive membra prædicti archidiaconatûs Richmondiæ, habenda tenenda et gaudenda omnia et singula supradicta archidiaconatûs maneria, mesuagia, terras, tenementa, rectorias, decimas, oblationes, obventiones, ac omnia et singula cætera præmissa cum suis pertinentiis universis, nobis, hæredibus et successoribus nostris, ad opus et usum nostrum hæredum, et successorum nostrorum imperpetuum, prout plenius in dicta carta continetur, et cum dictus Wilielmus Knyght archidiaconus archidiaconatûs Cestriæ in ecclesia cathedrali Lichfeldensi, similiter per aliam cartam suam datam vicesimo die Maii, anno regni nostri tricesimo tertio, ac reverendi in Christo patris Rolandi episcopi Coventr. et Lichfeld. et ejusdem loci decani et capituli cartis sigillis eorundem sigillatis, datis vicesimo quarto et vicesimo sexto die dicti mensis Maii supradicti, tricesimo tertio anno regni nostri munitam corroboratam et confirmatam, disposuit, destinavit, dedit et concessit nobis hæredibus et successoribus nostris, totum illud prædictum archidiaconatum Cestriæ, ac totam illam præbendam suam de Bolton in dicta ecclesia cathedrali Lichfeldensi in comitatu Staffordiæ, eidem archidiaconatui Cestriensi annexum, cum suis pertinentiis, necnon omnia et singula præbendas, ma-

neria, mesuagia, grangias, terras, tenementa, redditus, reversiones, servitia, prata, pascua, boscos, subboscos, pasturas, decimas, oblationes, obventiones, terras glebas, pensiones, portiones, rectorias appropriatas, vicarias, ecclesias, capellas, cantarias, advocaciones, nominationes, patronatus, communias, letas, curias, proficua curiarum, libertates, franchises, privilegia, ac omnia alia hæreditamenta, commoditates, proficua, possessiones, et emolumenta quaecumque cum suis pertinentiis universis, in comitatibus Cestriæ, Staffordiæ, Lancastriæ et Eborum, et in civitate Cestriæ, ac alibi infra regnum nostrum Angliæ, dicto archidiaconatui Cestriæ pertinentia sive spectantia, aut quæ, aliquo tempore tunc antehac, habita, nominata, cognita seu reputata fuerint ut pars, parcella et membra prædicti archidiaconatûs, habenda tenenda et gaudenda omnia et singula supradicti archidiaconatûs præbendas, maneria, mesuagia, ac eadem omnia et cætera superius specificata cum suis pertinentiis universis, nobis hæredibus et successoribus nostris, ad opus et usum nostrum hæredum et successorum nostrorum imperpetuum, prout per easdem cartas plenius liquet, ratione quarum quidem cartarum, confirmationum, concessionum, ac corroboracionum dictorum archidiaconatum Richmondiæ et Cestriæ cum suis juribus et pertinentiis universis, in manibus et possessione nostris jam existunt, in dicti episcopatûs et ecclesiae cathedralis Cestriensis supportationem ac in propagationem evangelii Jhesu Christi ibidem, totum prædictum archidiaconatum Richmondiæ, qui nuper in ecclesia metropolitana Ebor. et totum archidiaconatum Cestriæ, qui dudum in dicta ecclesia cathedrali Lichfeld. instituebantur, cum suis juribus et pertinentiis universis superius specificatis, dictæ sedi episcopali Cestriæ perpetuo unimus et incorporamus, ac annectimus, ita quod ambo illi archidiaconatus, et eorum jura et pertinentia universa superius sigillatim memorata deinceps imperpetuum sint et esse censeantur membra et partes dictæ sedis et episcopatûs Cestriæ, possitque et possint dictus nunc episcopus Cestriensis, et ejus successores futuris temporibus existentes, fructus, redditus, proventus, ac cætera omnia et singula præmissa, dictis archidiaconatui Richmondiæ et Cestriæ pertinentes, sicut cætera dicti sedis et episcopatûs sui Cestriæ res seu bona eorum episcoporum propriis usibus assignata vel assignanda, disponere et ordinare liberè etiam et licitè absque impedimento vel gravamine nostrorum hæredum aut successorum nostrorum, aut aliorum quorumcumque: statuentes nihilominus et decernentes quod in dicta ecclesia cathedrali Cestriæ sint duo archidiaconi, quorum unus archidiaconus Richmondiæ, et alter archidiaconus Cestriæ nuncupetur imperpetuum, et quod dicti archidiaconi archidiaconatus suos hujusmodi, ex collatione episcopi Cestriensis qui pro tempore fuerit, recipiant, et ipsi episcopo et successoribus suis pro tempore existentibus, in his quæ officium archidiaconorum respiciunt, debite et officiosè assistant, atque illi et illis episcopo et episcopis Cestriensibus in hiis quæ jurisdictionis fuerint subsint et obtemperent, ab tantummodo talem et tantam jurisdictionem infra eosdem archidiaconatus suos exercebunt, et eorum quilibet exercebit sive exercere faciet, qualem et quantam per dictum episcopum Cestriensem et ejus successores pro tempore existentes eis seu eorum alteri committi et mandari contigerit, nihil quicquam aliud ampliusve de archidiaconatibus suis hujusmodi, aut ratione eorundem, unquam percepturi vel consequituri quàm centum libras sterlingorum, eis, ac inter eosdem in pecuniis numeratis per dictum nunc episcopum et ejus successores pro tempore existentes, æquis portionibus, singulis annis, solvendas et dividendas, et insuper, volentes commoditati dicti nunc episcopi et successorum suorum uberius provideri, aulam quandam communiter vocatam primam aulam seu exteriorem, cum majuscula quadam coquina, et cæteris officiis eidem aulæ pertinentibus, (exceptâ et reservatâ, cellariâ quâ e curtilagio itur ad templum) necnon secundam aulam seu interiorem cum suis pannariis, promptuariis, ac cæteris ejusdem membris, capellam cum super ædificato cubiculo communiter ibidem vocato le chappel chamber, aliud item cubiculum nuper abbatis ibidem, cum duabus nausu-

lis et cum secretiori cubiculo annexis, et aliis subterraneis officiorum locis dicti nuper abbatis cubiculo spectantibus, cubiculum ibidem communiter vocatum magnum cubiculum cum officinis eidem appendentibus, in turri etiam duo cubacula, alterum superius et alterum inferius cum subterraneis officinis eidem spectantibus, conclave unum publicè appellatum abbots parlour cum promptuariis et panariis eidem astructis, coquinam minorem sive coquinam novam cum suis pertinentiis universis, duo etiam cubacula nuper in tenura et usu Roberti Radford clerici inter dictam coquinam novam et dicti nuper monasterii portas existentia, cum domo quadam nuper appellata le awmbrye, ortum etiam unum fenestris dicti magni cubuli subjacens, et continuo muro lapideo septum et circumdatum, stabula duo, curtilagium sive lignarium unum vocatum le kydde yard, et in magno horreo spatium sufficiens ad reponendum et recipiendum octoginta vehias fœni et straminis, dicto nunc episcopo Cestriensi, et ejus successoribus infra scitum, septum et circuitum dicti nuper cœnobii in mansionem, habitaculum, palatium, et usum familiarem sive domesticum respectivè damus et concedimus, ita quod dicta aulæ, cubacula, cellaria, et cætera omnia et singula superius expressa mansioni sive habitaculo nuper abbatis ibidem spectantia, cum omnibus suis pertinentiis de cætero abhinc sint, esse censeantur et appellentur mansio, habitaculum seu palatium dicti nunc episcopi et successorum suorum imperpetuum, volumus insuper ordinamus et statuimus quod dictus nunc episcopus Cestriensis et ejus successores pro tempore existentes, omnibus et singulis privilegiis, libertatibus, et præeminentiis gaudeant potiantur et fruantur in civitate et diœcesse Cestriæ quibus alii episcopi provinciæ Cantuariensis in civitatibus et diœcesibus illis, in quibus eorum sedes episcopales respectivè consistunt, gaudere et potiri dinoscuntur, habeat quoque et habeant dictus nunc episcopus Cestriensis et ejus successores futuris temporibus existentes, in ecclesia civitate et diœcesse Cestriæ, tam in clerum et populum eorundem, quam etiam in decanum et capitulum dictæ ecclesiæ cathedralis Cestriæ, illam eandem ac tam plenariam et efficacem auctoritatem et jurisdictionem episcopalem quam episcopus Coventr. et Lichfeld. in diœcesse sua in clerum et populum, ac in decanum et capitulum dictæ ecclesiæ suæ cathedralis Lichfelden. habere aut habuisse, obtinere aut obtinuisse, censeatur et dinoscuntur, ulterius, ut nulla imposterum inter archiepiscopos Cantuariensem et Eborum oriatur lis, dubium, dissensio seu controversia de dictarum suarum provinciarum ambitu, præcinctu et circuitu, eo quod totus ille dictus archidiaconatus Richmondia olim fuerat Eborum provinciæ, ac de eadem provincia tam de jure quam facto, volumus, statuimus, et ordinamus per præsentem quod totus ille dictus archidiaconatus Richmondia, clerusque et populus infra eundem archidiaconatum et quamlibet partem ejusdem commorans seu moram trahens, et quemlibet eorundem parcella censeatur, habeantur, et reputentur tam de jure quam de facto, tam infra provinciam Cantuariensem quam de provincia Cantuariensi ad omnem juris effectum qui inde sequi potest imperpetuum, volumus insuper, et per præsentem concedimus quod idem episcopus sit corpus incorporatum in re et nomine, ipsumque pro uno corpore declaramus, acceptamus, ordinamus, facimus, et constituimus imperpetuum, habeatque successionem perpetuam, ac quod ipse et successores sui per nomen et sub nomine episcopi Cestriensis nominabitur et vocabitur imperpetuum, et quod ipse et successores sui per idem nomen et sub eodem nomine prosequi, clamare, et placitare ac implacitari, defendere et defendi, respondere et responderi, in quibuscumque curiis et locis legum nostrarum ac hæredum et successorum nostrorum et alibi, in et super omnibus et singulis causis, actionibus, sectis, brevibus, et demandis, querelis realibus, personalibus et mixtis, tam temporalibus quam spiritualibus et in omnibus aliis rebus, causis, et materiis quibuscumque, et per idem nomen maneria, dominia, terras, tenementa, rectorias, pensiones, portiones, et alia quæcumque hæreditamenta, possessiones, proficua, et emolumenta, tam spiritualia, sive ecclesiastica, quam temporalia, ac alia quæcumque, per literas patentes

præfato episcopo et successoribus, per nos seu hæredes nostros debito modo fiendas, vel per quancumque personam sive quascumque alias personas, secundum leges nostras et hæredum seu successorum nostrorum, danda seu concedenda, capere, recipere, gaudere, et perquirere, ac dare, alienare, et dimittere possit et possint, valeat et valeant, et generaliter omnia alia et singula recipere, gaudere, et facere, prout et eisdem modo et formâ quibus cæteri episcopi infra regnum nostrum Angliæ recipere aut facere possint, aut aliquis episcopus infra regnum nostrum Angliæ recipere aut facere possit, et non aliter neque ullo alio modo. Et ulterius volumus et ordinamus quod ecclesia cathedralis prædicta sit et deinceps imperpetuum erit ecclesia cathedralis Christi et beatæ Mariæ Virginis et sedes episcopalis dicti domini Johannis Byrde nunc episcopi et successorum suorum episcoporum Cestriensium, ipsamque ecclesiam cathedralem honoribus insigniis et dignitatibus sedis episcopalis ac cathedralis ecclesiæ per præsentem decoramus. eandemque sedem episcopalem præfato Johanni Byrde nunc episcopo et successoribus suis episcopis Cestriensis damus et concedimus per præsentem, habendam et gaudendam eidem Johanni Byrd nunc episcopo et successoribus suis imperpetuum, et quod dictus nunc episcopus et successores sui episcopi Cestrienses deinceps imperpetuum habeant sigillum autenticum seu sigilla autentica pro rebus et negotiis suis agendis servitura ad omnem juris effectum simili modo et forma et non aliter neque alio modo quam prout dictus episcopus Coventriensis et Lichfeldensis habet aut habere potest, et ut ecclesia cathedralis prædicta de personis congruis et singulis locis et gradibus suis perimpleatur et decorctur, dilectum nobis Thomam Clerk primum originalem et modernum decanum prædictæ ecclesiæ cathedralis, ac Willielmum Walle primum presbiterum præbendariuum, ac Nicholaum Bucksye secundum presbiterum præbendarium, ac Thomam Neuton tertium presbiterum præbendarium, ac Johannem Huet quartum presbiterum præbendarium, ac Thomam Radford quintum presbiterum præbendarium, et Rogerum Smyth sextum presbiterum præbendarium prædictæ ecclesiæ cathedralis, tenore præsentium, facimus, præficimus, constituimus, et ordinamus per præsentem, volumus etiam et ordinamus, ac eisdem decano et præbendariis concedimus per præsentem, quod prædicti decanus et sex præbendarii de cætero sint de se in re et nomine unum corpus incorporatum, habeantque successionem perpetuam et se gerent exhibebunt et occupabunt juxta et secundum ordinationem regulas et statuta eis per nos, in quadam indentura imposterum fienda, specificanda et declaranda, et quod iidem decanus et præbendarii et successores sui decanus et capitulum Cestriensis cathedralis ecclesiæ Christi et beatæ Mariæ Virginis imperpetuum vocabuntur et appellabuntur, et in præsentem vocentur et appellentur, et quod præfati decanus et præbendarii ecclesiæ cathedralis prædictæ et successores sui sint et imperpetuum erunt capitulum episcopatus Cestriæ sitque idem capitulum præfato nunc episcopo et successoribus suis episcopis Cestriensis perpetuis futuris temporibus annexum, incorporatum, et unitum, eisdem modo et formâ quibus decanus et capitulum ecclesiæ cathedralis Lichfeldensis in civitate nostra Lichfeldia episcopo Coventriæ et Lichfeldensi aut sedi episcopali Lichfeldia annexatum, incorporatum, et unitum existit, ipsosque decanum et præbendarios unum corpus incorporatum in re et nomine facimus, creamus, et stabilimus, et eos pro uno corpore facimus, declaramus et stabilimus, et eos pro uno corpore facimus, declaramus, ordinamus, et acceptamus, habeantque successionem perpetuam, et quod ipsi decanus et capitulum eorumque successores per nomen decani et capituli Cestriæ cathedralis ecclesiæ Christi et beatæ Mariæ Virginis prosequi, clamare et placitare possint et implacitari, defendere et defendi, respondere et responderi, in quibuscumque curiis ac locis legum nostrarum ac alibi, in et super omnibus et singulis causis, actionibus, sectis, demandis, brevibus, et querelis realibus, spiritualibus, ecclesiasticis, personalibus et mixtis, et in omnibus aliis rebus, causis, et materiis quibuscumque, prout decanus et capitulum dictæ ecclesiæ cathedralis Lichfeldensis agere et facere possint, et per

idem nomen maneria, dominia, terras, tenementa, cæteraque quæcumque hæreditamenta, possessiones, proficua, et emolumenta, tam spiritualia sive ecclesiastica quàm temporalia ac alia quæcumque, per nos per literas nostras patentes hæredum vel successorum nostrorum, seu aliquam aliam personam vel personas quascumque, eis et successoribus suis vel aliter secundum leges nostras vel hæredum seu successorum nostrorum, danda seu concedenda, capere, recipere, et perquirere, dare, alienare, et dimittere, ac cætera omnia facere et exequi valeant et possint, prout cæteræ ecclesiæ cathedralis infra regnum nostrum Angliæ capere, recipere, perquirere, dare, et dimittere, ac facere consueverunt, aut exequi possint quoquomodo, et quòd decanus et capitulum ecclesiæ cathedralis Cestriæ Christi et beatæ Mariæ Virginis prædictæ et successores sui imperpetuum habeant et habebunt commune sigillum ad omnimodas cartas, evidencias, et cætera scripta vel facta sua fienda, eos vel Cestriensem cathedralem ecclesiam Christi et beatæ Mariæ Virginis prædictam aliquo modo tangentia sive concernentia, sigillandum, per quod se et successores distringere et obligare possint et valeant ad tempus vel imperpetuum juxta et secundum tenorem ejusdem scripti sic per illos sigillati, et quia volumus etiam Cestriensem cathedralem ecclesiam Christi et beatæ Mariæ Virginis ad laudem et honorem omnipotentis Dei honorificè dotari, de ampliori gratia nostra dedimus et concessimus, ac per præsentis damus et concedimus, præfatis decano et capitulo Cestriensis cathedralis ecclesiæ Christi et beatæ Mariæ Virginis prædictæ, totum prædictum scitum, septum, circuitum, ambitum, et præcinctum supradictum, nuper cœnobii sive monasterii nuper vocati sanctæ Werburg, cum omnibus antiquis privilegiis, libertatibus, ac liberis consuetudinibus, ejusdem nuper cœnobii sive monasterii (exceptis semper reservatis et omnino salvis dicto nunc episcopo et successoribus suis episcopis omnibus et singulis illis locis, aulis, cubiculis, officinis, et cæteris prius specificatis cum suis pertinentiis universis, et dictâ jurisdictione episcopali in dictam ecclesiam cathedralem Cestriensem, et in dictos ejusdem loci decanum et capitulum et in eorum successores, in eisdem modo et formâ quibus præfatum et præmissum est) ac totam ecclesiam ibidem unacum omnibus capellis, plumbis, campanis, campanilibus, claustris, dormitoriis, tectis, rectoriis, cimiteriis, mesuagiis, domibus, ædificiis, curtilagiis, ortis, gardinis, pomeriis, stagnis, vivariis, et cæteris omnibus locis, terris, et territoriis infra eadem scitum, septum, circuitum, ambitum, et præcinctum prædicti nuper cœnobii sive monasterii existentibus, et quæ ut pars partes vel parcellæ ejusdem nuper scitûs sive monasterii communiter fuerunt reputata sive æstimata, quæ nuper fuerunt prædicti nuper abbatis et conventûs in jure nuper monasterii prædicti (exceptis præexceptis) simul cum omnibus et omnimodis vasibus, jocalibus, ornamentis, bonis, catallis, et implementis, ejusdem nuper cœnobii sive monasterii cum pertinentiis universis, habenda, tenenda, et gaudenda prædicta scitum, septum, circuitum, ambitum, et præcinctum supradicti nuper monasterii, una cum omnibus juribus, antiquis privilegiis, libertatibus, ac liberis consuetudinibus supradictis, ac cum prædicta ecclesia, capellis, campanis, et campanilibus, claustris, dormitoriis, tectis, rectoriis, cimiteriis, mesuagiis, domibus, ædificiis, curtilagiis, ortis, gardinis, pomariis, stagnis, vivariis, terris, et territoriis infra dictum scitum, septum, circuitum, ambitum, et præcinctum dicti nuper cœnobii sive monasterii, simul cum prædictis vasibus, jocalibus, ornamentis, bonis, catallis, et implementis ejusdem nuper cœnobii seu monasterii, ac cum cæteris omnibus et singulis præmissis superius specificatis cum suis pertinentiis (exceptis præexceptis) præfatis decano et capitulo Cestriensis cathedralis ecclesiæ Christi et beatæ Mariæ Virginis prædictæ et successoribus suis imperpetuum, de nobis hæredibus et successoribus nostris in liberam puram et perpetuam elemosinam.

Volumus etiam et per præsentis concedimus præfatis decano et capitulo dictæ Cestriensis cathedralis ecclesiæ Christi et beatæ Mariæ Virginis et successoribus suis quòd decanus ecclesiæ cathedralis illius, pro tempore existens, omnes et singulos inferiores ejusdem ec-

clesiæ cathedralis officarios et ministros, ac alias prædictæ ecclesiæ cathedralis Cestriensis Christi et beatæ Mariæ Virginis quascumque personas, prout casus seu causa exiget, faciet, constituet, admittet, et acceptabit de tempore in tempus imperpetuum, et eos ac eorum quemlibet sic admissos vel admissum ob causam legitimam non solum corrigere sed etiam deponere, et ab eadem ecclesia cathedrali amovere et expellere possit et valeat (salvis nobis hæredibus et successoribus nostris titulo, jure, et auctoritate decanos, præbendarios, et omnes pauperes ex liberalitate nostra ibidem viventes, de tempore in tempus nominandi, assignandi, et præficiendi qualitercumque et quotienscumque ecclesia cathedralis prædicta de decano, præbendariis vel pauperibus prædictis, vel eorum aliquo, per mortem, vel aliter vacare contigerit, per literas nostras patentes de tempore in tempus ordinare, præficere, et præsentare) aliquo in præsentibus suprascripto in contrarium inde non obstante, denique, ad diluendum, resolvendum, penitusque delendum omnia omnimoda singula et universa dubia, lites, controversias, et dissidea quæ futuris temporibus, quod absit, inter hujus regni nostri episcopos de et circa limites et circuitus diœcesuum et jurisdictionum suarum episcopaliū oriri et haberi possint, ex auctoritate parlamenti, nobis in hac parte concessa, volumus, ordinamus, et statuimus quòd dicti archidiaconatus Cestriæ et Richmondia, cum suis juribus et pertinentiis universis, a dicto archiepiscopo Eborum et ejus successoribus, et a dicto episcopo Coventr. et Lichfelden. et ejus successoribus, et ab eorum utròque, et ab eorum ecclesiis cathedralibus, et ab eorum et eorum utraque jurisdictione, auctoritate, et diœcesibus penitus amoveantur, abscondantur, dividantur, eximantur imperpetuum, eosdem archidiaconatus et eorum utriusque circuitum, limites, jurisdictiones, cæterasque omnes eorumdem libertates dicto episcopatu Cestriæ annectimus, incorporamus, et unimus per præsentis, necnon totos et universos comitatus nostros Cestriæ et Lancastriæ, ac utrosque prædictos archidiaconatus, unâ cum omnibus et singulis terris, dominiis, maneriis, tenementis, obventionibus, emolumentis, et locis quibuscumque aliis, dicto episcopatu Cestriæ, aut dictæ ecclesiæ cathedrali Cestriæ et ejusdem loci decano et capitulo, aut dictis archidiaconatibus Richmondia et Cestriæ aut eorum alicui, tamquam pars et parcella eorumdem aut eorum alicujus, spectantibus et pertinentibus, aut quæ imposterum spectabunt et pertinebunt, in quibuscumque comitatu aut comitatibus hujus regni nostri sunt, jacent vel existunt, cum omnibus suis juribus et pertinentiis universis ab omni et omnimoda aliorum omnium episcoporum jurisdictione et auctoritate, tam ordinaria quàm episcopali, separamus et dividimus per præsentis imperpetuum, eademque omnia et singula et eorum parcellas, cum suis pertinentiis et juribus universis, in unam unicam et integram diœcesim dicti nunc episcopi Cestriensis et successorum suorum assignamus, unimus, damus, et concedimus per præsentis imperpetuum, eademque omnia et singula inde et sub nomine Cestriensis diœcesis comprehendendi, appellari, censerì, æstimari, et reputari, dictoque nunc episcopo Cestriensi et successoribus suis episcopis, quoad omnem jurisdictionem ecclesiasticam et episcopalem ibidem, subesse, obedire, et obtemperare volumus, jubemus, mandamus, ordinamus, et statuimus per præsentis futuris temporibus imperpetuum, metropolitica et archiepiscopali prærogativâ Cantuariensis archiepiscopi in eisdem diœcese et civitate Cestriæ, prout sunt et debuerunt, tanquam in aliis diœcesibus et civitatibus Cantuariensis provinciæ semper reservatâ, volumus etiam et per præsentis concedimus tam præfato episcopo quàm decano et capitulo quòd habeat aut habebit, habeant et habebunt, has literas nostras patentes, sub magno sigillo nostro Angliæ debito modo factas et sigillatas, absque fine seu feodo magno vel parvo nobis in hanaperio nostro seu alibi, ad usum nostrum proinde quoquo modo solvendo vel faciendo; eo quod expressa mentio, &c.

In cujus, &c.

Teste rege apud Walden, quarto die Augusti.

Per breve de privato Sigillo.

NUM. XVIII.

An Acte disseueryng the Byshoppryche of Chester, and of the Yle of Man, from the Jurisdiction of Canterbury to the Jurisdiction of Yorke. A. D. 1542, 33 Hen. VIII. cap. xxxii.

[Stat. 33 Hen. VIII. fol. Lond. Tho. Berthelet, 1542, fo. xlv.]

WHEREAS the kynges highnes of his most gracious goodnes as well for the aduancement of Christis religion as for the better instruction of his subiectes in the lawes of God, hath by his letters patentes, bearynge date the xvi. daye of July, in the xxxiii. yere of his noble reigne, erected, founded, and established in the late monastery of St. Werberge, in the cite of Chester, a Cathedral Church, or bishop's see, wylling the same to be named and callid the bysshopriche or bishops see of Chester, and to the same hath appoynted limites and boundes of one perfect and entier diocese, ordeyning and wylling the same to be named and called the diocese of Chester. And amonges other thynges hath appropriated, vnited, and annexed to the said diocese of Chester the archedeaconry of Richemont, and all the jurisdiction thereof, whiche archedeaconry was of late parcell of the diocese of Yorke, and moreover hath the same hole and entier diocese of Chester, with all the lymittes and boundes, and all thinges annexed, appropriated, and united to the same, decreed, ordeyned and establyshed to be of the province of the archebyshoppe of Canterbury, and under the jurisdiction metropolitically of the same, as in the same letteres patentes doth more largely appere. For as moche as his sayde highnes graciously considereth, that the sayd archebishop of Canturbury hath a sufficient number of diocesses and suffraganes vnder hym and in his province, and that the archebushop of Yorke hath within the realme of England onelye two suffraganes, and more over that if the sayde diocese shulde remayne vnder the sayde archebyshoppe of Canterbury, that than all his highnes subjectes of all that diocese of Chester, and so of the archedeaconry of Richemount, shulde be constrayned for appeles to resort to the audience of Canterbury, whiche thyng to many of the sayde diocese, and specially to them of the archedeaconry of Richemount, shoulde be by reason of longe journey of almoste iii. C. myles frome some places thereof, intollerable fatigation, and importable charges, and therefore tenderly, lyke a mooste gracious prince studieng and carynge for his sayde subjectes most commoditie, quietnes, and ease, uppon further deliberation hath with the advise of his most honorabyl counsayl determined and ordeyned to remoue and disseuer the sayd byshoppryche and dioces of Chester, from the sayd prouynce and archbishoppryche of Canterburye, and to unite and annexe the same to the province and archbyshopriche of Yorke, as a dioces membre and byshopprych of the same :

Be it therfore ordeyned, enacted, and establyshed by the kynges highnes, and by the consente of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that the sayd hole and entyre diocese or byshoppryche of Chester, and every parcell and member therof, be from hensforth vnyted and annexed to the provynce and archebysshoppryche of Yorke, as a diocese and bishoppryche of the same. And that from henseforth the sayd diocese of Chester, and every parcell therof, exempte as well as not exempte, be and be taken, named, and reputed to be of the province and archebysshoppryche of Yorke, and of the metropolitically jurisdiction of the same, to every effecte and purpose, according to the ecclesiastical lawes of this realme: and that the bishop of the same, that now is, and all other his successours, shall be suffraganes to the archebyshoppe of Yorke that now is, and his successours, and to the same shall owe theyr obedience, and be under the jurisdiction metropolitically of the same, as well they as the Deane and Chapter of Chester, and all the archdeacons and the hoole clergy, and all others the kynges subjectes, beyng within the lymittes and boundes of

the sayde diocese, any thyng comprysed in the sayde letters patentes of the erection of the sayde diocese and byshopriche of Chester not withstandyng. And from henseforwarde nother the sayd byshoppe of Chester, nother the clergy, nor any others the kynges subjectes, beinge of the sayde diocese of Chester, shall recognise the archebishop of Caunterbury as theyr metropolitane, but onely the archebyshop of Yorke and his successours, and to the same shal obey in all thynges accordyng to the lawes, as well temporall as ecclesiasticall of this realme.

Be it also further enacted and establyshed by the kynges highnes, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present perlyament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that the bushopriche and diocesse of Manne, in the yle of Manne, be also annexed, adjoynd, and united to the said province and metropolitically jurisdiction of Yorke in all poyntes and to all pourposes and effectes, as the said bisshopriche of Chester is annexed, adjoynd, and united to the same.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted by our soveraigne lorde the kyng, with the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parlyamente assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that this Act be not prejudiciall to the archebishop of Canterbury nowe beyng, nor to his successours, nor to the deane and chapter of the same, ne to any other bysshop or chapter of this realme, but that all places, landes, promotions, possessions, as well spirituall as temporall, beyng and lyenge without the boundes and limittes of the archedeconries of Richmont and Chester, and without the boundes and limites of the cite of Chester, and the county of the same, and the counties of Lancaster and Chester, or any of them, shalbe styl of the province of Canterbury, and of such dioces and diocesses as they were of afore the erection of the said byshoprich of Chester, and of the jurisdiction of the same, and not of the province of Yorke, ne shalbe accompted to be any parcel of the sayde dioces of Chester, any thyng in this presente acte, or in the boke of erection of the sayde byshoprich of Chester, notwithstandyng. Sauyng to the byshop of Chester and his successours, that his house at Weston, beyng within the dioces of Coventry and Lichfield, shal be accompted and taken to be of his dioces, and that he beyng resident in the same, shalbe taken and accompted as resident in his owne dioces, and for the tyme of his abode there shall have jurisdiction in the same, lyke wyse as all other busshopes have in the houses belongyng to theyr sees, wheresoeuer they lye, in any other bysshoppryche within this realme for the tyme of theyr abode in the same, any thinge in this present act and provision to the contrary thereof in any wyse notwithstandyng.

NUM. XIX.

Anno, 20th. Septemb. the 38th. yeare of Kinge H. the 8th. An Exchange betweene the Kinge's Ma^{tie}. and the Bi. of Chester.

[MS. Harl. Brit. Mus. 7389, p. 50.]

LANDES assigned unto the Kings Ma^{tie}. by the foresaid Bi. of Chester.

£. s. d.

The manore of Weston and all the landes and tents in Weston, Aston, Wilney, Shardelowe, and Smalleeye, in the countie of Derby; parcell of the possessions of the bishopricke of Chestere, by yeare 83 9 10 oß.

The Kinges Ma^{ties}. Possessions appointed to the said Bi. in recompence of the premisses.

£. s. d.

The parsonage of Cottingham in the countie of Yorke, above 10*l*. 13*s*. 4*d*.

for the tenth of the same, to be paid yearlie, into the court of First Fruits and Tenthes; 21*l.* 2*s.* for the viccares sallary; and 16*l.* for the stipend of two priests servinge there; by yeare, cleere 58 18 0

The parsonage of Ribchester, in the archdeaconry of Richmond, in the com. of Lanc.; above 6*s.* for sinodies and proxes, 3*l.* 18*s.* 11*d.* ob. to be payd yearelie into the courte of Tenths and First Fruites; 13*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* for the vicar's sallary; and above 5*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* for the stipend of a preest to serve in the same church; by yeare 16 17 2

The parsonage of Wirkelington, in the same archdeaconry, in the com. of Cumberland; above 3*s.* 1*d.* for sinodies; 6*s.* 8*d.* for proxes; 2*l.* 15*s.* 4*d.* payable to the kinges matie. in right of the late monastery of St. Boges; 2*l.* 6*s.* 6*d.* to be paide yearlie into the courts of First Fruites and Tenthes; and above 10*l.* for the viccares stipend; and 5*l.* for the sallary of a preest to serve in the same church; by yeare, cleare 5 18 5

The parsonage of Chippinge, in the com. of Lanc.; above 5*s.* 4*d.* for sinodes and proxes; 2*l.* 9*s.* 8*d.* to be paid yearly to the courts of Tenthes and First Fruites; and above 10*l.* for the viccares stipend; and 5*l.* for the sallary of a preest to serve in the said church; by yeare, cleare 7 6 8

The parsonage of Kerksby Ravensworth, in the countie of Yorke; above divers reprises allowed in the particulers, and above 2*l.* 10*s.* 6*d.* qrt. for the yearly tenths, to be paied into the court of Tenthes; and 10*l.* for the viccars stipend; and 5*l.* for the sallarie of a preest; by yeare 7 14 7 ob. q.

The parsonage of Patricke Brompton, in the countie of Yorke; above 1*l.* 7*s.* 4*d.* for a pencion paid yearly into the court of Augmentations, in the right of the late monastery of St. Mary's in Yorke; 9*s.* 8*d.* for sinagrie and proxes; 3*l.* 7*s.* 3*d.* ob. qr. for the yearly tenthes, to be paide into the courte of First Fruits and Tenthes; 20*l.* for the viccares stipend; and 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* for a preests sallary; by yeare, cleare 4 10 4

The parsonage of Moterame, in the countie of Chestere; above 6*s.* 8*d.* allowed for sinage and proxes; 3*l.* 4*s.* 4*d.* ob. for the tenth of the same; 13*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* for viccares stipende; and 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* for the sallary of a preest; by the yeare 8 19 3 ob.

The parsonage of Bradleyghe, in the com. of Stafford; above 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* for a pention payable to a chantry preeste in the cathedral church of Leichfeild; 15*s.* for proxes; 6*s.* 8*d.* for sinodies; 1*l.* 15*s.* 2*d.* for the tenth of the same, to be paid yearlie into the courte of First Fruits and Tenthes; 10*l.* for the salary of a viccare perpetually to be endowed there; and 4*l.* 16*s.* 5*d.* for a preestes stipend; by yeare, cleare 1 0 0

Some is 111*l.* 4*s.* 6*d.* ob. qr.

And so the kinges maties. possessions do surmount the landes of the said bishopp in yearlie value 27*l.* 14*s.* 9*d.* which the kinges matie. is pleased and contented to give and graunte to the said bi. and his successors for evere, in recompence of the aforesaid manore of Westone, and other the premisses which the said bi. doth

departe from, by this exchange, in consideration that the said bi. and his successors shalbe charged for ever with the reparacion of all the chauncells of the foresaid parsonages, and endowe the viccares with convenient mantion houses, and beare, and paye all other charges risinge and growinge by reason of the aforesaid parsonages.

The bi. must be bounde, aswell to paie his whole and entire tenthe into the courte of First Fruites and Tenthes for all the possessions of the said bishopricke in like manner as he did before the makinge of this exchange, as also all the reprises mentioned and allowed unto hym in these particuleres, and to appoint convenient mansion howses to every of the viccares, to be endowed at the foresaid parsonages.

The kinges matie. is pleased and contented that the aforesaid parsonages, and every of them, shalbe impropriated to the same bi. and his successores, payenge the tenthe for the same, as the said parsonages shall come to his or there possessions.

And for so much as the incumbents of the aforesaid parsonages be not compounded with, nor have as yet resigned the said parsonages, nor any of them; by reasone whereof the said bi. can take no proffitt of the same; his matie. is therefore pleased and contented to graunte unto the said bi. and to his successores an annuitie of 83*l.* 9*s.* 9*d.* ob. by yeare, to be paid to the said bi. and to his successores untill such tyme as the said parsonages, or so many of them as shall amounte to the cleare yearlie vallue of 83*l.* 9*s.* 9*d.* ob. shall come to his or theire handes and possessions; provided allwayes that as any the aforesaid parsonages shall happen to be voide, by death, resignation, or otherwise, and so come to the possessions of the same bi. or his successors, the kinges matie. or his successores shalbe discharged of so much of the said annuitie of 83*l.* 9*s.* 9*d.* ob. as the cleare yearly vallue of the same benefice, so happening to be voide, shall amount unto.

And the kinges matie. is pleased and contented that there shall be viccares incorporated at every of the aforesaid parsonage, with the endowment of convenient mansion houses, and of the pencions aforesaid, and that the said bi. and his successores shall have the nomination, gifte, and patronage of the said vicarages and of them for ever; and that the said viccares shalbe discharged for every of there tenthes payable into the court of First Fruits and Tenthes, and of there first fruits of the Vicarages, pro unica, et proxima vice tantum.

Memorandum that Sir William Paggett must be bounde to discharge the kinges highness, his heires and successores, of the said annuitie, for that the king's matie. hath departed with the said mannore of Westone, and other the premisses, to the said Sir William his heires and assignes for evere.

The Day and Yeare aforesaid, the said Bishopp, uppon further Exchange with the Kinges Matie. doth depart with these Lands followinge.

£. s. d.
Certaine landes, tenementes, and cottages in Hanbridge, without and within the walls of the citie of Chester, by yeare 29 0 5

The tenements and cottages within the same cittie of Chester, in the parishes of St. Martyns, Trinitie, St. Michells, St. Peteres, St. Johnes, and St. Warburghe, by yer 18 12 0

Diveres other tenements and cottages in St. John's lane and Foregates streete in the parishe of St. John's without the cittie of Chestere, by yere 3 10 0

Certaine rents and farmes in the hamlett of Maultle in the parishe of Kerdene, and the parishes of Christleton, Nantwich, Acton, Northwich, and Midlewich, and in the hamlett of Wol-

laston in the parish of Neston, and in the parish of Hewall, and in the hamlett of Saughoughe in the parishe of Bidstone, in the parishes of Thorne, Eccleston, Raston, and Danam, in the countie of Chester, amountinge, in all together, to the yearly vallue of . . . 11 8 10

Certaine rents and farmes in the bayllicke of Abbots Caton, in the same com. above 20s. allowed for the baillifes, by yeare . . . 18 11 8
Some is 18l. 3s.

The Kinges Possessions, appointed to the said Bi. in recompence of the premisses.

£. s. d.

Two partes of the parsonage of Castellton in the countie of Derby parcell of the possessions of the late monastery of Valerviall in the com. of Chester, by yere . . . 11 0 0

The parsonage of Weverhamē, with th'appurtenances, in the com. of Chester, parcell of the same possessions; above 7s. 6d. for sinages and proxes; by yer . . . 16 5 10

The moyetie of the parsonage of Wallesey in the said com. of Chester, latelie belonging to the late priory of Birkenhed; above 5s. 3d. for sinage and proxes, and 2l. 6s. 8d. of the stipende of a preest servinge there by yeare . . . 9 8 1

The parsonage of Barkeford, and Bawdene in the said countie, and of the said possessions; above 1l. 4s. 6d. for sinage and proxes; and above 20s. allowed for the baylifes fee; by the yeare 60 8 10

Some of the kinges mat^s. possessions by yer cleare 87l. 2s. 9d. whereof deducte for the tenth, and the rente reserved, by the yeare, cleere 15l. 19s. 9d.; and so remayneth cleere 81l. 3s. which the kinges mat^{ie}. is pleased and contented to graunt unto the said bi. and to his successors for ever in recompence of the premisses.

The said bi. must be bound; aswell to paie his whole and intire tenthe into the court of First Fruits and Tenths, in like manere as he did before the makinge of this exchange, as also to discharge his lands of all incumbrances, excepte leases, and excepte such charges as the farmores are bound to beare and paye by force of theire indentures, and except also such reprises as be allowed in the particulers.

The kinges mat^{ie}. is pleased and contented to discharge his lands of all incumbrances excepte leases, &c. ut supra.

NUM. XX.

Carta Dotationis Decani et Capituli quinto Augusti tricesimo tertio Hen. 8^{vi}.

[MS. Harl. Brit. Mus. 2103, fol. 102.]

HENRICUS octavus Dei gratia Angliæ et Franciæ rex, fidei defensor, dominus Hiberniæ et in terra supremum caput Anglicanæ ecclesiæ, omnibus ad quos præsentis literæ pervenerint salutem. Sciatis quod nos de gratia nostra speciali ac ex certa scientia et mero motu nostris, dedimus et concessimus, ac per præsentis damus et concedimus decano et capitulo ecclesiæ cathedralis Christi et beatæ Mariæ Virginis, per nos dudum erectæ et fundatæ, omnia illa maneria nostra de Huntingdon alias Huntington Sutton, in Wyrhall, Upton, Bromeborrow, Ireby, Ince, Salghton, Barneshaw, et Faruell in com. nostro Cestr. cum eorum juribus, membris, ac pertinentiis universis, quæ quidem maneria et cætera

præmissa cum suis pertinentiis nuper monasterio S. Werburgæ infra civitatem nostram Cestriæ modo dissolutionis dudum spectabant et pertinebant aut parcell. possessionum ejusdem nuper monasterii extiterunt. Damus etiam ac per præsentis concedimus præfatis decano et capitulo omnia et singula messuagia, columbaria, terras, tenementa, prata, pascuas, pasturas, boscos, sub-boscos, redditus, reversiones, servicia, redditus oneris, redditus siccos, ac redditus super quibuscunque dimissionibus seu concessionibus reservat. annuitates, annual. redditus, firmas, feod. firm. redditus, et firmas tenentium et firmariorum nostrorum, molendina, aquas piscarias, piscationes, moras, mariscos, stagna, vivaria, feoda militum, warda, maritagia, escaetas, relevia, herrieta, nativos, villanos cum eorum sequelis, ferias, mercatas, nundinas, tolmeta passagia, warrenna, communas, jumpna, vasta, brueras, minera carbonum, penciones, portiones, decimas, oblationes, obventiones, curias letas, vis. franc. pleg. ac omnia quæ ad visum franc. pleg. pertinent seu in posterum spectare possint aut debeant, assisam et assaiam panis, vini, et servic. catalla vaviata, extrahuras, libertates, ac cætera omnia et singula hereditamenta, commoditates, emolumenta, et proficua nostra quæcunque, cum omnibus et singulis suis pertinentiis, scituat. jacen. sive existen. in villis, campis, parochiis, seu hamlettis de Huntingdon alias Huntington, Sutton in Wyrhall, Upton, Bromborow, Ireby, Ince, Salghton, Baroneshaw, et Fernall, in dicto comitatu nostro Cestr. seu alibi ubicunque in eodem com. ac alibi ubicunque infra regnum nostrum Angliæ dictis maneriis sive eorum alicui quoquo modo spectan. sive pertinen. aut ut membra seu parcella eorundem maneriorum seu eorum alicujus antehac habit. cognit. seu reputat. existen. ac cum eisdem maneriis seu eorum aliquo sive eorum aliquorum parcell. locat. occupat. vel. dimiss. existen. Damus etiam ac per præsentis concedimus præfatis decano et capitulo omnia maneria, dominia, messuagia, columbaria, terras, tenementa, prata, pascuas, pasturas, boscos, subboscos, redditus, reversiones, servicia, redditus oneris, redditus siccos, et redditus super quibuscunque dimissionibus seu concessionibus reservatis, annuitates, annuales redditus firmarum, feodi firmas, redditus et firmas tenentium et firmariorum nostrorum, molendina, aquas, piscarias, piscationes, moras, mariscos, stagna, vivaria, feod. militum, warda, maritagia, escaetas, relevia, herrieta, nativos, villanos cum eorum sequelis, ferias, mercata, nundinas, tollmeta, passagia, warrenna, communas, jumpna, vasta, brueras, minera carbonum, penciones, portiones, decimas, oblationes, curias letas, vis. franc. pleg. ac omnia quæ ad visum franc. pleg. pertinent seu imposterum spectare possint aut debent, assisam et assaiam panis, vini, et cervisiæ cattalla, waviata, extrahuras, libertates, ac cætera omnia et singula hereditamenta, commoditates, emolumenta, et proficua nostra quæcunque, scituat. jacen. sive existen. in villis, campis, parochiis, seu hamlettis de Backeford, Huntingdon alias Huntington et Chevely, Sutton in Wyrhall, Bromborrow, Upton, Boughton, Newton, Wirvin, Croughton, Stamford, Kerselton alias Christleton, Chorlton, Lee, Moston, Salghall, Shotwicke, Crew, Ferneton, Nantwich, Acton, Bebington, Eastham, Plemmyrd, Ireby, Churstaston, Gresby, Frankby, West Kirby, Knocktor, Woodchurch, Wallesey, Kirkby, Walley, Ince, Elton, Chorneton, Cattenhall, Manly, Idencoate, Helsly, Frodsham, Bridgstratford, Plemston, Salghton, Huxly, Waverton, Coddington, Barneshaw, Goostree, Lees, Cranage, Sandbach, Chelford, Asthall, Prestbury, Northwich, Hulse, Wimington, Nether Tably, Plomly, Badworth, Worpendon, Fernall, Tilston, Fearnall, Bunbury, Edensham, Tervin, Much Sutton, Little Sutton, Overpoole, Halton, Thorneton, et Whitby, ac in parochiis sancti Oswaldi et Sanctæ Mariæ super Montem, in dicto com. nostro Cestr. Quæ quidem maneria et cætera præmissa cum omnibus et singulis suis pertinentiis dicto nuper Monasterio sanctæ Werburgæ dudum spectabant et pertinebant, aut parcell. possessionum ejusdem nuper monasterii extiterunt. Damus etiam ac per præsentis concedimus præfatis decano et capitulo totam illam pis-

cariam sive piscationem nostram cum omnibus et singulis suis pertinentiis infra aquam de Dee, in parochia beatæ Mariæ Virginis infra dictam civitatem nostram Cestriæ; ac etiam omnia illa messuagia, domus, edificia, shopas, cellaria, solaria, terras, tenementa, redditus, reversiones, servicia, tofta, cottagia, gardina, pensiones, porciones, decimas, curias letas, vis. franc. pleg. ac omnes quæ ad vis. franc. pleg. pertinent, ferias, mercata, nundinas, ac cætera omnia et singula proficua, commoditates, et hereditamenta nostra quæcunque, sci-
tuat. jacen. sive existen. in parochiis sancti Oswaldi, sancti Petri, beatæ Mariæ Virginis, sancti Michaelis archangeli, sanctæ Brigettæ, et sancti Johannis Baptistæ, infra dictam civitatem nostram Cestriæ, ac in suburbiis ejusdem civitatis, quæ dicto nuper monasterio sanctæ Werburgæ dudum spectabant et pertinebant, aut parcell. possessionum ejusdem nuper monasterii extiterunt. Ac etiam, &c.

VALOR ECCLESIASTICUS TEMP. HEN. VIII.

(Abstract of Return, 26 Hen. VIII. First Fruits Office.)

MONASTERIUM SANCTE WERBURGE CESTREN' DIOC'.

Temporalia.

Cestr' Com'

Redd' et Profic' annuatim' provenien' et crescen' de Terris et Tenementis, videlt.

	£.	s.	d.		£.	s.	d.
Barnshawe	21	9	0	Tilston	1	18	4
Chelforde	7	1	1	Lawton	12	4	5 ob.
Leghes	8	3	5	Irreby	10	5	1
Gostre	4	4	11	Gresby	10	2	4 ob.
Crauge	4	1	1	Knoctyrom	4	14	4
Northwic'	0	6	8	Vudchurch	2	7	4
Huls	2	2	6	Kyrkeby Waldy	0	8	0
Northerden	0	16	5 ob.	Brumburghe	33	2	7
Asthull	0	3	0	Estham cum Plymyard	26	0	5
Wenyngton	0	10	4	Bebynton	2	5	0
Plumley	0	4	0	Sutton in Dominicalibus	15	12	2
Nethertabley	0	6	0	Sutton Major	28	7	6
Upton	23	11	2	Childerthorneton	8	11	4
Boghton	36	8	11	Overpole	6	18	0
Newton	20	3	8	Whitby	24	2	1
Wyrvyn	13	15	4	Hoton	0	7	1
Chorlton	9	5	6	Huntyngton	49	9	4
Croghton	7	7	4	Salghton	46	11	2
Lee	10	7	7	Huxley	2	4	0
Moston	8	0	0	Codyngton	0	6	8
Cristeleton cum Lytleton	0	18	0	Pulford cum Byrwardesley & Waverton	0	8	1 ob.
Salghall Parva	7	19	2	Wico Malberne	0	13	4
Shotwike	2	5	2	Podynton	0	12	0
In Manerio de Ince	31	1	8	Pulton	0	3	0
Elton	1	10	8	Cotton	12	10	0
Tatenham	1	10	0	Crabwall	2	0	0
Brigetrofford	0	16	0	Perquis' Heriott', Wayf et Stray communibus annis	11	0	0
Manley	2	0	0				
Hellesby	1	18	0				
Farnham cum Idynshall	12	6	8				

In toto per annum in Com' Cestr' predict' 554 15 0

Cestr' Civit'

In Redditibus de Terris et Tenementis in Civitate predict' 71 10 5 ob.

Derb' Com'

In Redditibus, videlt.

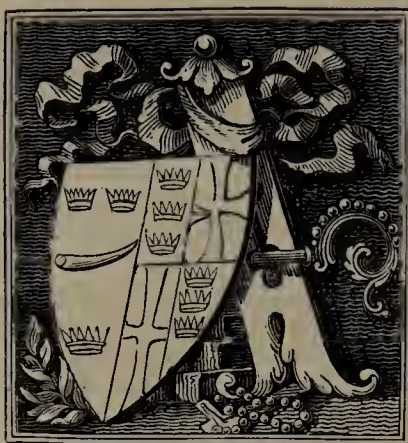
	£.	s.	d.	
Weston	50	5	7 ob.	} 89 7 1
Aston	18	9	11 ob.	
Shardlowe	10	7	0	
Wylne	6	7	8	
Morley cum Smalley	3	2	4	
Dayby	0	14	6	

Staff Com'		£.	s.	d.
Denar' per manus preposit' de Novo Castro sub. Lynam recept'	. . . . .	3	0	0
Lancastr' Com'				
Lib' redd' pro Manerio de Rufford	. . . . .	2	0	0
Spiritualia.				
Prestbury	. . . . . Valet clare communibus annis	100	0	0
Neston	. . . . . Decim' Granor', &c.	36	9	8
Shokwyk	. . . . . Decim' Granor', &c.	23	7	0
Brūburgh	. . . . . Decim' Granor', &c.	61	9	0
Cestr', S. Oswald	. . . . . Decim' Granor', &c.	72	12	6
Ince	. . . . . Valet in grosso communibus annis	5	13	4
Pension	. . . . . In grosso communibus annis	14	4	11
Decim' ad Mens' Domini	. . . . . le Burland's Tithes	13	8	8
Campden in Com' Wigorn'	. . . . . Rectoria	26	0	0
Summo Totalis Valoris Monasterij predicti		1073	17	7 ob.

Athelney Monastery,

IN

SOMERSETSHIRE.



THELNEY, Ethelinge-
aia, or Athelyngney, "Clit-
tonum" or "Nobilium In-
sula," as it is interpreted,
was a spot, in ancient
times, surrounded by al-
most impassable morasses:
situated in what is now the
parish of East Ling in So-
mersetshire, and bounded
on the north west by the
river Tone. William of
Malmesbury gives us a
romantic account of this
Island. He describes it as,
in his time, inaccessible,
except by a boat: covered
with alder wood, and inha-
bited by wild animals: with
scarcely more than two
acres of firm land.^a Here,
King Alfred, in the early
part of his reign, found a
refuge from the Danes; and
here, according to the con-
current testimony of our
historians, he founded an
abbey for monks, A. D. 888.^b
Reyner, in the copy of
Alfred's Charter, quoted
by Dugdale, fixes the
foundation in 878.^c

Tanner says, this monastery
was early of the Order
of St. Benedict, and was
dedicated to our blessed
Saviour, St. Peter, and
St. Paul. Thus the sur-
render, he adds; no men-
tion there, or any where
but in Malmesbury, of
their patron St. Egelwine.
In the Domesday Survey
for Somersetshire it is
called the church of St.
Peter only. In a recogni-
tion, however, of the
middle of the fifteenth
century, which will be
found in the Appendix
of Instruments, this
monastery is spoken of
as dedicated to St. Sa-
viour, St. Peter and St.
Paul, and *St. Athelwine*.^d

Asser, bishop of St. David's,
who wrote the Life of
Alfred, and was contem-
porary with that monarch,
is

^a See the passage of Malmesbury in Num. I. At present, according to Collinson, Hist. Somers. vol. i. p. 89, the whole island contains about a hundred acres; and forms a compact farm of about equal portions of arable and pasture.

^b Compare Sim. Dunelm. Script. X. Twysd. col. 132, 150. Ethelr. Ab. Rieval. ibid. col. 355. Brompton, col. 811. Lel. Coll. tom. i. pp. 26, 43, 78; iii. p. 71. MS. Harl. 261, p. 107.

^c See Num. IV.

^d Num. VIII.

^e Compare Num. III.

^f The following is Malmesbury's account of the dream; Script. post Bedam, fol. 157 a. "Erat rex Elfredus barbarorum infestatione ad hoc redactus inopia, ut in Insula quadam parvissima quae vocatur Adeligeri lateret inglorius. Dixi superius de hac insula in gestis pontificum Wellensium. Ibi ergo quadam die cum domi soporatus jaceret, (dolor enim animi somnum impetraverat) sociis per oram fluminis dispersis ecce Cuthbertus dormientem alloquitur. 'Ego sum Cuthbertus Lindisfarnensis quondam antistes. Misit me Deus, ut prospera tibi annuntiem quia enim Anglia jamdudum peccatorum poenas enormiter luit, modò tandem indigenarum sanctorum meritis super eum misericordiae suae oculo respexit. Tu quoque tam miserabiliter regno extorris gloriose post paucum tempus in solio reponeris. Atque adeo signum eximium tibi dabo. Venient hodie piscatores tui magnam vim grandium piscium corbis evelientes. Quod eo erit mirabilius quia his diebus gelante aqua stagnum asperatum nihil tale sperari permittet.

minute upon the History of the foundation;^e which appears to have been vowed by Alfred in thankfulness for the privacy he had enjoyed. The legends say, he vowed it in consequence of a dream, in which St. Cuthbert appeared to him, and gave him assurances of being restored to his crown and kingdom.^f

From Asser we learn, that the first monks whom Alfred placed in his monastery were foreigners, chiefly from France: JOHN, a native of Saxony, to whom Ingulphus gives the surname of *Scotus*, being made the first abbat.^g Malmesbury describes the church which Alfred built as small, but singular and novel in its construction: consisting of four piers which supported the fabric, surrounded by four circular chancels.^h Alfred's endowment consisted of ten cassates of land in Sudton, now Long-Sutton, with their appurtenances, free of royal tribute or other exaction, except the "*trinoda necessitas*."

At the time of forming the Domesday Survey, the abbey property in *Somersetshire* consisted of eight hides of land at Atiltone; ten hides at Sutune, four of which were in demesne; two hides at Seovenamentone; one hide at Hame; and one at Lege. The Earl of Moretaine is stated to hold two hides belonging to the manor of Atiltone, valued at thirty shillings, which in the time of Edward the Confessor was held by the abbey. Roger de Brito, it appears, held half a hide of the land in Sutune as an under tenant; and two hides, there, are stated to be held in the same manner by Roger de Corcel "*invito abbate*:" two thanes had held them of the church in King Edward's time. The Earl of Moretaine is stated to hold two hides in the abbat's manor in Aisselle; and Ralph de Limesi one hide in Bosintone. In *Dorsetshire* the monks held four hides and a virgate and a half in Candel, now Purse Candel, in the hundred of Shirburn; the four hides in demesne; the virgate

Super hæc gelido rore stillans aer omnium piscantium artem eludit. Verum tu fortunæ secundæ verè compos regaliter feceris, si adjutorem tuum Deum et me ejus nuncium competenti devotione demerueris.' Hæc dicens, Sanctus regem soporatum sollicitudinibus exiit, matremque propè cubantem ejusdem nuntii lætitia confortavit. Expecterecti ambo unum et se somniasse frequenti recursu verborum iterabant: cum piscatores ingressi copia innumerabili piscium fidem somnio fecere. Nec multò post ille regnum et regni gloriam suscepit, ut latius in gestis diximus."

Some allusion to this vision of St. Cuthbert is supposed to have been intended by a little jewel of gold and enamel, found in 1693, in Newton park, at some distance northward from the abbey, which had an inscription round the edge, in Saxon, intimating that it had been made by the order of Alfred: AELFRED MEC HEHT GEW: RCAN. A rude figure of a person crowned (holding a sceptre surmounted by a flower) on one side, was supposed by Dr. Hickes to represent St. Cuthbert. The other side was filled by a large flower. This singular relic is still preserved in the Ashmolean Museum at Oxford, to which it was given, in 1718, by Thomas Palmer, Esq., of Fairfield in Somersetshire. Compare Hickesii Thesaurus. Gram. Anglo-Sax. tom. i. pp. 142, 143.

^g —"Similiter de veteri Saxonia JOHANNEM, cognomine *Scotum*, acerrimi ingenii philosophum, ad se alliciens, Adelyngiæ monasterii sui constituit prælatum." Ingulphus, edit. Gale, p. 27.

^h See the passage: Num. II.

and a half tenanted by Aluredus, who in the Exeter Domesday is called Aluredus Pincerna. The total amount of land held in chief by the abbey amounted to twenty-six hides, a virgate and a half, yielding an annual rent of 21*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.*^a

From an entry in the account of the earl of Moretaine's lands, in a subsequent page of Domesday, it appears that in King Edward's time the abbey held the manor of Biscopestone, upon which the castle of Montacute was afterwards erected: in exchange for which the earl of Moretaine gave the monks the manor of Candel in Dorsetshire already mentioned. "Ipse comes tenet in dominio BISCOPESTONE, et ibi est castellum ejus quod vocatur MONTAGVD. Hoc manerium geldabat tempore regis Edwardi pro ix. hidis, et erat de abbatia de Adelingi, et pro eo dedit comes eidem ecclesie manerium quod CANDEL vocatur."^b

The Exeter Domesday, supposed to contain the original Rolls for the Western counties of England, adds the live stock upon the Somersetshire manors as it stood at the time of the returns. The abbat is there called *Abbas de ALIENIA*.^c

Of the history of this Abbey, from the end of the eleventh century to the Dissolution, less is known than of almost any other. There seems to have been a very early attempt to annex it, or render it subordinate, to Glastonbury. The detail of the transaction will be found in the Appendix of Instruments, given in the words of William of Malmesbury.^d

Savaric, bishop of Bath and Wells, about the year 1203, appears to have been a benefactor. He converted the parochial churches of Ilminster and Longe Sutton, in Somersetshire, into prebends of the latter cathedral: appropriating the former to the abbat of Muchelney, and the latter to the abbat of Athelney.^e

Dr. Archer, in his account of the religious Houses in the diocese of Bath and Wells appended to Hearne's Hemingford, says, "this abbat and convent had not one advowson of a rectory, and but one church appropriated to them, that of Ling, in which parish the monastery stood."^f Their possessions in the forest of Neracchist and Northpetherton, in Somersetshire, are noticed in Hearne's edition of Adam of Domerham.^g

From the Register of the see of Bath and Wells it appears that the conventual church of Athelney was at least in part rebuilt, in 1321, when an indulgence of thirty days was granted to such as should contribute to its reparation:^h and this is not the only proof on record of the poverty of the house; in the 32d of Edw. I. when the king demanded corrodies, as was then the custom, for two or three of his aged servants, he received an answerⁱ rendering the reasons of the convent, humbly tendered to his majesty of their inability to effect them.

In the 20th of Edw. III. the abbat was certified to hold one knight's fee in Charlton, and half a fee in Hinmere.^k

Collinson informs us that Elizabeth, (daughter of Sir Simon de Fourneaux, and) widow of Sir John Blount, Knt. founded, in her widowhood, 8 Ric. II. a Chantry in the abbey of Athelney, agreeing, by indenture, with Robert Hacche, the then abbat, that the convent should, for ever, find two chaplains, one of whom was to be a monk, and the other a secular priest, to say

mass every day in the year except Good-Friday, for the good estate of William Aungier and Henry Rodham, as also of her the said Elizabeth, the Lady Alice Stafford, the Lady Maud Stafford, and Robert Wrench; and all the other friends and benefactors of the said Elizabeth: and for the souls of Sir John Blount, Sir Simon de Fourneaux and Alice his wife, Sir Henry de Umfraville and Isabel his wife, Sir William Blount and Maud his wife, the Lady Julian Talbot, the Lady Elizabeth Cornewail, Sir Brian Cornewail her son, Sir Richard Stafford, and Sir Richard Stafford the younger, his son, Robert Flete and Robert Stockton, and for the souls of all her friends and benefactors deceased. And it was further agreed, that on the decease of the said Elizabeth Blount, or any other of the persons above-mentioned respectively, annual obits should be kept on the days of their deaths, as also for the other persons who were dead at the time of signing the Indenture. These services were performed at the altar of the Holy Trinity in the abbey church of Athelney; and it was agreed by the abbat and convent, that, on neglect thereof, the said Elizabeth and her heirs should have liberty to distrain on their lands at Clavelshay, in the parish of North-Petherton. Lady Elizabeth Blount, soon after, married Sir Richard Stury, Knt.^l

The revenues of the abbey, in 1444, are stated by Collinson to have been valued at 98*l.*^m

ABBATS of ATHELNEY.

JOHN, surnamed *Scotus*, has been already mentioned as the first abbat, appointed by King Alfred.ⁿ Collinson says he is mentioned A.D. 888, 890, and 892.^o An attempt to assassinate him is detailed in the Appendix, in the extract from Asser's Life of Alfred.

ALFWARD, according to Collinson, occurs abbat in the year 1009.^p

SIMON is said to have succeeded him.^q

ATHELWARD was abbat in 1016.

ATHELWIN succeeded.^r Dr. Archer, in his account of the religious Houses in the diocese of Bath and Wells, already quoted, says

BENEDICT was abbat in 1159.^s Another

BENEDICT occurs in 1221 and 1225.^t

RICHARD DE DEREHAM had the temporalities restored to him Nov. 27th, 1266.^u

ANDREW DE SACRO-FONTE had the temporalities restored to him April 20th, 1279, 8th Edw. I.^x Upon whose death,

OSMUND DE SOWY was elected abbat. The king's assent was given to his election April 19th, and the temporalities restored to him May 13th, 1297.^y

ROBERT DE ILE was elected abbat in the month of March, 1325.^z He is probably the same *Robert* who occurs A.D. 1341: in which year his death was announced to the king, and a licence for a fresh election obtained on August the 2d.

RICHARD DE GOTHURST, his successor, had the royal assent given to his election Aug. 20th following. The temporalities were restored to him Sept. 4th.^a

JOHN DE STOUR, prior of the monastery, was the next abbat, elected in 1349. He died, however, before the 10th of October that year, while on his journey to

^a See Num. V. ^b Domesd. tom. i. Somers. fol. 93.

^c Supplem. Volume to Domesday, p. 260.

^d See Num. VI. ^e Angl. Sacr. tom. i. p. 563.

^f Walt. Hemingf. p. 589. In the Taxation of Pope Nicholas, 1291, it is styled "Capella de Linge," and there valued at seven marks and a half.

^g Ad. Domerh. Perambulatio forestæ de Neracchist in com. Somerset. p. 189, 19 March, 26 Edw. I. "Hamleta de Stoforde, pertinentens ad manerium de Yleton, quam abbas de Athelnye tenet."

^h Ibid. p. 199. Perambulatio forestæ de Northpetherton, 25th May, 26 Edw. I. "Manerium de Westlunge et Estlunge, cum boscis, moris, mariscis, et pertinentiis, quod abbas de Athelyngnye tenet."

ⁱ "3 Kal. Jul. 1321. Indulgentia xxx. dierum concessa contribuentibus ad reparationem ecclesiæ conventual. de Athelney." Excerpt. à Reg. B. W. p. 67, Regist. Drokenesford.

^k Num. VII.

^l Strachey's List of Religious Houses in Somersetshire. Hemingf. p. 644.

^l Collinson, Hist. Somers. vol. i. p. 263.

^m Ibid. p. 88.

ⁿ See Asser. p. 18. Sim. Dunelm. inter Script. x. col. 150. Ingulphus, ed. Gale, p. 27.

^o Hist. Somers. vol. i. p. 87.

^p Ibid.

^q Ibid. from the Register of Athelney.

^r Collinson, ut supr.

^s Hemingf. p. 587.

^t Ibid. p. 588, from Reg. Well. i. fol. 40.

^u Pat. 52 Hen. III. Collinson, Hist. Somers. vol. i. p. 87, says, "ROG. DE DERHAM was abbat, 1231. ROBERT, 1232, 1249, and 1263. RICHARD, 1276." But there seems to be some confusion in this.

^x Pat. 8 Edw. I. m. 20.

^y Pat. 28 Edw. I.

^z "25 Mar. 1325, fr. Rob. de Ile, elect. abbas de Athelingnie, obedient. profitetur." Harl. MS. 6964, p. 93, ex Reg. Drokenesf. B. W. episc.

^a Pat. 15 Edw. III. p. 2.

the king, who was then in foreign parts, to obtain the royal assent to his election.^a The temporalities were restored to

ROBERT DE HACCHE, Nov. 5th, 1349:^b upon whose death,

JOHN HYWISSH was elected abbat; to whose election the royal assent was given Oct. 18th, 1390.^c He died in 1399; upon the 24th of June in which year the royal assent was given to the election of

JOHN BRIGGS, to whom the temporalities were restored July 10th.^d Upon his death,

JOHN PETHERTON was elected abbat: the temporalities being restored Dec. 10th, 1424.^e He died Feb. 10th, 1457.^f

ROBERT HYLL was elected abbat on Feb. 27th, and confirmed on the 11th of March, 1457.^g He died Oct. 10th, 1485; and on the 29th of the same month

JOHN GEORGE, prior of the monastery, was elected his successor.^h During this abbat's time the feast of the dedication of the church of Athelney was removed from the 20th of December, the day on which the church was really dedicated, to the 30th of August.ⁱ Abbat George appears to have died in the month of May, 1503.^k His successor,

JOHN WELLYNGTON, was confirmed abbat in that year on July 27th.^l He died in 1516.

RICHARD WRAXHALL was confirmed abbat Jan. 7th, 1516; being inducted, the same day, into the prebendal stall of Sutton in the cathedral of Wells.^m Willis says, his successor was

JOHN HERTE, who occurs abbat in 1525.ⁿ

ROBERT HAMLYN, the last abbat, with eight monks, surrendered their convent to the king Feb. 8th, 1540, 31 Hen. VIII.: the abbat having a pension of fifty pounds per annum,^o and retaining his prebend of Long Sutton. A letter written by him to Lord Cromwell sometime previous to the Dissolution, enumerating the debts of his house, will be found in the Appendix of Instruments.^p

According to Dugdale and Speed, the revenues of this house were valued, in the 26th of Henry the Eighth, at 209*l.* 0*s.* 3*¼d.*^q

The scite and demesne lands were thus described in the Minister's Account of the 31st Hen. VIIIth, in the Augmentation Office:

"Late Monastery of Athelney."

Scite of the said late monastery with the demesne lands to the same appertaining; the account of Sir John Tuchett knight, Lord Audley, occupier.

"He answers for 10*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.* for the farm of the scite of the late monastery there, with the orchards, gardens, lands, meadows, feedings, and pastures to the same scite appertaining, called Hond close, Mylle mede, Long mede, Lytell mede, Longer mede near Clyves-

mede, Braunds mede, two meadows lying in the east part of the Dreve, Brode mede in the west part of the Dreve, Cosyners close, the two Wylobers, and one meadow called Pypesmore, with all other their appurtenances, in the tenure and occupation of the same accomptant. Sum . 10*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.*"

The scite and demesnes of the monastery were granted in the 36th of Henry VIII. to John Clayton.^r

Of the buildings of this monastery not a vestige now remains. The field on which it stood is wholly under tillage.

Collinson says, "The abbey buildings are supposed, from various fragments that have been discovered at different times, to have been very magnificent. In 1674, some labourers, employed by Capt. Hacker (to whom the premises then belonged) to remove part of the ruins, disclosed a very ancient sepulchre of well-wrought stone, containing the skull of the deceased, the os ilium, and a small fragment of cloth. The inside of this receptacle was singularly contrived, the bottom being excavated or scooped out, so as to admit the several parts of the body. They afterwards discovered the foundation of the ancient church, which stood on the top of the hill to the north east, and there found bases of pillars, elegant tracery work of windows, and divers pieces of sculptured free-stone, still retaining the marks of paint and gold. The labourers were said to have likewise found, at the same time, a large spur of gold, which they privately disposed of for their own benefit."^s "About eighteen years since," Collinson adds, (that is about 1773) "in digging up some other of the ancient ruins, about sixty yards from the present farmhouse northward, the workmen discovered a vault eight feet square and seven high, containing three human skulls. The stone of the arch and side walls being taken away, the cavity was filled up, covering the skulls with earth. Four score yards from this funereal spot stood a chapel, the ruins of which were removed about the same period."^t

Bishop Tanner notices a REGISTER of *Athelney Monastery* as extant in the year 1662.^u Collinson, who quotes the Register of Athelney, neglects to say in what custody it has been preserved of late years.

An impression from the SEAL of the monastery is appendant to the Surrender in the Augmentation Office; whence the arms given in the initial letter of this Account have been obtained. This seal represents, under three canopies in divided compartments, Our Saviour between St. Peter and St. Paul, at full length, and in erect postures: Our Saviour bearing on his left arm a mound, or globe, surmounted by a staff with a cross. On the dexter and sinister sides of the saints are the shields of arms, which in the initial Letter, for the sake of bringing them together, have been impaled. The legend round the seal is, SIGILLUM COMMUNE ABBATIS ET CON MONASTERIJ DE ATHELNEY. Bishop Tanner is faulty in his description of the arms.

Feod. Ricardi Mahoo rec. general. ibidem per script. abbatibus et conven. per ann. c^o. Johannis Soper auditor ibidem per consimil. script. abbatibus et conven. per annum xl^o. *Annuity.* Johannis Tuchet mil. domini de Awdeley xx^o. Johannis Catcote per annum iiij^o. Johannis Chappell per annum xl^o. Johannis Tregonwell per annum xl^o. Thomæ Clerke per annum xl^o. Alex. Popeham per annum xxvj^o. viij^o. Edmundi Wynsoure per annum xx^o. Johannis Pilley per annum xl^o. Willielmi More per annum xx^o. Willielmi Englande per annum xj^o. *Penc.* Roberti Hamlyn nuper abb. ibidem per annum l^o. Roberti Edgar per annum c^o. Henrici Poynings per annum c^o. Thomæ Jernyngs per annum liij^o. iiij^o.

^p Num. IX.

^q See Tann. Notit. Mon.

^r Ibid.

^s Hist. Somers. vol. i. p. 88, from a letter in Aubrey's Miscellanies, 8vo. Lond. 1714.

^t This was probably the oratory mentioned in the Excerpts from the Registers of Bath and Wells. Harl. MS. 6966, p. 102. "19 Jun. 1462. Licent. concessa Roberto Hille abbati de Athelney, ad habend. divina celebrata in Oratorio."

^u "Registrum hujus abbatie, MS. penes Wadham Windham justit. ad plac. [qu. ad pac.] 1662."

^a Pat. 23 Edw. III. p. 3.

^b Ibid.

^c Pat. 14 Ric. II. p. 1.

^d Pat. 23 Ric. II. p. 2.

^e Pat. 3 Hen. VI. p. 1.

^f Excerpta à Reg. Bathon. et Well. Harl. MS. 6966, p. 119.

^g Ibid. Nine monks were then in the convent, and two absent.

^h Harl. MS. 6966, p. 144. There were then eleven monks in the convent.

ⁱ "Aug. 17, 1499. Festum dedicationis ecclesie conventualis mon. de Athelney mutatur a 20 Dec. vigilia sancti Thomæ apostoli, quo die dedicata fuit in honorem sancti Salvatoris, ad 30 Aug. viz. sancti Felicis et Adamanti martyrum." Ibid. p. 156.

^k Ibid. p. 167.

^l Ibid. p. 174.

^m "Jan. 7, 1516. Ric. Wraxhall confirm. abb. de Athelney, et jure monasterii prædict. et ratione dignitatis sue abbatialis inductus est in præbendam de Sutton in cath. Well." Excerpt. ut supr. Harl. MS. 6967.

ⁿ Mit. Ab. vol. ii. p. 195.

^o The following is the account of the Fees, Annuities, and Pensions, payable to the officers and remaining monks of the House in the 2d & 3d of Phil. and Mar. "ATHELNEY nuper Monasterium.

Cartae ad Athelingense Coenobium in agro Somersetensi spectantes.

NUM. I.

De Fundatione Cœnobiorum, et Elemosinis Regis Alfredi.

[Ex MS. in Bibl. Cottoniana, sub effigie Neronis D. II. fol. 86.]

ANNO Domini dcccxxxviii. Athelinus Wintoniensis comes, regis Alfredi, et Westsaxonum elemosinas Romam deportavit. Quo utique tempore duo monasteria fundavit, unum monachorum apud Ethelingeiam, id est, nobilium insulam, ubi idem rex quondam cum subulco exulavit; quo in loco Johannem presbiterum abbatem ordinavit. Aliud quoque monasterium ad orientalem plagam Seafstebire, ad habitationem sanctimonialium fabricari præcepit. In quo filiam propriam Algivam abbatissam constituit, virginem Domino consecratam. Et hæc monasteria divitiis et possessionibus habundantè ditavit.

NUM. II.

[Will. Malmesb. fol. 145 a.]

ADELINGEA est non maris insula, sed ita stagnorum refusionibus et paludibus inaccessa, ut nullo modo nisi navigio adiri queat. Alnetum in ea permaximum cervos et capreas multasque id genus bestias continet. Terra solida vix duobus jugeribus lata monasteriorum et monachorum officinas habet. Ejus constructor fuit rex Elfredus, qui quondam à Danis pulsus provinciâ, tutas illic aliquandiu latebras confoverat. Mox cum per somnium restitutionis suæ vadem sanctum Cuthbertum accepisset, ibidem se monasterium constructurum Deo pollicitus est: fecitque ecclesiam situ quidem pro angustîa spaciî modicam, sed nova ædificandi modo compactam. Quatuor enim postes solo infixi totam suspendunt^a machinam: quatuor cancellis opere spherico in circuitu ductis.

Sunt ibi monachi pauci numero, et pauperes, sed qui egestatem suam quietis et solitudinis amore vel magni pendant vel consolentur: qui laudes patroni sui sancti Egelwini ferant in astra præconiis, sanctitatem sentiant continuis impensis beneficiis. Illum fratrem regis Westsaxonum Kenewalh fuisse, et generis magnitudinem sanctitatis indole inaltasse perseverans est opinio, languoris perpetuo detentum compede nihilo segnius Deo serviisse, bono fine consummatum omnibus se invocantibus prestò ad remedia occurrere.

NUM. III.

[Asserius de Rebus gestis Ælfredi, edit. Wise, p. 58.]

ERAT itaque rex ille multis tribulationum clavis confossus, quamvis in regia potestate constitutus: nam a vigesimo ætatis anno usque ad quadragesimum quintum quem nunc agit, gravissime incogniti doloris infestatione incessanter fatigatur; ita, ut ne unius quidem horæ securitatem habeat, qua aut illam infirmitatem non sustineat, aut sub illius formidine lugubriter prope constitutus non desperet. Præterea assiduis exterarum gentium infestationibus, quas sedulo terra marique, sine ulius quieti temporis intervallo sustinebat, non sine materia inquietabatur. Quid loquar de frequentibus contra Paganos expeditionibus, et bellis et incessabilibus regni gubernaculis? De quotidiana [] nationum,

quæ in Tyrreno mari usque ultimum Hybernæ finem habitant? (Nam etiam de Hierosolyma Abel patriarchæ epistolas, et dona illi directas vidimus et legimus.) De civitatibus et urbibus renovandis, et aliis, ubi nunquam ante fuerant, construendis? De ædificiis aureis et argenteis incomparabiliter illo edocente fabricatis? De aulis et cambris regalibus, lapideis et ligneis suo jussu mirabiliter constructis? De villis regalibus lapideis antiqua positione mutatis, et in decentioribus locis regali imperio decentissime constructis? Qui maxima (excepto illo dolore) perturbatione et controversia suorum (qui nullum aut parvum voluntarie, pro communi regni necessitate vellent subire laborem), sed tamen ille solus divino fultus adminiculo susceptum semel regni gubernaculum (veluti gubernator præcipuus, navem suam multis opibus refertam ad desideratum ac tutum patriæ suæ portum, quamvis cunctis propemodum lassis suis nautis, producere contendit), haud aliter titubare ac vacillare, quamvis inter fluctivagos ac multimodos præsentis vitæ turbines non sinebat. Nam assidue suos episcopos, et comites, ac nobilissimos, sibique dilectissimos suos ministros, necnon et præpositos (quibus post dominum et regem omnis totius regni potestas, sicut dignum, subdita videtur) leniter docendo, adulando, hortando, imperando, ad ultimum inobedientes post longam patientiam acrius castigando, vulgarem stultitiam et pertinaciam omni modo abominando ad suam voluntatem, et ad communem totius regni utilitatem sapientissime usurpabat et annectebat. Etsi inter hæc regalia exhortamenta propter pigritiam populi imperata non implentur, aut tarde incepta tempore necessitatis ad utilitatem exercentium minus finita non provenirent (ut de castellis ab eo imperatis adhuc non inceptis loquar, aut nimium tarde inceptis ad perfectum finem non perductis) quod hostiles copiae terra marique irrumperent, aut, ut sæpe evenit, utraque parte tunc contradictores imperialium diffinitionum inani pœnitentia pene exinaniti verecundabantur. Inanem enim pœnitentiam scriptura teste nomino, qua homines innumerales nimio detrimento pluribus insidiis perpetratis sæpe perculsi dolent. Sed quamvis per hanc rem (heu, proh dolor!) eulogii miserabiliter contristentur, et perditis eorum patribus, conjugibus, liberis, ministris, servis, ancillis, operibus, et omni supellectili flebiliter commoveantur, quid detestabilis juvat pœnitentia, quando nec occisis suis propinquis succurrere valent, nec captivos suos a captivitate exosa redimere; nec etiam interdum sibimet qui evaserint, adjuvare valent, quoniam propriam unde sustentent vitam non habent. Sera igitur pœnitentia nimium attriti pœnitent, et regalia præcepta incuriose despexisse dolent, et regalem sapientiam totis vocibus collaudant, et quod ante refutaverunt, totis viribus implere promittunt: id est, de arcibus construendis, et cæteris communibus communis regni utilitatibus.

De voto quoque et proposito excellentissimæ meditationis suæ, quam semper inter prospera et adversa sua, nullo modo prætermittere poterat, prætereundum esse hoc in loco utiliter non existimo. Nam cum de necessitate animæ suæ solito cogitaret, inter cætera diuturna et nocturna bona, quibus assidue et maxime studebat, duo monasteria construere imperavit; unum monachorum in loco, qui dicitur Æthelingæ, quod per maxima grœnnia paludosissima et intransmeabilia, et aquis undique circumcingitur, ad quod nullo modo aliquis accedere potest, nisi nauticis, aut etiam per unum

^a al. sustentant.

pontem, qui inter duas alias arces operosa protelatione constructus est: in cujus pontis occidentali limite arx munitissima præfati regis imperio pulcherrima operatione consita est; in quo monasterio diversi generis monachos undique congregavit, et in eodem collocavit.

Nam primitus, quia nullum de sua propria gente nobilem ac liberum hominem, nisi infantes, qui nihil boni eligere, nec mali respuere pro teneritudine invalidæ ætatis adhuc possunt; qui monasticam voluntarie vellet subire vitam, habebat: nimirum, quia per multa retroacta annorum curricula monasticæ vitæ desiderium ab illa tota gente, nec non et a multis aliis gentibus funditus desierat; quamvis perplurima adhuc monasteria in illa regione constructa permaneant: nullo tamen regulam illius vitæ ordinabiliter tenente (nescio quare) aut pro alienigenarum infestationibus, quæ sæpissime terra marique hostiliter irrumpunt; aut etiam pro nimia illius gentis in omni genere divitiarum abundantia (propter quam multo magis id genus despectæ monasticæ vitæ fieri existimo) ideo diversi generis monachos in eodem monasterio congregare studuit.

Primitus Johannem presbyterum monachum, scilicet Ealdsaxonum genere abbatem constituit; deinde ultramarinos presbyteros quosdam et diaconos; ex quibus cum nec adhuc tantum numerum, quantum vellet, haberet; comparavit etiam quamplurimos ejusdem gentis Gallicæ, ex quibus quosdam infantes in eodem monasterio edoceri imperavit, et subsequenti tempore ad monachicum habitum sublevare; in quo etiam monasterio unum Paganicæ gentis edoctum in monachico habitu degentem, juvenem admodum, vidimus, non ultimum scilicet eorum.

Facinus quoque in eodem monasterio quodam tempore perpetratum muti taciturnitate silentii oblivioni traderem, quamvis indignum facinus est; quia per totam scripturam impiorum turpia facta, inter venerabiliora justorum, sicut zizania et lolium in tritici segetibus interseminantur: bona scilicet, ut laudentur, sequantur, æquiparentur, sectatores quoque eorum omni honore venerabili digni habeantur; mala vero vituperentur, execrentur, et, ut omnino effugiantur, imitatores quoque eorum omni odio et despectione ac vindicta corripiantur.

Nam quodam tempore, cum instinctu diabolico quidam sacerdos et diaconus Gallici genere ex præfatis monachis, invidia quadam labente excitati, contra suum abbatem præfatum Johannem nimium latenter in tantum amaricati sunt, ut Judaico more dominum suum dolo circumvenirent et proderent. Nam duos ejusdem gentis Gallicæ servulos præmio conductos ita fraudulenter docuerunt, ut nocturno tempore, cum omnes delectabili corporis quiete graviter dormirent, patefactam armati intrarent ecclesiam; quam post se iterum solito more claudebant, et unicum abbatis adventum in ea absconditi præstolarentur. Cumque solus solito orando causa ecclesiam latenter intraret, et ante sanctum altare flexis ad terram genibus se inclinaret, hostiliter irrumpentes in eum, tunc eum ibidem occidere conarentur: cujus corpus exanime inde trahentes ante ostium cujusdam meretricis, quasi illic occisus esset in meretricando, jactarent: quod etiam machinaverunt, crimen crimini addentes, sicut dictum est: et erit novissimus error pejor priore.

Sed divina misericordia, quæ semper innocentibus solet subvenire, impiam impiorum meditationem maxima ex parte frustrata est, quo non per omnia eveniret, sicut proposuerant.

Omni itaque mala doctrina à malis doctoribus malis auditoribus elucubratim exposita, et conducta nocte adveniente atque suppetenti, et impunitate promissa, latrunculos duos armatos in ecclesia concluserunt, adventum abbatis præstolantes. Cumque media nocte Joannes solito furtim nemine sciente orandi gratia ecclesiam intrasset, et flexis genibus ante altare incurvaret, tunc duo illi latrunculi ex improvise evaginatis gladiis in eum irrumpunt, et crudelibus afficiunt vulneribus. Sed ille ut solito, ac semper acris ingenio, et (ut audivimus de eo à quibusdam referentibus) bellicosæ artis non expers, (si in meliori disciplina non studeret) statim ut sonitus latronum audivit, priusquam videret,

insurgens acriter in eos, antequam vulneratur, et vociferans quantum poterat, reluctabatur, inclamitans dæmones esse, et non homines (nec enim aliter sciebat; quia nec hoc homines ausos esse existimabat;) vulneratus est tamen, antequam sui advenirent. Sui ergo hoc rumore expergefacti, et etiam audito dæmonum nomine, perterriti utrique, et inexpertes, et etiam illi, Judaico more domini sui proditores, hinc inde ad ecclesiæ ostia concurrunt; sed antequam advenirent latrunculi præcipiti cursu ad proximantia sibi gronnæ latibula, semivivum abbatem relinquentes, confugiunt. Monachi vero seniores suum semivivum colligentes cum gemitu et mœrore domum reportaverunt; sed nec etiam illi dolosi minus lachrymabantur innocentibus. Sed Dei misericordia tantum facinus impunitum fieri non permittente; latrunculi, qui hoc perpetraverunt; omnes tanti sceleris persuasores capti ligatique, per varia tormenta morte turpissima periire.

NUM. IV.

Carta Ælfredi Regis de amplificatione Monasterii de Æthelneia.

[Reynerus, Apostol. Benedict. par. ii. tract. 2, p. 132.]

REGNANTE in perpetuum Domino nostro Jesu Christo. Omnia regna hujus vitæ labentis, regnorumque dispensatores ab initio istius sæculi cum velocitate deficientes, transeunt. Ideo fugitivis et mortalibus rebus æterna gaudia promerenda sunt. Quapropter ego Ælfred, divina ordinante misericordia, Occidentalium Saxonum rex, pro remedio animæ meæ, et criminum meorum absolutione, aliquantulam agri partem, id est, decem cassatas in loco ubi dicitur Sudton ad insulam Clitonum, quæ, Anglicè usitato onomate, Aedlingaeg nuncupatur, ad supplementum monasterialis vitæ, monachis ibidem sub regulari exercitio Deo omnipotenti devotè servientibus, animo volenti largitus sum; hancque libertatem præfato monasterio devota mente donavi, cum pratis, pascuis, rivulis, et omnibus rebus ad ea ritè pertinentibus, ut ab omnium regalium tributorum, et exactione operum, atque pœnaliū causarum, absque expeditione sola, arcis, et pontium structura, secura, immunis, et libera perpetualiter permaneat. Et qui hoc augere voluerit, augeat Deus bona illius in regione viventium. Si autem aliquis, quod absit, superbiæ fastu inflatus, et tyrannica potestate illectus, hoc infringere, et irritum facere conatus fuerit, sciat se ab omni ecclesia Christianorum anathematizatum, et in die judicii coram Christo, et angelis ejus, nisi ante emendaverit, rationem redditurum esse. Præfatæ verò terræ et donatio hujus agelli, his terminis circumsepta patescit. Æperz. &c. Scripta autem est hæc scedula hujus donationis anno ab incarnatione Christi, dcccclxxviij. indictione 4^{ta}. his testibus consentientibus, quorum nomina patescunt. Ego Ælfred rex hanc meam donationem cum signo sanctæ crucis corroboravi. ✠ Ego Ealferd episcopus. &c.

NUM. V.

Prædia ad Ecclesiam de Athelinge in agro Somersetensi spectantia, tempore Regis Willielmi Conquestoris.

[Ex Libro Censuali vocato *Domesday Book*, in domo Capitulari Westm. asservato.]

Dorsete, tom. i. fol. 78 b.

TERRA ABBATIE ADELINGIENSIS. Ecclesia Adelingiensis tenet CANDEL. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldab. pro IIII. hid. et una virgata terræ et dimid. Terra est IIII. car. De ea sunt in dominio IIII. hidæ. et ibi I. car. et II. villani et XIII. bord. cum II. car. Ibi XIII. acr. prati. Silva III. quarent. long. et II. quarent. lat. De hac terra tenet Aluredus unam virgatam terræ et dimid. Totum valet LXVII. solid. et VI. denar.

Sumersete, ibid. fol. 91.

Terra ÆCCLESIE DE ADELINGI. Ecclesia S. Petri de Adelingye tenet ATILTONE. Tempore Regis Ed-

wardi geldabat pro viii. hid. Terra est xii. car. In dominio sunt iii. hidæ. et ibi iii. car. et iii. servi. et x. villani et vi. bord. cum iii. car. Ibi molinum red-dens vii. s. et vi. den. et xl. acr. prati. et xxx. acr. pasturæ. Silva i. leu. long. et alia in lat. Valet c. sol. De terra hujus Manerii tenet Comes Moriton ii. hid. quæ erant in ipsa æcclesia tempore Regis Edwardi. Terra est iii. car. et val. xxx. solid.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet SVTYNE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro x. hid. Terra est xvi. car. De ea sunt in dominio iii. hidæ. et ibi ii. car. et iii. servi. et viii. villani. et vi. bord. cum vi. car. Ibi xl. acr. prati et c. acr. pasturæ. Valet abbati viii. lib.

De ipsa terra tenet Rogerus Brito dimid. hid. et habet i. car.

De eadem terra hujus Manerii tenet Rogerius de Corcel ii. hid. invito abbate. Duo taini teneb. de æcclesia tempore Regis Edwardi nec inde poterant separari. Terra est ii. car. quæ ibi sunt in dominio et vi. acr. prati. Valet l. solid. Duo homines ten. de Rogerio.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet SEOVENAMENTONE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro ii. hid. Terra est ii. car. quæ ibi sunt cum vii. vill. et iii. bord. et ii. servis. Ibi vi. acr. prati. Valet xxx. solid.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet HAME. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro una hida. Terra est iii. car. In dominio est i. car. et iii. servi. et i. vill. et vii. bord. cum i. car. Ibi xv. acr. prati et iii. acr. silvæ minutæ. Valet xxx. solid.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet LEGE. Ibi est i. hida sed non geld. tempore Regis Edwardi. In dominio sunt ibi ii. car. et vi. servi. et iii. villani. et iii. bord. cum ii. car. Ibi xii. acr. prati. et l. acr. silvæ. Valet xl. solid.

Comes Moriton. tenet ii. hid. (de manerio abbatis quod vocatur) in AISSELLE. et Rogerius de Corcelle tenet ii. hid. de manerio SVTONE. et Radulfus de Limesi tenet i. hid. de (in) Manerio BOSINTONE.

Hæ terræ jacebant in Adelingi tempore Regis Edwardi, et non poterant inde separari.

NUM. VI.

De Subjectione hujus Abbatie Abbati Glaston.

[Gulielm. Malmesb. de Antiq. Glast. Eccl. edit. Gale, tom. iii. p. 331.]

HIS igitur ad instantiam abbatis Turstini sic patrat, etiam illud prosequamur, qua efficacia vicinos abbates Muchainensem et ETHELINGENSEM sui juris asseruit. Nam cum eos, falsa delatione Gisonis Wellensis episcopi, Lanfrancus archiepiscopus in generali concilio Angliæ mordaciter impeteret, Muchaniensis, qui exercitatio esset in seculi rebus, respondit se in capitulo Glastoniæ, jussu ejusdem loci abbatis et sui responsurum. Cæterum extraordinarias accusationes non timere. Ethelingensis autem joculariter eludens quæstionem, minanti archiepiscopo baculum ei auferendum, non curo quia meliorem habeo, nec tamen istum tibi trado. Tunc jussus abbas Turstinus, ut si sibi competere sciret, causam ageret, surrexit loco sententiæ dicendæ, egitque multa et constanti facundia, memoriter retexens privilegia regum a Kentuino et Ina regibus usque ad Edwardum, quibus allegavit in eos abbates nullam jurisdictionem aliquem nisi Glastoniensem abbatem habere, adeo ut in prædictas ecclesias nullus debeat abbas intrare, nisi fuerit electus à conventu Glastoniæ. Tum cum archiepiscopus in regem conversus dixisset, se beati Dunstani nutriculum nolle minuere, illeque retulisset, nec se velle matrem Domini contristare, sed pro cautione futurorum episcopum Wellensem debere in Glastoniæ capitulo rem diffinire, resumpsit abbas sermonem, privilegia ecclesiæ suæ authentica esse, nullam cujuslibet dignitatis personam causa judicii Glastoniam debere venire, sua ibi esse omnia, et in ecclesiasticis et in secularibus rebus judicia, facile fore ut invictus princeps et sanctus archiepiscopus in re nova constituenda perpetua pulsarentur invidia. Cæterum quod antecessores sui habuissent integrum, se, qui in defendenda dignitate ecclesiæ eodem vigilaret spiritu, nequaquam omissurum. Quocirca

episcopus Wellensis, si quid allegandum putaret, suo non regis vel archiepiscopi jussi, Glastoniam veniret. Quid plura, obtinuit causam abbas. Et quidem episcopus in capitulum venit, sed purgantibus se abbatibus victoria excidit, et inglorius discessit.

NUM. VII.

Litera Abb. et Conv. de Athelney Edw. I. Regi, pro Corro-dio excusando.

[Bund. Brevium et Literarum in Turri Lond. an. 32 Edw. I. Prynn, [Papal Usurp. tom. iii. p. 1046.]

SERENISSIMO principi, &c. Edwardo Dei gratia regi Angliæ, &c. sui devoti abbas et conventus de Athelyngeny, salutem, et orationum instantiam, subjectionem debitam simul et reverentiam. Veniens ad nos Gilbertus de Ragum, deferens vestras literas, continent, quod eidem necessaria sua in victu et vestitu honeste juxta status sui exigentiam exhiberemus; vos etiam Johannem Hanele, clericum vestrum, de annua pensione quadraginta solidorum in domo vestra Athelyngeny nobis præcepistis feofare: ac Nicholaum Freyn in victu et vestitu, quoad vixerit, juxta status sui decentiam exhibere: et nos mandatum vestrum in hiis sumus executi, ut tenemur; vestram regiam celsitudinem devotis precibus exorantes, quatenus domui vestræ prædictæ ad præsens parcere dignemini intuitu charitatis, paupertatem nostram (si placet) respicientes, prout dictus Gilbertus vestræ serenitati potest, si velit, intimare. Excellentia vestra luceat in æternum. Dat. in capitulo nostro Athelyngenyæ v. kal. Augusti, anno Domini mccciv.

NUM. VIII.

Carta de Manerio de Knolle in Com. Somerset.

[Cart. Harl. Antiq. Brit. Mus. 58 H. 14.]

OMNIBUS Christi fidelibus ad quos præsens scriptum indentatum pervenerit Willielmus Bount' armiger frater et hæres Johannis Bunter salutem in Domino sempiternam. Noveritis me præfatum Willielmum recognovisse pro me et hæredibus meis per præsentes tenere de Roberto Hyll abbate de Athelney et successoribus suis, ut de manerio suo de Sutton in comitatu Somerset. Manerium de Knoll in eodem comitatu per servitium unius feodi militis et per redditum undecim solidorum et quatuor denariorum annuatim, ad fest. sancti Michaelis archangeli et Paschæ æquis porcionibus solvendum, prout prædictus Johannes Bount' frater meus, et antecessores sui, de eodem abbate et prædecessoribus suis idem manerium de Knoll tenere consueverunt. Noveritis etiam me præfatum Willielmum per præsentes homagium meum præfato abbati apud Athelney in præsentia totius conventus loci illius et aliorum tunc ibidem præsentium die confectionis istius scripti pro eodem manerio de Knoll ac reddit. prædict. una cum quinquagint. solidis pro relevio meo inde debito fecisse et solvisse quæ quidem homagium et redditum una cum prædictis quinquaginta solid. pro relevio meo prædict. idem abbas recognovit se per præsentes de præfato Willielmo ad tunc et ibidem recepisse et habuisse ut in jure ecclesiæ suæ sancti Salvatoris beatorumque apostolorum Petri et Pauli ac sancti Athelwini de Athelney. In quorum omnium testimonium uni parti istius Scripti indentati penes præfatum abbatem et successores suos remanen. ego prædictus Willielmus sigillum meum apposui. Alteri vero parti inde penes me eundem Willielmum et hæredes meos remanen. prædictus abbas sigillum suum apposuit. Dat. apud Athelney.

NUM. IX.

The Abbat of Athelney's Letter to Lord Cromwell a short time previous to the Dissolution of the House.

[Harl. MS. 604, fol. 63.]

HONORABELL and my synguler good mast' my deuty consydyrd I lowly have me commendyd unto

your good masterschepe desyryng yow to be good mast' vnto me and to my pour howse, consernyng the payment of oure detts that I may be out of trobell and sutte of the lawe, and I am contentyd to leue as pourely as ony man schaldoo of my degre, to the yntente that eu'y man may be the soner payd. Worschypfull mast' de- vyse sum menys that thys my pettysyon may take effecte and I am contentyd to abyde youre order yn thys be- halff. I truste to order me and my howse after suche a strayte facyon that I schal make payment of a hundret pounds every yere. I have send youre masterschepe a booke of the detts and yerely fyes that my poure howse ys chargyd w^t whyche ys very moche. I hartly desyre yow to take the paynes to ouer see hyt and to provyde sum remedye, and ye schal have our dayly prayers, as knowythe God who ever have yow yn hys blessyd tu- ycon and send yow long lyffe. Wrytyn at Athelney the tenthe day of Abryle.

By youre poure bedysman
ROBERT abbot of Athelney.

Yff y cowlde have a frynd that wolde lene me iiij. or v. hundret pounds without ony prophet or lucour, I wolde gladly bynde me and my howse for the repay- ment of a hundret pounds yerely untyll the full sume be payd as strongly as yt may be deuysed by the lawe. Yff I hade mony to mak' payment I schulde have moche mony remytted to paye the rest out of hande.

Thys be oure that folowyethe.

Un to the kynggs grac a hundret markes.	
Un to my lorde of Glastonebury iiij. schore and tenne pounds.	
Un to the abbot of Donxwell iiij. schore pounds.	
Un to Mast' Soper of Tanton . . .	xl ^{li} .
Un to Mast' Phylyps of Poule . . .	xxxij ^{li} .
Un to the vycare of More . . .	xx ^{li} .
Un to Mast' Newport of Bryge- watt'	xxvij ^{li} .
Un to John Browne of Ufcombe . . .	xxli.
Un to Sir Phylpe Jordyn pryst . . .	xiiij ^{li} .
Un to Thomas More of North Currye	xlviij ^{li} . xvj ^s . x ^d .
Un to Sir Rycherde Warre knythe . . .	lx ^{li} .
Un to John Curle	xxviij ^{li} .
Un to one Thurston Mede . . .	vj ^{li} . xiijs. iiij ^d .
Un to the churche of Ylton . . .	vj ^{li} . xiijs. iiij ^d .
Un to Sir John Maior pryst . . .	vj ^{li} . xiijs. iiij ^d .
Un to the churche of Curry . . .	ix ^{li} . and ode mony.
Un to the churche of Thurloxton . . .	v ^{li} .
Un to John Chapel of Glastonbury . . .	x ^{li} .
Un to Master Austrayg of Brystow . . .	vij ^{li} . and ode mony.
Un to Watt' Yongge	xvj ^{li} .
Un to Wyllam Pyrsse	vj ^{li} .
Un to John Cheke	vij ^{li} .
Un to Nyhus Browne of Tantone . . .	xlijs.
Un to Ric. Mychyll	vj ^{li} . xiijs. iiij ^d .
Un to Robert Kene	xl ^s .
Un to John Payne	xxiij ^s . iiij ^d .
Un to one Yu'y	vij ^{li} .
Un to Barnerde of Tanton . . .	xlvj ^s . viij ^d .
Un to one Moddyslye	xxij ^s .
Un to John Goldysmythe of Tan- ton	l ^s .
Un to Rogere Bele	xvijs. viij ^d .
Un to Wyllm Collyngs	xviij ^s .
Un to Mast' Smythe of Brystow . . .	xvjs. j ^d .
Un to the prior of Tanton . . .	x ^{li} .
Un to the prior of Saynt Jofies of Brygewatt'	v ^{li} .

Un to Wyllm Harte	xxvj ^s . viij ^d .
Un to John Persone	vij ^{li} . and ode mony.
Un to Wyllm Gredy	vj ^{li} .
Un to Thomas Alyn	iijs. iiij ^d .
Un to Master Gytson of London . . .	vj ^{li} . xiijs. iiij ^d .
Un to Sergent Thornton ys ex- secutours	vij ^{li} .
Un to one Norman	xxxiijs.
Un to Wiillm Brygg	iijs.
Un to oure vycare of Wellys . . .	v ^{li} . vjs. viij ^d .
Un to one Vsman	xv ^s .
Un to Snow of Lamport	iijs.
Un to Wyllm Pott	xx ^s .
Un to John parsone of Sotton . . .	xl ^s .
Un to Mastres Porter of Somerton . . .	xx ^s .
Un to a furrer of Tantone	xxvj ^s . viij ^d .
Un to a sadeler of Tantone	lijs.
Un to Thomas Howes	xix ^s .

Thes summys folowyng ys my dett' that I borowyd at my fyrste comyng to Athelney to paye my ordynary charges with all.

Of my Lorde of Tavystoke	xl ^{li} .
Of Ric. Mayow of Tavystoke	l ^{li} .
Of Sir Wyllm Courtenay	xx ^{li} .
Of Mr. Servyngton of Tavystoke . . .	xiijs. vjs. viij ^d .
Of John Wyllms of Tavystoke	v ^{li} .

Sm^a totalis viij. hundret iij. schore and nene pounds xij. schylllynggs vij. pens.

Thys folowyng be the fyes and pencyons that oure howse ys yerely chargyd w^t. all.

Un to my Lord Dawbeny cheffe steward	xl ^s .
Un to my Lord Fyzwarryng	xl ^s .
Un to Mast' Secretary	liijs. iiij ^d .
Un to Mr. Thomas Clarke	xl ^s .
Un to Sir John Horsey	xl ^s .
Un to Mr. Phylppes of Poule	xxvj ^s . viij ^d .
Un to Mr. Soper of Tanton, au- dyter	xl ^s .
Un to Mr. Cuffe under stewarde . . .	xl ^s .
Un to John Chapell of Glaston- bury	xl ^s .
Un to Catecote for the kyng's cor- rody	v ^s .

Al thoo ar grontyd by covent secle before re- hersyd.

Un to Sir John Wadham knygtthe . . .	xx ^s .
Un to the schereve	xl ^s .
Un to the exchet'	xvj ^s .
Un to Mr. Porteman	xxvj ^s . viij ^d .
Un to Mr. Penny attorney	xiijs. iiij ^d .
Un to oure vic. of Wellys	liijs. iiij ^d .
Un to the vic. of Long Suttone	xvj ^s . in mony.
Un to the vic. of Long Suttone yn mony by the yere	xxxiijs. iiij ^d .
Un to Ambrose a syngyngman hath by covent seale yerely liijs. iiij ^d . beyng at lyberte from the howse and charged w ^t . no servyse.	

Sm^a xxxiiij^{li}. ijs.

(Indorsed)

“xth day of Aprile Lre’s from
the abbot ef Athelney.”

COMPUT' MINISTRORUM DOMINI REGIS TEMP. HEN. VIII.

(Abstract of Roll, 31 Hen. VIII. in the Augmentation Office.)

MONASTERIUM DE ATHELNEY.

Com' Somers'		£.	s.	d.
Athelney	Firma Scit' Monast' cum Terr' Dñical'	10	2	6
- - - - -	Firma Rcōrie	4	0	0
Manerium de Sutton cum Rcōria ibm	Firma Manerij	14	0	0
- - - - -	Firma Rcōrie	26	13	4
Sutton Hall	Redd' lib' Tenen'	1	13	1½
- - - - -	Redd' Assis' cust' Ten'	57	10	7
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'	20	12	1
Manerium de Lynge	Firma	17	0	0
Claveshay	Firma Manerij	14	14	4
Caundell Purse	Redd' Assis'	5	10	9
- - - - -	Firma	3	0	0
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'		nult	
Brigewater	Redd' Assis'	4	19	0
Bawdryppe	Penc' Rcōrie	2	0	0
Lamport	Redd'	1	12	2
Mochylney	Penc' Rcōrie	6	13	4
Holleforde	Redd' Teñti	2	0	4
Hyde	Redd' Teñti	2	7	0
Michael Boro	Redd' Teñti	2	19	8
Selworthye	Penc' Rcōrie	2	0	0
Bolyngton	Redd' Terr'	1	10	0
Polden	Redd' Teñti	0	8	0
Stowelle	Redd' Teñti	0	6	0
Holywell	Redd' Terr'	0	8	0
Stogursey	Redd' Terr'	0	4	0
Cumwyche	Redd' Terr'	0	3	4
Lynge Ball'	Redd' lib' Tenen'	1	1	6
Saltmore	Redd' Assis'	14	10	7
Hychyns	Redd' Assis'	19	9	4½
Otewood	Redd' Assis'	7	5	4
Westelyng	Redd' Assis'	15	13	6½
Estlynge	Redd' Assis'	10	3	2½
Northpederton, Overlond voc' Shawe, Lynche,				
Tokerton, Westyeowe	Redd' Terr' et Teñt'	1	16	8
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'	9	3	9½
Hampne Manerium cum Addeston	Redd' liberorum Tenen'	0	0	8½
- - - - -	Redd' Assis'	22	1	2
Eston et Donwere	Redd' Assis'	11	11	8
Addeston	Redd' Assis'	1	6	5
Hampne	Firma Manerij	4	7	4
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'	9	6	7
Ilton	Redd' liberorum Tenen'	2	3	10
- - - - -	Redd' Assis'	28	4	8½
Ilford	Redd' Assis'	21	18	8½
Stofford	Redd' Assis'	5	5	4
Hurcote	Redd' Assis'	7	13	2
Seven Abbott	Redd' Assis'	12	3	6
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'	5	12	11
Curryloode	Redd' Assis'	7	5	10
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'		nult	
Preston	Redd' Assis'	9	10	8
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'		nult	

Pershore, or Persore Monastery,

IN

WORCESTERSHIRE.



ERSHORE Abbey, in the former edition of the Monasticon, was stated, in a false quotation from Leland's Collectanea, to have been founded in the year 604^a. Oswald, however, one of the nephews of Ethelred king of Mercia, is stated to have been the real founder of a religious house here A.D. 689, which consisted, at first, of secular canons; then of monks; and then of seculars again^b and nuns, who were dismissed by King Edgar, and Bishop Oswald, according to Tanner, in the year 984: but, Dr. Nash observes,^c it must have been earlier, as King Edgar died in 975.^d Wanley dates King Edgar's Charter to this monastery, which will be found in the Appendix of Instruments,^e in 972.^f From this time, the monastery of Pershore became an abbey of benedictine monks, dedicated at first to the Blessed Virgin, and the apostles St. Peter and St. Paul, but afterwards to St. Eadburgh.^g William of Malmesbury ascribes this foundation, in Edgar's time, to Egelward duke of Dorset.^h

King Edgar's Charter grants the same privileges to the abbey which are stated to have been granted to it at an earlier period by King Coenulph, at the request of Duke Beornoth: it also restores to the monks certain manses in Pershore; in Brihtul and Fingtune ten manses; ten manses in Cumbrinctune; five in Pedneshamme; sixteen in Ercyngetune; ten manses in Byrtingahamme; ten in Deopanforda; ten in Strengesho; ten in Bettesforda; other manses in Cromban; ten in Stoce; ten in Pyritune; four in Wadbreorhan; three

in Civeingtun; three in Broctune; ten in Piplinctune; ten in Snoddesbyri; seven in Niwantune; four in Eadbrichtingtune; five in Wihtlafestune; five in Flæferth; five in Grattune; five in Deormodesealdtune; five in Husantreo; five at Meretune; three in Broctune; two at Hleobyri; thirty in Langandune; seven in Poincgwic; three in Beornthesleahe; three in Actune; in Suthstoce, at Hileahe, at Treshaa, at Cyllincocotan, at Ealdanburi, Dydimeretune, Badimyncgtun, and Uptun, forty manses; ten in Deorham; five in Longahege; six at Lidanege; six in Wiggangeate; five in Beoleahe; five in Gyrdeleahe; ten in Sture; twenty in Bradanwege; five in Coltune; ten manses in Wicwennan; and for the purposes of making salt, in two places, room for eighteen pans ("doliorum situs"), ten at Midlewic, and eight at Neodemestanwic; the site of two refineries at Wictune, and a salt pan called Westringce, with a manse and half another manse at Hortun.

The church and convent of Pershore, being built with wood, were several times destroyed by fire.ⁱ The first time was about the year 1000; for A.D. 1002 we find it re-opened, after the repairs.^k

Between this time and the formation of the Domesday Survey, Pershore appears to have lost a large portion of its revenues. Many of the places noticed in King Edgar's Charter are found entered in the Survey among the Worcestershire possessions of the abbey of Westminster. Malmesbury expressly says, that Pershore had lost more than half its endowment. Part, he says, had been devoured by the ambition of the rich; another part had been lost by neglect, "sepelivit oblivio;" and the greatest portion of all had been bestowed by King Edward the Confessor and King William the Conqueror upon Westminster.^l Even property in Pershore had been granted for the monastery.

At the time of the formation of the Domesday Sur-

Museum, copied from a fragment of a more extensive manuscript. MS. Cole, vol. xlv. p. 353.

"Quo tempore Reliquiæ beatæ Virginis Eadburgæ Perscoram adlatæ sunt."

Hiis temporibus translatio in civitate Wentana beatæ Eadburgæ corporis, monitu Alwardus comes, cognomento Wada, qui cænobium Perscorense prius ab impiis et infidelibus destructum, in honore Dei genetricis, egregie restauravit; reliquias beatæ virginis Eadburgæ ab Ailgiva tunc Wintoniæ abbatissa, c. libris datis, accipiens illuc detulit, ac in arca aurea, pulchro opere ædificata, cum magna laudum devotione, collocavit: ubi tanta miraculorum clarificatione refulsit, ut infra annum centum a diversis infirmitatibus liberarentur ægri; atque illuc, magis quam Wintoniæ, ubi major pars corporis ejus fuisse perhibetur, signorum gloria, viguit."

ⁱ The manuscript leaf already quoted from one of Cole's manuscripts, notices an early injury to Pershore monastery by an earl of the name of Aelferus. "A.D. dccccclxxvj. Quidam consul nequissimus, Aelferus nomine, Persorensem ecclesiam, et plures per Angliam ecclesias miserabiliter destruxit, quas rex Eadgarus et Adelwoldus reverentissimus construxerunt."

^k Lel. Collect. See Num. I. or qu. 1020.

^l Script. post Bedam, fol. 162.

^a Mon. Angl. former edit. tom. i. p. 203.

^b See Num. I.

^c Collections for the History of Worcestershire, vol. ii. p. 243.

^d See Chron. Sax. sub. an.

^e Num. II.

^f Cat. of Northern MSS. Hickes. Thesaur. Lingg. Septent. tom. ii. pp. 240, 258.

^g Compare Tanner, Notit. Mon.

^h Dr. Nash says, "Oddo and Doddo were two Mercian dukes, who died about the year 725; the latter was buried at Pershore. The former was a great benefactor to this abbey. He became a monk at Deerhurst in Gloucestershire, where Pershore had a large estate, which now belongs to Westminster; his bones were removed here. Duke Delfere usurped the possessions of this monastery, and died eaten up by vermin; whereupon Oddo restored the same, and vowed celibacy, least any son of his should be guilty of the like sacrilege." "Earl Wada," he adds, "bought the relics of St. Eadburgh, to whom a chapel was here consecrated, and the abbey was afterwards called the convent of St. Mary and St. Eadburgh." Collect. for Worc. ut supr.

Of the translation of St. Eadburgh's relics the following account occurs in one of Mr. Cole's MSS. deposited in the British



Drawn & Engraved by John Coney.

Pershore Monastery, Worcester-shire, D. W. W.

vey, the church of Pershore, which is there called St. Mary's only, is stated to have possessed five hides at Kvlge, and seventeen at Havochesberie, in *Gloucestershire*: the former property valued at a hundred shillings per year; the latter, which had previously produced sixteen pounds, was reduced to ten pounds. In *Worcestershire*, the monks held the manor of Pershore, consisting, with the berewicks or hamlets of Ciuintone, Edbritone, Wadberge, Broctune, Edbretintune, Wicha, and Cumbritone, of twenty-six hides. In Wiche, one of the hamlets, they had a salt-refinery which yielded thirty mits, or three hundred bushels, of salt. In Beolege the monks held twenty-one hides; twenty in Sture; thirty in Bradeweie; three hides in Lege; and five hides at Matma, one of which was in Herefordshire.

Several of the hides in Pershore itself were tenanted. One hide and a half appears to have been leased for two lives: and another hide in Wadberge one of the berewicks to Pershore, for three lives.

Circset, church-payment or contribution for the first fruits of harvest, appears to have been made to the church of Pershore for no fewer than three hundred hides.

Exclusive of the twenty two hides in Gloucestershire, Pershore abbey appears to have held a hundred and five hides in Worcestershire; of a hundred of which, the "forisfacturæ," or payments for transgressions, were among the privileges of the abbey.

The revenue of the monastery, at the formation of the Survey, appears to have amounted to seventy-nine pounds, falling short, by near a third, of the produce of the lands in the time of King Edward the Confessor.^a

In 1223, upon St. Urban's day, the abbey was burnt a second time, while undergoing some repairs.^b A new structure was not consecrated till 1239.^c

In 1288, a third fire broke out, which consumed not only the abbey, but almost the whole of the town of Pershore.^d

In one of these last fires, the Register containing an account of the estates, and all the customs and privileges of the abbey, was destroyed: a commission was in consequence held to ascertain the same by the evidence of witnesses. The depositions upon this occasion of the prior and monks, form a document of some curiosity. They are given in the Appendix.^e

Edward the First appears to have visited this monastery in 1294.^f

In 1299, the Bishop of Landaff was called upon to reconcile the church: the performance of divine service in it having been suspended for a reason given below.^g

The following is a summary of the royal Charters granted to this monastery:

King John, in his first year, granted to the monks certain liberties in this county and that of Gloucester.^h King Henry the Third, on the fourth of May in the eleventh year of his reign, gave to God, our blessed Lady, and St. Edburgh of Pershore, and to the abbat

and monks there, a fair on the feast of St. Edburgh, and two days following; now kept June 26th, according to ancient custom, in the church-yard of Holy Cross. The same king, Dr. Nash adds, seems to have granted them a fair the preceding year. He also granted them a market and fair at Broadway in the county of Gloucester, and another at Hawkesbury. Henry the Third likewise granted the abbat and convent free warren in Pershore, Leigh, Mathon, Alderminster, Cowleigh, Hawkesbury, and Wadborough, by a Charter dated at Windsor Aug. 8th, in the thirty-fifth year of his reign. King Edward the Second, reciting the Charters of Henry III. and John, discharged the abbat of Pershore, with his convent, and all their lands in the counties of Worcester and Gloucester, from all incumbrances, exactions, &c. dated at York 20th July, in the sixteenth year of his reign. Henry the Fifth, rehearsing and renewing a former patent from King Edward the Third, ordained that, during the vacancy of the abbey, the prior and convent should govern the estate of this monastery: his Charter to this effect being dated July 16th, in the fourteenth year of his reign. Henry the Sixth finally ratified the same in his thirty-first year: reciting the Charters of the 11th and 35th of Henry the Third.ⁱ

ABBATS of PERSHORE.

FULBERTUS, or FOLDBRIHT, was the first abbat. He is mentioned in King Edgar's Charter; before the granting of which he must have been dead. The Annals of Worcester, however, name him under the year 983.^k

BRICTEGUS, the next abbat upon record, occurs as a witness at the end of Canute's Charter to Croyland abbey, in 1032.^l In 1033, he succeeded Leofsi as bishop of Worcester:^m and died on the 13th kal. of Jan. 1038.ⁿ

ALFRIC, or ALFRICUS, occurs abbat in 1044. Dr. Nash says, abbat

ROGER died A. D. 1074.^o

EADMUND died on the 17th of the kalends of July, 1085.^p

TURSTINUS, or THURSTAN, a monk of Gloucester, who immediately succeeded, died in 1087.^q

GUIDO, or WIDO, abbat of Pershore, was deposed by Archbishop Anselm in the council held at Westminster in 1102.^r

WILLIAM was elected abbat in 1138.^s Willis, in a manuscript Note to the account of Pershore, in his History of the Mitred Abbeys, mentions

THOMAS as abbat of Pershore between the years 1140 and 1161, in the time of Pope Eugenius the Third.^t

REGINALD occurs in 1162.^u

ROGER occurs abbat in 1170. The Annals of Worcester place his death in 1174.^x

SIMON was elected his successor in 1175.^y He

Angl. Sacr. tom. i. p. 472. It is added, in the next page, "Anno DCCCLXXXVIII. Sanctus Oswaldus suis precibus resuscitavit Fulbertum abbatem Persoræ."

^l Hist. Ingulphi, ed. Gale, p. 59.

^m "A.D. M.XXXIII. obiit Leofsius episcopus Wicciorum, 14 kal. Septemb. in cujus sedem Perscorensis abbas Brichtegus, filius videlicet sororis Wlstani Eboracensis archiepiscopus, levatus est." Sim. Dunelm. Script. x. Twysd. col. 178.

ⁿ Ibid. col. 180.

^o Collect. for Hist. of Worc. vol. ii. p. 247.

^p "Anno 1085. Vir eximie probitatis Perscorensis abbas Eadmundus decimo septimo cal. Julij, die dominica, obiit." Rog. Hoved. fol. 263 b. He attended the council of London as abbat in 1082.

^q Hoved. fol. 264.

^r Sim. Dunelm. ut supr. col. 228. Actus Pontif. Cantuar. aut. Gervasio, col. 1660. Hoveden says, fol. 269: "In hoc concilio plures francigenæ abbates, et Angli sunt depositi, et honoribus privati, quos injuste adquisierunt, aut in eis inhonestè vixerunt, scilicet WIDO Perscorensis, Aldwinus Ramesiensis et ille de Middeltune, Bodricus de Burch, Richardus de Heli, Robertus de Sancto Edmundo."

^s See Nash, vol. ii. 247, from the Annales de Theokesbury, Bibl. Cott. Cleop. A. vii.

^t MS. Cole, vol. xxvii. fol. 99.

^u Lib. Nig. Scacc. p. 176. See Num. IV.

^x Angl. Sacr. tom. i. p. 476.

^y Annal. Theokesb.

^a Compare Num. III.

^b See Lel. Collect. ut supr. in Num. I.

^c Angl. Sacr. tom. i. p. 491.

^d "Anno MCCLXXXVIII. octavo cal. Maii ignis veniens de incendio pistrini et braciñi ecclesiæ Persorensis clocherium primo invasit, et totam fere cremavit ecclesiam, et de villâ plusquam XL. mansiones." Annal. Wigorn. Angl. Sacr. p. 509.

^e Num. XI.

^f Anno MCCXCIV. "Prima die Septembris rex venit sero ad S. Wlstanum, et a conventu audivit solemnnes versus de ipso sancto. Et obtulit ad tumbas iv. firmacula aurea cum vi. marcis; et versus vesperam rediit ad Persoram." Annal. Wigorn. Angl. Sacr. tom. i. pp. 515, 516.

^g A.D. 1299. "vj. cal. Julij Johannes episcopus Landavensis reconciliavit ecclesiam Persorensem; quia custos ecclesiæ muliebri consilio infatuatus, in loco illo sacratio ignem obtulit alienum." Annal. Wigorn. Angl. Sacr. tom. i. p. 523.

^h See Num. V.

ⁱ The vacancy of the abbey was also granted to the prior and convent by another Charter, in the first of Hen. Vth. Pat. 1 Hen. V. p. 4. "Rex concedit priori et conventui de Pershore custodiam dicti prioratus in qualibet vacatione solvendo regi pro primis duobus vicibus xxxvi. libras, et si ultra vacaverit pro rata."

^k "Anno DCCCLXXXIII. Oswaldus Wigorniensis episcopus, monachos apud Persoram constituit: ubi primus abbas Fulbertus."

died at Bermundsey on the 4th of the ides of May, 1198.^a In the same year

ANSELM became abbat.^b He died in 1203. He had been originally a monk at Reading. Willis and Stevens, after him, say

SIMON was confirmed as abbat at Worcester on All Saints day, 1203.^c At all events, the same ceremony was performed in the same place for

GERVASIUS, as abbat, in 1204.^d Leland notices him as a considerable benefactor to the church of Persnore.^e The Annals of Worcester, noticing his death in 1234, call him, by mistake, *Gilbert*. His successor was

ROGER DE RADEBY, called in the Annals of Worcester simply ROGER.^f Cole calls him Roger de Rudeley. Dr. Nash places his death in 1251. The royal assent, however, was given to the election of his successor,

ELERIUS, a monk of Fescamp, and prior of Cogges in Oxfordshire, March 19th, 1249.^g This Elerius is sometimes called GLER. Cole, in his Notes transcribed from Willis's own copy of the Mitred Abbeys, calls him *Elfricus*; as does Stevens.^h Elerius had other preferment from the king.ⁱ His cession as abbat of Persnore was announced Oct. 24th, 1262; and on November the 12th following, the temporalities of the monastery were restored to

HENRY DE BIDEFORD.^k

HENRY DE CALDEWELL had the temporalities restored to him Dec. 3d, 1274.^l He died at his manor of Leye, or Leya, on the 6th of the nones of March, 1289: when

WILLIAM DE LEGHE, or LEGA, cellarer of the house, succeeded him.^m The temporalities were restored to abbat Leghe March 12th, 1289.

WILLIAM DE HERWYNTON, or HERVINGTON, received the royal assent to his election May 16th, 1304; the temporalities being restored on June 5th following.ⁿ He resigned his abbacy in 1340. In which year, on November the 21st, the temporalities were restored to

THOMAS DE PYRITON.^o Upon his death, the royal assent was given to the election of

PETER DE PENDOCK on Aug. 5th, and the temporalities restored on Aug 30th, 1349.^p

PETER DE BRADEWAYE received the royal assent to his election Sept. 9th, 1363; the temporalities being restored September the 23d.^q Upon his death, a licence was granted for a fresh election Sept. 18th, 1379; and on Nov. 17th following the temporalities were restored to

THOMAS UPTON.^r

WILLIAM DE NEWYNTON, not NEWTON, became

abbat in the month of May, 1413. The temporalities were restored to him on June 3d that year.^s Willis, by the mis-reading of an inscription which still remains at Persnore, made 1434 the year of his election.^t Abbat Newynton was the founder of the south cross-aisle of the abbey church.

EDMUND HERT had the temporalities of the monastery restored to him April 22, 1456.^u Upon his resignation,

ROBERT STANWEY was elected abbat; to whom the temporalities were restored April 26, 19 Edw. IV.^x He was succeeded by

JOHN PYPLETON, whom Dr. Nash calls *Pibleton*; to whom the temporalities of the monastery were given Aug. 27th, 1497.^y Upon his death,

WILLIAM COMPTON was made abbat March 25th, 1504.^z During his time the appropriation of the church of Mathon to the monastery took place, A. D. 1512.^a His successor,

JOHN STANEWELL, or STONYWELL, had the temporalities of the monastery delivered to him Oct. 16th, 1527.^b Wood says, "He was born in the parish of Longdon, in Staffordshire, within which parish is a small hamlet called Stonywell, from a well wherein is at the bottom a large stone, which seems to be no more than a little rock, whence springs the water that supplies that well. This person," he adds, "being much addicted to learning and religion when a youth, was taken into a certain monastery (Persnore, in Worcester-shire, as it seems), and was bred a Benedictine monk. Thence he was sent to Cloucester college in Oxon, where the monks of Persnore had an apartment for their novices to be trained up in academical learning: of which college he was, when in his elder years, prior for a time; and was then noted among those of his profession for his learning and strict course of life. Afterwards, being doctor of divinity,^c he became lord abbat of Persnore, and at length a bishop (suffragan only, as it seems), under the title of *Episcopus Poletensis*.^d He paid his last debt to nature, after he had arrived to a great age, in the beginning of fifteen hundred and fifty-three, and was buried according to his will^e in a chapel built by him within the parish church of St. James in Longdon before mention'd. For the use of which chappel, and the parishioners of Longdon, he bequeathed all his books, his two chalices, his crewets, holywater stock, vestments, albes, altar-cloths, with other things belonging to his private chappel in Longdon."^f

Dr. Nash, from Willis, says, he, with John Flodbury prior, Robert Cheltene sub-prior, Richard Langley firmarer, and seventeen others, subscribed to the king's supremacy Aug. 20th, 1534.^g Different names to these,

^a Annal. Winton.

^b "Anno MCXCVIII. Ordinatur Gaufridus episcopus Cicestr. et Anselmus abbas de Persore. Symon abbas Persoræ obiit. Anselmus succedit; et benedicatur Wigornia die Omnium Sanctorum. Sacrista noster habuit capam ejus de pal cum vestimento. Misit conventui pro pitanciâ iv. marcas." Annal. Wigorn. Angl. Sacr. tom. i. p. 478.

^c See Stevens's Contin. vol. i. p. 496.

^d Annal. Wigorn. Angl. Sacr. tom. i. p. 479.

^e Ut supr. in Num. I. Nash, vol. i. p. 14, describes the seal of this abbat from an impression preserved in the archives of Worcester cathedral.

^f "A.D. MCCXXXIV. Mortuo Gilberto abbate de Persorâ, successit ei Rogerus ejusdem ecclesiæ monachus; et benedicatur in abbate apud Wigorniam. Sacrista habuit capam et albam. Satisfecit conventui in procuracione pro xl. solidis." Angl. Sacr. tom. i. p. 489.

^g Pat. 35 Hen. III. m. 10.

^h MS. Cole, vol. xxvii. fol. 99.

ⁱ "Rex constit. Elerium ab. de Persor escaetorem suum per totam Angliam citra ripam de Trente." Pat. 35 Hen. III. m. 4, Aug. 4. Leland notices his expedition into Wales in 1255 (See Num. I.), where he appears to have been very honourably received by Llewellyn.

^k Pat. 49 Hen. III. m. 29. Dr. Nash calls him *Henry de Prideford*.

^l Pat. III. Edw. I.

^m "Anno MCCLXXXIX. vi. non. Martii. Henricus de Caldewelle abbas Persoræ obiit in manerio suo quod Leye ab incolis nuncupatur. xiv. cal. Aprilis eidem successit Willielmus de Leya celerarius ejusdem domus; et fuit benedictus in abbate apud Withindon. Sacrista noster habuit capam ejus de baudekin, et vestimentum de serico cum arboribus. Remisimus ei exhibitionem conventus propter combustionem ecclesiæ illius." Annal. Wigorn. Angl. Sacr. tom. i. p. 510.

ⁿ Pat. 35 Edw. I.

^o Pat. 14 Edw. III. p. 3.

^p Pat. 23 Edw. III.

^q Pat. 37 Edw. III. p. 2.

^r Pat. 3 Ric. II. p. 1. In abbat Upton's time, the churches of Broadway and St. Peter Worcester were appropriated to Persnore. See the Endowment and Confirmation in Nash, vol. i. p. 148, in the Appendix to the parish of Broadway. The appropriation of the church of Eckington, likewise obtained in his time, anno Dom. 1394, is printed in the same volume, p. 370.

^s Pat. 1. Hen. V. p. 1.

^t The following is the inscription:

MC. bis bino triplex r. addere quarto
Anno Will'mus d'ni Dewnton ferit abbas
H. bi. a°. rii°. W. P. a°. rrii°.

See Mr. Graves's account of it as communicated to Hearne in the Appendix to Heming's Chartulary, num. xi. together with a representation of the abbat's rebus, which seems to have been *New on ton*. Willis, in the last word but one of the second line, read *fit* for *fecit*. The inscription, with certain ornaments between the words and letters in the last line, was carved upon some old wood-work, which, with other pieces of the same material, patched a partition between the chancel-end of the church and a small chapel on the north side.

^u Pat. 35 Hen. VI. p. i.

^x Pat. 19 Edw. IV.

^y Pat. 12 Hen. VII.

^z MS. Kennett.

^a Nash, Coll. for Hist. Worc. vol. ii. p. 175.

^b Pat. 18 Hen. VIII.

^c He proceeded D. D. 1501, 15 Hen. VII. Nash's Worc. Coll. vol. ii. p. 248.

^d From the Roll containing the restitutions of temporalities, however, he appears to have been suffragan bishop before he was elected abbat. "Temporal. Mon. de Persnore restit. Johanni Politensi episcopo 16 Octob. 18 Hen. VIII." MS. Kennett.

^e In Offic. Prærog. Cant. in Reg. Tash. Qu. 15.

^f Bliss's edition of Athen. Oxon. vol. ii. col. 758.

^g Nash, ut supr.

however, will be found in the Pension List printed in the Appendix of Instruments.^a The abbat had a pension granted to him of 106*l.* a year.

At the Dissolution, this monastery was valued, according to Dugdale, at 643*l.* 4*s.* 5*d.*; according to Speed, at 666*l.* 13*s.* Stevens, in his Continuation of the Monasticon, vol. i. p. 30, gives 633*l.* 13*s.* 11*d.* as the summa clara.

In the 36th Hen. VIII. the site of the abbey, the vineyard, with the manors of Old and New Pershore, Abbots-wood, and Wadborough, the fair and market of Pershore, the privileges and liberties of these manors, and other things of value, were conveyed to William and Francis Sheldon.^b

Leland, in his Collectanea, notices two books only belonging to the collection in the abbey library:

"Ælfrici Grammatica Latino-Saxonica decerpta ex Prisciano;" and

"Beda super Parabolas Solomonis et Apocalypsim."^c

"Of this great abbey a small part only remains, which serves for the parish church of Holy Cross. An house inhabited by a private family goes by the name of the Abbey-house.

"The church was built in the shape of a cross, of which only the head, the tower, the south arm, and a chapel or two, remain. The shaft of the cross, the west arm, and several chapels, are totally destroyed. The present church extends from north to south, within the walls, twenty-nine yards; from east to west, thirty-four yards and four inches; the western part of the body, which is now destroyed, was probably, as appears by the foundations, about one hundred and eighty feet long.

* Num. XXVI. The following were the fees, annuities, and pensions still payable in the 2d & 3d of Philip and Mary. *PERSHORE nuper Mon. Feod.* Thomæ Palmer collect. x^m. ecclesiæ sanctæ Crucis et sancti Andreæ in villa Pershore xl^s. Anthonii Ayleworth supervisoris omnium possessionum ejusdem nuper monasterii iij^{li}. Johannis et Thomæ Russell sen^{ij} general. omnium possessionum præd. per annum iij^{li}. *Annuitt.* Ricardi Neasshe per annum xxvj^s. viij^d. Thomæ Bartlett per annum xxvj^s. viij^d. Robarti Throgmerton per annum liij^s. iij^d. Rogeri Wigeston et Willielmi Colesey xxvj^s. viij^d. Johannis Stonewell per annum xxvj^s. viij^d. Thomæ Gwente per annum xl^s. Thomæ Sherle per annum xl^s. Johannis Sheldon per annum xxvj^s. viij^d. Ricardi Feild per annum lxvj^s. viij^d. Edwardi Morgan per annum xl^s. Johannis Tyther per annum xl^s. Johannis Morres per annum xxvj^s. viij^d. Johannis Feild per annum xxvj^s. viij^d. Johannis Baskarvyle per annum xxvj^s. viij^d. Johannis Hawkynson per annum xxvj^s. viij^d. Willielmi Sperrye per annum xx^s. Franc. Folyatt et Johannis fil. ejus xxvj^s. viij^d. Johannis Russell mil. et Thomæ fil. ejus iij^{li}. Lanceloti Alford per annum x^{li}. *Penc.* Jacobi Willowys per annum vj^{li}. xij^s. iij^d. Ricardi Pulleyn per annum ix^{li}. Gilberti Gibbons per annum viij^{li}. Willielmi Hibbolds per annum vj^{li}. xij^s. iij^d. Johannis Surveyor per annum vj^{li}. xij^s. iij^d. Johannis Glynn per annum vj^{li}. Willielmi Cries per annum vj^{li}. Georgii Philippes per annum vj^{li}. Thomæ Heathe per annum vj^{li}.

In the Appendix of Instruments, Num. XXV. a curious letter will be found from Richard Beerley, one of the monks of this house, to Lord Cromwell, immediately before its dissolution. His name, however, does not occur in the Pension List referred to above: so that it is more than probable that the prayer of his petition was granted.

^b Nash, ut supr.

^c Lel. Collect. edit. Oxf. tom. iv. p. 160.

^d See Num. XXIV.

^e Nash's Collections for the Hist. of Worc. vol. ii. p. 248.

^f Ibid.

^g The following are the more important Documents in this manuscript. Those marked with an asterisk will be found printed in the Appendix of Instruments.

1. In rot. de fin. 22 Edw. I. pro servicio Regi faciendo in Vascon. fol. 1 b.

* 2. Confirmatio Johannis Regis de Libertatibus Abbatis et Conventus, anno regni primo, fol. 1 b.

3. Transcriptum Cartæ Libertatis, 11 Hen. III. fol. 2.

4. Assignatio Wydonis Abbatis, de Manerio de Haukebur' ad opus Conventus, fol. 2 b.

5. Confirmatio et Assignatio domini Gervasii Abbatis de Manerio de Haukebur' ad opus Conventus, fol. 2 b.

* 6. Carta domini Henrici Regis de Mercato de Vpton et de FERIA, fol. 3.

* 7. Assignatio domini Elerij Abbatis quam fecit Conventui de Manerio de Haukebury, fol. 3.

8. Cartæ alie de Haukesbury, fol. 3 b—10.

9. Commissio domini Johannis de Stonor ad inquirend. super tenura Abbatis de Perschor in Haukesbery, fol. 12 b.

10. Transcriptum Compositionis inter Abbatem Persor' et Rectorem de Bradeweve, fol. 12 b.

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"The principal approach to it was downe the Lice-lane, so called from the Saxon *lice*, a corpse, because the corpses were, and still are, carried down that lane to be buried.

"The gate-way, or entrance, on the north part still remains: this led to the west end of the abbey church, which probably extended eastward above two hundred and fifty feet; the base of the tower, and the two arms, from north to south, about a hundred and twenty feet.

"St. Mary's chapel was on the east side, behind the altar, and increased the length of the cross. St. Edburgh's chapel was on the south side.

"The site of the abbey contained about ten acres.

"There was a chapel of St. John Baptist within the abbey, to which Christopher Westerdale left 18*d.* for an annual mass,^d called St. John's Mass."^e

Dr. Nash says, the seal the convent bore, was the Virgin sitting on a throne, with our Saviour in her arms; above, on the right hand, an angel adoring; on the left, a star just over our Saviour's head; below, on the right hand, St Edburgh and the Virgin; on the left an angel standing, and offering up a ring; lower, under an arch, a priest, holding in his right hand a chalice, and in his left a book open. On the circumference, SIGILLUM BEATÆ MARIE ET SANCTÆ EADBURGÆ PERSORIENSIS. The abbats, he adds, often varied the seal; for sometimes it was a cross raguled.^f

The Register Book of the monastery of Pershore remaining in the Augmentation Office consists of one hundred and sixteen vellum leaves, and contains entries of deeds and other documents, none of which seem earlier than the thirteenth century.^g It was not deposited in its present repository until the year 1620; and its discovery and manner of being placed in the office are not unworthy

11. Carta domini Regis de Warennæ et de Mercato de Bradeweia, 35 Hen. III. fol. 13.

12. Conventio inter Abbatem nostrum et Abbatem de Eovesham de communa Pasturæ inter Bradeweia et Willersey, fol. 13.

13. Cartæ alie de Bradeweia, fol. 13 b—20.

14. Finalis Concordia inter Comitem Linc. et Abbatem, de Pastura de Bradeweia, fol. 19 b.

15. Cartæ de Couleya, fol. 22.

16. Cartæ de Piscaria et Ecclesia Villæ de Longeney, fol. 24.

17. Cartæ de tenementis in Eadbriston, fol. 25.

18. Cartæ de Birlingham, fol. 26.

19. De Advocatione Ecclesiæ de Hullecrombe, fol. 27 b.

20. Cartæ de Terris in Bocton, fol. 28.

21. Cartæ de Coulesdon, fol. 28 b, 29.

22. Cartæ de Cumbrinton, fol. 30.

23. Cartæ de Terris in Cherlinton, fol. 30, 30 b.

24. Carta de Redditu in villa de Jarum, fol. 31.

25. Cartæ de Queimerford, fol. 31, 31 b.

26. Cartæ de Mesuagiis in Defford, fol. 32.

27. Cartæ de Terris in Strengesham, fol. 33, 34.

28. Litera procuratoria facta Episcopo Wigorn. pro observatione Anniversaria Adæ Hervynton, A. D. 1356, fol. 34 b.

29. Cartæ de Wich et Hosintre, fol. 36.

30. Cartæ de Spechesle, fol. 36 b.

31. Conventio inter Henricum Abbatem et Conventum de Persore et Walt. de Vienn. Rectorem Eccl. S. Petri Wigorn, de Terra in Sothebury, fol. 37.

32. Cartæ alie de Terris et Mesuagiis in Wigorn, fol. 37—40 b.

33. Transcriptum Cartæ Communitatis Civitatis Wigorn. fol. 41.

34. Carta de Mesuagio in Hosyntre, fol. 41 b.

35. Cartæ de Aldermonston, fol. 42—45 b.

36. Cartæ dominæ Constantiæ de Lega, fol. 46.

37. Cartæ alie de Lega, fol. 47—52, 55.

38. Cartæ de Terris et Tenementis in Mathom, fol. b—57.

39. Transcriptum Cartæ R. Hen. III. feriæ de Persor. fol. 59.

40. Cartæ de Terris, Redditibus, et Mesuagiis in Persore, fol. 59—86.

41. Cartæ de nova Terra de Persore, fol. 88—93.

42. Compositio facta inter Abbates Westm. et Persor. fol. 93 b.

43. Ordinatio Anniversarii domini Simonis Abbatis hujus loci, fol. 96.

44. Assignatio domini Gervasii Abbatis ad Anniversarium suum, fol. 96.

45. Ordinatio domini Rogerii Abbatis ad Anniversarium suum, fol. 96.

46. Ordinatio Anniversarii domini Elerii Abbatis hujus loci, fol. 96.

47. Ordinatio Anniversarii dominæ Constantiæ de Lega, fol. 96 b.

48. Ratificatio et Concessio Anniversarii domini Sampsonis de Bremesgrave, fol. 96 b.

49. Assignatio Anniversarii Willielmi de Notteclive, fol. 96 b.

50. Assignatio Anniversarii Roberti de Wygorn. prioris hujus loci, fol. 97.

51. Assignatio Anniversarii Ricardi de Wendelbor, fol. 97.

of notice. The former is fully explained by the following entry in a fly-leaf prefixed :

"Memorandum quod 16^o. die Maij, A. D. 1598, et anno regni reginæ Elizabethæ quadragesimo, ego Willielmus Bell de Temple Broughton, in comitatu Wigorniae, generosus, adtunc existens Londini, in camera Willielmi Combes, armigeri, in Medio Templo, forte inspexi tegumentum sive coopertorium pergameni, in quo colligata erant statuta anno supradicto edita, et ibidem inveni scripta quædam charta feoffamenti de terris in Goldicote et Aldermaston, in comitatu Wigorniae, quæ quondam dissolutæ (proh!) abbatihæ de Pershore, in comitatu prædicto spectabant, mecumque perpendens tegumentum illud extractum et discissum, verisimile fuisse e quodam libro vocato a Register, Domesdaye, sive Leger de omnibus scriptis, chartis, sive ut vocant evidentijs, dictam abbatiam concernentibus venerandæ antiquitatis amore motus, dolensque negligentias imo spolia nostri temporis percupide quæsivi ab eodem Willielmo Combe, quis e grege bibliopolorum quibus Londini scatet, sibi librum vendidisset, narratque se nomen non novisse, sed certissimis quibusdam signis monstrat locum habitationis in vico vocato Fletstreet, quid multis, statim discessi, quæsivi locum et hominem statim inveni, rogito num librum quendam pergamenaceum veterem habuit et quo dilacerasse tegumenta statutorum, asserit, quæsivi an vendere voluit, annuit, præcium quæro, quærit quie vellem dare, dico quinque solidos, vendit, præcium existimans rem nihili et sic servavi e spolijs ignorantiae nostræ vos quibus prodesse potest universos rogo quatenus in defensionem possessionum vestrorum et non

in injustas lites uti hoc libro volueritis mihique servanti bene precari."

The volume, probably, was tendered by the hands of its discoverer (Mr. Bell) to Sir Fulke Grevile, under treasurer and chancellor of the exchequer (so constituted 12 Jac. I.), who issued the following warrant to the then keeper of the Records in the Augmentation Office :

"After my hartie comendacons I send yo^u. by this messinger, John Reading, an auntient ligier booke of written hand in pchemt. sometime belonging to the late dissolved monasterie of Parshore in the countie of Worcester, w^{ch}. having been kept heretofore in private gentlemen's handes of that countie, I holde fitt to be taken and reserved amongst the like ligier bookes and other his ma^{ties} records in your custody. The same conteyning sondrie entryes and regesters of severall graunts, charters, composicons, and other records and evidences of importance, concerning both his ma^{ties} and the subject; and having also all badges of antiquity and trueth aunswerable to the like records of that tyme alredy remayning in your keeping. Willing and requiring yo^u. therefore, vpon allowunce to be first given therevnto by some of the barons of his ma^{ties} exchequer, and their approbacon according to the vsuall course in like case, to receave the said booke into your charge, to be kept and laid vpp amongst his ma^{ties} records there remayning, as by like direction the like bookes have been heretofore taken out of private handes, and reserved for records and evidences belonging to the crowne. And soe not doubting of your due care of this

52. Provisio et Ordinatio Gervasii Abbatis pro obitu et aliis elemosinis distribuendis, fol. 97 b.

53. Præsentatio ad Ecclesiam de Eadburyton, A.D. 1283.

54. Ordinatio et Assignatio domini Willielmi de Lega Abbatis ad Anniversarium Abbatis Henrici de Budiford, fol. 98.

55. Ordinatio et Assignatio dicti domini W. ad Anniversarium Abbatis Henrici de Caldewelle, fol. 98.

56. Scriptum de portione Vicarii Sanctæ Andreæ de Pershor. A.D. 1331, fol. 98 b.

57. Memorandum de decimis de Strengesham, fol. 100.

* 58. Confirmatio Huberti Cantuar. archiepiscopi omnium villarum circuitus Persor. in quibus Ecclesia Persor. vendicat aliq. jus decimarum in toto vel in parte, cum obventionibus, rectitudinibus, et consuetudinibus omnibus eidem Ecclesiæ pertinentibus, fol. 101.

59. Confirmatio Henrici episcopi Wygorn. de decimis confirm. per præcedentem Confirmationem, fol. 101.

60. Confirmatio Johannis Wigorn. episcopi de decimis, fol. 101 b.

61. Confirmatio Walteriepiscopi Wigorn. de decimis, A.D. 1250, fol. 1016.

62. Confirmatio Capituli Wygorn. de decimis Ecclesiarum Persor. contingentibus in circuitu Persor. et in Ecclesia de Aldermannest. et de Bradeweya, fol. 102.

63. Confirmatio alia Capituli Wygorn. fol. 102.

64. Confirmatio Ecclesiæ de Haukesbur. a sede Cantuar. fol. 102.

65. Confirmatio Rob. Wygorn. episcopi super Ecclesia de Haukesbur. fol. 102.

66. Confirmatio Henr. Wygorn. episcopi super Ecclesia de Haukesbur. et etiam super Capella S. Mich. fol. 102.

67. Confirmatio Huberti Cant. archiepiscopi Cartæ præcedentis, fol. 102 b.

68. Confirmatio S. Cant. archiep. Ecclesiæ Haukesb. et unius marcæ annuæ pensionis in Ecclesia de Lega, A.D. 1226, fol. 102 b.

69. Confirm. S. Wygorn. episcopi super Ecclesia de Haukesbur. fol. 102 b.

70. Quod Rector Ecclesiæ Sancti Andreæ appelletur Vicarius et non Persona, fol. 103.

71. Ordinatio decimarum inter Vicar. Sancti Andreæ et Abbatem et Conventum per Walt. Wygorn. episcopum, fol. 103.

72. Quod Corpora defunctorum non deferentur in Capella de Wyka nec missa ibidem celebrabitur, corpore præsentem, antequam veniat in Ecclesia parochiali, fol. 103 b.

73. Ordinatio dec. inter Priorem Majoris Malvernæ et Vic. Sancti Andreæ et una parte et Abb. et Conv. de Persore, fol. 103 b.

74. Ordinatio inter Rectorem Hauk. et Henr. de Liuet de capella sua de Hildesley, fol. 103 b.

75. Ordinatio de una marca pro quibusdam decimis inter Abbatem et Conventum Bathon. et Ecclesiam de Haukesbur. per Abbatem et Priorem Sancti Aldelmi et Decanum Malmesbur. fol. 104.

76. Confirmatio Sancti Thomæ Cantuar. archiep. decimarum et consuetud. et rectitud. Ecclesiæ Persor. pertinent. et specialiter de liberis hominibus et colonis Sancti Petri Westm. fol. 104 b.

77. Confirmatio Ric. Cantuar. archiep. eadem continens, fol. 104 b.

78. Confirmationes Episcoporum Wygorn. de Ecclesia de Bradeweya, foll. 104 b, 105.

79. Cartæ de Ecclesia de Lega, fol. 105.

80. Ordinatio decimarum in Ecclesia de Mathina inter Rectorem

et Abbatem et Conventum de Persora per Vincentium archid. Wygorn. fol. 105 b.

81. Confirmatio Henr. Wygorn. episcopi quod Ecclesia de Mathin. convertatur in proprios usus ad precationem Conventus in festis, fol. 105 b.

82. Confirmatio Huberti Cantuar. archiepiscopi confirmans scriptum præcedens super Ecclesia de Mathin. fol. 105 b.

83. Ordinatio decimarum per R. Hereford episcopum in Ecclesia de Mathin. fol. 106.

84. Alia Ordinatio decimarum in Ecclesia de Mathin. inter Abbatem et Conventum et Petrum Rectorem ejusdem Ecclesiæ, fol. 106.

85. Confirmatio Petri Rectoris Ecclesiæ de Mathin. super Ordinatione Vincentii archid. fol. 106.

86. Cartæ de Ecclesia S. Petri Wygorn. foll. 106, 106 b.

87. Ordinatio decimarum spectantium ad Ecclesiam [Capellam] de Besford, et etiam de Defford. fol. 106 b.

88. Ordinatio inter Capellam de Defford. et Ecclesiam de Persor. de quibusdam decimis, fol. 106 b.

89. Compositio inter Ecclesiam Persor. et Capellam de Besford de quibusdam decimis, fol. 107.

90. Compositio super Capella de Merton, fol. 107.

91. Cartæ aliæ de Capella de Mertone, fol. 107 b.

92. Quod corpora defunctorum Minor' Cumbrinton non deferentur in Capella de Cumbrinton sed cum principali legato ad Ecclesiam de Persora portabuntur et ibidem sepelientur, fol. 107 b.

* 93. Carta Henr. Wygorn. episcopi quod Ecclesia de Aldermanneston convertatur in proprios usus, fol. 108.

94. Confirmatio Huberti Cantuar. archiepiscopi super Ecclesia de Aldermanneston, fol. 108.

95. Ordinatio decimarum inter Capellam de Strengesham et Ecclesiam Persorens. fol. 108 b.

96. Ordinatio Dec. de Curia Henr. de Hareleg inter Abbatem et Conv. Westm. et Ecclesiam Persor. fol. 109.

97. Ordinatio quarundam decimarum inter Ecclesiam Minoris Malverne et Ecclesiam Persor. et de una libra ceræ, fol. 109.

98. Quia Clamatio pro Ecclesia Majoris Malverne de præsentatione Ecclesiæ de Ekinton, fol. 109 b.

99. Cirographum inter Manerium de Thorindon et Abbatem et Conventum de Persor. de capella sua in curia sua, fol. 109 b.

100. Ordinatio decimarum Molendini de Pidele inter Ecclesiam de Fladebur. et Ecclesiam de Persor. fol. 109 b.

101. Ordinatio decimarum inter Nich. Rectorem capellæ de Combe Osbert. et Willielmum Albelot et Ecclesiam Persor. fol. 110.

102. Carta Eudonis de Bello Campo super advocatione Ecclesiæ de Hulcombe, fol. 110.

103. Quia Clamatio Johannis de Hulle de advocatione Ecclesiæ de Hulcombe, fol. 110.

104. Concordia facta in Curia domini Regis inter Willielmum de Bello Campo de Eton et Rog. Abb. Persor. de advocatione Ecclesiæ de Hulcombe, fol. 110.

* 105. Literæ Galfridi de Chamvill de Capella de Kemerford, fol. 110 b.

106. Carta de Ecclesia de Hullecrombe, A.D. 1274, fol. 111 b.

107. Transcriptum Cartæ Hugonis le Porter, fol. 112.

108. Placitum inter Abbatem et Conventum de Pershore et Priorem et Conventum de Parva Malvern pro custodia et warda maritagii filii et hæredis Walteri Blake, fol. 112 b.

109. Carta Regis de vacatione Abbatie, 14 Edw. III. fol. 114.

service, I bydd yoⁿ. hartely farewell. From Whitehall the last of May 1620.

Yo^r. loving freind,
F^ULKE GREVYLL.

To my loving ffreind William Mynterne, Esquire, keeper of his maⁱties Records, comonly called the Records of the Augmentacōn Court of th' Escheq^r. in Westm', and to his deputy and deputies in the said office, and to e^vy of them."

Notwithstanding this warrant from the chancellor of the exchequer, it seems to have been necessary to have the authority of a baron of the court to lodge it in the office, before the keeper of the Records could with

propriety receive it: accordingly, the fiat of Mr. Baron Denham is thus given:

"Mr. Mynterne, receive this accordinge to the warrant. 20 Junij 1620.

Jo. DENHAM."

It is not unworthy of observation, that at the same time that the baron directed the reception of this book into the Augmentation Office, he seems carefully to have examined it; and finding, at p. 59, an entry of a much more modern date than the remainder of the volume, he has thus written: "Lett not this that hath byn rased or newe wrytten be copyed forth to be made authentique."

Jo. DENHAM.
20 Junij, 1620.

Cartae ad Pershorensē Coenobium in agro Wigorniensī spectantes.

NUM. I.

[Will. Malmesb. fol. 162 a.]

PERSCORÆ fundavit, et perfecit cœnobium, tempore regis Edgari, Egelwardus, dux Dorsatensis, minimè parcus animo, sed effuso in largitatem studio. Verùm et illud, ut cætera, quanto succubuerit detrimento miserabile, plus sui medietate diminutum, partem divitum occupavit ambitio, partem sepelivit oblivio, majusculam portionem reges Edwardus, et Willielmus contulere Westmonasterio. Habentur hic aliquanta felicitis Edburgæ ossa, celebranturque instanti reverentia, quod ibi frequentiori quàm aliàs miraculorum meruit gloria.

[Lelandi Collectan. vol. i. p. 283.]

ANNO Domini dclxxx. sancta Hilda abbatissa migravit. His igitur diebus monasteria Persoræ et Gloverniæ à duobus fratribus Oswaldo et Ostrico, dicti regis gloriosi Athelredi ministris nepotibus, fundata fuerunt, scil. Persora ab Oswaldo, Glovernia ab Hostrico. Circa hoc tempus ab incarnatione Domini dclxxxix. fuerunt anni, quo tempore fundata est et constructa.

[Ibid. p. 284.]

ANNO Domini mii. introitus fuit Persorensis novæ ecclesiæ post combustionem.

Anno Domini 1198. obiit Simon abbas Persorensis, cui successit Anselmus.

Anno Domini 1223. ecclesia de Persore combusta est in die S. Urbani.

Anno Domini 1234. Gervasius abbas Persore, qui multa bona ecclesiæ suæ perquisivit, in festo Paschæ obiit, cui successit Rogerus vir simplex et timens Deum.

Anno Domini 1251. Rogerus abbas Persore obiit, cui successit Elerius monachus Fiscamensis, eschaetor regis Angliæ effectus super totam Angliam citra ripam Trentæ.

Anno Domini 1241. Recepta fuit assisa de advocacy ecclesiæ sanctæ Andree de Persore, pro abbate et conventu ejusdem loci, et sic liberati sunt ab oppressionibus abbatis Westmonasterii et Gulielmi de Bello-campo.

Anno Domini 1255. Elerius abbas Persore per totam Walliam in expeditione et executione crucis et de-

cimæ domino regi concessæ; susceptusque est à Lewelino principe North Walliæ, et à cæteris magnatibus ejusdem terræ ubique honorificè.

Anno Domini 1259. In capella sanctæ Mariæ de Pershore, cum, veteribus fundamentis deturbatis, ad novum pavimentum construendum terra foderetur, inventa sunt ossa Oddæ comitis vel ducis, ejusdem loci quondam fundatoris, in quadam cista plumbea, quæ ibidem post secundam ecclesiæ combustionem fuerunt sepulta, et intus in quodam plumbo tale scriptum invenitur epitaphium.

"Odda dux quondam, priscis temporibus Ædwinus vocatus in baptismo, cultor Dei, qui monachus effectus fuit ante mortem suam, hîc requiescit. Sit ei gaudium in pace cum Christo Deo, Amen."

Hic est Odda, de quo in superioribus pleniùs suo declaratur loco, qui Delfero consuli nequissimo jure successerat hæreditario. Hic Delferus, magna usus insolencia, Persorensē ecclesiam, sicut et cæteras plures per Angliam, graviter et læsit et minuit quod ejus exitus horribilis miserè probavit; consumptus namque vermibus quos pediculos vocamus, miserabili fine vitam miserè terminavit. Oddo verò dux succedens ei in hæreditatem, et intelligens illud inauditum malum quod invasori illi ecclesiasticarum possessionum contigerat, non tantum terram illam quam ecclesiæ Persorensi nequissimus ille abstulerat benignè reddidit, sed et virginitatem Deo imperpetuum vovit, ne hæres suus ecclesiam Dei exhereditaret; quo apud Deorhurste monachato et defuncto, Persore allatus est, et ibidem in sarchophago optimo positus, anno Domini 1056. cujus ossa hoc anno videlicet incarnationis 1259. in crastino sanctæ Barbaræ virginis inventa sunt, ut prædictum est.

Inventa sunt et juxta eadem, die proximo huic sequente, in alio plumbo, ossa venerabilis patris Foldbrithi primi quondam abbatis Persore, quæ post prædictam combustionem, quæ fuit anno Domini 1223. dum ecclesia nova fabricaretur, ibidem cum aliis ossibus fuerunt recondita, qui, ut scripta tradunt, in vita sancti Oswaldi episcopi Wigorniae, cum hujus Foldbrithi corpus exanime componeretur in feretro, astantibus qui exequiis invigilabant, revixit et erexit se, cujus à quodam in virtute fidei nihil hæsitans, in verbo Domini conjurato spiritu, ut si ex Deo esset, novitatem facti et reversionis causam aperiret; inquit defunctus, acturus gratias beato Oswaldo redii, cujus dignitas meritorum in conspectu Domini mihi veniam impetravit delictorum, nam à beato

Benedicto in visionem Dei perductus, cum mihi trepidaret conscientia, accusaret vita, accepi à Domino pro meritis Oswaldi immunitatem poenæ, securitatem salutis. Quibus dictis exti . . . uit et accepto viatico Domini corporis dimidium diem supervixit; sicque iterato obitu obdormivit in Domino secundo id. Augusti.

[Lelandi Itinerar. vol. v. fol. 1.]

OSWALDUS primùm instituit canonicos sæculares apud Persore.

Postea fuit ibidem chorus monachorum, rursus canonici inducti. Postea monachi per Edgarum. Elferus abstulit prædia monachis. Odda comes ejus filius, restituit.

Monasterium conflagravit et à monachis desertum est.

Monachi Westmonasterienses prædia usurpabant.

Wada comes attulit reliquias sanctæ Edburgæ. Et per Oswaldum episcopum Fulbrightus abbas inductus.

NUM. II.

Charta Edgari Regis.

[Autographum in Biblioth. Cottoniana Aug. II. 6.]

✠ ORTHODOXORUM vigoris ecclesiastici monitu A creberrimè instruimur, ut illi oppido subjecti sup-
 ♂ peditanter famulemur, qui totius mundi fabricam mira ineffabilique serie disponens microcosmum, Adam videlicet, tandem quadriformi plasmatum materia almo ad sui similitudinem instinctum spiramine, universis quæ in infimis formaverat, uno probandi causâ excepto vetitoque, præficiens, paradisiacæ amœnitatis jocunditate conlaterana, Eva scilicet, comite decentissimè collocavit. Larvarica pro dolor! seductus cavillatione versipellis, suasibilisque tergiversatione viraginis plectus, anathematis alogiâ ambo pomum momordit vetitum, et sibi ac posteris in hoc ærumnoso dejectus seculo lethum promeruit perpetuum. Vaticinantibus siquidem prophetis, et celitus superni regis diuturno clandestino præsagia dogmate promentibus, nitide orthodoxis eulogium ex supernis deferens, non ut Judæorum seditiosa elingue fatetur loquacitas, sed priscorum atque modernorum lepidissimam ambiens facundiam, Arrianas, Sabellianasque proterendo nenias, anagogico infrustrans famine, nosque ab obtusi cæcitate umbraminis ad supernorum alacrimoniam patrimoniorum advocans, angelus supernis elapsus liminibus in aurem intemeratæ virginis, ut evangelica promulgant famina, stupenda cecinisse videtur carmina, cui ecclesia tota catholica consonâ voce altibohando proclamat. 'Beata es Virgo Maria, quæ credidisti perficientur in te quæ dicta sunt tibi à Domino.' Mirum dictu, incarnatur verbum et incorporatur, scilicet illud de quo evangelista supereminens universorum altitudine sensuum inquit, 'In principio erat verbum, et verbum erat apud Deum, et Deus erat verbum,' &c.; qua videlicet sumpta de Virgine incarnatione, antiquæ Virginis facinus demitur, et cunctis mulieribus nitidis præcluens caumatibus decus irrogatur. Intactâ igitur redolente Christi divinitate, passaue ipsius humanitate, libertas addictis clementer contigit servulis. Hinc ego Eadgar, althithrono ammiculante, Anglorum cæterarumque gentium in circuitu triviati persistentium basileus, ut hujus libertatis althithroni moderatoris clementia merear optinere consortium, cœnobio, loco celebri, qui ab hujus prosapiæ solicolis Persoran nobili nuncupatur vocabulo situm, genitricique Domini nostri semper Virgini Mariæ, necnon beato Petro apostolorum principi, ejusque coapostolo Paulo dedicatum habetur, monachis regulariter degentibus monastici æternam privilegii concedo libertatem, quatenus post decessum Foldbrihti abbatis egregii, cujus temporibus hæc libertatis restauratio Christo suffragante concessa est, quem universa præfati cœnobii congregatio apto elegerit concilio
 justè ex eodem fratrum cuneo eligens constituat. Hujus privilegii libertatis deinceps usu perpetuo à cunctis teneatur catholicis, nec extraneorum quispiam tyrannica fretus contumacia in prædicto monasterio jus

arripiens exerceat potestatis, sed ejusdem cœnobii collegium perpetuæ ut prædixi libertatis gloriatur privilegio. Sit autem præfatum monasterium omni terrenæ servitutis eodem tenore liberum quo à præcessore nostro, à rege videlicet Cœnulpho orthodoxæ fidei strenuissimo fuerat, uti vetusto continetur privilegio, Beornotho duce optinente, solutum. Agri equidem qui ad usus monachorum Domino nostro Jesu Christo ejusque genetrici Mariæ priscis modernisque temporibus regibus et religiosis utriusque sexus hominibus et a meipso restituendo jure concessi sunt, id est Perscoran videlicet mansi: in Brihtul, Fingtune x. mansi: in Cumbrinctune x. mansi: in Pedneshamme v. mansi: in Eccyncgtunne xvj. mansi: in Byrlingahamme x. mansi: in Deopanforda x. mansi: in Strengesho x.: in Bettesforda x.: in Cromban . . . in Stoce x.: in Pyritune x.: in Wadbreorhan iiij.: in Civeingtun iiij.: in Broctune iiij.: in Piplincetune x.: in Snoddesbyri x.: in Niwantune vij.: in Eadbrihtingtune iiij.: in Wihltafestune v.: in Flæferth v.: in Grattune v.: in Deormodesealtdune v.: in Husantreo et on Mere-tune v.: in Broctune iiij.: into Hleobyri ij.: in Langan-dune xxx.: in Poincgwic vij.: in Beornthesleahe iiij.: in Actune iiij.: in Suthstoce, et on Hileae, et on Treshaa, et on Cyllincocotan, et on Ealdanburi, et Dydimeretune, et Badimyncgtun, et Uptun xl.: in Deorham x.: in Longahege v.: on Lidanege vj.: in Wiggangeate vj.: in Beoleahe v.: in Gyrdeleahe v.: in Sture x.: in Bradanwege xx.: in Coltune v.: in Wiewennan x.: et ad usum conficiendi salis duobus in locis xvij. doliorum situs, on Midlewic x.: et on Neodemestanwic viij. et duarum fornacium statio on Wictune, et vas quod dicitur Westringe, cum uno manso et dimidium mansi in loco qui dicitur Hortun ejusdem perpetualiter sint libertatis. Tempore siquidem quo rura quæ Domino devoto concessi animo injustè à sancta Dei ecclesia ablata fuerant, perfidi quique novas sibi hæreditarias kartas usurpantes ediderunt. Sed in Patris et Filii et Spiritus Sancti nomine præcipimus, ut catholicorum nemo easdem recipiat, sed a cunctis repudiata fidelibus in anathemate deputentur, veteri jugiter vigente privilegio. Si quis verò tam epilepticus philargiriæ seductus amentia, quod non optamus, hanc nostræ munificentiae dapsilitatem ausu temerario infringere temptaverit, sit ipse alienatus à consortio sanctæ Dei ecclesiæ, necnon et à participatione sacrosancti corporis et sanguinis Domini Christi Filii Dei, per quem totus terrarum orbis ab antiquo humani generis inimico liberatus est; et cum Juda Christi proditore deputatus, ni priùs hic digna satisfactione humilis poenituerit quod contra sanctam Dei ecclesiam rebellis agere præsumpsit, nec in vita hac practica veniam, nec in theorica requiem apostata optineat ullam, sed æternis barathri incendiis trusus, cum Anania et Saphira jugiter miserrimus crucietur. Ðij rindon ða lond zemepa londa ðe into Perscoran behimpap. æperc on Punforð on ða dæc, &c.

NUM. III.

Prædia ad Ecclesiam Persorensem spectantia, tempore Regis Willielmi Conquestoris.

[Ex Libro Censuali vocato *Domesday Book*, in domo Capitulari Westm. asservato.]

Glouc'scire, fol. 166.

TERRA SANCTÆ Mariæ DE PERSORE. In Respi-gete Hund. Ecclesia S. Mariæ de Persore tenet Kvlege. Ibi v. hidæ geldantes. In dominio sunt II. car. et XIII. villani et unus bordarius cum VII. car. Ibi v. servi. et molinum de L. den. et VI. acr. prati. et silva III. quarent. long. et una lat. Val. c. solid.

In Grimboldestov [hund.] ipsa æcclesia tenet HAVOCHESBERIE. Ibi XVII. hidæ. in dominio v. car. et XVIII. villani et XXV. bord. cum XV. car. Ibi II. servi. et VII. coliberti. Ibi III. molini de XIX. sol. et II. den. et X. acr. prati. Silva de II. leuu. long. et una lat. Valuit XVI. lib. modo X. lib.

Wirc'scire, fol. 175.

TERRA SANCTÆ Mariæ DE PERSORE. Ecclesia

S. Mariæ de Persore tenuit et tenet ipsum manerium PERSORE. Ibi xxvi. hidæ geldantes. Ibi adjacent hæ Bereuichæ, Ciuintone, Edbritone, Wadberge, Broctune, Edbretintune, Wicha, Cumbritone. De supradictis xxvi. hidis tenet modo ipsa æcclesia xxi. hid. In dominio sunt v. car. et xxiii. villani et viii. bord. cum xxi. car. Ibi vii. servi et molinum de iiii. solid. et ad Pidele dimidium molinum de x. solid. et xx^{ti}. stich. anguillarum. Ibi lx. acr. prati. Silua i. leuua long. et dimid. leuu. lat. In Wich. i. salina. redd. xxx. mittas salis. Tempore Regis Edwardi valebat xiii. lib. modo xii. lib.

De hac terra tenet Urso i. hid. et dimid. et ibi habet ii. car. et ii. vill. et iii. bord. cum i. car. Ibi iiii. servi et molinum de x. solid. Valet l. solid. Hanc terram tenuit Azor, et inde serviebat æcclesiæ, et pro recognitione dabat in anno monachis unam firmam aut xx^{ti}. solid. et erat Conventio ut post mortem ejus et uxoris suæ, rediret terra ad dominium æcclesiæ. Hic vivebat die obitus regis Edwardi et ita terram tenebat. Postea vero uxore sua jam mortua factus est utlagh.

De eadem terra tenet isdem Vrso i. hid. ad Broctune, et dicit quod Willielmus rex sibi eam dedit, et inde debet æcclesiæ servitium reddere. Valebat et valet x. solid.

De ipsa terra tenet Robertus Dispens'. iiii. hid. et dimid. ad Wadberge. et ibi habet ii. car. et ix. bord. et iiii. servos et parchum. Valet xl. sol. Hæc terra fuit dominicorum villorum cum dimid. hida quæ tenet unus homo abbatis.

In eadem Wadbergæ est una hida terræ in qua fuit vaccaria monachorum. Hanc emit quidam Godricus teinus regis Edwardi vita trium hæredum, et dabat in anno monachis i. firmam pro recognitione. Modo habet hanc terram tercius hæres, scilicet Vrso qui eam tenet. Post cujus mortem debet redire ad æcclesiam S. Mariæ.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet Beolege cum uno membro Gerlei. Ibi xxi. hida^a inter planum et silvam. In dominio est i. car. et viii. vill. et x. bord. et unus radman cum ix. car. Ibi silva vi. leuu. long. et iii. leuu. lat. et redd. xl. denar. Valebat viii. lib. modo c. solid.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet Stvre. Ibi xx. hidæ. et in dominio iiii. car. et xxiii. villani et viii. bord. cum xi. car. Ibi v. servi. et ii. molini de xvii. solid. et vi. denar. Ibi unus miles tenet ii. hid. et ii. radmans. Ibi xx acr. prati. Valebat xii. lib. Modo ix. lib. hæc terra geldat.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet Bradeweia. Ibi xxx. hidæ geld. in dominio sunt iii. car. et presbiter. et xlii. villani cum xx. car. Ibi viii. servi. Totum tempore regis Edwardi valebat xii. lib. et x. solid. Modo xiii. lib. et x. solid.

De hac terra tenuit unus liber homo tempore Regis Edwardi ii. hid. et dim. et emit de abbate Edmundo. Hæc terra erat de dominio. Nunc sunt ibi ii. car. in dominio abbatis ad victum. Valebat et valet xxx. sol. Hanc terram reclamavit Vrso de dono Regis, et dicit quod ipse excambiavit eam contra abbatem propter unum manerium quod erat de dominio.

Ipsa æcclesia tenuit ad Lege iii. hid. geld. Ex his unam hidam habet abbas in dominio. et ibi habet ii. car. et xii. vill. et xxxii. bord. cum xxix. car. Ibi ii. servi et ii. molini de x. sol. et ix. den. et xxx. acr. prati. Silva iii. leuu. long. et ii. leuu. lat. Tempore Regis Edwardi valebat xx. lib. modo xvi. lib.

De hac prædicta terra tenuerunt ii. radmans i. hid. et dimidium. Modo tenet Vrso vicecomes, et ibi habet ii. car. et ii. vill. et xi. bord. et unus francigena. Inter omnes habent iii. car. Ibi ii. servi. et molinum de iii. solid. Val. l. solid.

Hujus terræ tertiam hidam ad Bradenesforde tenet isdem Vrso, et ibi habet in dominio i. car. et ix. bord. cum iii. car. et molin. de xx. solid. Valet iii. lib. De hac hida dicit comitatus quod tempore regis Edwardi fuit de æcclesia Persorensi, et tamen tenebat

eam abb. de Euesham die obitus regis Edwardi, sed nesciunt quomodo.

In Dodintrev hund. Ipsa æcclesia tenet Matma. Ibi v. hidæ. sed non geld. nisi iii. Una ex his v. hid. jacet in Herefordscire in Radelav hund. Hanc tenet ii. radmans. Comitatus de Wirecestre diratiocinavit eam ad opus S. Mariæ de Persore, et pertin. ad supradictum Manerium. In hoc eodem Manerio sunt ii. car. in dominio. et vi. villani et xx. bord. et i. faber cum xii. car. Ibi molinum de xxx. denar. Valebat ix. lib. modo c. sol. De hoc manerio tenet Vrso iii. virg. et ibi habet i. car. et presbiter et unus villanus et iii. bord. et præpositus inter se habent iii. car. Valet xx. solid.

De eadem terra tenet Walterus Ponther unam virgatam sed tota est vasta. valet v. sol.

Dicit Comitatus quod æcclesia de Persore debet habere Circset de omnibus trecentis hidis: scilicet de unaquaque hida ubi francus homo manet, unam summam annonæ in die festo S. Martini, et si plures habet hid. sint liberæ: et si dies ille fractus fuerit, qui retinuit annonam persolvit undecies. Prius tamen solvet quod debet. Et ipse Abbas de Persore habet forisfacturam de suis c. hidis qualem habere debet de sua terra. De aliis cc. hidis habet ipse abbas summam et persolutionem. Et abbas de Westmonast. habet forisfacturam quia sua terra est. Et abbas de Evesham similiter habet de sua terra propria: et omnes alii similiter de suis terris.

NUM. IV.

Carta Abb. de Persore.

[Lib. Nig. Scaccarii, ed. Hearne, tom. i. p. 176.]

Ego Reginaldus abbas Persore, tot habeo milites feodatos de veteri feofamento, scilicet de anno et die quo rex Henricus fuit vivus et mortuus.

Willelmus de Bellocampo tenet de ecclesia nostra et de nobis feodum i. militis.

Et Galfridus Blache tenet feodum dim. milit.

Et Robertus de Larticot tenet feodum dimidii militis.

Et de novo fefamento nullum habeo fefatum.

NUM. V.

Confirmatio Johannis Regis de Libertatibus Abbatis et Conventus Monasterij de Pershore.

[Regist. Mon. de Pershore, Offic. Augment. fol. 1 d.]

JOHANNES, Dei gratia rex Angliæ, dominus Hiberniæ, dux Normanniæ, Aquitanniæ, et comes Andegaviæ, archiepiscopis, episcopis, abbatibus, justiciarijs, vicecomitibus, et omnibus ballivis suis et ministris Angliæ, salutem. Sciatis nos concessisse Deo et sanctæ Mariæ, et beatæ Edbergæ virgini, et monasterio Persorensi, pro salute animæ nostræ et antecessorum nostrorum, quod abbas et monachi teneant et habeant omnes terras et possessiones suas in comitatibus Wygorū et Gloucestr̄ liberis et quietas ab omnibus demandis et tallagijs, placitis et querelis, occasionibus et difficultatibus, geldis et danegeldis, et murdris, et hydagijs, et operibus castellorum vel vivariorum, et claustræ curiæ nostræ, de Fecham et sectis comitatum hundredorum, et auxilijs vicecomitum, et eorundem ministrorum vel visu tethingorum, cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus, in ecclesijs et in terris cultis et incultis, in civitate et extra civitatem, in foro et extra forum, in nundinis et extra nundinas, in vijs et semitis, in silvis et segetibus, in pratis et pascuis, in aquis aquarumve decursibus, in paludibus et piscationibus, in piscarijs et molendinis, in placeis et extra placeas, cum sacha et sokne, et thol, et theam, et infangenthef, cum stramtol, et waterwyte, et hamsokene, et forstal, et monbruche, et miskenninge, et misseweinge, et forfang, cum fridwyte, et blodwyte, et wradwyte, et hacwyte. Volumus eciam et firmiter prohibemus, quod nemo vicecomitum, procu-

ratorum, escaetorum, vel ministrorum nostrorum exigat ab eisdem abbate et monachis, vel hominibus eorum, tholoneum, vel aliquam aliam consuetudinem, pro emptione victûs, vel vestitûs, seu plumbi, vel meremij, vel alterius cujuscunque rei unde homines ipsius abbatis vel ipsorum monachorum assecurare poterunt ad abbatem, vel monachos, vel ecclesiam de Persor' pertinere, nec eisdem abbati, vel monachis, vel eorum hominibus inquietus, vel molestus, vel infestus sit ullo tempore aut ullo modo se intromittere audeat eorum possessiones molestare, aut emptiones disturbare, sicut carta Henrici regis patris nostri rationabiliter testatur. Testibus Cantuariensi archiepiscopo Galfrido filio Petri, comite Essex, Hugone Gard, Willielmo Briwere, Roberto filio Rogeri, Willielmo Braca, Willielmo filio Alani, Roberto Turneham, Willielmo de Cantelupo. Data per manus S. Wellensis archidiaconi, et Johannis de Grai archidiaconi Gloucestriæ, apud Wygorniam, n^o. die Aprilis, anno regni regis nostri primo.

NUM. VI.

Concordia inter Abbatem de Pershore et Petrum fl. Roberti de Wika et Willelmum de Goldicot super Servitio militari.

[Registr. Abb. ut supr. Madox, Formul. Anglic. p. 83.]

HÆC est finalis Concordia facta in curiâ domini Gervasii abbatis de Persora, coram Radulpho de Kintinton tunc vicecomite Wigornia, et Roberto de Wika, et Osberto de Abetot, et Hugone le Poer, et Hereberto et Odone de Muchegros, militibus, et Thoma clerico comitatus, et Rogero serviente, et Simone de Mertona, et multis aliis liberis hominibus ejusdem curiæ, anno ab incarnatione Domini mcc. sextodecimo, super quâdam controversiâ quæ orta fuit inter dictum abbatem et conventum de Persora ex una parte, et Petrum filium Roberti de Wikâ, et Willelmum de Goldicot ex alia, super militari servicio quod dicti abbas et conventus ab eisdem petierunt; videlicet, quod quotiens dictus abbas summonitus fuerit per præceptum domini regis, de militibus quos ei debet inveniendis, dicti Petrus et Willielmus vel hæredes eorum, debent venire ad summonitionem abbatis in curiâ de Persorâ, et unum militem invenire benè et rationabiliter paratum, cum equis et armis et hominibus, sicut moris est militum, ad eundem in servitium domini regis, quamdiu in quousque pares eorum ierint. Et dicti abbas et conventus debent invenire ei quolibet die, quamdiu fuerit in servicio domini regis, a die quo recesserit de Persorâ usque ad diem quo ad propria redierit, duos solidos, usque ad terminum quadraginta dierum; et si fortè eum citra terminum prænominatum reverti contigerit, reddet dictis abbati et conventui residuum, computatis singulis diebus itineris sui duobus solidis. Si vero ultra dictum terminum in servicio domini regis moram fecerit, dicti abbas et conventus ei reddent quod ultra liberationem eorum expenderit, scilicet quolibet die duos solidos. Et si fortè in aliquo istorum vel in hæredibus ejus defectus fuerit, quominus servicium domini regis, secundum formam hujus conventionis, plenariè exequatur; dicti abbas et conventus capient de illo per quem defectus evenerit, jus suum secundum legem regni. Et hoc fideliter tenendum, dicti abbas et conventus ex parte sua, et dicti Petrus et Willielmus pro se et hæredibus suis, affidaverunt; et præsens cirograffum sigillis suis confirmaverunt. Testibus prænominatis et multis aliis.

NUM. VII.

Carta Domini Henrici Regis de Mercato de Upton [Hawkesbury] et de Feria.

[Ex eod. Regist. fol. 3.]

HENRICUS, Dei gratia, rex Angliæ, dominus Hiberniæ, dux Normanniæ, Aquitanniæ, et comes Andegaviæ, archiepiscopis, episcopis, abbatibus, prioribus, comitibus, baronibus, justiciarijs, vicecomitibus, præpositis, ministris, et omnibus ballivis et fidelibus suis, salutem,

Sciatis nos concessisse et hâc cartâ nostra confirmasse dilecto nobis in Christo Eler. abbati de Persor. et ejusdem loci conventui, quod ipsi et eorum successores imperpetuum habeant unum mercatum singulis septimanis per diem Lunæ, apud manerium suum de Hauekesbur. in comitatu Gloucestriæ, et quod habeant ibidem unam feriam singulis annis duraturam per tres dies, videlicet in vigilia, in die, et in crastino decollacionis sancti Johannis Baptistæ, nisi mercatum illud et feria illa sint ad nocumentum vicinorum mercatorum et vicinarum feriarum. Quare volumus et firmiter præcipimus pro nobis et hæredibus nostris, quod prædictus abbas et conventus, et eorum successores imperpetuum habeant unum mercatum singulis septimanis per diem Lunæ apud prædictum manerium suum de Hauekesbur. in comitatu Gloucestriæ, et quod habeant ibidem unam feriam singulis annis duraturam per tres dies, videlicet in vigilia, in die, et in crastino decollacionis sancti Johannis Baptistæ, cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus ad hujusmodi mercatum et feriam pertinentibus, nisi mercatum illud et feria illa sint ad nocumentum vicinorum mercatorum et vicinarum feriarum, sicut prædictum est hijs testibus, Galfrido de Lezign. fratre nostro, Johanne Mansell præposito Beverliæ, magistro Willielmo de Kilkenñ. archidiacono Conventr. Radulpho filio Nicholai, Johanne de Lesimoñ. Elia de Rabayn, Roberto Walerand, Bartholomeo Pecch, Imberto Pygeis, Waltero de Turkilbi, et alijs.

NUM. VIII.

Assignatio Domini Elerij Abbatis quam fecit Conventui, de Manerio de Hauekesburi.

[Ibid.]

UNIVERSIS sanctæ matris ecclesiæ præsens scriptum visuris vel audituris, Elerius, divina miseracione Persorensis monasterij minister humilis, eternam in Domino salutem. Ad universitatis vestræ noticiam volumus pervenire nos ad petitionem conventus nostri, et de unanimi eorum assensu concessisse et assignasse eidem conventui nostro, totum manerium nostrum de Hauekesbur. imperpetuum, cum omni integritate et cum omnibus emendationibus quæ ibidem rationabiliter fieri poterunt, salva nobis et successoribus nostris, præsentatione vicarij ad ecclesiam dicti manerij, et salvis nobis et successoribus, homagijs, relevijs, herietis, escaetis, et maritacionibus tam liberorum hominum quam feminarum, et salva nobis et successoribus nostris unica visitacione singulis annis, visitanda facienda, et quatuor diebus duratura, computato primo die adventus nostri, cum duodecim equis et hominibus ad tot vecturas competentibus. Et salva eciam rationabili sustentacione domorum et molendinorum nostrorum de Guleg. in meiremo capiendo in boscis dicti manerij de Hauekesbyr. Ita quod habeant et teneant prædictum manerium in perpetuum per aliquem fratrum suorum custodiendum. Qui tam de assensu nostro, quam de communi electione ejusdem conventus, vel majoris partis et sanioris, nobis præsentitur, et ad præsentationem eorum a nobis sine difficultate ad custodiam dicti manerij admittatur. Custos vero pro tempore constitutus inveniet nobis et successoribus nostris in visitacione nostra honorifice et rationabiliter necessaria. Dictus autem custos non vendet nec wastabit nemora dicti manerij, sine assensu abbatis et conventus, et cum pannagium evenerit, salvis porcis dicti custodis ejusdem manerij, nos vel successores nostri de nostris porcis apponemus ibidem provisionem nostram, et dicti custodis secundum quod nemora dicti manerij sustentare poterunt. Et si aliqua melioracio accreverit dicto manerio, sive de dono cujuscunque, sive empta de pecunia ecclesiæ nostræ secundum quantitatem melioracionis, assignabitur cuicunque vel quibuscumque obedienciarijs, ubi magis necesse fuerit de providencia et assensu nostro vel successorum nostrorum et dicti conventus, præterea assignavimus eidem conventui quadraginta solidos de annuo redditu de Lange-neia ad allec eorum comparandum in quadragesima cum toto gurgite nostro de Langenea, prædictum vero mane-

rium de Hauekesbuſ sustinebit omnia onera ad sæpe-
dictum manerium pertinentia. Ut igitur hæc nostra
concessio et assignacio perpetuæ firmitatis robur opti-
neat, eam tam sigillo nostro quam sigillo conventus
nostri confirmavimus.

NUM. IX.

*Confirmatio Huberti Cantuariensis Archiepiscopi omnium
Villarum circuitus Persor. in quibus Ecclesia Persor.
vendicat aliquod Jus Decimarum, in toto vel in parte,
cum Obventionibus, Rectitudinibus, et Consuetudinibus
omnibus eidem Ecclesiæ pertinentibus.*

[Ex eod. Registr. fol. 101.]

HUBERTUS, Dei gratia, Cantuariensis archiepis-
copus, tocius Angliæ primas, et apostolicæ sedis legatus,
omnibus sanctæ matris ecclesiæ filijs, ad quos præsens
scriptum pervenerit, eternam in Domino salutem. Ad
omnium noticiam volumus pervenire nos cartam bonæ
memoriæ Henrici Wigornensis episcopi a dilecto filio
nostro Simone abbate de Persora, sub hujus continenciæ
forma nobis exhibitam inspexisse. Omnibus Christi fide-
libus ad quos præsens carta pervenerit, Henricus, Dei
gratia, Wigornensis episcopus, eternam in Domino salu-
tem. Noverit universitas vestra nos divinæ pietatis intuitu
concessisse et præsentī carta confirmasse ecclesiæ sanctæ
Mariæ de Persora, et Simoni ejusdem loci abbati, et
monachis ibidem Deo servientibus, omnes decimas, et
obventiones, et rectitudines, et consuetudines, ad ipsam
ecclesiam sanctæ Mariæ de Persora pertinentes, quas in
præsentī possident, vel in posterum canonice poterunt
obtinere, disponendis secundum antiquas illius ecclesiæ
de Persora consuetudines, videlicet de tota terra præ-
dictæ ecclesiæ in territorio Persoræ, duas partes omnium
decimarum et obventionum, scilicet de Walecote, Broc-
ton, Yorindon, Chiventen, Watberge, Caldewelle, de
tota terra Willielmi filij Gwarini in Wika, omnes deci-
mas et obventiones de feodo vero Westmonasterij in
Persora, exceptis dominicis domini abbatis Westmonas-
terij; medietatem decimarum tocius bladi et lini, scilicet
in Persora, in Pendefen, in Wika, in Pednesham, in
Britchthelinton, de Barclyve; medietatem tocius bladi
et lini in Parva Cunbrinton, tres travas bladi de decimis
de terra de Cumbrinton, quæ fuit de dominio Rogeri
Palmarij, duas partes decimarum tocius bladi de terra
quæ fuit hominum ejusdem Rogeri, terciam partem de-
cimarum tocius bladi de dominio Aluredi de Ledene in
Cumbrinton, duas partes decimarum tocius bladi de
terra hominum ipsius A. terciam partem decimarum to-
cius bladi de dominio Burrici, duas partes decimarum
tocus bladi de dominio Aluredi, terra hominum ipsius
B. tertiam partem decimarum tocius bladi de terra Wil-
lielmi Persehay; medietatem decimarum tocius bladi
de dominio Aluredi de Wllaveshulle, duas partes decima-
rum tocius bladi de terra rusticorum ejusdem villæ, ter-
ciam partem decimarum totius bladi de tota terra de
Ekenton, exceptis dominicis Willielmi de Bello Campo
et Willielmi de Lega, terciam partem decimarum tocius
bladi et lini de feodo abbatis Westmonasterij in Streng-
esham, duas partes decimarum tocius bladi et lini de Def-
ford et de Wodemanecote; medietatem decimarum
tocus bladi et lini in Bezford de dominio quæ fuit
Elyæ Palmarii, omnes decimas tocius bladi et fœni de
terra rusticorum ejusdem Elyæ; medietatem decima-
rum tocius bladi et lini de feodo abbatis Westmonasterij
et Burlingeham; medietatem decimarum tocius bladi et
lini de terra Willielmi filij Odonis in eadem villa, de sin-
gulis virgatis terræ, unam travam de decimis de feodo
abbatis Westmonasterij in Pipplenton, excepta terra
Ricardi de Pipplenton; medietatem decimarum tocius
bladi et lini de terra quæ fuit Philippi de Kenefare in
eadem villa, omnes decimas tocius bladi et lini de do-
minio Willielmi de Bello Campo in Newenton, duas
partes decimarum tocius bladi et de singulis virgatis
terræ hominum ejusdem villæ, unam travam ex decimis
de singulis virgatis terræ in Coulesdon, et Upton, et
Snodesbur, unam travam ex decimis de Flavell, duas
partes decimarum de dominicis ejusdem villæ, et medie-
tatem decimarum de terra rusticorum de Stoke, et de

Clifton, et de Newenton, et de Brocton, et de Mere-ton;
omnes decimas, et obventiones, rectitudines, et consu-
etudines, quas de eisdem villis prædicta ecclesia de Per-
sora percipere consuevit. Et ut hæc nostra concessio
perpetuæ firmitatis robur optineat eam præsentis scripti
serie et sigilli nostri appensione duximus confirmanda,
Hijs testibus magistro Jord de Wykewan, magistro
Hereberto de Dudinton, et alijs omnia igitur rationa-
biliter facta sunt nostra debemus auctoritate confirmare,
quia et paci et securitati virorum religiosorum, quantum
possumus, volumus ut tenemur providere nos omnia in
præmonstrato scripto, H. quondam Wigornensis epis-
copi, comprehensa et expressa, sicut juste et rationabili-
ter prædictæ ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ de Persora et mo-
nachis ibidem Deo servientibus concessa sunt et confir-
mata, eidem ecclesiæ et eisdem monachis, quantum ad
nos pertinet, concedimus, et præsentī scripto sigilli nos-
tri appensione signato confirmamus. Hijs testibus ma-
gistro Simone de Sywell, magistro Galfrido de Bocland,
magistro Willielmo de Sumercotes, magistro Reinerio,
Simone filio Roberti, Roberto de Brist, et alijs.

NUM. X.

Literæ Galfridi de Chamuill' de Capella de Kemerford.

[Ibid. fol. 110 b.]

UNIVERSIS sanctæ matris ecclesiæ filiis ad quos
præsens scriptum pervenerit, Galfridus de Chamuilla,
salutem. Noverit universitas vestra me divinæ pietatis
intuitu dedisse et concessisse pro anima patris mei Wil-
lielmi de Chamuilla, et pro anima matris meæ Albredæ
Marmiun, et pro anima mea et uxoris meæ Leuciæ, et
pro animabus fratrum et sororum meorum, et pro anima-
bus omnium antecessorum et successorum meorum, do-
mino Gervasio, abbati de Persore, et monachis ibidem
Deo servientibus, in puram et perpetuam elemosinam,
capellam sancti Nicholai de Kemerford, cum omnibus
pertinentiis suis, in terris, in pasturis, et in decimis, et
cum omnibus libertatibus ad dictam capellam pertinen-
tibus. Habendam et tenendam imperpetuū liberè et
quietè ab omni sæculari servicio et demanda. Item
quod fructus ejusdem capellæ expendantur annuatim in
vino et pitanciis dictorum monachorum in festivitibus
sanctæ Mariæ dum vixero et post decessum meum ad
anniversarium meum faciendum. Ut igitur hæc donatio
et concessio mea perpetuæ firmitatis robur obtineat, eam
præsentī scripto sigillo meo communiter confirmavi.
Hijs testibus, &c.

NUM. XI.

*Testium post Cænobii Persorensis Combustionem, de loci
Privilegiis igne combustis, Examinatorum Depositiones.*

[Ex Autographo in Bibl. Cottoniana, XI. 47.]

WALTERUS prior Persoræ juratus dicit, quod ha-
buerunt privilegia à Romano pontifice sibi indita, quæ
dicit esse combusta simul cum monasterio eorum de
Persora.

Requisitus utrum exemplar alicujus privilegii com-
busti, habuerint per quod constare possit de tenore ali-
cujus privilegii igne consumpti; dicit quod sic, scilicet
tantum unum exemplar unius privilegii, prout dictum
est, consumpti, quod exhibuit, quod examinatores penes
se retinuerunt sub sigillis suis claudendum et principali-
bus judicibus transmittendum.

Requisitus utrum omnes articuli in illo exemplari
contenti insererentur in autentico igne consumpto; dicit
quod sic.

Requisitus qualiter hoc sciverit, dicit, quod sæpius
illud inspexit et audivit.

Requisitus utrum abbas et conventus aliquando usi
fuerint privilegio illo; dicit quod sic, adjiciens quod cum
bonæ memoriæ Malgerus episcopus Wigornensis, ad
monasterium de Persora aliquando accessisset, ut ordi-
nationes clericorum in eodem monasterio facere vellet,
auctoritate dicti privilegii recessit idem Malgerus ad ca-
pellam sancti Andreæ, quæ sita est infra limites cimiterii
dictorum monachorum. Qui tamen postmodum invita-

tus ab eisdem monachis, ad dictum monasterium iteratò accessit ad dictas ordinationes celebrandas. Dicit etiam quod cum jam dictus episcopus invitatus fuisset ad festum sanctæ Eadburgæ à dictis abbate et conventu, et ibidem accedendo missam solempnem celebraret, et post missæ celebrationem oblationem asportare vellet, ostenso dicto privilegio easdem oblationes dictis abbati et monachis reddidit, et absque contradictione omisit. Dicit etiam quod auctoritate dicti privilegii, Gervasius quondam abbas Persoræ in sinodo domini W. de Bloys, Wigornensis episcopi, locum à dextris petiit et optinuit.

Requisitus de sepulturis, dicit quod omnia corpora defunctorum de tota villa de Persore, de Pendefene, de Besforde, de Defforde, de Wodemoncote, de Burlingham, de Pednesham, de Wicha, de Brithlenton, de tota Eken-ton, de Strengesham, de Wolhaesham, de Nepforde, de Piritone, de Stoke, de Newinton, de Magna Cumbrinton, de Pipplitone, de Northpidele, de Edbrithtun, de Flavel, de Broctone, de Mertone, de Husintreo, de Snodesbury, de Uptone, de Coulesdone, de Broctone, de Walecote, de Chivintun, de Caldewelle, de Wedberge, de Thorndone, de Harelege, de Parva Cumbrinton, corpora omnium hominum terras tenentium sepelientur apud Persoram, alii sepelientur in cimiterio de Parva Cumbrinton.

Requisitus de testamentis dictorum hominum, dicit quod principale legatum debet deferri ante corpora defunctorum ad ecclesiam de Persore, et ibi per sacristam illius monasterii et capellanos dictorum locorum aestimari, et facta aestimatione medietas debet residere penes sacristam, et alia medietas penes capellanos dictorum locorum. Adjecit etiam quod in electione sacristæ est, utrum velit legatum totum retinere et capellanis medietatem aestimationis solvere, necne.

Requisitus de oblationibus, dicit quod omnes oblationes oblatae pro corporibus defunctorum in monasterio de Persore resident penes sacristam.

Requisitus, utrum corpora defunctorum dictorum locorum deferri debent ad capellas, et missa ibidem celebrari pro eorum animabus; dicit quod sic, exceptis defunctis de Wicha, et de parochia sancti Andreae de Persore, et de Brithlenton subtus ecclesiam, et de Pendefene, et de Burlingham, præter homines de feodo Walteri de Nepforde.

Requisitus, cujus esse debeant oblationes oblatae in dictis capellis pro corporibus defunctorum; dicit quod capellanorum.

Requisitus, utrum dicti articuli, scilicet de decimis, sepulturis, legatis, et oblationibus, in aliquo instrumento dictorum monachorum deperdito vel igne consumpto continerentur; dicit quod sic, scilicet in carta quadam quam habebant de bonæ memoriæ Gileberto, quondam abbate Westmonasterii et ejusdem loci conventu, sicut testantur cartæ archiepiscopi Cantuariensis, et episcopi diocesis Wigornensis, Johannis de Pageham, quæ exhibitæ fuerunt iudicibus inspiciendæ.

Requisitus, utrum dampnificata sit ecclesia de Persore contra tenorem dicti privilegii; dicit quod sic, eo quod spoliati sunt ante combustionem privilegii, una thrava bladi de singulis virgatis terræ de Snodesbiri, de Uptone, de Coulesdone, per rectorem capellæ sancti Andreae de Persore.

Requisitus, si libertates super quibus facta fuit mentio in privilegio igne consumpto in aliquo læsæ fuerint; dicit quod non, ut recolit. Dicit etiam quod omnes decimæ, oblationes pro corporibus defunctorum, et obventiones, modo et ordine quo inseruntur in exemplari privilegii prætaxati igne consumpti, principalibus iudicibus sub sigillo eorum clauso et transmittendo, continerentur in dicto privilegio.

Requisitus qualiter hoc sciverit; dicit, quod frequenter dicti privilegii tenorem inspexit, unde omnes articulos in dicto exemplari contentos firmiter ad memoriam reduxit. Adjecit etiam, quod cum multociens inquietati fuissent abbas et conventus Persore super hiis quæ continebantur in dicto privilegio, et à pacifica possessione eorum pulsi, ad singulos articulos in jam dicto exemplari contentos recursum habuerunt, et eos singillatim extrahendo in diversis locis scripserunt, ut per eorum exhibitionem coram diversis iudicibus tam ordi-

nariis quam à domino papa delegatis, ab inquietatione liberarentur.

Requisitus, si quas alias indulgentias præter dictas de quibus mentio facta est, à curia Romana ibi indultas vel à diocesano vel ab aliis aliquando habuissent, quæ casu fortuito sint modo deperdita vel igne consumpta, dicit quod sic.

Requisitus, quæ continebantur in scriptis illis et quæ libertates et quæ immunitates, dicit quod non recolit.

Test. ii.

JOHANNES filius Alani, monachus et supprior Persorensis monasterii, juratus et requisitus concordat in omnibus cum Waltero priore ejusdem loci conjurato suo, excepto quod non recolit de continentia illius cartæ quam habebant de bonæ memoriæ Gileberto, quondam abbate Westmonasterii et ejusdem loci conventu, nisi in tantum in quantum mentio facta est super articulis in dicta carta contentis in confirmationibus archiepiscopi Cantuariensis et episcoporum Wigorniensium, quas idem J. juratus exhibuit inspiciendas.

Test. iii.

WILLIELMUS DE LINDERUGE, monachus Persore, juratus idem dicit per omnia quod J. filius Alani conjuratus suus.

Test. iv.

ROBERTUS monachus Persorensis monasterii, et in eodem monasterio per triginta et tres annos conversatus, juratus et requisitus, concordat in omnibus cum Waltero priore ejusdem monasterii conjurato suo, excepto eo quod non recolit utrum Gervasius quondam abbas Persorensis in sinodo domini Willielmi de Bleys, Wigornensis episcopi, locum à dextris optineret, vel non.

Test. v.

GODEFRIDUS DE LINDERUGE, monachus Persorensis monasterii, et in eodem per triginta annos conversatus, juratus et requisitus, concordat cum R. conjurato suo super privilegio igne combusto, et in omnibus articulis in eodem contentis; qui scilicet articuli modo et ordine continentur in exemplari penes iudices residente: et de sepulturis, et de omnibus aliis articulis requisitus vacillanter dicit.

Test. vi.

WALTERUS DE PENDEFEN monachus Persorensis monasterii, et in eodem per triginta annos conversatus, juratus et requisitus, concordat cum Roberto monacho conjurato suo in omnibus, excepto eo quod non recolit de hiis quæ continebantur in carta Gileberti quondam abbatis Westmonasterii et ejusdem loci conventus, quam aliquando habebant, nisi quatenus tenor confirmationis archiepiscoporum, et episcoporum Wigorniensium, de dicta carta mentionem faciens ostendit, et eo excepto, quod non recolit quæ corpora defunctorum quæ sepeliri debent in cimiterio monachorum de Persore debent deferri in capellas quarum fuerint parochiani, et missæ ibidem pro eorum animabus celebrari, excepto eciam eo quod non recolit quod cum Malgerus episcopus Wigornensis ad monasterium de Persore aliquando accessisset, ordines clericorum facturum, quod auctoritate dicti privilegii recessisset vel repulsus fuisset; audivit tamen quod recessit.

Test. vii.

RICARDUS DE MADINE, senex et valetudinarius juratus dicit, quod tam de dominico quam de omnibus aliis terris liberorum et rusticorum pertinent duæ partes garbarum ad abbatem et monachos de Persore, tertia autem pars earundem ad ecclesiam de Madine.

Requisitus de minutis decimis et de oblationibus et de legatis, dicit, quod penitus spectant ad ecclesiam de Madine.

Requisitus, utrum dicti abbas et conventus aliquando aliquod instrumentum habuerint super dictis decimis, quod sit deperditum vel igne combustum, dicit quod nescit, bene tamen scit, quod ultra memoriam hominum dictæ decimæ ad dictum abbatem et conventum de jure spectaverunt.

Test. viii.

GILEBERTUS DE MADINE, senex et valetudinarius, juratus dicit idem et concordat in omnibus cum Ricardo conjurato suo.

Test. ix.

ROBERTUS DE MALVERNIA, senex et valitudinarius juratus dicit, quod tota decima garbarum de dominico abbatis de Persore ad ipsum abbatem et monachos spectat, et similiter omnes minutæ decimæ. Dicit etiam quod medietas garbarum de tota villa de Persore, excepta decima de dominico abbatis Westmonasterii tantum ad abbatem Westmonasterii spectante, pertinet ad abbatem et conventum de Persore.

Requisitus de minutis decimis de villa de Persore, scilicet ad quem de jure spectare debeant, dicit, quod nescit. Dicit etiam quod medietas decimæ garbarum, tam de liberis hominibus quam de rusticis de Wicha spectant, et ultra memoriam hominum spectare consueverunt ad abbatem et monachos de Persore, et similiter de Brithlemton, et etiam de Magna Cumbrinton, excepto eo quod non percipiunt de terra Sovecurt in eadem villa nisi tertiam garbam, et de Pendefene et de Pipplintune.

Requisitus de minutis decimis istarum villarum ad quem spectant, dicit se nescire. Dicit etiam quod de tota villa de Ekintun habent tertiam garbam, excepto dominico dominæ Constanciæ de Lega, de quo nihil percipiunt, et excepta decima garba septem virgarum terræ in eadem villa ad ecclesiam sancti Petri Wigorniae spectante. Dicit etiam quod tertia pars decimæ de lino de tota dicta villa spectat ad abbatem et monachos de Persore. Dicit etiam, quod tertia pars decimæ garbarum de Strengesham spectat ad abbatem et monachos de Persore, etiam quod ad dictos abbatem et monachos de Persore spectat medietas garbarum de Berforde, de Defforde, de Wodemonecote.

Requisitus de minutis decimis dictarum villarum, dicit se nescire.

Requisitus, utrum dicti abbas et conventus cartam aliquam habuerint vel instrumentum vel confirmationem super dictis decimis obventionibus et sepulturis, à domino papa vel à Cantuariensi archiepiscopo vel à diocesano, dicit quod sic.

Requisitus qualiter hoc sciverit, dicit, quod ex auditu.

Test. x.

ROBERTUS SCUREL senex juratus et requisitus super omnibus articulis super quibus assertivè dicebat Robertus de Malvernia conjuratus suus, et super aliis requisitus vacillanter respondit.

Test. xi.

RICARDUS filius Andreæ DE LEGA juratus dixit, quod duæ partes decimarum bladi et fœni totius feodi abbatis et conventus Persore de Lega spectant de jure ad dictos abbatem et monachos de Persore, tertia verò pars ad ecclesiam de Lega.

Requisitus, utrum dicti abbas et conventus sint in possessione dictarum decimarum, dicit quod sic.

Requisitus, per quantum temporis extiterint in dicta possessione, dicit quod per continuum spacium sexaginta annorum et eo amplius.

Requisitus, utrum confirmationem aliquam super dictis decimis habeant à sede apostolica, vel à dioce-

sano, dicit quod sic, ut audivit. Dicit etiam quod pensionem annuam unius marcæ ab antiquo de ecclesia de Lega consueverunt recipere.

Requisitus, utrum pensio illa continetur in aliquo instrumento deperdito, dicit quod nescit, bene tamen recolit pensionem illam esse confirmatam abbati et monachis de Persore à domino W. de Norhale quondam Wigornensi episcopo. Dicit etiam quod dicti abbas et conventus recipiunt primum legatum de consuetudinariis suis tanquam personæ de Lega.

Requisitus de oblationibus, dicit, quod ecclesia de Lega eas integrè percipit.

Test. xii.

ERNALDUS MARESCALLUS juratus, idem dicit per omnia quod Æ. filius Andreæ conjuratus suus, excepto eo quod non recolit pensionem de qua mentio facta est confirmatam fuisse dictis abbati et monachis à sede apostolica vel à diocesanis.

Test. xiii.

REGINALDUS, portarius de Persore juratus dicit, quod, ut audivit, abbas et conventus de Persore quædam habuerunt privilegia à Romano pontifice sibi indulta, quæ, ut credit, cum monasterio eorum fuerunt combusta.

Requisitus de continentia dictorum privilegiorum, dicit quod nescit.

Requisitus, utrum usi essent dicti abbas et conventus dictis privilegiis, dicit quod nescit. Dicit autem quod corpora defunctorum de tota villa de Persore, de Pendefene, de Berforde, et de omnibus aliis villis, prout Walterus prior de Persore conjuratus suus deponit, sepeliuntur in cimiterio de Persore. De testamentis dictorum hominum concordat cum dicto W. priore. De oblationibus etiam concordat cum eodem.

Requisitus, utrum corpora defunctorum dictorum locorum deferri debeant in capellas suas, et ibidem missa celebrari pro eorum animabus, dicit quod non. Adjecit etiam, quod de licentia dictorum abbatis et conventus corpora jam dicta in capellas suas aliquando deferebantur.

Requisitus super omnibus articulis in exemplari cujusdam privilegii contentis, super quo exemplari deponunt monasterii monachi jurati, dicit quod dictum monasterium ultra memoriam hominum fuit in usu et possessione eorum, et ipsis pacificè gaudebat, utrum autem in aliquo instrumento deperdito vel igne consumpto continerentur aliqui dictorum articulorum nescit, nisi ex auditu.

Test. xiv.

JOHANNES DE EVESHAM, monachus Persorensis, et in eodem monasterio per sexaginta annos conversatus, juratus et requisitus super omnibus articulis super quibus requisitus fuit W. prior de Persore, cum eodem W. in omnibus concordat, eo tantum excepto, quod non recolit de continentia cartæ quam quondam habebant abbas et conventus de Persore de bonæ memoriæ Gileberto quondam abbate Westmonasterii et ejusdem loci conventu, prout testantur cartæ archiepiscoporum Cantuariensium, et similiter episcopi diocesani Johannis de Pageham, quarum exhibitio facta fuit iudicibus inspicienda.

Test. xv.

HENRICUS, monachus de Persore, juratus et requisitus dicit, quod habuerunt quædam privilegia unà cum aliis instrumentis, quæ dicit esse combusta simul cum monasterio eorum de Persore.

Requisitus de continentia eorum, dicit quod nescit.

Requisitus, utrum exemplar alicujus privilegii vel instrumenti combusti habuerint, per quod constare possit de tenore alicujus privilegii vel alterius instrumenti igne consumpti, dicit quod nescit. Adjecit tamen, quod cum Malgerus episcopus Wigornensis ad monasterium

de Persore aliquando accessisset, ut ordinationes clericorum in eodem monasterio faceret, auctoritate cujusdam privilegii igne consumpti dicto episcopo ostensi et perlecti, recessit idem Malgerus ad capellam sancti Andreae, quæ sita est infra limites cimiterii monachorum de Persore; qui tamen postmodum invitatus à fratribus, ad dictum monasterium rediit, ut dictas ordinationes celebraret. Dicit etiam, quod cum jam dictus episcopus invitatus fuisset ad festum sanctæ Eadburgæ à fratribus dicti monasterii, ut sic accederet et missam solempnem celebraret, et post missæ celebrationem oblationes asportare vellet, per ostensionem dicti privilegii igne consumpti easdem oblationes dictis fratribus reddidit, et absque contradictione dimisit. De omnibus aliis requisitus, dicit quod nescit.

Test. xvi.

HENRICUS DE FERERS, monachus de Persore juratus et requisitus, in omnibus concordat cum W. priore ejusdem monasterii, excepto, quod non recolit de carta Gilberti quondam abbatis Westmonasterii, nec de ejus continentia nisi de auditu.

NUM. XII.

Confirmatio Henrici Wigorniensis Episcopi quod Ecclesia de Aldermanneston convertatur in proprios usus.

[Ex Registr. Abbatiae, ut supr. fol. 108.]

UNIVERSIS Christi fidelibus, ad quos præsens carta pervenerit, Henricus, Dei gratia, Wygornensis episcopus, eternam in Domino salutem. Ad universitatis vestræ noticiam volumus pervenire nos, divinæ pietatis intuitu, ad instantiam venerabilis patris nostri Henrici, Dei gratia, Cantuariensis archiepiscopi, tocius Angliæ primatis, et apostolicæ sedis legati, concessisse, et præsentis carta confirmasse, dilectis filiis nostris, Simoni abbati de Persora, et sancto ejusdem loci conventui, ecclesiam de Aldermoneston, cum ipsam vacare contigerit. Ita quod licitum sit eis omnes fructus ejusdem ecclesiæ in usus proprios convertere, salva vicaria l. solidor. per nos vel successores nostros memoratæ ecclesiæ de Aldermoneston vicario, ad præsentationem prædictorum monachorum assignanda. Et ut hæc nostra concessio et confirmatio jam dictis monachis de Persora rata et inconvulsa imperpetuum perseveret, eam præsentis carta sigillo nostro munita roboravimus, supradictus vero Simon, abbas Persorensis, statim in præsentia nostra, memoratæ ecclesiæ, fructus ad necessaria inveniendæ monachis infirmis de Persora assignavit domino Cantuariensi, et nobis assentientibus, et ne aliquis malicia processu temporis infirmariæ de Persora subtrahatur, sub anathematis sententia interdicentibus. Hijs testibus &c.

NUM. XIII.

Carta Osberni fil. Pontii de Piscatoria in Longaneia, et de Ecclesia ipsius Villæ.

[Cart. Harl. antiq. 50, B. 22.]

NOTUM sit omnibus quod ego Osbernus filius Pontii pro salute animæ meæ et fratrum et parentum meorum, et pro filio meo Radulfo modo, Deo omnipotenti sanctæque Dei genitrici Mariæ, et beatæ Eadburgæ virginis Perscorensis ecclesiæ, in victu monachorum ejusdem loci, proprio dono meo, concedo piscatoriam unam in villa quæ dicitur Longaneia, et ecclesiam ipsius villæ, sed Wlifuinus presbyter quamdiu vixerit eam tenebit sicut antea tenebat vel tenuit, et post decessum ejus sine calumpnia firmiter in ecclesia Perscorensi remanebit. His testibus: Hugone filio Osberni filii Ricardi, et Turstino fratre ejus, et Baldrico milite ejus, et Hugone Parvo, et Hugone Puhero, et Ricardo de Mara, et Willielmo de Mara, et Radulfo de Mara, et Adelardo de Dodeham, et Hugone de Mans, et Gotselino de Hardeuica, et Osuuardo de Trusseberie, et Walterio dapifero de Persora, et Walterio filio Wimundi, et Rogero cubiculario, et Bastardo port. et Einulfo coco, et

Willielmo Tiliæ, et Hugone de Mora, et hoc signo quod Walterius dapifer eadem conventionem dedit mihi annulum suum.

NUM. XIV.

Conventio inter Abbatem et Conventum Persoræ et Willielmum Fabrum de Molendino de Sondlinge.

[Ex autogr. Madox, Formul. Anglic. p. 116.]

HÆC est conventio facta inter S. abbatem Persoræ et conventum ejusdem loci, et inter Willielmum Fabrum de Sondlinge, scilicet quod præfati S. abbas Persoræ et conventus concedunt prænominato W. Fabro molendinum de Sondlinge, et illam virgatam terræ in Sonlinge cum pertinentiis suis quam Adthewi tenuit, in tota vita sua tenendam de ecclesia Persorensi pro viginti solidis annuis eidem ecclesiæ inde reddendis ad iiij. terminos anni, scilicet ad festum sancti Michaelis v. sol. ad festum sancti Andreae v. sol. ad festum sanctæ Mariæ in Martio v. sol. et ad festum sancti Johannis Baptistæ v. sol. Et abbas Persoræ liberam absque tolneo ibi habebit molituram; et post mortem prædicti W. Fabri, terra præfata et molendinum in manus abbatis Persoræ et conventus, absque ulla reclamacione libera revertentur; similiter etiam, si ante mortem contigerit præfatum Willielmum vitam mutare. Et sciatis quod nos retulimus in manum nostram illam terram quæ appellatur Averclond, quia non pertinet ad prædictam virgatam. His testibus, Johanne Pohero; Waltero, Samsone, et Ada Poheris; Roberto de Stokes; Waltero de Portes; Willielmo de Haroudon; magistro Jordano de Wikewane; Henrico de Lega; Hugone Port; et aliis multis.

NUM. XV.

Dimissio Tenementorum in Stockwell.

[Ibid. p. 140.]

HÆC Indentura facta inter Petrum abbatem de Persshore ex parte una, et Nicholaum de Pyriton personam ecclesiæ de Couleye, et Walterum fratrem ejus, ex parte altera, testatur, videlicet quod prædictus abbas concessit et dimisit eisdem Nicholao et Waltero, pro quadam summa pecuniæ quam sibi dederunt præ manibus, omnia tenementa sua tam in redditibus quam in dominiciis in Stokwell, infra manerium suum de Couleye, ad terminum decem annorum plenariè complendorum; termino incipiente ad festum sancti Michaelis proximo futurum: reddendo inde annuatim præfato abbati et successoribus suis, unam Sagittam latam et competentem, in festo sanctæ Eadburgæ virginis, in abbatia de Persore: salvo tamen eidem abbati dominio suo, ut in wardis, releviis, escaetis, herietis, sectis curiarum, attachiametis, cum omnimodis amerciamentis inde provenientibus. Attamen prædicti Nicholaus et Walterus volunt et concedunt, quod si obierint infra terminum prædictum, quod statim post eorundem decessum, præfato abbati et successoribus suis plenariè revertantur. In cujus rei testimonium sigilla alternatim sunt appensa. Datum apud Pershore die sancti Egidii abbatis, anno regni regis Eadwardi tertii a Conquestu xxx. quarto.

NUM. XVI.

Carta Constantiæ fil. dom. Will. de Lega.

[Ibid. p. 258. Vid. etiam Registr. in curia Augm. fol. 46 b.]

SCIANT præsentis et futuri quod ego Constantia filia domini Willielmi de Lega dedi et concessi, simul cum corpore meo, in puram et perpetuam elemosinam, Deo et Ecclesiæ beatæ Mariæ et sanctæ Eadburgæ virginis de Persora, et domino Rogero abbati ejusdem loci et successoribus suis, et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus, viginti solidos de annuo redditu de tenemento Willielmi de la Forteya de Wika quod tenuit de me et de hæredibus meis, et eundem Willielmum cum omni sequelâ suâ, et totum servitium quocunque nomine censeatur quod prædictus Willielmus et hæredes sui michi et hæredibus meis facere debebant; ita quod annuatim,

die Anniversarii mei, decem solidi de prædictis viginti solidis expendantur per manus elemosinarii de Persora in usus pauperum, pro salute animæ meæ et antecessorum meorum; et decem solidi in pitancia conventus de Persora: habendos et tenendos in perpetuum prædictis ecclesiæ et monachis, liberè et quietè, integrè et pacificè, absque omni impedimento, exactione, servitio, demanda, vel reclamazione mei vel hæredum meorum; ita quod ego prædicta Constantia nec hæredes mei, aliquo tempore aliquod jus vel clamium in prædictis viginti solidis cum omnibus prænominatis vendicare possimus. Et ego præfata Constantia et hæredes mei, præfatis ecclesiæ et monachis prædictos viginti solidos cum omnibus prænominatis, contra omnes homines et fœminas in perpetuum warantizabimus. In cujus rei testimonium, præsentis scripto sigillum meum apposui. His testibus, magistro Simone persona de Oureburia, magistro Gervasio persona sancti Andreae de Persora,—et multis aliis.

NUM. XVII.

Carta Walteri de Babeyn.

[Ex Registro Abbatiae, ut supr. fol. 39. Stevens, tom. ii. col. 174.]

SCIANT quod ego Walterus Babeyn de Wigornia vendidi et in perpetuum pro me et pro hæredibus meis quietum clamavi abbati et conventui de Pershore duos solidos redditus cum pertinentiis, quos Henricus filius Henrici de Harleie mihi annuatim reddere consuevit de terra illa in magno vico quæ jacet inter terram quæ fuit Agnetis de Byham, quæ fuit Roberti aurifabri, &c. Pro hac autem, &c. dederunt mihi prædicti abbas et conventus xx. solidos sterlingorum præ manibus.

NUM. XVIII.

Carta Henrici filii Henrici de Harley.

[Ibid.]

SCIANT quod ego Henricus filius Henrici de Harley vendidi domino Rogero abbati de Pershore duo messuagia in civitate Wigorniae, unum scilicet in magno vico quod jacet inter terram Agnetis de Biham et terram Roberti le Orfevre, reddendo inde Waltero Babeyn et hæredibus suis duos solidos de annuo redditu; et aliud messuagium quod jacet a la Wodestach quod Alexander le Botter tenet, reddendo inde Agneti filiae Petri quinque solidos et duos denarios de annuo redditu. Et totum jus in quantum habui in manus eorum resignavi, &c. Pro hac autem vendicione et warantizatione dederunt dicti abbas et conventus iv. marcas.

NUM. XIX.

Carta Henr. de Harley.

[Ibid. fol. 76.]

SCIANT, &c. quod ego Henricus de Harleia dedi, &c. pro anima mea et antecessorum meorum, Deo, S. Mariæ, et S. Edburgæ virgini de Persora, et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus in puram et perpetuam elemosinam omnes decimas meas tam in minutis decimis quam in aliis, de omnibus assartis meis de Harleia, tam de illis quæ jam assartavi quam de aliis quæ sunt assartanda, tenendas et habendas de me et hæredibus meis libere et quiete in perpetuum, et cum omni integritate cum qua possiderunt ab antiquo alias decimas de terra mea de Harley, et colligendas annuatim per aliquem quem communis assensus fratrum ad hoc providerit, et expendendas annuatim in pitantiis eorundem monachorum in die animarum, et post decessum meum in die anniversarii mei.

NUM. XX.

Conventio inter Dom. Henricum de Caldewelle et Henr. de Harleie.

[Ibid. fol. 82. Stev. ut supr.]

HÆC est conventio facta inter dominum Henricum de Caldewelle et Henricum de Harleie.—Dictus Henricus de Caldewelle concessit dictis abbati et conventui

et suis successoribus quod pacifice possint excolere imperpetuum assartum suum totum factum de bosco de Romlesdone. Dictus Henricus de Harleia recepit a domino Rogero abbate prædecessore dicti Henrici abbatis quinque marcas argenti pro dicto assarto libere faciendo et imperpetuum possidendo.

NUM. XXI.

Carta alia Henrici filii Henrici de Harley.

[Ibid. fol. 87. Stev. ut supr.]

SCIANT, &c. quod ego Henricus filius Henrici de Harley dedi domino Elerico abbati de Persore et ejusdem loci conventui, ad luminare capellæ sanctæ Mariæ totum illud tenementum in nova terra de Persore quam Nicholaus filius Adæ filii Aldredi mihi dedit et concessit, sicut in carta continetur quam inde mihi confecit, et ipsam cartam inde confectam dictis abbati et conventui resignavi. Pro hoc autem dederunt mihi dictis abbas et conventus iii. marcas et dimidiam argenti.

NUM. XXII.

Ordinatio Decimarum de Curia Henrici de Harleg' inter Abbatem et Conventum Westmonasterii et Ecclesiam de Persore.

[Ibid. fol. 109. Stev. ut supr. col. 175.]

HÆC est amicabile compositio provisiva inter abbatem et conventum Westmonasterii ex una parte, et abbatem et conventum de Persore ex altera, super quibusdam decimis de quibus erat controversia inter ipsos coram priore de Dunstaple et archidiacono S. Albani, viz. a domino papa delegatis decano de Flamsted tertio iudice sublato de medio; videlicet, quod abbas et conventus de Persore omnes decimas infra clausuram Henrici de Harleg' quiete et pacifice possidebant, omnibus vero decimis de terris assartandis extra clausuram Henrici memorati de bosco abbatis et conventus Westmonasterii de Harleg' provenientibus, prædicti monachi renuncient in perpetuum, monachi videlicet de Persore; abbas siquidem et conventus Westmonasterii omnes decimas provenientes de cultura quæ vocatur Shiranland, et totius terræ Ricardi de Barclyve quæ jacet super Hendone sita infra limites campi de Wyke, et omnes decimas totius terræ Ricardi de Barelyve super Godle versus campum de Pendesham quiete et pacifice possidebunt. Abbas vero et conventus de Persore literis ad abbatem de Dor et suos con-judices directis contra abbatem et conventum de Westmonasterio non utentur. Hanc vero compositionem partes sigillorum suorum munimine duxerunt muniendam, et prior de Dunstaple et archidiaconus sancti Albani signorum suorum munimine auctoritate apostolica duxerunt confirmandam.

NUM. XXIII.

Carta Christophori Westerdale de ann. Reddit. xviii^d. ad Sustentationem Missæ vocat. St. Johnys Masse in Capella Sancti Johannis Baptistæ infra Monasterium de Pershore.

[Ex autogr. Madox, Formul. Anglic. p. 272.]

UNIVERSIS Christi fidelibus ad quos hoc præsens Scriptum sive Carta pervenerit, Christoferus Westerdale gentyllman salutem in eo qui est omnium vera salus. Noverit universitas vestra, me præfatum Christoferum, ob honorem et reverentiam Dei omnipotentis, gloriosæquæ Virginis Mariæ matris suæ, ac Sancti Johannis Baptistæ et omnium coelestium supernorum, necnon ad manutentionem et sustentationem unius missæ vocatæ Seynt Johny's Masse in capella sancti Johannis Baptistæ infra monasterium de Parshor, perpetuis futuris temporibus ibidem cotidie celebrandæ, ad divini cultus ampliacionem omniumque Christi fidelium defunctorum veniam suorum peccaminum et remissionem, ut de mortis vinculis resoluti æternæ salutis gloriam sine fine per omnia sæcula sæculorum cum Deo in coelesti patriâ consequi et habere mereantur; et præcipue ad orandum

pro animabus omnium illorum quorum anniversarium sive anniversaria custodientur et observentur in dicto monasterio; et in memoria in dicta missa cotidie in capella prædicta, ut præmittitur, celebranda, adtunc et ibidem recolentur quorum nomina et cognomina, ad perpetuam rei memoriam, in mortilegio Monasterii prædicti inter alios benefactores ejusdem ibidem exarantur et continentur; dedisse, concessisse, et hoc præsentis scripto sive carta mea, confirmasse, Willelmo permissione divina abbati monasterii prædicti et ejusdem loci conventui, quandam annuitatem sive annualem redditum octodecim denariorum bonæ et legalis monetæ Angliæ; percipiendam annuatim imperpetuum de et in toto illo mesuagio sive tenemento meo cum pertinentiis suis, sciutuo et jacente in alto vico de Parshor prædicta; videlicet in latitudine inter terras et tenementa Thomæ Bee baker ibidem, nuper Johannis Collys corveser defuncti, ex parte una, ac terras et tenementa Johannis Leomystre corveser ibidem, nuper Ricardi Sperhawke defuncti, ex parte altera; cum quadam camera desuper ædificata super portam tenementi prædicti Johannis Leomystre, ad prædictum mesuagium sive tenementum spectante; et prædictum mesuagium sive tenementum, cum suis pertinentiis, extendit se in longitudine a vico prædicto exterius usque ad quandam fossatam ibidem vulgariter nuncupatam le Horsehamsedyche interius; quod quidem mesuagium sive tenementum prædictum cum camera desuper ædificata super portam prædicti Johannis Leomystre, ac cum cæteris pertinentiis suis, prout prædictum est, nuper perquisivi de Johanne Gaye de Parshor prædictâ clerico, filio et hærede Johannis Gaye et Julianæ uxoris suæ nuper defunctæ, mihi hæredibus et assignatis meis imperpetuum; prout in quâdam carta suâ, simul cum quodam scripto suo relaxationis ejusdem, inde mihi factis, sigillatis, et deliberatis, plenius ad largum poterit in eisdem apparere: habendum, tenendum, et percipiendum prædictam annuitatem sive annualem redditum octodecim denariorum, præfatis abbati et conventui eorumque successoribus imperpetuum, ad manus magistri capellæ beatæ Mariæ Virginis monasterii prædicti qui pro tempore fuerit benè et fideliter annuatim persolvendum, ad duos anni terminos; videlicet ad festa Annunciationis beatæ Mariæ Virginis, et sancti Michaelis archangeli, per æquales porciones; ultra duos solidos et sex denarios, ut de quodam capitali reddito exeunte annuatim de prædicto mesuagio sive tenemento cum pertinentiis suis, dictis abbati et conventui ab antiquo debito et consueto, necnon ad manus magistri capellæ prædictæ annuatim ratione officii sui persoluto; et pro defectu solutionis dictæ annuitatis sive annualis redditus octodecim denariorum, a retro existentis in parte vel in toto, et non soluti, per unum mensem proximum immediatè sequentem post aliquod festum solutionis inde, quo ut supra solvi debeat, si legitime præantea petatur; tunc volo et per præsentis concedo pro me et hæredibus et assignatis meis, ad forisfaciendum et pendendum dictis abbati et conventui eorumque successoribus, nomine pœnæ perditæ, alios octodecim solidos bonæ et legalis monetæ Angliæ; et sic de mense in mensem, uno post alium proximè et immediatè sequente, dum redditus annuitatis prædictorum octodecim denariorum fuerit a retro insolutus; et quod bene licebit dictis abbati et conventui eorumque successoribus, per magistrum capellæ beatæ Mariæ antedictæ qui tunc pro tempore fuerit, tam pro prædictâ annuitate sive annuali reddito octodecim denariorum, quum pro hujusmodi pœnâ sive pœnis sic ut præmittitur perditis et forisfactis, in totum prædictum mesuagium sive tenementum meum cum pertinentiis suis, et in quacumque inde parcellam intrare et distringere; distinctionesque sic adtunc et ibidem captas et inventas licitè secum asportare, effugare, et penes se retinere, quousque tam de prædictâ annuitate sive annuali reddito octodecim denariorum, quum de hujusmodi pœnâ sive pœnis prout præmittitur perditis et forisfactis, simul cum arreragiis ejusdem si quæ fuerint, ac cum misis et expensis suis eâ occasione habitis et sustentis, sibi plene et integre fuerit satisfactum et in omnibus persolutum. Et ego vero præ-

dictus Christoferus Westerdale gentyllman et hæredes mei, prædictam annuitatem sive annualem redditum octodecim denariorum legalis monetæ Angliæ, modo et formâ quibus superius concessum est, præfatis abbati et conventui eorumque successoribus contra omnes gentes varantizabimus et defendemus imperpetuum per præsentis. In cujus rei testimonium, huic præsentis scripto sive cartæ meæ sigillum meum apposui. Datum in festo sancti Davidis episcopi et confessoris, videlicet primo die mensis Martii, anno regni regis Henrici octavi post Conquæstum Angliæ sexto.

NUM. XXIV.

Indenture concerning the Church and Parsonage of Eckington.

[From the MSS. of Will. Stamford, of Abbat Salford, in the County of Warwick, Esq. Stevens, Contin. vol. i. p. 497.]

THIS indenture made the xiiijth. day of September in the xxxth. yere of the reign of our sovereign lord King Henry the Eight betwene the reverend father in Gode John by Goddes grace bishopp of Poletens and abbott of the monastery of Pershor in the countye of Worcester and covent of the same place of the oone part and Edwarde Morgan late of Comberton in the seid county, gent. of the other parte witnessith that the seid John bishop of Poletens and abbott of Pershor and covent of ther hoole mutual assent consent and agrement beyng propyeteries of the church and parsonage of Eckington have graunted dymysed and to ferme lett unto the seyd Edwarde the reversion of all that parish tieth as well of corne as of haye of and in the parish of Ekynton, with the reversion of the tieth graunge ther with all and singular ther appurtenances therunto belonging or appertaining now in the handes of William Wampage, gent. as fully and in as ample manner as William Wampage, gent. or any other farmer the same tieth and graunge before this tyme have had hold and occupied the same to have and to hold the same tieth and graunge with his appurtenances when it shall happen nex immediatly to fall after the decess recess yeldyng up or forfeiture of the said William Wampage unto the said Edwarde and his assignes for the terme and unto thende of iii years next following the date hereof yeldyng and paying therfore yerely unto the seyd abbott and covent and ther successors xij^l. xiijs. iiij^d. of good and lawful money of England to be payde in the festes of Seant Michel the archangell and Annunciation of our Lady Virgin Seant Mary by evyn portions of the seid Edwarde and his assignes shall with ther costs and charges duryng the seid terme, uphold repaire mayneteyn all the seid tieth graunge as oft as nede requyryth, and sufficiently repaired and mayneteynd in thende of ther terme so to leve it: and if it happe the seid yerely rent of xij^l. xiijs. iiij^d. to be behynde onpayde in parte or in the hoole by the space of vi wikks after any feste above lymtyed when it ought to be paid and lawfully axed beforehand then it shall be lefull to the seid abbott and covent and ther successors and assignes into all the seid tieth and graunge and all ther appurtenances and every parte and parcell of the same to reentre resease and have agayne as in ther former estate this indenture in anywise notwithstanding. In wytness whereof to the oone parte of this indenture with the seid Edward re-maynyng the seid abbott and covent ther covent seale have put to And to the other parte of this indenture re-maynyng with the seid abbott and covent the seid Edward have put to his seale the daye and the yere above written.^a

NUM. XXV.

Richard Beerley's Letter to Lord Cromwell, desiring to be dismissed from Pershore Abbey.

[MS. Cotton. Cleop. E. iv. fol. 161.]

Most reverent lord yn God, second person yn thys

^a Some part of the seal to this on red wax remaining, but quite broken and defaced.

rem of Englonð, ynduyd with all grace and goodnes y submytt myselfe unto yo^r grace and goodnes desyuryng yo^a to be good and gracyus lord vnto me synful and poor creatur, my lowly and myek serybullyng vnto yo^r nobull grace at thys tyme ys gruggyng yn my conchons that the relygyon wyche we do obser and keype ys no rull of Sentt Benett, nor yt no commandymnt of God, nor of no sentt, but lyzth and foullysse serymonys mayd sum yn old tyme and sume yn o^r tyme by lyzth and on-dyscrytt faders wych have done ther dutys and fulfellyd ther owne serymonys an lett the preceps and commandyments of God go, and so have y do thys syx yere wych doth now greve my conchons sore that y have bye a dyssymblar so long tyme; the wych relygyon say Sent Jamys ys yn vayne and bryngyng forth no good frutts bett^r owtt then yn the relygyon, except yt were the tru relygyon of Chryst; also we do nothyng seyrch for the doctryn of Chryst but all fowlóye o^r owne sensyaly and pleser, and thys relygyon as y supposse ys all yn vayne glory and nothyng worthy to be except nather before God nor man. Also, most gracyus lord, ther ys a secrett thyng yn my conchons wych dothe move me to goo owtt of the relygyon an yf yt were never so perfett wych no man may know but my gostly fader, the wych y supposse yf a man mothe guge yn other yong persons as yn me selfe, for Chryst say, ‘ nolite iudicare et non iudicabimini,’ therefore y wyl guge my nowne conchons fyrst, the wych fautt he shall know of me heyr aft^r. more largyorly and many other fowll vycys don a monckst relygyus men, not relygyus men as y thynk the owtt not to be cald but dyssymblars w^t God. Now most gracyus lord and most worthyst vycytar that ever cam a moncks us, helpe me owtt of thys vayne relygyon and macke me yo^r servant, handemayd, and beydman, and save my sowlle wych sholdbe lost yf ye helpe yt not the wych you may save w^t on word speck-yng and mayk me, wych am now nawtt to cum unto grace and goodnes, now y wyll ynstrux yo^r grace sum-watt of relygyus men, and how the kyngs grace commandymnt ys keyp yn puttyng forth of bocks the bey-schatt of roms vserpt powor, moncks drynk an bowl aft collacyon tell ten or xii. of the clock and cum to mat-tens as dronck as myss, and sume at cards, sume att dryss, and at tabulls, sume cum to mattens begēy . . sume at the myds, and sume when yt ys all most done, and wold not cum ther so, only for boddly punnysment, nothyng for gods sayck, w^t many other vycys the vse wyche y have no leser now to express, also abbetts, moncks, prest don lyttyl or nothyng to put owtt of bocks the beyschatt of romes name for y my selfe do know in dyu^rs bocks wher ys name and hys vserpt powor apon vs ys. No more vnto yo^r nobul grace at

thys tyme but Jesu preserve you to pleser. Amen. Your commyssary commandyd me to wrytt my mynd vnto yo^r nobul grace by my outhe y toyk of hym yn o^r chapt^r. hows.

Be me yo^r beydman DAN RYC. BEERLEY
now monck yn the monastery of Per-shor.

To my nobull and gracyus Lord
Vycytar yn the kynks cortt be
thys byl delyv^yd yn hast.

NUM. XXVI.

[In a Book of Pensions remaining in the Augmentation Office.]

Psho^r nup Monasterium in Com. Wigorn. surs’redd’ et dissolut’.

PENÇONS assignyd unto the late abbott and monks y^r by Robt Sowthwell Esquyer and other the kyngs hyeghnes comyssiōns appoyntyd to take surrender of the religious houses in the countye of Worcet^r to be payd unto the seyd late abbott and monks y^r duryng ther naturall lyffs at the feasts of thannūciaōn of o^r blessyd Lady the Virgyn and Seynt Michael tharchangell yerely by equall porçōns the fyrst payment to begyn at the feast of thannūciaōn of o^r Lady next ensuyng thys day viz. the xxjth. day of January in the xxxjth. yere of o^r sovaign lord Kyng Henry the viijth. viz. to

John Stonewell busshop of Poleten’ abbot y^r clx^{li}. the gallarye newe lodgyngs adjoynyng to the same on’ garden ij. orchards, wth the pools in the same.

John Sondyford prior	xiiij ^{li} .	vj ^s .	viiij ^d .
John Hyll supprior	x ^{li} .		
Jamys Welys kechynor	vj ^{li} .	xiiij ^s .	iiij ^d .
Richard Pollen almen’	ix ^{li} .		
Gilbt Gybbyns fermerar	viiij ^{li} .		
Willm Hybbold sexten	vj ^{li} .	xiiij ^s .	iiij ^d .
Thomas Hawkyns celerar	vj ^{li} .	xiiij ^s .	iiij ^d .
John Survyor	vj ^{li} .	xiiij ^s .	iiij ^d .
John Glyn	vij ^{li} .		
Thomas Bradley.	vj ^{li} .		
Willm Creyse	vj ^{li} .		
Andrewe Dudley	vj ^{li} .		
George Phyllyps	vj ^{li} .		
Thomas Hethe	vj ^{li} .		
Summa cclxiiiij ^{li} .			

ROB’T SOWTHWELL.
R. GWENT.
JOHN SCUDAMORE.
ROB’T BURGOYN.
THOMAS ACTON.

COMPUT’ MINISTRORUM DOMINI REGIS TEMP. HEN. VIII.

(Abstract of Roll, 33 Hen. VIII. Augmentation Office.)

PERSHORE NUPER MONASTERIUM.

Com’ Wigorn’		£.	s.	d.
Pershore Villa	Reddit’ Assis’	21	5	7
- - - - -	Custum’ Tenent’	5	12	8
- - - - -	Firma	0	10	0
- - - - -	Exit’ Nundin’	1	0	4
- - - - -	Perquis’ Cur’	1	5	6
Wigorn’ Civitas	Reddit’ Assis’ cum reddit’ Tenenc’ ad voluntat’ Dñi	2	16	0
- - - - -	Firma	1	0	0

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Com' Wigorn'		£.	s.	d.
Wigorn' Civit' Sancti Petri	Rectoria	10	0	0
Ligh cum Membris ac cum x ^{mis} . de Chokenhyll	Firma	82	2	0½
Matham cum Membris	Firma Manerij cum Rectoria . . .	40	13	4½
Almerston in Com' Wigorn' et War' ac Decim'				
ejusdem Ville cum x ^{mis} . de Streynsham . .	Firma	48	4	11½
Bradwaye cum Pertin' ac x ^m iðm	Firma	64	0	0
- - - - -	x ^m Granor'	20	0	0
- - - - -	D'nium sive Manerium	85	18	4
Cowley et Langney in Com' Glouc'	Firma Maner'	20	18	0
Hawkesbury cum Rectoria	Divers' Firm'	146	8	5
- - - - -	Firma Bosc'	13	6	8
Albrigton et Cadwell	Firma Manerij	19	10	2
- - - - -	Firma Let' cum Cur'	1	11	4
Allesbourgh	Firma Maner'	64	13	10
Ecc'ia S'ci Andr' in Pershore	Firma x ^m Gran' et Fen' in Wyk . .	4	2	0
- - - - -	Firma x ^m Gran' et Fen' in Bryklamton	8	0	0
- - - - -	x ^m in Pensham	2	6	8
- - - - -	x ^m de Besford	2	0	0
- - - - -	Grang' Decimal' de Desford . . .	4	0	0
- - - - -	x ^m in Penvyn	4	0	0
Rectoria de Sancta Cruce in Pershore, &c. . .	Firma x ^m de Ekyngton	12	18	4
- - - - -	x ^m de Magna Comberton et Parva			
	Comberton	3	13	4
- - - - -	x ^m de Walcotte et Broughton . .	2	0	0
- - - - -	x ^m Oblac' &c. Rector' de Sancta			
	Cruce	14	0	0
- - - - -	x ^m de Cadycrofte	0	13	4
- - - - -	x ^m de la Hermitage	0	10	0
- - - - -	x ^m in Paroch' de Berlyngham . . .	2	0	0
- - - - -	Porc' x ^m in Nawnton	1	0	0
- - - - -	x ^m in Pepulton	1	0	0
- - - - -	x ^m de Chevyngton	1	0	0
- - - - -	x ^m Feni in Pensham	0	1	6
- - - - -	Porc' x ^m in Pershore Rector' S.			
	Crucis et S. Andr'	4	0	0
Abburton, Flyward, et Wadborowe	Porc' x ^m in Abburton	2	13	4
- - - - -	x ^m in Wadborowe et Flyward . .	2	16	8
Pershore	Dom' et Scit' nuper Monasterij cum			
	Terris Dominicalibus ejusdem in			
	manusac' et occupac' Abbatis et			
	Conventus ibidem	13	12	3½

Monastery of Hyde,

IN

HAMPSHIRE.



YDE Abbey, anciently called NEW MINSTER, was originally situated within the precincts of the cemetery on the north side of the *Old Minster*, or cathedral of Winchester: where it stood no less than two hundred years from the time of its first building, till the removal of the house to a spot called HYDE, without the city walls; when it obtained its

present name.

In the collision of testimonies there is some difficulty in ascertaining whether King Alfred really began the building of this abbey, or only projected its construction.

Bishop Tanner, on the authority of Leland,^a says, King Alfred founded here first only a house and chapel for the learned monk Grimbold, whom he had brought out of Flanders;^b but afterwards projected, and by his will ordered a noble church, or religious house, to be built in the cemetery already mentioned, and designed that Grimbold should preside over it. Malmesbury, speaking of this monastery, says, "*quod quondam rex ELFREDUS mente conceperat, et EDWARDUS filius edificaverat.*"^c

Ingulphus, however, states that Alfred placed Grimbold, himself, over the monastery which he had built:^d and the Annals of Winton, as printed in the Anglia Sacra, refer still more pointedly to Alfred as the actual founder in his life-time.^e

Bishop Tanner is certainly wrong in asserting that the construction of Newminster was ordered in King Alfred's will.^f

The monastery was undoubtedly finished to the honour of the Holy Trinity, the Virgin Mary, and St. Peter, by King Edward the elder, the son of Alfred, in the year 903;^g the king placing therein secular canons:

and the church being consecrated by Archbishop Plegmund.^h Edward translated the remains of Alfred and Alsuitha, his father and mother, into the new church immediately after its completion.ⁱ

GRIMBALD, the first superior of the monastery, died in the same year in which the church was consecrated, on the eighth of the ides of July.^k

The ground upon which the New Minster was first erected is stated by William of Malmesbury to have been so valuable, that a mark of gold was paid for every foot upon which the building was constructed.^l Rudborne, a later writer, informs us that the number of feet extended to one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four.^m Edward the elder, in his Charter dated at Hamtone in the year 903, confirms Malmesbury's statement; adding that the extent of ground obtained, partly from the members of the old minster, and partly from certain inhabitants, was three acres and three virgates. From the preamble to this Charter, it should seem as if the Church of New Minster had been planned, and in part executed, by King Alfred, but that the building of the Offices and the endowment of the monastery were the deeds of Edward.

Edward appears to have endowed the monastery with a hundred cassates of land and a church at Myceldefer, together with the profits of its hundred;ⁿ the manor of Stratton, consisting of nine hides; Burcote, with four hides and a half; Popham, containing eight hides; ten hides at Woedemanecote; ten hides and the church at Candeverre; eight hides and a chapel at Cramborne; four hides at Draitone; three hides a virgate and a half at Swerwetone; six hides at Northameton; three hides at Nortone by Seleborne; Slastede and Fachburi, with a hide and a half; the manor called Anna, consisting of fifteen hides, with its church; the manor called Colengaburna, consisting of fifty cassates, also with its church; the manor and church of Ceoseldene, with forty cassates; certain land at Durlea; and the plot which formed the site of the monastery.^o His successors, Athelstan, Edmund, and Edred, are also chronicled as benefactors.^p

^a Lel. Collect. tom. i. p. 18, ex Vita Grimboldi. "Alfredus rex domum et capellam Wintoniæ citato opere fecit in gratiam Grimboldi."

^b The Annals of the monastery in the Harl. MS. 1761, which appear to have been compiled about the year 1443, say, "A. D. DCCCLXXXV. Adventus sancti Grimboldi in Anglia apud Insulam Vectam."

^c See Num. I.

^d — "Hinc sanctum Grimboldum, artis musicæ peritissimum, et in Divinis Scripturis eruditissimum, evocatum e Francia, suo Novo Monasterio, quod Wintoniæ construxerat præfecit in abbatem." Script. post Bedam, fol. 495.

^e "A. D. DCCCLXXII. Eluredus filius Edulfi rex Angliæ. Iste fecit in Wintoniâ in cœmeterio episcopalis ecclesiæ Novum Monasterium; quod multis ditatum possessionibus S. Grimbaldo dedit, ut sic illum retineret in Anglia." Angl. Sac. tom. i. p. 289. "Anno DCCCL. Edwardus filius Eluredi rex Angliæ.—Dedit et Novo Monasterio, quod pater suus erexit in Wintoniâ, prædia multa; in quo quiescit humatus." Ibid.

The Annals of the monastery in the Harleian MS. already quoted say, "A. D. DCCCL. Edwardus filius Alfredi coronatur. Iste Edwardus, præcepto patris sui, petente beato Grimbaldo, ædificavit Novum Monasterium Wynton. et in biennio illud consummavit."

^f See "The Will of King Alfred," 4to. Oxf. 1788, printed from Mr. Astle's Register of Hyde abbey, now in the library of the marquis of Buckingham at Stow.

^g Chron. Sax. ed. Gibs. p. 100. "An. DCCCCIII.—Hoc ipso anno, consecratum fuit Novum Monasterium in Wincester. circa S. Judoci adventum." The Annals of Hyde in the Harl. MS. 1761 say, "A. D. DCCCCIII. Dedicatio Novi Monasterii, et adventus reliquiarum sancti Judoci; et eodem anno, obitus sancti Grimboldi, anno ætatis suæ octogesimo tertio." "A. D. DCCCCXXXV. Translatio sancti Grimboldi confessoris."

^h Leland, ut supr. from the Life of Grimbold, says, "Novi Monasterii templum biennio a Grimbaldo exstructum, consecratum vero a Pleimundo."

ⁱ Corpora Alfridi et Alsuithæ conjugis ab Eadueardo filio in Novum translata Monasterium." Lel. Collect. tom. i. p. 18.

^k Chron. Sax. ut. supr.

^l See Num. I.

^m Rudb. Hist. Major. lib. III. c. vii.

ⁿ Two Charters of Edward the elder relating to Myceldefer, or Mucheldever, will be found in the Appendix, Numm. III. V. The first dated as early as the year 900, the second in 904. It is evident that at the time of framing the second Charter the canons were settled in their residence; the re-grant of the land being "ad refectorium fratrum Christo inibi servientium." In the Charter of 900 the monastery is mentioned as dedicated to the Holy Trinity only: in the second to St. Peter.

^o See Num. IV.

^p See Edmund's Charter, Num. VI.

The first foundation of New Minster was for secular canons; in which form the establishment continued for nearly sixty years. The canons, however, neglecting the care of the church and the celebration of the divine offices, left the latter to be performed by inferior priests, who were hired for the purpose at an easy rate, while they themselves lived away from the monastery, and spent its revenues at a distance. Such is the statement in the Annals of Winchester: though Rudborne brings a heavier charge against the canons. He represents them as trampling on their vows of celibacy, and contracting illicit marriages. Athelwold, bishop of Winchester, supported by the authority of King Edgar, endeavoured to remedy these disorders, at first, without absolutely changing the institution of the place. He began by dismissing the non-resident canons, and bestowing their prebends on the clergy who had hitherto supplied their places; but these also becoming rich and independent, were found no better than their predecessors. In conclusion, the civil and ecclesiastical authority both joining in the measure, the constitution of this establishment underwent a thorough alteration; the canons who refused to take the cowl and submit to monastic discipline were dismissed, and their places supplied by a colony of Benedictine monks from Abingdon in Berkshire; over whom was placed, in quality of abbat, a man of great merit and talents, *Æthelgar*, or *Algar*, who was afterwards successively promoted to the sees of Selsey and Canterbury. This change is placed by the Annals of Winchester under the year 959.^a Bishop Tanner dates the expulsion of the canons in 963: the Annals of Hyde in the Harleian manuscript, in the year 965. The laws which King Edgar gave the monks of Hyde, as well as his Charter of endowment, are dated in the year 966.^b

Edgar's fresh endowment appears to have consisted

^a "Anno DCCCCLIX. Edgarus frater Edwii filius Edmundi rex Angliæ. Non fuit in Angliâ monasterium sive ecclesia, cujus non emendaret cultum vel ædificia. In Wintoniensi ecclesia et Novo Monasterio, quod nunc ab eventu dicitur de Hida, monachos posuit loco clericorum; quia clerici illi nomine tenus canonici frequentationem chori, labores vigiliarum et ministerium altaris vicariis suis utcumque sustentatis relinquentes, et ab ecclesiæ conspectu ne dicam Dei plerumque absentes septennis, quicquid de præbendis percipiebant locis et modis sibi placitis absumebant. Nuda fuit ecclesia intus et extra; quia vicarii non habebant unde eam vestirent et tegerent, nec præbendarii qui prædicebantur talibus poterant intendere: vix inveniretur unus et is sorte coactus, qui vel pauperem pallam aut calicem quinque solidorum conferret altari. Rex Edgarus ista considerans, et dolens tam divites elemosinas collatas ecclesiæ non in ecclesiâ nec in ministris ecclesiæ nec in pauperibus expendi, mandavit trasonibus et sæpe consuluit per episcopum eorum Athelwoldum et per Dunstanum archiepiscopum; ut bona ecclesiæ non sine causâ percipientes in ecclesiâ perpetuo facerent stationem. Canonicis mandata regis et monita surdâ aure transeuntibus, et nolentibus singulis pro annuo canone mille librarum auri vel per annum esse claustralibus, rex instans proposito, et malens per canonicos quàm per aliud genus arctioris religionis administrari negotium, ablatas quibusdam eorum præbendas contulit vicariis, quos viderat in ecclesiâ perstantes assiduò. Sed et illi promoti in canonicatum, vicarios sibi facientes, facti sunt similes vel vagaciores et sæculares prioribus. Rex itaque circa correptionem canonicorum nihil proficiens, postquam genuinum fregit in illis, de ecclesia et de Novo Monasterio illos ejiciens, et monachos in locis illorum constitutens, illorum dispersionem istorum aggregationem à papa Johanne XIII. ratam haberi meruit et confirmari. His ita factis, rex Edgarus Novum Monasterium ampliavit possessionibus; et Wintonensi ecclesiæ dedit manerium quod dicitur Awintona, et apud Itinstokam x. hidas, et apud Madanlegam iii. hidas, et apud Breoudunam xiii. hidas, et apud Aderingeseldam ii. hidas, et apud Thucam vii. hidas." Ann. Winton. Angl. Sac. tom. i. pp. 289, 290.

^b These instruments form the principal part of the contents of the beautiful MS. written in gold letters, marked Vitellius A. VIII. in the Cottonian library, which formerly belonged to the monastery of Hyde itself. The size of the manuscript is large octavo: the contents occupying forty-two pages of vellum. On the reverse of the first leaf is an illumination in gold and colours, upon a purple ground, representing the Deity surrounded by angels, with the figure of the king below, holding a book in his left hand. On the opposite page, in gold uncials, these lines:

"Sic celso residet solio qui condidit astra
Rex venerans Eadgar pronus adorat eum."

The illumination is engraved in Strutt's work on Regal Antiquities, edit. 1773, Pl. I. The laws given by Edgar to the monastery were first published by Spelman in his Concilia, fol. 1639, tom. i. P. i. p. 435; and see also Wilkins, tom. i. p. 240. Both Instruments have been collated, for the present work, with the originals.

^c See Num. V.

^d The Annals of Hyde, already quoted (Harl. MS. 1761, fol. 16),

of the church and five hides of land at Dunketone; eight hides and a church at Sueise; ten hides at Titelescumbe, and two at Winterburn.^c

For the space of an entire century after its subjection to the rule of St. Benedict, Dr. Milner observes, New Minster affords few or no materials for history; the best proof that the rule was well observed in it, and that the monks, intent on their spiritual advancement, took no part in the great political events, which, during that period, convulsed the kingdom.^d *Alwy*, however, the brother of Earl Godwin, who had succeeded to the abbacy in the latter part of Edward the Confessor's reign, taking part with his nephew Harold upon the Norman invasion, and accompanying him to the field of Hastings with twelve monks and twenty soldiers, was there slain. This conduct is said so to have enraged the Conqueror, that he treated New Minster with more than common severity, seizing upon all its estates, which he reserved either for his own use, or bestowed upon the officers of his army:^e keeping the abbey itself in his own hands, without allowing a new abbat to be chosen for two years.^f Amongst other property of these monks, says Dr. Milner, he alienated what they could least spare, namely, part of their narrow inclosure, which, we have seen, had been purchased at so high a price. On this situation, being the north-west end of the present churchyard, including the square, he erected a new palace, or probably enlarged that which the West Saxon kings had heretofore occupied near it. Having gratified himself in this point, and his resentment being at length appeased, he permitted the monks to proceed to the election of a superior, when the choice fell upon *Wulfric*. He likewise restored part of the confiscated abbey lands, and gave other possessions in exchange for the remaining part of them.^g

The following were the lands belonging to St. Pe-

say, "A. D. 1042. Ymma regina dedit Novo Monasterio caput sancti Valentini martyris." See also Num. I.

^e Compare Milner, Hist. Winch. vol. ii. p. 217. Rudborne, speaking of William the Conqueror, says, "Ab ecclesia Wyntoniensi abstulit tria maneria, viz. Estmeone, Westmeone, et Weregraves. Et à novo Monasterio Wyntoniæ, quod nunc Hyda dicitur, vi abstulit, et militibus suis dedit ista maneria, viz. Aburthoun cum quatuor hydis et dimidio, Popham cum duobus hydis et dimidio, Cranburn cum octo hydis et dimidio, Draytonam juxta Nywetone cum quatuor hydis, Swarewetone cum tribus hydis et una virgata et dimidia, et Weststrattonam cum quinque hydis; quæ omnia Edwardus senior filius Alfredi regis fundator ipsius monasterii eidem dedit. Edmundus rex filius Edwardi senioris dedit eidem monasterio Lygeput cum duobus hydis, Bekendenere cum decem hydis pro anima suâ et patris sui Edwardi cum pertinentiis; sed Wilhelmus Conquæstor ea abstulit, et militibus suis dedit. Edredus rex frater Edmundi, et filius Edwardi, dedit novo Monasterio Wyntoniæ quod nunc Hyda nominatur, Andevere cum quinque hydis, et Wherwellam cum triginta hydis cum pertinentiis et privilegiis. Quæ omnia rex Wilhelmus Conquæstor pro voluntate suâ abstulit, et militibus suis dedit. Edwynus rex dedit novo Monasterio Wyntoniæ, quod modo Hyda nominatur, Sotewelle cum decem hydis et ecclesiam cum pertinentiis et privilegiis; quod manerium cum ecclesiâ Wilhelmus Conquæstor pro utilitate suâ ab ipso monasterio vi abstulit. Etheldredus rex filius Edgari regis dedit novo Monasterio Wyntoniensi, quod modo dicitur Hyda, Lammere tum tribus hydis et ecclesiam, et in insulâ Etha Meton cum duabus hydis. Badingborn cum quatuor hydis, Vologe done cum tribus hydis, Estede cum una hyda, et in insulâ de Portseye Frederington cum quatuor hydis, Suthingewerthe cum duabus hydis, et apud Berntone juxta Wherwellam unam hydam, et apud Wreford unam hydam, et pratum quod jacet juxta Kyngesmill, quod dicitur Mune; et hoc Wilhelmus abstulit, et militibus suis dedit. Cnutus rex dedit novo Monasterio Wyntoniæ, quod Hyda nominatur, Draytone juxta Byketone cum quinque hydis, et crucem nobilissimam de auro cum lapidibus preciosis, et multis sanctorum reliquiis decenter ornatam, et duas magnas imagines auro et argento bene ornatas. Quæ omnia Wilhelmus Conquæstor vi abstulit. Brythwynus comes dedit Opwarneforde cum octo hydis permissione et licentia Etheldredi regis. Quod manerium à novo Monasterio Wyntoniæ Wilhelmus Conquæstor pro voluntate sua abstulit. Hugo Portuensis comes dedit novo Monasterio Wyntoniæ Bedhamtone cum decem hydis et ecclesiam cum pertinentiis et privilegiis permissione et licentiâ sancti regis Edwardi Londoniæ: quod manerium Wilhelmus Conquæstor pro voluntate sua abstulit, et militibus suis tradidit. Robertus dapifer Hugonis de Portu dedit novo Monasterio Wyntoniæ Fideleswerthe cum decem hydis, et sex cum pertinentiis et privilegiis permissione et licentiâ sancti Edwardi regis. Sed Wilhelmus Conquæstor illud ab ipso monasterio rapuit injustè, et militibus suis tradidit." Hist. Major Wint. Angl. Sac. tom. i. pp. 248, 249.

^f "A. D. 1066. Alwyus abbas occiditur, et vacavit hæc ecclesia ij. an."

^g Milner, Hist. Winch. vol. ii. pp. 217, 218. The Memoranda by way of Annals, in the Chartulary now at Stow, dates the building of the Conqueror's palace here in the fourth year of his reign: it appears to

ter's Winchester, as the abbey is called, recorded in the Domesday Survey.

In *Sussex*, the abbey held Svesse, which paid tax for twenty-seven hides; in Lewes, ten burgesses were tenants of the abbey, beside numerous villani, who paid their rents in kind; at Cloninctune, in Estocbrige hundred, the abbey held five hides; with a single "haga," or house, in Chichester.^a In *Surrey*, five hides at Sandestede. The great property, however, of the abbey was in *Hampshire*. In Manesbury hundred, in that county, twenty hides were held in Candevre; in Sunburne hundred, one hide at Fugelerestune, and two hides and a half at Lechtford; in Miceldevre hundred, at Miceldevre eighty-three hides and half a virgate; at Ordie seven hides; in Neteham hundred, five hides at Aultone; in Cillei hundred, five hides at Wortinges, and seven hides at Bighetone; in Portesdon hundred, ten hides at Betametone; in Menestoch hundred, three hides at Lammere, and eight at Warneford; in Basingstoc hundred, two hides at Lichepet; in Manebrige hundred, eight hides at Stancham, with four hides and a virgate of land at Clere; at Taceberie half a hide; in Andovre hundred, at Anna eight hides; in Overetun hundred, at Laurochestoche six hides and half a virgate. In *Berkshire*, ten hides at Cedeneord, and ten at Sotwelle. In *Wiltshire*, ten hides at Maneforde, and thirty-two carucates at Coleburne. In *Dorsetshire*, seventeen carucates at Pidrie.

The quantity of land comprised in these numerous possessions amounted to no less than two hundred and ninety-six hides and one virgate; producing at the formation of the Survey, the annual sum of 264*l.* 7*s.*

From the entries, however, in the Survey, it is clear that the abbey property had undergone a great change subsequent to the time of Edward the Confessor. In Edward's reign, at Suesse in *Sussex* the abbey had answered for thirty-eight hides which had been reduced to twenty-seven. At Sandestede in *Surrey*, for eighteen which had been brought to five. At Fugelerestune in *Hampshire* five hides had been reduced to one. At Lechtford the same number had been reduced to two and a half. At Miceldevre the abbey had answered, in the time of Edward the Confessor, for a hundred and six hides; these had been reduced to eighty-three hides and half a virgate. At Bighetone ten hides had been brought to seven. At Anna fifteen hides were reduced to eight.

King Edward the Confessor is recorded to have given to the monastery seventy-two acres of meadow at Ordie, together with another pasture of eighty acres. The Conqueror appears to have bestowed upon it Aultone. He also gave the monks the four hides and a virgate at Clere, as has been already noticed, in exchange for the land on which the royal palace stood. King William also gave Laurochestoche to the abbey in alms, for the souls of himself and his queen. Ezi, the sheriff, is stated to have given Taceberie in alms to the abbey before the Conqueror's arrival. Churches are mentioned on the abbey property at Svesse in *Sussex*, and at Bighetone, Betametone, Lammere, Staneham, Clere, and Laurochestoche in *Hampshire*.^b

The anger of the first William, says Dr. Milner, was not more injurious to this establishment than was the anger of the second William. During the whole of this unprincipled reign the New Minster was in the hands of

the king's agent, Ralph Passflebere, who either sacrilegiously received the rents of it, for his master's use, or simoniacally sold them to the highest bidder. For the space of seven years the oppressed monks were forced to yield obedience to the unworthy Robert de Losinga, in quality of their abbat; his son Herbert, bishop of Norwich, having purchased this dignity of the corrupt minister, by way of a provision for his father.^c Matthew of Westminster alludes to this transaction in the following verses, under the year 1094:

"Surgit in ecclesia monstrum genitore Losinga,
Symonidum secta, canonum virtute resecta.
Petre nimis tardas, nam Symon ad ardua tentat:
Si præsens esses, non Simon ad alta volaret.
Proh dolor, ecclesiæ nummis venduntur et ære.
Filius est præsul, pater abbas, Simon uterque,
Quid non speremus si nummos possideamus?
Omnia nummus habet, quid vult facit, addit et aufert:
Res nimis injusta, nummis fit præsul et abba."^d

In King Henry the First the abbey of Newminster found a friend. Immediately upon his accession to the throne a regular abbat was chosen; and as the Old Minster, or priory of St. Swithin, by the zealous endeavours of its superiors, Simon and Godfrey, had then attained to a high reputation for piety and monastic discipline, a monk from thence, by name Hugh, was chosen to restore them in the New Minster; where a great relaxation is supposed to have taken place under the circumstances of the preceding reign.^e

Dr. Milner thinks the removal of the monastery in the reign of Henry the First to a new site, owed its origin to several causes: the principal one, however, seems to have been that the church being situated close to the Old Minster, or cathedral, continual differences arose between the inhabitants of the two monasteries, occasioned by the interruptions which each gave the other in the performance of the choral service, the ringing of their bells, &c.^f Their differences at last arose to so great a height that the religious of the New Minster thought fit, about the year 1110, to remove to a better and more quiet situation, on the north part of the city, called Hyde, or Hyde-meadow; where King Henry, at the instance of William Giffard, bishop of Winchester, had founded a stately abbey for them.^g

The situation which had been abandoned was surrendered into the king's hands, who transferred it to the bishop for the benefit of the cathedral monastery to which it had originally belonged.^h In return, the king, amongst other benefactions to the new abbey of Hyde, granted three additional days for the continuance of the fair upon St. Giles's hill, the profits of which were to be paid to it by the bishop. The king settled and confirmed the rights and privileges of this establishment in other particulars; amongst which, one regards the procession that the two monasteries had been accustomed to make, in common, to the church of St. James above the castle. This matter seemed then of so much importance as to be a subject of regulation in a royal Charter, in the manner above related.ⁱ

St. Peter, who had been accounted the patron of New Minster, was also the patron of Hyde abbey; though Bishop Tanner informs us that the latter was sometimes called the monastery of St. Grimbald,^k and sometimes of St. Barnabas.^l

In 1140, or 1141, the civil war which broke out be-

have been destroyed with the city in the year 1140. The site of it is stated in the same manuscript to have been given, in 1150, by Henry bishop of Winchester to the church of St. Laurence.

^a From an entry in another page of the Domesday Survey for *Sussex*, it seems as if the manor of Treverde, then held by Earl Roger, had belonged, in the time of Edward the Confessor, to Newminster. See Domesd. tom. i. fol. 23.

^b See Num. VI.

^c Milner, Hist. Winch. vol. ii. p. 218.

^d Matt. Westm. edit. Francof. 1601. p. 233.

^e Milner, ut supr.

^f See the extract from William of Malmesbury's History in Num. I.

^g Compare Hoved. fol. 271, who dates the erection of the new monastery in the year 1011. See also the extract from the Annals of Waverley in Num. I. The Annals of Hyde, in the Harl. MS. 1761, fol. 17, say, "A. D. mcx. Remotio Novi Monasterii extra civitatem Wynt. usque ad Hydum." "A. D. mcxi. Translatio Reliquiarum Novi Monasterii a Civitate Wint. usque ad Hidam."

^h Rudborne informs us that the site of New Minster in his time was occupied by the garden belonging to the sacrist of the cathedral priory, the garden of the infirmary, a mill, and a brew-house. Hist. Maj. Winton. Angl. Sacr. tom. i. p. 209. On part of this spot now stands the Matron's College erected and endowed by Bishop Morley.

ⁱ Compare the Charters, Numm. X. XII. See also Milner, Hist. Winch. vol. ii. p. 220.

^k So the Annal Eccl. Winton. Angl. Sacr. tom. i. p. 297. "Anno mcx. Fecit Rex transponere monasterium S. Grimbaldi de atrio episcopalis ecclesiæ in suburbium civitatis ad aquilonem cum monachis et reliquiis."

^l Notit. Mon. The Annals of Winton just quoted, Angl. Sacr. tom. i. p. 302, say, "Anno mclxxxii. Innotuit se primum S. Barnabas apud Hidam per miracula a Deo perpetrata; et tunc cœpit renovari et meliorari eadem ecclesia." Bishop Tanner adds in a Note, "It is said to be dedicated to St. Peter, St. Paul, and St. Columbanus. Hen. Salgrave MS."

tween Stephen and the Empress Maud appears to have spent its first fury upon Winchester. The abbey of Hyde and the nunnery of St. Mary Winchester were among the buildings destroyed.^a Henry de Blois, then bishop of Winchester, the base brother of Stephen, appears to have had no kindness at this juncture for the abbey of Hyde. He seized upon the gold and silver of the great cross, which had been given to New Minster by Canute,^b when it was melted in the flames which consumed the abbey. The conflagration itself, indeed, was laid to his charge: and the whole of his injuries to the monastery rated at the enormous sum (for that period) of 4862*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*^c A canonical process on all these accounts was instituted against him by the monks; and the appeal, in which the monks appear to have been assisted by Bernard abbat of Clareval, was so powerfully made, that as long after the burning of the monastery as the year 1151, the bishop was obliged to visit Rome, that he might endeavour to clear himself.^d The cross appears to have been re-consecrated by him in 1161.^e

The church and abbey of Hyde appear to have been rebuilt with great magnificence in the reign of Henry II.^f In fact, it soon became one of the more distinguished abbeys of the kingdom. Hence, says Dr. Milner, its superior was one of the twenty-four abbats who, as soon as parliaments began to be held, were summoned to attend them in the upper house.^g

The remaining history of Hyde abbey presents but few facts of importance.

Otto, the pope's legate, in the year 1267 placed the abbey under an interdict, which continued for several weeks, on account of a quarrel between his own servants and those of the monastery.^h

^a "Anno MCXLI. Stephanus rex à Roberto comite Gloucestræ captus est. Imperatrix igitur a domino legato Henrico Wintoniensi episcopo et omnibus fere capitaneis Angliæ apud Wintoniam in dominam suscepta est, suscepitque omnium homagium et fidelitates. Londoniensis tamen non fecerunt fidelitatem, aut si fecerunt, hoc inviti. Licet autem fecerint annon, semper ei insidiabantur; ita, ut cum forte fuisset Londoniæ, illam capere modis omnibus tentaverunt; sed præmunita relictis supellectilibus suis clanculo cum suis aufugit. Facta demum inter legatum et imperatricem discordiâ, imperatrix cum suis castellum tenuit regium et orientalem partem Wintoniæ et burgenses cum eâ, legatus cum suis castrum suum cum parte occidentali et Londoniensibus. Quid multa? Combusta est civitas et depopulata. Ecclesia sanctimonialium combusta et ecclesia de HIDA; et excrustata est magna crux, inventeque sunt in illâ plusquam D. marcæ argenti et auri xxx." Angl. Sacr. tom. i. p. 299.

The account of this destruction in 1141 is also detailed in the Chronica Gervasii, Twysd. Script. x. col. 1356.

^b "Hinc jam discordiis in alterutrum prorumpentibus, civitas famosa secunda die mensis Augusti, agente et præcipiente ejusdem civitatis episcopo, traditur incendio, quo monasterium sanctimonialium cum officinis suis, et plusquam viginti ecclesiis cum meliori parte civitatis, et cœnobio sancti Grimaldi cum ædibus suis in cinerem redactum est. Septem igitur septimanis in obsidione transcurtis, episcopus tandem ad obsessorum animos fallendos præcepit per urbem pacem prædicari, et portas civitatis aperiri, advesperascente jam die quæ festivitatem exaltationis sanctæ crucis præcedebat."

^c This cross is represented, together with portraits of Canute and his queen Ælfgiva, in the frontispiece to the Register of Hyde abbey at Stowe: an illumination of the very period. See it engraved in Strutt's Manners and Customs, vol. i. Pl. xxviii. In the centre of the illumination stands the cross, placed upon an altar. The figure of the Deity is represented above, with the Virgin Mary on one side, and St. Peter on the other. An angel appears placing a crown upon Canute's head, whose right hand has hold of the cross. Another angel is represented placing a mantle on the head of the queen, who stands on the opposite side of the altar. The words "Elgyfu Regina" and "Cnut Rex" designate the figures. Below, a crowd of persons are seen as in the act of adoration.

^d See Num. XV.

^e "Anno MCXLIX. Profecti sunt Romam monachi plerique de Hida contra Hugonem de Lens abbatem suum, appellato prius abbate ipso ab eisdem monachis pro quibusdam controversiis quæ vertebantur inter eos. Appellaverant etiam iidem monachi Henricum episcopum de dilapidatione thesauri ecclesiæ suæ, et maxime de excrustatione magnæ crucis ecclesiæ suæ et ablatione." Angl. Sacr. tom. i. p. 300. "Anno MCLI. Henricus episcopus Wintoniensis Romam profectus est purgare se coram summo pontifice de his quæ imponebantur ei a Bernardo abbate Clarewallensi et monachis de Hida et multis aliis. Pacificatus papa post multas cavillationes et multa munera ab episcopo data, et multo plura promissa, cum priori potestate sua reversus est ad propria." Ibid.

A strange project appears to have been entertained by Bishop Henry de Blois a few years previous to this, when he was desirous of obtaining the pope's assistance in erecting the see of Winchester into

In 1272, Robert archbishop of Canterbury visited Hyde, with the other monasteries of Winchester.¹

Stevens, in his Continuation of the Monasticon, copies from Rymer a receipt for a quantity of church plate, which King Edward the Third extorted from this, amongst other monasteries, under the name of a loan, in order to enable him to carry on his expensive wars upon the Continent.^k

In 1352, however, the revenues of the monastery appear to have been dilapidated.¹

William of Wykeham, by his will, dated July 24, 1403, left a cup of silver gilt, of the value of ten pounds, to the abbat: with forty shillings to each monk in priest's orders, and twenty shillings each to such monks as were in inferior orders.^m

Cardinal Beaufort, in the first of the codicils annexed to his will, dated April 7th, 1447, left the sum of two hundred pounds toward the reparation of the church.ⁿ

ABBATS of NEWMINSTER and HYDE.

Of the Superiors of the monastery of Newminster, after GRIMBALD, till King Edgar's time, history is totally silent.

The following are those who occur subsequently, as

ABBATS of NEWMINSTER.

ÆTHELGARUS, or EGELGARUS, who was brought from Abingdon monastery by Bishop Athelwold, was constituted the first abbat under Edgar's foundation,

an archbishoprick, and the abbey of Hyde into a bishoprick; subjecting both the proposed see and Chichester to Winchester.

"Anno MCXLIII. decessit Innocentius papa, successitque Cælestinus. Henricus episcopus tempore prædicti Innocentii papæ propter nimiam dilectionem quæ fuit inter eos, Romam profectus est. Quo anno profectus fuerit, non affirmo. Sed ipse exegit apud papam, quod de episcopatu Wintoniensi archiepiscopatum faceret, et de abbatia de Hida episcopatum, et quod episcopatum Cicestriæ sibi subjiceret. Et hoc fecit propter crebram decertationem quæ fuit inter episcopum et archiepiscopum Cantuariensem. Iste enim major videri voluit quia archiepiscopus, ille quia legatus." Ibid. p. 300.

^e Ibid. p. 301.

^f "Anno MCLXXXIII. innotuit se primùm S. Barnabas apud Hidam per miracula à Deo meritis ejus perpetrata; et tunc cœpit renovari et meliorari eadem ecclesia." Angl. Sacr. tom. i. p. 302.

^g Hist. of Winch. ut supr.

^h MCLXVII. "Item iiii. calend. Novemb. venit dominus rex Wintoniam, et cum solenni processione receptus est. Item v. idus Decemb. venit legatus Wintoniam, et ad abbatiam de Hidâ declinavit; qui cum unâ cum domino rege festum Natalis Domini celebrasset ibidem; quinto die sc. in festo B. Thomæ martyris manè recedens interdixit dictam abbatiam de Hida et ecclesiam propter quandam pugnam factam inter homines ipsius legati et homines abbatis; et duravit illud interdictum per quatuor septimanas." Angl. Sacr. tom. i. p. 312. See also Ann. Wigorn. ibid. p. 497.

The Annals of Hyde, in the Harleian MS. 1761, say, "A.D. MCLXVII. Octobonus venit ad Hidam et traxit moram ibidem in Natali Domini, et quia medio tempore accidit ibi pugna inter familiam suam et famulos abbatiae, inde recedens abbatiam interdixit."

ⁱ Angl. Sacr. tom. i. p. 312.

^k See Num. XXIX.

¹ "A.D. MCCC.LII. Submissio hujus abbatiae in manus domini Willielmi Edyndon episcopi Wynton. propter misericordiam et necessitatem nostram relevandam et domus finalem destructionem emendandam." MS. Harl. 1761, fol. 20. Long previous to this, in 1286, as appears by an entry upon the Patent Rolls, the revenues of the abbey had grown less adequate than thenceforth for its support. "R. omnibus &c. Sciatis quod cum abbas et conventus de Hida Winton. quorum domus ex progenitorum nostrorum quondam regum Angliæ elemosinis est fundata, decano et capitulo Sarum in 20 libris annuis teneantur per quarum annuum solutionem status dictæ domus plurimum est depressus; Nos eis subvenire volentes concedimus quod dicti Abbas et Conventus ecclesias de Colingburn et Peveseye patronatus eorundem infra episcopatum Sarum situatas dare et assignare possint ven. patri episcopi Sarum et præfatis decano et capitulo et eorum succ. vel ipsas ecclesias ordinationi dictorum episcopi, decani, et capituli submittere, et quod ipsi de eisdem ecclesiis libere ordinare valeant ad relevamen ejusdem oneris et aliorum onerum incumbentium domui supradictæ. 12 Apr." Pat. 14 Edw. I.

^m Lowth's Life of William of Wykeham Appendix, p. xli.

ⁿ "Item, lego abbati et conventui de Hyda juxta Winton. ad reparationem ecclesiæ ejusdem cc. li. dummodo singulis annis imperpetuum ipsi teneant et observent diem obitus mei, et de hoc solempniter faciendo securitatem executoribus meis faciant pro se et successoribus

according to the Harleian MS. 1761, A. D. 965.^a Upon his promotion to the bishoprick of Selsey, in 977,

ALSIUS, or ALSINUS, became abbat.^b

BRIGHTWOLDUS succeeded, A. D. 995.^c He continued abbat till the appointment of

BRICHMERUS, or BRITHMERUS, A. D. 1008.^d Bishop Kennett, in his manuscript Diptycha, says Brithmerus died in 1032:^e but, according to the Annals in the Harleian manuscript, he was succeeded by

ALNOTHUS in 1021.

ALWYNUS became abbat in 1035.^f

ALFNOTUS became abbat in 1057.^g

ALWYUS, or ALWINUS, the brother of Earl Godwin, became abbat in 1063. His death has been already noticed.

WLFRIC, or WULURICUS, became abbat in 1069.^h He was deposed by Archbishop Lanfranc A. D. 1072.ⁱ

REWALANUS succeeded in the same year:^k who is called by Ingulphus and William of Malmesbury RUALDUS. *Riualo* (the same person) is said to have attended the Council of London in 1078.

RALPH, or RADULFUS, abbat of Newminster, died in 1088: upon whose death, the charge of the monastery was conferred by King William Rufus on Ralph de Passeflabere, his chaplain:^l whose sale of the abbacy to Herbert bishop of Norwich has been already spoken of. The father of that prelate,

ROBERT DE LOSINGA, was appointed abbat in 1091. Upon his death, in 1093, the custody of the abbey again fell into the hands of Ralph de Passeflabere.

HUGH, a monk of St. Swithin's Winchester, was appointed abbat A. D. 1100, immediately upon the accession of King Henry the First.

GEOFFREY, or GALFRIDUS, became abbat of Newminster in 1106.^m It was in his time that the abbey was translated to Hyde. He died in 1124.ⁿ

ABBATS of HYDE.

OSBERTUS succeeded as abbat immediately upon the death of Geoffrey. Bishop Kennett notices him as occurring in 1128.

HUGO DE LENS was made abbat in 1142.^o Willis and Stevens call him HUGH DE SCHORCHEVYLEYN. He was succeeded by

SALIDUS, according to Willis, in 1149: the Annals of Hyde, in the Harleian manuscript 1761, say A. D. 1151. His death is noticed in the Annals of Winton, A. D. 1171.^p After a vacancy of five years,

THOMAS, prior of Montacute, was made abbat, according to the Harleian Register, in 1177.^q The Annals of Winton say in 1175. He resigned his abbacy in 1180.^r

JOHN is said to have succeeded in 1181.^s In 1185, he went to Rome to bring the pall for Baldwin the archbishop of Canterbury elect.^t Willis calls him JOHN

suis." Nichols's Royal and Noble Wills, 4to. Lond. 1780, p. 336. Two years before this, in 1445, the bell-tower of the church had been destroyed by fire: "In hoc anno Campanile de Hyda erat combustum cum viii. campanis."

^a "A.D. DCCCCXLV. Expulsi sunt Canonici de Novo Monasterio Wynton. et ordinatur ibidem Athelgarus abbas, postea episcopus Selseyæ, qui nunc dicitur episcopatus Cicestræ, et postea archiepiscopus Cantuar. immediate post sanctum Dunstanum." MS. Harl. 1761, fol. 15. He signs a Charter in Ingulphus, Script. post Bedam, fol. 502. Æthelgarus died, according to the Harleian manuscript, in 989.

^b MS. Harl. ut supr. fol. 15.

^c Ibid. fol. 15 b.

^d Ibid.

^e So Wharton, in his MS. Collections at Lambeth.

^f MS. Harl. 1761, fol. 16.

^g Ibid.

^h Ibid. fol. 16 b.

ⁱ Chron. Sax. p. 178. See also Angl. Sacr. tom. i. p. 294. Act Pontif. Cantuar. Script. x. col. 1654.

^k Angl. Sacr. ut supr.

^l Annal. Winton. Angl. Sacr. tom. i. p. 295.

^m MS. Harl. 1761, fol. 16 b.

ⁿ Kennett, MS. Diptycha.

^o Harl. MS. 1761, fol. 17 b.

^p Angl. Sacr. tom. i. p. 301.

^q Ut supr. fol. 17 b.

^r Angl. Sacr. tom. i. pp. 301, 302.

^s Harl. MS. ut supr.

^t Angl. Sacr. tom. i. p. 302.

SUTHILL, prior of Cluny. He died in 1222, and was succeeded by

WALTER DE ASTON, or AYSTUNN, a monk of the house; to whose election the king gave his assent on the 7th of July.^u Upon his death,

ROGER DE ST. WALERY was elected abbat. The royal assent was given to his election April 27th, 1247.^x He died in 1263:^y when

WILLIAM DE WIGORN, or WORCESTER, was elected abbat.^z Upon his death, in 1281,

ROBERT or ROGER DE POPHAM was elected; to whom the temporalities of the monastery were restored June 2d, 1282.^a

SIMON DE KANINGES received the king's assent to his election July 26th, 1292; and the temporalities were delivered to him on the 12th of August following.^b Upon his death,

GEOFFREY DE FERRINGES, or FERYNGES, became abbat; to whom the temporalities were restored Oct. 30th, 1304.^c His resignation was announced to the king, and a licence for a fresh election obtained March 13th, 1317: and on the 26th of April following the temporalities were restored to

WILLIAM DE ODYHAM.^d

WALTER DE FYFYDE received the royal assent to his election June 26th, 1319; and had the temporalities restored Aug. 1st.^e

THOMAS DE PEITHY, or PECHY, was elected abbat in 1362.^f

JOHN DE EYNESHAM was elected abbat, upon Pechy's death, in 1381: upon Jan. 22d in which year the temporalities were restored to him.^g Upon John de Eynesham's death,

JOHN LETCOMB succeeded; and had the temporalities restored to him July 25th, 1394.^h

JOHN LONDON, or DE LONDON, received the royal assent to his election, June 11th, and had the temporalities restored June 20th, 1407.ⁱ Upon his death,

NICHOLAS STRODE was elected abbat, according to the Harleian manuscript, in 1414: in the Patent Roll, however, the temporalities are said to have been restored March 27th, 4th Hen. V.^k

THOMAS BROMELEY, or BRAMLEY, received the royal assent to his election May 3d, 1440.^l

HENRY DE BONVILE was elected, upon Bromeley's death, according to the entries upon the Patent Roll, in 1464:^m the Harleian manuscript 1761 says in 1460.ⁿ

THOMAS WIRSCETUR was elected abbat Dec. 1, 1471. In the Harleian manuscript just quoted he is called THOMAS WYRSTETUR.^o The royal assent was given to his election Dec. 6th, and the temporalities were restored Dec. 11th.^p

JOHN COLYNGBURNE was elected abbat in 1480. He received the temporalities on February the 6th that year.^q

THOMAS FORTE was made abbat in 1485. The temporalities being restored Nov. 8th, 1 Hen. VII.

^u Pat. 6 Hen. III. m. 3.

^x Pat. 32 Hen. III. m. 8.

^y Annal. Wint. Angl. Sacr. tom. i. p. 311.

^z MS. Harl. 1761, fol. 18 b.

^a Upon the Patent Roll he is called *Roger de Popham*. In the Register of Archbishop Pecheham we read, "Die S. Barnab. 1282 benedixit archiep. fratrem *Robertum* de Popham elect. in abbatem de la Hyda."

^b Pat. 19 Edw. I.

^c Pat. 32 Edw. I.

^d Pat. 10 Edw. II. p. 2.

^e Pat. 12 Edw. II. p. 2. The Annals of Hyde in the Harl. MS. say, "A.D. MCCCXLII. Walterus abbas de Hida fuit factus custos villæ de Hampton, et eodem anno fuit factus justiciarius domini. A.D. MCCCXLIV. Insurrectio Nativorum de Chuselden contra abbatem, et castigationem." fol. 19 b.

^f Ibid. fol. 20.

^g Pat. 4 Ric. II. p. 2.

^h Pat. 18 Ric. II. p. 1.

ⁱ Pat. 9 Hen. IV. p. 2.

^k Pat. 4 Hen. V. Willis, and Stevens, after him, say John de London died in 1425.

^l Pat. 20 Hen. VI. p. 2.

^m Pat. 4 Edw. IV. p. 2.

ⁿ Harl. MS. ut supr. fol. 21.

^o Ibid. fol. 21 b.

^p Pat. 12 Edw. IV. p. 1.

^q Pat. 19 Edw. IV.

RICHARD HALL received the temporalities April 7th, 1488, 3 Hen. VII. During his governance the abbey was visited by the Chapter of Canterbury, March 3d, 1501.

JOHN SULCOT, or SALTOT, *alias* CAPON, S. T. P., the last abbat, was elected on the 31st of May, 1530. Willis says he was translated from the abbey of Holm, in Norfolk. He had been educated in the university of Cambridge; and, having been instrumental in engaging his university to comply with the king's divorce, he was promoted on the 19th April, 1534, to the bishoprick of Bangor, with which he obtained leave to hold his abbacy in commendam. He adds, that for his good services at the Dissolution, and ready yielding up his monastery to the visitors in April, 1538, and procuring his monks, twenty-one in number, to join with him in the said surrender,^a he was furthermore preferred, July 31st, 1539, to the bishoprick of Salisbury, which he held for eighteen years; where, deceasing upon October 6th, 1557, he was buried in his cathedral.

The Cotton manuscript Cleopatra E. iv. fol. 49, contains certain orders for the monastery of Hyde, apparently at the time of the surrender. Different alterations and interlineations introduced into which are in the hand-writing of Lord Cromwell. The second paragraph appears to be crossed over by his hand. They are as follow:

"First it is released and permitted to the reverend father in God John Bishop of Bangor abbot of the monastery of Hide that he shall goo or ride at his libertie whither he will, and take iij. or iiij. of his brethern with him and kepe them as long as he shall think mete, or remitting them or any of them home to send for other in their stedes.

"Item, that suche housholedes as have been custumably kept in the said Mon. shalbe continued, soo as there sitt at the least every daye viij. brethern, in the frater iiij. and iiij. at a messe.

"Item that suche officers as have been accustomed to ride abroad to see the works of the Mon. or to kepe their courts, shall have the same libertie therin, with the said abbott lyeng thar, they were wont to have, so as they be only occupied in the oversight of the said works and kepyng of corts . . . otherwise in the same with such honestie and modest façon as behoveth men of religyon using themselves.

"Item that the saide abbot maye gyve the prior, sup-prior, and other officers, being suche as he shal think men of discreation, licence thre or foure tymes at the most in the yere to goo abroad for their refreshe and recreaçon taking w^t him or them so having licence foure of the brethern at the least, forseing that they reasort to no light or suspect places, ne that they use themselves in the said recreaçons otherwise thanne shal appertayn to honestie and their profession.

"Item whereas the saide Mon. is charged by the kings highnes in his gracious visitation to fynde thre scolers students at oon of the universities in England;

it shalbe lefull for the saide abbot during his lief to appoint and gyve exhibiçon to oone scoler and student to be accompted in the same nombre, being he an Englishe man, or borne w^tin some of the king's dominōns whiche shal applie his study and lerning in the parties of beyond the see, within any universitie there, so as by color herof the kings ordenance herin be not frustrated or deceyved."

At the Dissolution, the abbey of Hide was valued, according to Dugdale, at 865*l.* 18*s.* 0*½d.*: according to Speed at 865*l.* 1*s.* 6*½d.* The site was granted in the 37th Hen. VIII. to Richard Bethell.

Dr. Milner says, "Upon the dissolution of Hyde-abbey, many of its best estates, particularly the manors of Micheldever and Stratton, were obtained by Henry Lord Wriothesley afterwards earl of Southampton, from whose family they passed by marriage to that of the Russels, which was already gorged with church property. The site of the church and monastery was granted to Richard Bethel, after the term of a lease made to the aforesaid Lord Wriothesley. What the intent of that lease was we may easily judge, namely, that he might have leisure to dispose of whatever was saleable upon the premises. In conformity with this plan, he was in such haste to pull down this magnificent fabric, that Leland, when he visited the city a very few years after, spoke of the abbey as of a fabric that had existed, but then existed no longer. 'In this suburbe stode the great abbay of Hyde, and hath yet a parochie chirche.'"^b

In Camden's time the ruins of the monastery were still of some extent. At present the remains consist of some ruinous out-houses, a gateway, and a large barn, apparently of the twelfth century, supposed to have been the abbat's hall. The gateway, which has a flat arch, is of the fifteenth century. The bridewell of the city of Winchester has been in part erected upon the site of the church and choir. Many capitals of columns, heads, and other ornaments, which have been dug out of the ruins of Hyde, are to be seen in different parts of the city, and particularly at the bridewell itself; two stone coffins preserved at which were engraved in the title-page to the second volume of the History of Winchester.

Of the REGISTERS of HYDE ABBEY, that in letters of gold, which forms the Cottonian manuscript Vesp. A. viii. has been already described.

Another Chartulary of great antiquity is that which is called *Hyde Abbey Book*, written upon sixty-three leaves of vellum, now in the library of the marquis of Buckingham at Stowe. This is the same manuscript which Bishop Tanner notices as being, in 1710, in the possession of Walter Clavel, Esq. It was afterwards the property of the Rev. Mr. North, from whom it went to his executor, the Rev. Dr. Lort, and by him was presented to Thomas Astle, Esq. in 1770. Mr. Astle's manuscripts were purchased, under a clause in his will, by the late marquis of Buckingham.^c

^a The following were the annuities and pensions still payable in the 2d & 3d Philip and Mary. *HIDA nuper Mon. Annuity.* Rogeri Groundie per annum xxvj*s.* viij*d.* Johannis Arnet per annum xxvj*s.* viij*d.* Johannis Dennyng per annum xxvj*s.* viij*d.* Andreæ Davidson per annum xxvj*s.* viij*d.* Johannis Cooke per annum xxvj*s.* viij*d.* Johannis Goddesalve per annum xl*s.* Johannis Palmer ar. et Thomæ Palmer generos. per annum c*s.* *Penciones.* Walteri Bowyar per annum xiiij*li.* vj*s.* viij*d.* Thomæ Welles per annum x*li.* Johannis Culter per annum vj*li.* Ricardi Layborne per annum vj*li.* Thomæ Alear per annum vj*li.* Ricardi Woodlocke per annum vj*li.* Johannis Nalred per annum vj*li.* Johannis Greate per annum vj*li.* Philippi Leaffe per annum vj*li.* Johannis Parrys, alias Valentyne, per annum vj*li.* Johannis Laycocke per annum vj*li.*

^b Milner's Hist. of Winch. vol. ii. p. 226. Leland, Itin. vol. iii. p. 102, notices two little tablets of lead, inscribed with the names of Alfred and his son Edward, found in their respective tombs.

^c *Contents of the Chartulary of Hyde Abbey.*

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9. Adnotatio de Homagii præstatione Abbati eidem per Johannem Motessount, pro dimidia hida terræ in Mucheldevere, 18 Hen. VI. ibid.

10. Tabula præcipuarum materiarum hoc in Codice contentarum, fol. 10.

11. Tabula quadruplex, in qua columnatim, atque ordine notantur, Anni ab Incarnatione Domini ab 872 usque ad 1478, una cum successionibus Regum Angliæ, Abbatum de Hyda, ac Episcoporum Wyntoniensium, fol. 14.

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* 12. Confirmatio Regis Henrici secundi de libertatibus Ecclesiæ de Hyda, fol. 26.

* 13. Confirmatio Regis Henrici II. de Excambio Hydæ, ibid.

* 14. Confirmatio Regis Henrici II. facta Solido Abbati de libertatibus terrarum Hydæ, ibid.

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* 16. Item de libertatibus Abbatiae de Hyda et Excambio ejusdem, ibid.

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21. Compositio inter Rectorem Ecclesiæ de Wherwelle et Abbatem et Conventum de Hyda super decimis Ecclesiæ de Wherwelle, A.D. 1245, fol. 36 b.

22. Compositio inter Priorissam et Conventum de Ambresbury et Abbatem et Conventum de Hyda super decimis de Wynterborne, A.D. 1223, ibid.

23. Litteræ Patentes Johannis Comitis Warennæ, quibus quietum clamat Abbati et Conventui de Hyda et omnibus eorum hominibus de Suthese et Tytelescumbe omnimodas exactiones et demandas quas habuit de omnimodis muris claudendis, et omnibus aliis clausuris in villa sua de Lewes, dat. 28 die Decembr. 52 Hen. III. fol. 37.

24. Evidentiæ, quod ab antiquo infra Portam de Hyda versus boream, fuerint Tenementa et Domus contigua muris et clausuræ Abbatiae, quæ non fuerunt de libertate vel franchises Civitatis Wynton. ibid.

25. Cyrographum Abbatis de Waverleia de pastura, fol. 42.

* 26. Carta Edwardi primi fundatoris Abbatiae de Hida, fol. 47.

27. Carta Regis Edwardi primi (i. e. filii Regis Ælfredi) de Mucheldevere, fol. 47 b.

28. Carta alia Regis Edwardi de Mucheldevere, fol. 48.

29. Carta Abbatis et Conventus de Hyda versus Audoenum Nigrum, fol. 48.

30. Cartainter Audoenum Nigrum et Robertum de Hyda de liiij. acr. et dim. terræ, fol. 50.

31. Placitum et Litteræ Patentes R. Edwardi III. de libera Warennæ quam concessit Abbati et Conventui de Hida, in dominicis eorum terris in Micheldevere, Stratton, Laverstoke, Wodemancote, Abbotes-worthi, Abbotes-Berton, North Stonham, Abbotes-anne, Foghelertone, Lecford, Wortinge, et Byketone, fol. 63.

32. Pars prior Cartæ Cnutonis Regis Anglo Saxonum, qua restituit Novo Monasterio Civitatis Wintoniæ quinque cassatos in Draytone; adnullans Cartam quam prius de eis fecerat adolescenti cuidam Wintoniensi; et quascunque alias si alicubi essent, fol. 64 b.

33. Quod manerium de Mucheldevere tenetur pro tribus feodis militum cum suis membris, fol. 65 b.

34. Ordinatio Vicariæ de Mucheldevere. A.D. 1308, fol. 66.

35. De quibus terris Vicarius de Mucheldevere percipiet decimas Garbarum, fol. 66 b.

36. De Finibus factis cum Rege, per Abbatem de Hida, pro boscis vastatis, fol. 67 b.

37. De Concordia inter Abbatem de Hida et Henricum Popham, de jure Decennarij de Popham, in hundredo de Mucheldevere, fol. 75 b.

38. Memorandum de Placito inter dominum Willelmum Edyn-done Wyntoniensem Episcopum, et Majorem et Communitatem Civitatis Wynton. anno xxij. R. Edwardi III. de bundis solo Cimiterij Ecclesiæ Cathedralis, ubi aliquando stetit Novum Monasterium, quod postea translatum est ad locum extra Civitatem, dictam Hyda; cum bundis et limitibus prædictis, ibid.

volume itself is written on a hundred and ninety double pages of vellum, of the large quarto size.

A fourth Register, though probably of less importance than the three preceding, is the Cottonian manuscript Domitian A. xiv. in small quarto.^a

39. Successio Episcoporum Wyntoniensium, a Frithestano, usque ad Adamum de Orleton, fol. 76.

40. Nomina Fundatorum et Benefactorum Ecclesiæ Wynton. fol. 76 b.

41. De veteri Statu Ecclesiæ Cathedralis Wynton. ibid.

42. Bulla Johannis Papæ . . . ad Eadgarum Regem, pro ejectione Canonicorum de Ecclesia Wyntoniensi, fol. 77.

43. Feoda Militum quæ tenentur de Episcopo Wyntoniensi, infra Episcopatum et alibi, fol. 77 b.

44. Forma ad faciendum Homagium, Gallicè, fol. 78 b.

45. Forma ad faciendam fidelitatem Episcopo Wyntoniensi, fol. 78 b.

46. Compositio pro Ecclesia de Aulton, cum Capellis suis de Halibourne et Benestede (imperf.) fol. 81 b.

47. Evidentiæ de Byketon, foll. 83, 85 b.

48. Evidentiæ de Draytone, foll. 84, 86 b.

49. Evidentiæ de Wortyng, fol. 89.

50. Custumarium ejusdem Manerii renovatum anno Abbatis Simonis undecimo (i. e. A.D. 1302), fol. 95 b.

51. Fundatio unius Cantariæ in Prioratu sancti Dionisii juxta Hamton ad quam Cantariam Abbas de Hyda habet præsentare unum presbyterum, A.D. 1296, fol. 97.

52. Evidentiæ de Cheselden, fol. 98.

53. Consuetudinarium de Cheselden, fol. 114.

54. Nomina Fundatorum Novi Cœnobii Wynton. quod vocatur Hyda cum privilegiis quæ eidem Cœnobio contulerunt, fol. 120 b.

55. Nomina et Valores Beneficiorum sub patronatu Ecclesiæ de Hyda Wynton. fol. 121.

56. Evidentiæ de Peveseye, foll. 122 b, 186.

57. Carta Regis Edmundi de Peveseye, fol. 124 b.

58. Carta Regis Ethelredi de Maningeford, fol. 125.

59. Evidentia quod Abbas de Hyda non tenetur in posterum solve Stokselver in Savernak, fol. 128.

60. Inquisitio capta super Stokselver, fol. 129.

61. Inquisitio capta apud Scherbourne de Manerio de Pudele in com. Dorset. 4 Hen. IV. fol. 129 b.

62. Rentale et Consuetudinarium de Pevesey, fol. 132.

63. Evidentiæ de Colyngburn, fol. 140.

64. Rentale et Consuetudinarium de Colyngburne, fol. 145.

65. Examinatio Testium de Communa Pasturæ ad omnia Averia et Animalia, habenda Abbati et Conventui de Hyda, Rectori de Mucheldevere, pertinente Glebæ Capellæ de Norhamptone, xx. die Junii anno 1 Hen. V. fol. 147 b.

66. Carta de Ordinatione Vicariæ de Colyngburne, per Robertum Abbatem de Hida, et Frethericum Rectorem Ecclesiæ de Colyngburne, fol. 148.

67. Confirmatio Rogeri Episcopi Sarum super Ordinatione de Colyngburne, fol. 148.

68. Evidentiæ de Wodemancote et Laverstoke, fol. 149.

69. Evidentiæ quædam de Ecclesia de Heghton, fol. 150 b.

70. Custumarium de Larkestone, renovatum anno 17 R. Rich. II. fol. 155 b.

71. Evidentiæ de Aultone, foll. 156 b, 158, 158 b, 159.

72. Evidentiæ de Bedhamptone, fol. 158.

73. De fin. facta ad appropriandam Ecclesiam de Aultone; et de solutione, fol. 159.

74. Copia de Domisday de Terris Abbatiae sancti Petri de Hyda juxta Wynton. fol. 160.

75. Compositio inter Abbatem de Dureford et Abbatem de Hyda, super fundatione Cantariæ in Ecclesia Conventuali de Dureforde, per Willielmum de Dureforde, A.D. 1327, fol. 162.

76. Carta Confirmationis Edw. III. Regis de libertatibus Civitatis Wyntonix, et de feodi firma ejusdem Civitatis eisdem concessa. Dat. 5 Maij anno regni primo, fol. 163 b.

77. Carta Regis Henrici III. de libertatibus Episcopi Wintoniensis et Prioris Sancti Swithuni. Dat. 20 die Januarii anno regni sui 16, fol. 164 b.

78. Evidentiæ de Suthwerk, fol. 168.

79. Feoda quæ tenentur de Hyda secundum libros Scaccarii Domini Regis, fol. 172.

80. Adnotationes de Homagiis per varios factis Abbatibus de Hyda, fol. 173 b.

81. Instrumenta varia de portione Terrarum Abbati de Hida pertinentium, fol. 177 b.

82. Scutagium Abbatis de Hyda de tenentibus suis levandum, fol. 180 b.

83. Breve Regis Henrici V. de libertatibus Abbatiae S. Petri de Hida, fol. 181.

84. Breve Regis Edw. III. de eodem argumento, fol. 182.

85. Juramentum Rectorum vel aliorum per Abbatem et Conventum hujus loci præsentandorum, fol. 183.

86. Breve Regium pro nativis excusandis de Contributione faciendi pro expensis militum in Parlamento, fol. 188.

87. De Contributione concessa in Capitulo nostro generali, fol. 183.

88. Placita de Juratis et Assisis, et de quo waranto apud Wyntoniam, anno 8 Edw. I. ubi Abbas de Hyda summonitus fuit ad ostendendum domino Regi, quo waranto clamat habere liberas furcas, emendas assisæ panis et cervisiæ in Aultone, quæ ad Coronam domini Regis pertinent, sine assensu et voluntate domini Regis, et prædecessorum suorum Regum Angliæ, &c. fol. 185.

The following are the only works belonging to the LIBRARY of Hyde abbey noticed by Leland:

“Alexander Necham, de laude Sapientiæ:” and the

“Ænigmata Simposii.”^b

89. Carta Radulphi Monachi (Le Moyne) militis, de una marca de Lieneselve persolvenda Monachis de Hida, ad operationem ejusdem Monasterij &c. fo. 188.

90. Litera Radulphi Monachi missa domino Galfrido Salvagio vicecomiti et baronibus comitatus Hantesire; in quâ exorat eos ut Testes essent Cartæ quam fecerat de donatione unius marcæ de redditu ipsius de Lieneselve, annuatim persolvendæ Abbati et Conventui de Hida, fol. 188.

91. Finalis Concordia facta coram Justiciariis domini Regis itinerantibus apud Wilton, anno 25 R. R. Henrici III. de una marca annuatim solvenda per Robertum le Moyne de tenemento suo de Lydschelve, fol. 188 b.

^a The Charters in this volume, for the most part, relate to tenements or small parcels of land. They are classed under the names of places; as,

Winton, fol. 23.

Mucheldevere, foll. 46, 98, 109, 221, 228 b, 230.

Candevere, fol. 95.

Draiton, fol. 96.

Stanham, fol. 112.

Wudemanecot fol. 130.

Lauerkestok, fol. 131.

Sandestede, foll. 140, 179, 215.

Peveseia, fol. 152.

Colyngburn, foll. 165, 191.

Tachebury, fol. 178.

Cyrographa Regia, fol. 183.

Cheseldene, foll. 192 b, 193, 222.

The following are the Instruments of principal importance:

* 1. Carta de remotione Abbatiae de Hida et excambio, fol. 22.
2. Confirmatio Regis H. secundi de libertatibus Ecclesiæ de Hyda, fol. 32 b.

3. Confirmatio Regis H. ij. de excambio Hydæ, ibid.

4. Confirmatio Regis H. ij. facta Salido abbati de libertatibus terrarum Hydæ, fol. 33.

5. Confirmatio Regis H. j. facta Osberno abbati de libertatibus Ecclesiæ de Hyda, fol. 33 b.

* 6. Carta Regis Edwardi primi de Mucheldevere, A.D. 904, fol. 72.

* 7. Carta Regis Edwardi primi de Mucheldevere, A.D. 900, fol. 72 b.

8. Recognitio Johannis de sancto Johanne de relevio sex feodorum militum, fol. 101.

9. Compositio inter Abbatem de Hida et magistrum G. de Feringes Rectorem Ecclesiæ de Stanham, fol. 112.

10. Carta Ethelstani Regis de Stanham, fol. 114.

11. Carta inter Walterum Abbatem et Abbatem de Waverleia de fossato de Louemore, fol. 120 b.

* 12. Carta Regis H. de Luemore, fol. 121.

13. Carta inter Abbatem de Hyda et Priorem de Bermundseye de Pastura in Warlingham, fol. 144.

14. Cyrographum Regium inter Abbatem de Hyd et Radulphum de Heysted de advocatione Ecclesiæ de Lyng, fol. 145.

15. Cyrographum inter Abbatem de Hyda et Priorem de Bermundseye de Terris et Pasturis, fol. 145 b.

* 16. De feodis militaribus Abbatiae de Hyda, fol. 155.

17. Ordinatio Episcopi Sar. de Capella de Morfcote, fol. 155 b.

18. Carta Regis Edmundi de Peues, A.D. 940, fol. 156.

19. Carta Regis Ethelredi de Maningeford, A.D. 987, fol. 157.

20. Carta Henrici de Brideport de concessione Terræ suæ in Manerio de Colingburn Abbatis, fol. 167.

21. Carta domini Henrici Regis Angliæ de quietantia feodi unius militis, 30 Hen. III. fol. 168.

22. Carta Abbatis et Conventus de Hyda de xx. libris debitis Cap. Sarum, fol. 170 b.

23. Cyrographum inter Capitulum Sarum et Capitulum de Hyda de solutione xx. librarum, 50 Hen. III. fol. 171.

24. Carta Ordinationis Vicariæ de Colyngbourne, fol. 173 b.

25. Carta Recognitionis Elyæ Crok de servicio trium militum, fol. 174.

26. Inquisitio de Aulton, 15 Edw. I. fol. 174 b.

27. Cyrographum Regium inter Abbatem de Hyda et dominam Aviciam de Calumbar de mille acris bosci, 25 Hen. III. fol. 183.

28. De Tenementis Abbatiae de Hyda secundum quod continentur in Domesday, fol. 187 b.

29. Privilegium Regis Ethelredi de moris, A.D. 983, fol. 189.

30. Privilegium Cnutonis Regis de Drayton, fol. 189 b.

31. Carta Conventus de Hyda de Terra emptâ per Walterum Abbatem, fol. 212.

32. De advocatione Ecclesiæ de Kyngesworthy, fol. 226 b.

33. Breve domini Regis de Scutagio Walliæ, fol. 227.

34. Feoda quæ tenentur de Abbate de Hyda, fol. 227 b.

35. Recepta de Scutagio pro exercitu Walliæ anno regni Regis H. xlj. fol. 229.

Among the Cottonian manuscripts there is also another volume, of the smallest quarto size, marked Titus D. xxvii. prefixed to which is a Calendar, written about the time of the Conquest. From the obits of many of the early abbats contained in this Calendar, it is evident that the book belonged to the Monastery of Hyde.

^b Lel. Collect. tom. iv. p. 148.

An impression of the SEAL of this monastery, though not quite perfect, was exhibited to the Society of Antiquaries Dec. 11th, 1817, by Mr. Plumpton Wilson. In the area of the obverse was a sort of canopy of Gothic tracery, separated into three divisions. In the centre, the figure of St. Peter seated, having a book in his left hand, and upholding a double key with his right; his head mitred; beneath his feet the words S. PETRUS. Within the division to his right was the figure of a king crowned, bearing in his left hand the representation of a church, with the words REX EDWARDUS at the side. On the left of St. Peter was another figure of a king crowned, the right hand lifted up, and the left hand bearing a sceptre. The name, formerly at the side, was gone, but was probably either *Rex Aluredus* or *Rex Ed-*

garus. The inscription round this side of the seal was imperfect, viz. SIGILL CCE . S . . . PETRI DE HYDA JUXTA WYNTON. The reverse represented three other figures, also placed within niches of Gothic architecture, the tops of which were more triangular than those of the divisions on the obverse. Under the centre figure, bearing a staff with a cross at the end, were the words S. BARNABAS. On the right of St. Barnabas was a figure, the inscription behind which had been broken away: probably *S. Grimbaldus*. On his left a figure, with the words S. VALENTINUS at the side. The inscription round this side of the seal, as far as it remained, was HYDA PATRONUM JUGI PRECE T HORUM.

Cartae ad Hidense Coenobium in agro Hantoniensi spectantes.

NUM. I.

[Will. Malmesb. fol. 140 a.]

EST etiam in eadem civitate (Wintonia sc.) monasterium, quod quondam rex Elfredus mente conceperat, et Edwardus filius edificaverat, et in eo canonicos posuerat, Grimbardo quondam Flandrensi suadente, qui ibidem magna gloria humatus, sanctus prædicatur et creditur. Sed beatæ memoriæ Ethelwoldus, canonicis expulsis, monachos posuit, præficiens eis abbatem, Edgarum nomine. Ad hujus monasterii officinas instituendas sufficiens terræ spatium ab episcopo Denewlfo et canonicis illius temporis mercatus supradictus rex, ad unumquemque pedem mancā auri publico pondere pensitavit. Et erant ambæ ecclesiæ sic vicinæ parietibus contiguæ, ut voces canentium aliæ obstreperent alijs. Undè tum propter hoc, tum propter cætera, infelix livor plurimas effodiebat causas, quibus non modicas invicem exculperent offensas. Quapropter nuper illud cœnobium extra urbem translatum sanius incolitur, liberiori insignitur.

Præterea construxit rex supradictus in eadem urbe sanctimonialium cœnobium, sed posterioribus annis per beatum Ethelwoldum ampliatus est locus ille, quibus præposuit Etheldritham virginem anum, quæ ad conjecturam somnii, quod mater ejus de aquila viderat aurea, multa de ipso prophetavit. Fuerat ibi antehac monasteriolum, in quo Edburga, regis Edwardi senioris filia, conversata et defuncta fuerat, sed tunc penè destructum. (&c.)

[Rog. Hoved. fol. 271 a.]

ANNO MCXJ. Novum autem monasterium, quod infra murum Winton. constructum erat, agente Willielmo Wintoniensi episcopo, rex extra murum construi jussit.

[Annales de Winchcombe in Bibl. Cottoniana.]

ANNO DCCCCLXIIJ. Rex Anglorum Edgarus Ælfrytham, Ordgari ducis Domnaniæ filiam, in matrimonium accepit, et monachos in Novo-monasterio et in Middelton collocavit.

[Annales de Waverle in Bibl. Cottoniana.]

ANNO MCXJ. Novum monasterium quod erat infra

murum Wintoniæ, agente Willielmo Giffard episcopo, rex Henricus extra murum construi fecit.

[MS. in Bibl. Cottoniana, sub effigie Vitellii E. XII.]

SANCTUS Ethelwoldus, jubente rege Edgardo, anno Domini DCCCCLXIII. à sancto Dunstano Dorobornensi, episcopus Wintoniæ consecratus est. Erant autem tunc in veteri monasterio canonici nephandis moribus implicati, elatione, insolencia, atque luxuria præventi, adeo ut nonnulli eorum dedignarentur missas suo ordine celebrare, repudiantes uxores quas illicitè duxerant, et alias accipientes, gulæ et ebrietati jugiter vacabant; quod minimè ferens episcopus, accepta à rege Edgardo licentia, expulit eos, et monachos de Abendoniam introduxit, quibus ipse abbas et episcopus fuit. Misit autem rex ministros suos clericis, præcipientes ut confestim loco renunciarent, aut habitum monasticum susciperent, qui nimis pavore conterriti, et vitam execrantes monasticam, intransibiles monachis illico exierunt; sed tamen postmodum tres illorum habitum susceperunt, nam usque nunc in gente Anglorum non erant monachi nisi in Glastonia et Abendoniam. Johannes Tinemuthen. in hist. aurea sub anno gratiæ supradicto.

Hæc sunt Nomina Regum, fundatorum Novi Cœnobii Wintoniensis, quod vocatur Hida, cum Maneriis et Privilegiis, quæ eidem Cœnobio contulerunt.

[Ex veteri MS. in Bibl. Cottoniana, fol. 30.]

ALFREDUS juvenis elegantissimus, à patre suo rege Anglorum Athulpho Romam missus, à papa Leone in regem, et successorem paterni regni consecrandus et coronandus, apud alium Bertinum gratissimo suscipitur hospitio. Hic beati patris Grimbaldi, illius cœnobii præpositi, cæterorumque fratrum caritate, aliquot diebus decenter ad famuli Christi vestigia sedere, et ab eo divina documenta percipere gaudebat. Qui jam tunc magno amore, et nobis omnibus, ad regnum Anglicanum transferre decrevit monitorem suum Grimbaldum, si Deus prosperum faceret desiderium suum. Veniens igitur Romam, à summo pontifice regiam consecrationem accepit, et reversus in Angliam, post mortem patris totius regni principatum obtinuit. Qui statim misit nuntios ad monasterium patris Bertini, rogans abbatem et fratres, ut sibi mitterent venerabilem virum Grimbaldum, suum et totius Angliæ futurum consiliarium. Mit-

tens ergo illum præclarus abbas cum fraternis lacrimis, susceptus est reverentissimè rege à summo pontifice, et ab omni ecclesiastica et sæculari dignitate. Rex autem tanta dilectione sanctum virum astrinxerat, ut quicquid in sua potestate optaret promptissimè concederet. Vir autem domini tantam clementissimi regis penès se attendens dilectionem, devotissimè petiit, ut in urbe Wentana, locum sibi competentem ad monasterium construendum tribueret, in quo cum ministris Dei divino servitio possit occupari. Rex verò munificus petitionibus libentissimè adquiescens, totum mox circa locum ad monasterium construendum animum intendit. Sed morte surripiente, propositum suum ad exequendum filio suo Edwardo dereliquit.

Edwardus, primus post mortem patris ad regalis solii stadium sublimatus, paterni voti non segnis executor, ad officinas monasterii supradicti construendas, tantum terræ, scilicet tres acras, et tres virgatas, quæ lingua Anglorum threo furlange, in aquilonari parte veteris monasterii à Denulfo ipsius civitatis episcopo, et canonicis illius ecclesiæ comparavit; et pro unoquoque pede unam marcham auri contulit. Moxque in arduam monasterii structuram totam mentis diligentiam impendit, et insignem ecclesiam, quæ Novum Monasterium appellatur ædificavit, atque totam fabricam infra biennium consummavit. Prædictam autem ecclesiam in honore summæ Trinitatis, genetricisque Christi Mariæ, atque apostoli Petri, benedictione pontificali devotissimè fecit dedicari. Ipsamque (congregatis in eadem canonicis sæcularibus Deo servituris) sanctissimo patri Grimbaldo juxta votum paternum regendam commisit. Expleto autem parvo tempore, deliberavit beatus Grimbaldus canonicos sæculares, ob nephandos eorum mores, eliminare omnino, atque monachos Deum timentes imponere. Sed prævidet diem transitus sui appropinquare, et ideo voluntatem suam in congregandis fratribus non potuit explere.

Erant autem ambo ecclesiæ parietibus contiguis innexæ, quod in illa civitate plurima in utraque ecclesia dovotionis et obsequii divini frequenter emergebant impedimenta. Ita siquidem unum monasterium alteri memoratur esse contiguum, quod vix unius hominis transitus inter ipsorum fundamenta haberetur. In uno enim choro clarè resultabat quod fratres psallebant in alio. Ita quod unà voces canentium vocibus constreperint aliorum, classico nihilominus campanarum maximam generante confusionem. Ita quod vix discerni poterat quando in uno loco, et quando in alio psallebatur. Aqua etiam, quæ per devexos civitatis vicos à porta confluens occidentali, circa situm monasterii prædicti in paludem horridam congregata, et in lutum ex flacone^a diutina condensata, foetorem ex se intollerabilem emittens, et sua corruptione aerem vicinum inficiens, fratribus in loco memorato Deo servientibus, plurima infirmitatum gravamina frequenter inferebat. Unde propter hæc et alia multa incommoda, illud monasterium, tempore regis Henrici senioris, et Willielmi Giffard, Wintoniensis episcopi, procurante illius monasterii abbate, extra urbem, in loco qui nunc Hyda vocatur, est translatum, videlicet anno Domini m^cxxi. Edwardus rex liberalissimus tantum eidem ecclesiæ contulit opum, prædiorum, ornamentorumque copiam, ut ditissimorum monasteriorum æquare videretur opulentiam.

Dedit enim Mucheldever, cum suo hundredo, et ecclesia, cum c. et vj. hydīs, utramque villam de Strattun cum novem hydīs, Burchet cum quatuor hidīs et dimidiam, Pophame cum duabus hydīs et dimidiam, Northampton cum vj. hydīs, Wodmanhot cum x. hydīs, Candever cum x. hydīs, Crameburne cum viij. hydīs, Drayton juxta Newton cum iiij. hydīs, Swereneton cum tribus hydīs et una virgata et dimidia, Sclatstede et Tachburye cum una hyda et dimidia, libera à consuetudine regia, Anna cum xv. hydīs, Colingborne cum l. hydīs, Chescleve cum xl. hydīs, et omnibus aliis pertinentiis et privilegiis. Cui successerunt tres filii, scilicet, Adthalsanus, Edmundus, Edredus. Adthalsanus rex dedit Staneham cum sex hydīs, capellam cum perti-

nentiis et privilegiis, et duo amieta, cum margaritis et gemmis. Edmundus frater ejus rex dedit Peniciam cum xxxvj. hydīs, et Ligget cum tribus, Bechandever cum x. hydīs, pro anima sua, et patris sui Edwardi, cum pertinentiis et privilegiis. Edredus frater ejus rex, Andever cum l. hydīs, et Marwell cum xxx. hydīs, Lecford cum quinque hydīs, Fuglareton cum v. hydīs et ecclesiam, et Sweise cum xxxvij. hydīs et ecclesiam, Titlescombe cum x. hydīs, et Winterburne cum duabus hydīs et pertinentiis, et privilegiis, scriptis aureis literis. Hujus tempore beatus Adelwoldus, Wintoniensis episcopus, annuente rege Edgardo, canonicos sæculares lascivè et luxuriosè viventes, de novo expulsi monasterio, illicque monachos de Abindone introduxit regularitèr conversantes, illis ordinans abbatem discipulum suum, nomine Algara, qui postmodum episcopus apud Selseyam, ac deinde Cantuariæ episcopus effectus est. Athelfleda uxor et regina Edgari regis, mater sancti Edwardi regis et martyris, filia Ordmaris comitis, dedit Sandelstede cum xvij. hydīs et ecclesiam, et Lingedefelde cum sex hydīs et ecclesiam, et Langhurst cum duabus hydīs, cum pertinentiis et privilegiis. Ethelredus rex, filius Edgari regis et Estrilde reginæ, dedit Manggefords cum x. hydīs et ecclesiam, Lammere cum tribus hydīs et ecclesiam, et insulam Ethameton cum tribus hydīs, Badingburne cum quatuor hydīs, Melokedene cum tribus hydīs, Esthede cum una hyda, et insulam de Portesey, Fredington cum quatuor hydīs, Suthingwerke cum duabus hidīs, et apud Berton juxta Warewell unam hidam, et Aprinesforde unam hidam, et pratum quod jacet inter Kinges-mell quod dicitur Mune, et pratum de Suwetone, ob amorem Algari archiepiscopi, et pratum quod vocatum est Dennemarke ad quod jacet fluvius qui vocatur Ichen. Emma regina, uxor Adeldredi regis, mater sancti Edwardi London, dedit Pidele cum triginta hidīs, et ecclesiam cum pertinentiis et privilegiis, et scrinium auro et argento lapidibusque preciosis decentèr ornatum, sancti Valentini martiris caput continens preciosissimum. Edmundus rex, qui dicebatur Ferrei lateris, filius Etheldredi regis, dedit Wortinges cum quinque hidīs cum pertinentiis et privilegiis. Knuthus, rex Anglorum et Danorum, dedit Drayton juxta Biketon, cum quinque hidīs, cum pertinentiis et privilegiis, et crucem nobilissimam, auro et argento lapidibusque preciosis, cum multis sanctorum reliquiis decentèr ornatam, in qua (ut dicitur) totius Angliæ annum redditum contulerat. Et duas imagines magnas auro, argentoque benè ornatas, et casulam unam per totam brudatam, et alias tres optimas de pauleo.^b Edwardus sanctus London rex, filius Etheldredi, dedit terram de Papcholt, et sylvam quæ vocatur Ores, cum pertinentiis et privilegiis. Willielmus cognomento Bastard, filius Roberti ducis Normanniæ, rex Angliæ, dedit ecclesiam de Awlton cum capella et omnibus aliis pertinentiis, et in eadem villa quinque hidas, et ecclesiam de Clere cum quatuor hydīs, et una virgata terræ, cum capellis, et aliis pertinentiis, ab omni exactione liberas et regia consuetudine. Henricus senior, filius Willielmi Bastardi, rex Angliæ, dedit hidam in qua monasterium situm est, et Abbatis-Wordiam cum septem hydīs. Dedit etiam Litelwordy, in remotionem ecclesiæ extra civitatem, et libertatem viæ extra portam aquilonarem, cum multis privilegiis.

Matildis regina, filia regis Scotiæ, uxor Henrici senioris regis, dedit Lamerkestokey, cum decem hidīs, cum pertinentiis et privilegiis. Magnates etiam Angliæ, plurima auri, argentique donaria eidem ecclesiæ promptissima devotione contulerunt, quibus, aleretur chorus ministrorum ibidem in Christo militantium. Brygwynus comes dedit Upwarnford, cum octo hidīs, quas jure hæreditario possedit, permissione, et licentia Adelredi regis, cum pertinentiis et privilegiis. Hugo Portuensis comes, dedit Bedhampton cum decem hydīs, et ecclesiam cum pertinentiis et privilegiis, permissione et licentia sancti Edwardi regis London. Robertus, dapifer Hugonis de Portu, dedit Fidlewerth, cum decem et sex hydīs, cum pertinentiis et privilegiis, permissione et licentia sancti Edwardi supradicti.

^a L. statione.

^b Ita MS.

NUM. II.

Sequitur Destructio Monasterii de Hida.

DE quibus beneficiis, per prædictos fideles in Christo monasterio de Hida concessis et confirmatis, tantæ destructiones dictæ abbathie factæ sunt. Videlicet, rex Haraldus habuit avunculum, nomine Godwynum, abbatem de Hyda, qui adduxit secum contra Willielmum Bastard in suo adventu in Angliam in subsidio nepotis sui Haraldi, de domo sua duodecim monachos et viginti milites, pro servitio: quibus occisis, et spoliatis, inventi sunt memorati abbas et monachi sub arnis militaribus, in habitu monachili, et de novo Wintoniæ monasterio, videlicet de Hida cœnobitas esse. Rex igitur Willielmus, iracundia repletus, eo quod monachi processissent ad bellum, abbathiam et sua jura extorsit, et eam ferè per biennium absque pastore in manu sua tenuit. Anno verò regni sui tertio mare transiit, ducens secum ecclesiæ prædictæ thesauros, qui in brevi rediens, dicti monasterii, videlicet, pro abbate, baroniam unam, et pro singulis monachis, qui cum abbate contra dictum regem in bellum processerunt, singula feoda militum arripuit, militibus qui cum eo venerant conferendis. His dampnis sic peractis, supervenit Henricus, episcopus Wintoniæ tempore Stephani regis, nescio quo ductus spiritu, et dampna ampliora cumulavit. Nam quum Henricus episcopus primò tenuit abbathiam de Hida quinque annos et dimidiam, et quatuor hebdomadas, et tres dies, sub hoc termino, unoquoque anno habuit trecentas libras ad opus suum: post istum terminum ecclesiam comburi fecit; qua combustione in officiis et ornamentis plurima ecclesiæ intulit damna. Eodem incendio nominatissima crux Christi, à Kanuto rege Novo-monasterio collata, in cineres redacta est. Per hanc verò combustionem, tenens abbathiam per unum annum, et quindecim dies, unicuique fratrum binos diatim solvit denarios. Eodem anno monachi ejusdem ecclesiæ commiserunt ei bona fide, ex incenso cinere, pondera argenti quinquaginta decem, et quindecim pondera auri, et diademata tria gemmis preciosis ornata, et duas imagines, videlicet, sanctæ Mariæ, et sancti Johannis, quarum una auro et gemmis excrustavit: duas patenas argenteas, auro decentè ornatas, cum duobus urceolis preciosissimis, ex operibus Salomonis, et crusto aureo columnis deliciis octoginta sexdecim,^a à rege Henrico ecclesiæ donata in sua extorsit: sigillum conventus quindecim marcaram, vas argenteum ad aquam benedictam cum duobus jocis saccorum à domino rege Knutone donata, asportavit. Turibulum decem marcarum nequiter subtraxit; archam quoque quandam in qua supradicti ornatus habebantur, cum lintheis optimis asportavit. Imagines verò prædictas auro et argento coopertas à monachis pro centum marcis reddendis de ecclesia asportare fecit. In additamenta malorum monachum Cluniacensem tributa sibi annuatim, ut dictum est, persolventem, scilicet Hugonem Schorchevyleyne, abbatem constituit, qui monachos per diversas ecclesias, jubente episcopo, cum literis suis dispersit, adeò ut ex quadraginta monachis, domi nisi solummodo decem remanserant. In qua dispersione viduatam à propriis filiis corruens ecclesiam, manum in sanctuarium Domini extendens, cruces quinque, scrinia decem, textus totidem, auro, argento, gemmisque preciosis ornatos, cum morsibus capparum aureis excrustavit. Quo hac de causa remoto, ex præcepto domini papæ, dominus Thomas Cantuariensis archiepiscopus, sub apostolica protectione, et sua, suscepit ecclesiam. Episcopus autem Henricus, contra jussionem ipsorum, dominationem ecclesiæ vi obtinens, et contra Deum, et contra conventum donavit ecclesiam de Lingefelde, ecclesiam de Sandestede, capellam sancti Leonardi, capellam de Wordye, capellam sanctæ Helenæ, capellam de Stanham, et decimam de Crambam, et capellam sancti Bartholomei, quæ est sita in cimiterio monasterii, cujus clavem super altare positam, vi abstulit et asportavit.

NUM. III.

Carta Regis Edwardi Primi de Mucheldevere.

[MS. Cotton. Brit. Mus. Domit. A. xiv. fol. 72 b.]

OMNIPOTENTIA divinæ majestatis ubique præsidente, et sine fine cuncta gubernante, ego Edwardus ipso largiente rex Anglorum cunctis gentis nostræ fidelibus innotesco quod pro salute animæ meæ quendam fundum quem indigenæ Micheldever appellant centum cassatorum quantitatem continentem benigne confero monasterio Sanctæ Trinitatis quod Wentana situm est civitate Novumque appellatur. Huic autem libertati fautores et consiliarii mei fuerunt duces et magnates qui me ad hanc largitatem incitaverunt; qui etiam omnes unanimiter constituerunt ut donatio ista firma in æternum permaneat. Ne a quolibet seu superiore vel inferiore commutetur et quisquis violare presumpserit excommunicetur a societate Dei et sanctorum ejus. Proinde sit terra prædicta ab omni servitio mundana semper libera, exceptis tribus causis, hoc est, expeditione, et pontis arcisve constructione. Limites autem quæ et super dictam pertinent terram subsequens manifestat stilus Anglicus hoc modo. (&c.) Celebrata est igitur hæc regalis institutio in pago qui dicitur Hamtun, anno Dominicæ incarnationis dcccc. indictione quarta sub testimonio et auctoritate gentis nostræ principium quorum vocabula hic cernuntur. ✠ Ego Edward rex. ✠ Ego Plegmund bisc. ✠ Ego Adelward filius regis. ✠ Ego Denulf bisc. ✠ Ego Wiferd bisc. ✠ Ego Wulfsige bisc. ✠ Ego Asser bisc. ✠ Ego Wighelm bisc. ✠ Ego Ceolmund bisc. ✠ Ego Eadgar bisc. ✠ Ego Wimund bisc. ✠ Ego Beornelm bisc. ✠ Wihtbrord m. ✠ Deormod m. ✠ Beorhtsige m. ✠ Otea m. ✠ Ædelstan m. ✠ Wulfhelm m. ✠ Alla m. ✠ Beornstan m. ✠ Wulfhelm m. ✠ Beornstan m. ✠ Tata m. ✠ Wulfred m. ✠ Ædelstan. ✠ Beorhtulf prb. ✠ Beornulf diac. ✠ Eadstan diac. ✠ Eadulf. ✠ Aelfstan. ✠ Ædelstan. ✠ Wighelm. ✠ Ylfstan. ✠ Wulfrie. Ealhstan. ✠ Wynsige. ✠ Eadulf. ✠ Wulfhelm. ✠ Wulfsige.

NUM. IV.

Carta Edwardi primi Fundatoris Abbatie de Hyda.

[Harl. MS. 1761, fol. 47.]

OMNIPOTENTIA divinæ majestatis ubique præsidente, et sine fine cuncta gubernante, ego Edwardus ipso largitante primus post mortem patris mei Alfredi ad regalis solii fastigium sullimatus, patris voti non segnis executor, ad officinas Monasterii construendas quoddam terræ spacium tres acras et tres virgatas quod lingua Anglorum sex furlangs in aquilonari parte veteris monasterii a Denulfo ipsius civitatis episcopo et canonicis illius ecclesiæ seu a quibuslibet circumstantibus jure hæreditatis redemi, unoquoque pede marcæ auri contuli, moxque in arduam monasterii structuram super tres acras et tres virgatas totam mentis diligentiam impendi et ædificavi, et ad distinctionem Vetusti Monasterii Novum Monasterium appellari feci; prædictam autem ecclesiam in honore summæ Trinitatis genitricisque Christi Mariæ atque apostoli Petri benedictione pontificali devotissime feci dedicari, et anno incarnationis Dominicæ dcccc.iiij^o. Indictione iiij^{to}. Ego Edwardus rex Angliæ et fundator primus Novi Monasterii Wintoniæ cunctis gentis nostræ fidelibus innotesco quod pro anima patris mei Alfredi regis totius Angliæ primi coronati, et pro salute animæ meæ liberalissimus tantam eidem ecclesiæ benigne confero opum, prædiorum, ornamentorumque copiam ditissimorum monasteriorum æquare videretur opulentiam, eidem ecclesiæ do quendam fundum quem indigenæ Myceldever appellant cum suo hundredo et appendicibus, habens centum cassatos et ecclesiam, utramque villam de Stratton cum novem hid. Burcote cum iiij. hid. et dimidiam, Popham cum viij. hid. et dominium Woedemanecote

cum x. hid. Candeverre cum x. hid. et ecclesiam, Cramborne cum viij. hid. et capell. Draitone juxta Nunnetone cum iiij. hid. Swerwetone cum iij. hid. et una virgata et dim. Northametone cum vj. hid. Nortone juxta Seleborne cum iij. hid. Slastede et Tachburi cum una hid. et dim. libera et consuetudine regia, manerium quod dicitur Anna xv. hid. cassatos habens et æcclesiam, manerium quod [vocatur] Colengaburnam habens l. cassatos et appendicibus suis cum ecclesia, manerium quod vocatur Ceoseldene xl. cassatorum et ecclesiam eidem ecclesiæ Novi Monasterio in Winton a me Edwardo rege fundata do et concedo in puram et perpetuam elemosinam; et præterea totam terram de Durlea et illam in qua abbatiam fundavi ab omni servitio mundana et sæculari negotio semper fuit libere, exceptis tribus causis, hoc est expeditione et arcis pontis constructione. Huic autem libertati et donationi fautores ac consilarii mei fuerunt duces et magnates qui me ad hanc largitatem incitaverunt qui etiam omnes unanimiter concesserunt ut donatio ista firma in æternum permaneat et in aureis literis scriptis, neque a quolibet, seu superiore vel inferiore commutetur, sed gloriosum maneat inviolabile. Et quisquis violare præsumperit excommunicetur a societate Dei et sanctorum. Celebrata est igitur hæc regalis institutio et donatio in pago qui dicitur Hamtone, anno Dominicæ incarnationis dcccc.iiij. indictione quarta, sub testimonio et auctoritate gentis nostræ principum quorum vocabula hic cernuntur. ✠ Ego Eadweard rex. ✠ Ego Plegmund bisc. ✠ Ego Athelweard filius regis. ✠ Ego Denulf bisc. ✠ Ego Wiferd bisc. ✠ Ego Wulfige bisc. ✠ Ego Asser bisc. ✠ Ego Wghelm bisc. ✠ Ego Ceolmund bisc. ✠ Ego Eadgar bisc. ✠ Ego Wimund bisc. ✠ Ego Beornelm abb. ✠ Wihtbrord m. ✠ Deormod m. ✠ Beorhtsie m. ✠ Ocea m. ✠ Adelstan m. ✠ Wulfhelm m. ✠ Alla m. ✠ Beornstan m. ✠ Wulfhelm m. ✠ Beornstan m. ✠ Tata m. ✠ Wulfed m. Adelstan. Beorhtulf prb. Beornulf diac. Eadstan diac. Eadulf. Celfstan. Cedelstan. Wighelm. Wulfstan. Wulfrie. Eahlstan. Wynsge. Eadulf. Wulfhelm. Wulfsge.

NUM. V.

Carta Regis Edwardi Primi de Mucheldever.

[MS. Cotton. Brit. Mus. Domit. xiv. fol. 72.]

DISPENSANTE et gubernante Domino nostro Jesu Christo incommutabiliter omnia visibilia et invisibilia quamvis verba regum et procerum decreta velut fundamenta montium ad modicum fixa videantur, tamen plerumque tempestates et turbines secularium rex regnorum statuta pulsantes quatiant. Quapropter literarum memoriæ commendare procuravi ego Edward rex Anglorum quod pro eterna redemptione animæ meæ dedi ad monasterium Wyntoniensis ecclesiæ S. Petri x. mansas et Micheldever intus ad refectorium fratrum Christo inibi servientium. Et has portiones cum consensu optimatum meorum quorum nomina infra scripta habentur eidem familiæ in perpetuam concessi hæreditatem cum omnibus ad se pertinentibus, silvis, campis, pratis, pascuis, et etiam piscium capturis habendis et possidendis et etiam suis successoribus in eodem refectorio relinquendis. Ea autem conditione datæ sunt illæ decem prædictæ manentes ut semper imposterum permaneant liberæ et expeditæ ab omnibus sæcularibus negotiis, excepta expeditione et arcis ac pontis constructione. Et hoc Dei omnipotentis simul et mea auctoritate confirmatum est æterno cyrographo in cruce Domini et Salvatoris nostri Jhesu Christi. Si quis hanc nostram donationem et commotationem custodire et augere voluerit, cutodiat illum Deus et augeat ei omnia bona præsentis et futuræ vitæ; sin vero minuere vel infringere mala mente voluerit, sciat sein horrendo illo die severi exanimis coram summo iudice inevitabilem redditurum rationem, nisi hic prius digna emendaverit poenitentia. Hiis terminis præfatum rus undique giratur. Hæc autem cartula anno Dominicæ incarnationis dcccc.iiij. indictione viia. scripta est in illa venatoria villa quæ Saxonice dicitur Bicanleag coram veridicis testibus quorum nomina sub-

ter caraxata sunt. ✠ Edward rex. ✠ Plegmund archiepiscopus. ✠ Denewlf episcopus. ✠ Asser episcopus. ✠ Wlfsige episcopus. ✠ Ethelward filius regis. ✠ Ordulf dux. ✠ Osulf dux. ✠ Ordgar dux. ✠ Heanferd dux. ✠ Aelfwald dux. ✠ Johan prb. ✠ Thoneulf prb. ✠ Tata prb. ✠ Ethelstan prb. ✠ Byrnstan prb. ✠ Searu prb. ✠ Thald prb. ✠ Fridestan diac. ✠ Wighelm diac. ✠ Wihtbord min. ✠ Deormod min. ✠ Beorhthelm min. ✠ Odda min. ✠ Wlfred min. ✠ Buga min. ✠ Ealmund min. ✠ Wlfstan min. ✠ Aethelferd min. ✠ Wlfhelm min. ✠ Wlfhun min. ✠ Wlfhere min. ✠ Wlfrie min.

NUM. VI.

Carta Regis Eadmundi de Pevesya.

[Ibid. fol. 156.]

✠ IN nomine Dei et altissimi Jhesu Christi, regna regum ab alto regente; cujus nutu creata cuncta, in principio formata, præsentisque vitæ tractu pollentis. Licet primi protoplasti facinore violatâ improbis successionibus deterioranda istic degentibus vilescerent; tamen pii conditoris arbitrio constat nobis latentibus in infimis ad autrapon salutem, concessit duo messæ quibus tantum humanorum constat effectus actuum, voluntas scilicet atque potestas, ut hiis qui ad cumulum misericordiæ pietatisque lucra terrena vertentes, et pro Christi nomine largitis, gratulentur se temporaliter accepisse quæ omittendo gratis perpetualiter centupliciter possidebunt seu præclara ejus voce nos admonet dicens 'Date et dabitur vobis.' Hujus s. fervore dilectione arctus, ejusque juvamine fretus, ego Eadmundus divina favente gratia basyleos Anglorum cæterarumque provinciarum in circuitu persistentium primatum regalis regiminis optinens, Literarum apicibus commendare procuravi, ne aut incuria successorum meorum, aut invidia quadam, aut perfidia, mea dicta vel facta futuri successu temporis negarentur, et ad controversiam meis successoribus demum aliquam maculam contagionis devenire poterunt; quod consentientibus nobilium meorum agminibus, episcoporum, comitum, cæterorumque fidelium testium venerabili familiæ Wentonæ civitatis quæ habitat in monasterio quod ibidem dedicatum est Deo et sancto Petro apostolo donans donabo perpetuis temporibus xxx. mansas in illo loco ubi ruricolli appellativo relatione nuncupant Peves' quatenus illa præfata familia habeat conductam terram pro redemptione piaculorum patris mei Edwardi regis, cum omnibus quæ ad ipsum locum pertinere dinoscuntur, tam in notis causis et ignotis, in modicis et in magnis, campis, pascuis, pratis, silvis, silvarumque densitatibus. Sit autem prædictum rus perpetuali libertate liber ab omni mundiali censu et regali coarctione, excepto communi labore, expeditione, pontis arcisve coedificatione. Hoc autem tempore cachinantis nenias subdolosus hujus sæculi intelliguntur interdum inchoasse, alienum lucrum sibi usurpative cum ambitione iniquitatis vendicare, sed torpentes avaritiæ incessus omnimodo in nomine ✠ agiæ ✠ araconis ab omnibus christianis interdicto; ita ut meum donum corroboratum sit cum ✠ signaculo sanctæ ✠ crucis. Etiam si quis alium antiquum librum in propatulo protulerit, nec sibi nec aliis proficiat, sed in ✠ sempiterno ✠ graphio deleatur, et cum justis non scribatur nec audiat; sed tamen specialiter præfata congregationi prænominatam terram trado ad repellendam nuditatem quæ prævidenda est humanæ sollicitudinis capacitati, levius proinde indumenta vestimentorum adquirere possunt. Non tribuo ad pastum corporalis refectionis esui, nisi tamen anniversarium mei patris animæ minime in oblivione habeant, sed omnino impleant quod conductum est. In cunctis vero successionibus opus donacionis augendo, amplificando, satagerit, augeat, amplifcet, quæ cuncti parens genitor in hoc præsentis sæculo vitam illorum, et inter cœlibes, beati felicesque sine fine in æterna doxa lætentur. Sin autem quod non optamus hanc meam donationem infringere vel mutare satagerint, horribiles inferni fusci valvas sentiant, atque terribiles dæmonum cohortes obtutibus

indesinenter aspiciant, nisi prius digna Deo poenitentia veniam legali satisfactione emendent. Istis terminibus prædicta terra circumgirata esse videtur. Acta est hæc præfata donatio, anno ab incarnatione Domini nostri Jhesu Christi dccccxl. indictione xij. ✠ Ego Eadmundus rex Anglorum præfatam donationem cum sigillo ✠ sanctæ crucis confirmavi. ✠ Ego Eadgifa ejusdem regis mater trophæum agiæ crucis ✠ impressi. ✠ Ego Eadred ejusdem regis frater consignavi. ✠ Ego Wulhelm Dorobernensis ecclesiæ archiepiscopus ejusdem regis donationem cum trophæo agiæ crucis consignavi. ✠ Ego Weodred London ecclesiæ episcopus consignavi. ✠ Ego Elpheah Wyntonensis ecclesiæ episcopus triumphalem agiæ crucis ✠ impressi. ✠ Ego Cenwald episcopus prædictum donum consensi. ✠ Ego Oda episcopus confirmavi. ✠ Ego Elfric episcopus confirmavi. ✠ Ego Wulhelm episcopus confirmavi. ✠ Ego Burgrit episcopus consensi. ✠ Ego Ethelgar episcopus roboravi. ✠ Elfhære dux. ✠ Wulfgar dux. ✠ Ethelwold dux. ✠ Ethelstan dux. ✠ Eahhelm dux. ✠ Ethelmund dux. ✠ Vhtred dux. ✠ Odda m. ✠ Elfric m. ✠ Eadmund min. ✠ Wulfsige min. ✠ Wulfraf min. ✠ Wihtgar min. ✠ Elfred min. ✠ Wulfric min. ✠ Wulfgar min. ✠ Elfsige min. ✠ Ordeah min. ✠ Eadric min. ✠ Elfsige min. ✠ Ethered min. ✠ Wulhelm min.

NUM. VII.

Leges Monachis Hydensibus ab Eadgaro Rege datæ.

[MS. Cotton. Vespas. A. viii.]

Eadgar Rex hoc Privilegium Novo edidit Monasterio, ac omnipotenti Domino, ejusque genitrici Mariæ ejus Laudis Magnalia concessit.

OMNIPOTENS totius machinæ conditor ineffabili pietate universa mirifice moderatur, quæ condidit; qui cœterno videlicet verbo quædam ex nihilo edidit, quædam ex informi subtilis artifex propagavit materia. Angelica quippe creatura (ut informis materia nullis rebus existentibus) divinitus formata luculento resplenduit vultu, male, prohi dolor! libero utens arbitrio contumaci arrogans fastu, creatori universitatis famulari dedignans, semetipsum creatori æquiparans, æternis baratri incendiis cum suis complicibus demersa jugi merito cruciatur miseria. Hoc itaque themate totius sceleris peccatum exorsum est.

I. *Quare Hominem condidit, et quid ei commisit.*

EVACUATA namque polorum sede, et eliminata tumidi fastus spurcitia, summus totius bonitatis arbiter, lucidas cœlorum sedes non sine cultore passus torpere, formatis ex informi materia diversarum rerum speciebus hominem tandem ex limo conditum, vitæ spiraculo ad sui formavit similitudinem, cui universa totius cosmi superficie condita subjiciens, seipsum suosque posteros sibi subjecit, quatenus ejus exsecutura posteritas angelorum suppleret numerum cœlorum sedibus superbia turgente detrusum.

II. *Qualiter in Paradiso sine crimine conversatus sit.*

QUI paradisiacæ voluptatis amœnitate locatus, nullius rei patiebatur dispendium, sed ei totius mundi ad votum suppeditabat facultas. Totius namque bonitatis ubertate fruente nulla ei res infesta resistebat. Quippe altithrono devote obsequenti, creatura cuncta famulabatur, subjecta. Fruebatur letabundus creatoris tripudio, et angelorum alacriter utebatur consortio. Non eum corporalis debilitabat imbecilitas, nec animi affligebat anxietas. Non typo levis raptabatur superbiæ; sed suo se conjungens auctori, humilis pollebat mirifice. Non eum inanis tumidum vexabat gloria, sed devotum creatoris magnificabat memoria. Non invidia eum alieno torquebat profectu, sed charitatis jugiter lætabatur amplexu. Non ira cruciabatur infestus, sed charitatis tranquillitate leniebatur patientissimus. Non eum tristitia mœrore dejiciebat, sed gaudii spiritualis spe pollente

florebat. Non avaritia nimium incitabatur cupidus, sed dapsilitatis studio exercebatur largissimus. Non illicito massicus delectabatur edulio, sed parcitate contentus, licito utebatur cibario. Non luxuria eum stimulabat ad nefaria, sed continentia competens constringebat ad præmia. Omnium polirates virtutum, cunctis carens adversis. Omnibus florens prosperis, rite pollebat ingenuus.

III. *Quomodo Cælum sine morte conscendere confidebat, et diabolus invidus ne ascenderet impediabat.*

QUI prole ad numerum patrata superbientium angelorum, universa comitante prosapia sine loeto gustato ligni vetiti fructu, æthereos æternæ beatitudinis suggestus triviatim cum Domino regnans conscendere Macrobius confidebat. Invidus igitur hoc animadvertens Zabulus,^a nimiâ perculsus invidiâ, rimari callide versutus cœperat, quibus insidiis ne ad tantum numinis conscenderet gloriam subdolos deciperet; pro nihilo forte ducens concessa, illicita nimium allubescendo laudans, mulierem admodum fragilem pellexit. Quæ sui detrimenti minime contenta, virum muliebriter victum, blandis suasionibus delinitum, exili, heu! malo gustato, sibi similem faciens, perdidit.

IV. *Quomodo in hac miseria omnibus privati virtutibus dejiciuntur, tandemque Cataclismate demuntur.*

UTRIQUE tandem præfatis privati donariis, paradisi eliminati metis, in præsentis vitæ ærumnam miserrimi dejiciuntur; contemnentes conditorem, a cunctis insequuntur creatis. Vita desiit, mors inolevit. Virtutum caterva recedente, vitiorum cumulus successit. Succedente nepotum prosapia, successit cumulata criminum collegio. Universi cum suis sceleribus cataclismate dempti, tandem octo utriusque sexus reservatis, tabescendo deficient. Vitiis copiose surgentibus, conditor se hominem fecisse indoluit. Postremo misericors mortalibus, ut pollicitus est, succurrit.

V. *Quomodo Christus natus sua nos Passione redemit, et cælus conscendere fecit.*

STELLA emicuit matutina, quæ suo radio mundi tenebras fugaret. Fausta resplenduit Maria cujus utero virginali Christus ineffabiliter editus, peccatorum tenebras mediator clementissimus dempsit. Viguit Christus virtutibus plenus. Incanduit Judæa ingenti rancore repleta. Carnem suscipiens pro nobis pati voluit. Quod ejus permissu infelix audacter complevit Judæa. Ligno quippe perditum, ligni scandens gabulum, genus redemit humanum. Universas namque hominum dæmon nationes ludificando insultans, jure ut mandati transgressorem possidens, morte mulctabat perpetua. Surgens vero a mortuis ultorem trophæo crucis devicit. Prædam de perfidi leonis ore tulit, secumque super æthera vehens supernis angelorum cœtibus consociavit. Ut cum eo communi contubernio fruente, bonitate perspicui, virtutum omnium ubertate referti, expertes peccati, omni contagione privati, sine fine post diem judicii restauratis corporibus, exultantes regnarent. Hanc præcipuam sine dubio gloriam credentibus, qui trinitatis veræque unitatis fidem bonis insudantes operibus sectantur, pollicitus, non credentibus supplicium minatus æternum perpetuis baratri incendiis justissime spopondit.

VI. *De benevolo Regis Meditamine.*

Hinc ego Eadgar, divina favente gratia, totius Albionis basileus, rimari magnopere cœperam, quid operum studio exercerem, ut ad tantam gloriam perveniens, Christi sanctorumque ejus cœlo collocatus contubernio coronatus fruerer, tantamque inferni miseriam devitarem. Instigante etenim Domini clementia, occurrit animo ut ipse criminibus cessarem cunctis, atque bonis operibus insistens forma factus gregi, quosque nostri regiminis gubernamine degentes, lucrificerem. Quosdam igitur suasionibus invitans ad præmia, quosdam terroribus compellens ad gloriam, bona ædificans,

^a Ita MS. sc. Diabolus.

mala ut Domino faciente potui, dissipavi. Scriptum quippe per Hieremiam memini prophetam: "Ecce constitui te super gentes, et super regna, ut evellas et destruas, et disperdas et dissipes, et ædifices et plantes." Talibus igitur exhortatus doctrinis, quibus nos Dominus per prophetam clementer ammonuit, agens, Christo faciente in terris, quod ipse juste egit in cœlis, extricans videlicet Domini cultura criminum spurcitas, virtutum semina sedulus agricola inserui.

vii. *Qua ratione Clericos eliminans Monachos collocavit.*

TIMENS ne æternam incurrerem miseriam, si adepta potestate, non facerem quod ipse, qui operatur omnia, quæ in cœlo vult et in terra, suis exemplis justus examinatore innotuit, vitiosorum cuneos canonicorum e diversis nostri regiminis cœnobiis Christi vicarius eliminavi: quod nullis mihi intercessionibus prodesse poterant, sed potius ut beatus ait Gregorius, "Justi vindictam iudicis provocarent, qui variis vitiorum nævis contaminati, non agentes quæ Deus jubendo volebat, omnia quæ nolebat, rebelles faciebant:" avidus inquisitor advertens gratos Domino monachorum cuneos, qui pro nobis incunctanter intercederent, nostri juris monasteriis devotus hilariter collocavi.

viii. *Quod Sancti Spiritus Gratia compunctus Abbatem et Monachos in Novo constituit Monasterio.*

HAC itaque ratione Sancti Spiritus attactus flamine, locum Domini mundans Wintoniensis ecclesiæ Novi Monasterii arcisterium nostro Salvatori, ejusque genitrici semper Virgini Mariæ, et omnibus apostolis, cum cæteris sanctis, dicatum restauravi. Sciens scriptum, "Consentientes et facientes pari constringuntur pœna rebellionis, omnipotentis voluntati obviantes," possessionem Domini usurpare non sustinens, clericos lascivientes repuli, ac veros Dei cultores monachico gradu fungentes, qui pro nostris nostrorumque inibi quiescentium excessibus sedulo intercederent servitio, quo eorum intercessionibus nostri regiminis status vigeret munitus, abbatem, Christo cooperante, eligens altithrono subjectus illic devote ordinavi. Hoc subnixæ efflagitans depono, ut quod in suis egi, hoc agat in mihi ab ipso conlatis; scilicet adversarios nostros dejiciens, amicos sublimando provehat, ut inimicos sanctæ Dei ecclesiæ deprimens, amicos ejus monachos videlicet beatificans justificavi.

ix. *De illorum Anathemate qui Monachis insidiantur.*

SI autem qualibet occasione, diabolo instigante, contigerit, ut fastu superbientis arrogantia dejecti canonici monachorum gregem, quem ego venerans cum pastore in Dei constitui possessione, dejicere insidiando voluerint; agatur de eis et de omnibus, qui quolibet munere cœcati juvamen eis impenderint, quod actum est de angelis superbientibus, et de protoplasto diaboli fraude seducto, ut Paradisi videlicet limitibus sublimibusque regni cœlorum sedilibus ejecti, cum hiis, qui Domini famulatum aspernantes contempserunt, barathri incendiis detrusi jugi crucientur miseria. Nec inde evulsi se gloriantur evasisse tormenta, sed cum Juda Christi proditore, ejusque complicitibus Acharonte conglutinati, frigore stridentes, fervore perusti, lætitia privati, mœrore anxii, catenis igneis compediti, lictorum metu perculsi, scelerum memoria confusi, totius bonitatis recordatione semoti, æterno lugubres puniuntur cruciatu.

x. *Item de Anathemate insidiantium.*

QUI autem prædictos Novi Wintaniensis ecclesiæ Cœnobiî monachos, vel quoslibet ejusdem ordinis nostro regimine degentes, e monasteriis, quæ vitiorum spurcitas expurgens Jesu Christo Domino nostro victo dæmone acquisivi, eliminare præsumens voluerit, anathema sit; et eadem maledictione, qua Cain parricida, qui fratrem suum Abel, stimulante invidia, lividus interemit, mastigia addictus est, sine termino teneatur obnoxius,

atque in Dei persecutione continuo perseverans in hac vita nullum dignitatis adquirat honorem, nec in futuro sine miseria unquam persistat, sed eum Ananiæ et Saphiræ una Stix porrigi ne^a ejulantes crucians compectatur.

xi. *De Benedictione Monachos venerantium.*

QUICUNQUE prætitulatos monachos bonis quibuslibet locupletans ditare voluerit, creator cunctitenens clementer eos eorumque progeniem totius ubertate prosperitatis hic et in futuro seculo ditando locupletet; scriptis decenter eorum in libro vitæ nominibus, cum Christo portionem in cœlorum habitaculis habeant, qui monachos suos, quos nostris congregatos temporibus possidet, vel verbis vel factis sanctitatis studio honoraverint.

xii. *Quales et qualiter Monachi in hoc Monasterio conversentur.*

REGULARES igitur monachi, non seculares, in præfato, Christo comite, degentes monasterio, regulæ moribus obtemperant, patres venerantes spirituales, sanctorum patrum imitentur exempla; nil agentes, nisi quod communis monasterii regula vel majorum demonstraverit norma. A secularibus igitur pompis remoti, toto nisu corporis custodiant, et animæ castitatem. Humilitatis studio pollentes, corpus parcimonie vigore munientes, alacri constringant animo. Civium convivæ intra urbem perpetuo interdictu fieri erubescant. In civitate degentes, in refectorio pompaticas lascivasque secularium delicias ut melancholiam aporiantes, licitis charitativi utantur cibariis; extra refectorium autem minime, nisi domo infirmorum ægroti decubuerint, edentes licite, quæ jussi fuerint. Sacri summique ordinis hospites, si ratio exegerit, et peregrini ordinati longo terrarum spatio venientes, ad abbatis mensam in refectorio cautissime invitentur: laicis in hospitio condecens exhibeatur humanitas: et monachorum quispiam manducandi vel bibendi cum eis secundum patrum decreta licentiam non habeat: in refectorio autem edendi causa vel bibendi non introducantur. Pauperes ut xps ingenti cordis suscipiantur tripudio.

xiii. *De Abbatum Electione.*

DIVINARUM studio scripturarum luculentissime eruditi, orationem frequentia assidue occupati, charitatis amplexu lætissimi, fidei exercitio promptissimi, spe provehente sincerissimi, pace concorditer fixi, omniumque virtutum flore decorati, ad finem usque cœptum tantæ bonitatis initium, Christo juvante, perducentes eadem gloriosi fruuntur libertate, quam beatus patronus Benedictus omnibus regulæ præcepto subjectis instituit; scilicet, ut post abbatis obitum, tunc temporis regentis, abbatem ex eadem ordinent congregatione, quem sibi omnis concors congregatio, sive pars, quamvis minima congregationis, salubriori elegerit consilio.

xiv. *Qualiter Rex Abbatem et Monachos venerantes muniat.*

REGES itaque quicumque nostri fuerint successores, nullam extraneam personam, jus tyrannidis super monachos exercentem, imponant, ne forte Deus eos damnans, et regno deponat, et vita. Electum vero a fratribus Christi vicarium dignanter suscipiant, eumque charitatis igne succensi locupletando venerentur; juvamen in quantum indiguerit, Christi amore compuncti alacriter impendant: mutuo namque confortati juvamine in nullo a regulæ præceptis discordantes, Domini gregem non mercenarii, sed pastores fidissimi, luporum rictibus eximentes intrepidi defendant.

xv. *Qualiter Abbas et Monachi Regem a Dæmonum temptatione eripiant.*

ABBAS autem armis succinctus spiritualibus monachorum cuneo hinc inde vallatus, charismatum cœlestium rore perfusus, ærias dæmonum expugnans versutias, regem, omnemque sui regiminis clerum, Christo,

cujus virtute dimicat, juvante, a rabida hostium persecutione invisibilium solerter spiritus gladio defendens, fidei scuto subtili protegens, tutamine robusto prælians, triumpho miles eripiat imperterritus.

xvi. *Qualiter Rex Abbatem et Monachos ab Hominum Persecutione defendat.*

REX itidem terrenus cœlestis castra regis fortissimo roborans munimine, armis secularibus visibiles expugnans adversarios, hostiumque rabiem sævientium adnihilando dejiciens, conditoris sui pascua gregemque sollicita inexpugnabilis tueatur custodia, quatenus ad vitæ bravium perveniens æternis tripudians fruatur bonis, quæ nec oculus videre aliquatenus potuit humanus, nec in hominis cor ullatenus ascendit, quæ præparavit Deus diligentibus se.

xvii. *De monasticæ possessionis Libertate.*

SINT præfati Monasterii rura, omnisque monachorum possessio, in rebus magnis vel modicis, internis vel externis, in urbanis vel suburbanis, prædiis, campis, pratis, pascuis, sylvis, molendinis, rivulorum cursibus, æterna libertate in Christi nomine ejusque genetricis ditata.

xviii. *Quod nullus secularium Monasterii possessionem inlicite usurpet.*

SECULARIUM quispiam ausu temerario jus tyrannidis non in Christi cultura præsumptuosus exerceat. Non minuat, instigante diabolo, quod Sancti Spiritus instinctu tam a me, quam a prædecessoribus meis, necnon a catholicis utriusque sexus hominibus, largiflua concessum est dapsilitate.

xix. *De benedictione Augentium.*

AUGENTI tribuat rerum cunctarum opifex tranquillam vitæ præsentis excursus, longævam instantis temporis futuram æternæ beatitudinis talionem, sufficientem victualium ubertatem, interminabile prosperitatis augmentum, copiosum virtutum omnium juvamen.

xx. *De maledictione Minuentium.*

MINUENTEM perpetua possideat miseria, in Domini manens persecutione, ejus genetricis sanctorumque omnium incurrat offensam; præsentis vitæ adversitas illi semper eveniat; nulla ei bonitatis accadat prosperitas; omnia ejus peculia inimici vastantes diripiant; in futuro autem æterni miserrimum cum hædis in sinistra positum damnent cruciatus, si non satisfactione emendaverit congrua, quod in Domini usurpans detraxit censura.

xxi. *Quibus modis secularibus obtemperant, et quod nullius reatus hoc Domini Privilegium minuire valeat.*

TRIBUS tantummodo causis secularibus obtemperant præceptis; rata videlicet expeditione, pontis arcisve constructione, alias æterna ditati gloriantur libertate. Reatus quippiam, si, incitante dæmone, seductus vel abbas, vel fratrum aliquis fragiliter, quod absit, contraxerit, justitia purgante secundum regulæ præceptum abolutus damnetur, maneatque præfatæ munificentiae libertas altithrono per nostram humilitatem oblata, ad monachorum usus gratuite sibi famulantium inviolabilis, æterna libertate jocunda, quia Deus, qui hanc privilegii largifluam donationem locumque, cum universa monachorum familia, ruraque omnia sacro subjecta cœnobio possidet, nunquam reatum commisit, nec ullo unquam tempore committet: sit igitur præfata libertas æterna, quia Deus libertatis possessor æternus est.

Quoties et quare in Anni circulo hoc Fratribus legatur Privilegium.

ANNO incarnationis Dominicæ dccccxvi. scripta est hujus privilegii syngrapha his testibus consentientibus, quorum inferius nomina ordinatim caraxantur.

✠ Ego Eadgar, divina largiente gratia, Anglorum basileus, hoc privilegii donum nostro largiens redemptori, locoque ejus sanctissimo primus omnium regum monachorum inibi collegium constituens, manu propria signum agiæ crucis imprimens confirmavi.

✠ Ego Dunstan. Dorobernensis ecclesiæ archiepiscopus, largifluam benevoli regis donationem venerans, crucis signaculo corroboravi.

✠ Ego Eadmund clito, legitimus præfati regis filius, crucis signaculum infantili floreus ætate propria indidi manu.

✠ Ego Eadweard eodem rege clito procreatus, præfatam patris munificentiam crucis signo consolidavi.

✠ Ego Ælfdryd, legitima præfati regis conjunx, mea legatione monachos eodem loco rege annuente constituens, crucem inpressi.

✠ Ego Eadgifu, prædicti regis avia, hoc opus egregium crucis taumate consolidavi.

✠ Ego Oscytyl Eboracensis ecclesiæ archiepiscopus confirmavi.

✠ Ego Adelwold ecclesiæ Wintoniensis episcopus, regis gloriosissimi benevolentiam abbatem mea altum mediocritate, et alumnos, quos educavi, illi commendans, crucis signaculo benedixi.

✠ Ego Ælfstan, Londoniensis ecclesiæ pontifex consolidavi. ✠ Ego Osulf episcopus confirmavi.

✠ Ego Oswold episcopus consignavi. ✠ Ego Alfwold episcopus consolidavi. ✠ Ego Byrehtelm episcopus confirmavi. ✠ Aelfstan episcopus consolidavi. ✠ Ego Eadelm episcopus confirmavi. ✠ Ego Adulf episcopus consignavi. ✠ Ego Wynsyge. ✠ Æscwig abbas consolidavi. ✠ Ego Osgar abbas consignavi. ✠ Ego Ordbyriht abbas. ✠ Ego Aelfstan abbas. ✠ Ego

✠ Ego Ædelgar abbas, primus huic loco abbas ordinatus. ✠ Ego Ælfhere dux. ✠ Ego Ælfheah dux. ✠ Ego

✠ Ego Ordgar dux. ✠ Ego Æthelstan dux. ✠ Ego Ethelwine dux. ✠ Ego Beorhtnod dux. ✠ Ego Ælfwine min. ✠ Ego Byrhtferth m. ✠ Ego Osweard m.

✠ Ego Æthelweard m. ✠ Ego Ælfward m. ✠ Ego Berhtwine m. ✠ Ego Ælfwine m. ✠ Ego Wulfstan m.

Omnes, qui nominatim huic privilegio regis jussu descripti videmur, posteritatis nostræ prosapiam subnixæ deposcimus, ut manuum nostrarum vadimonium Christi

cruce firmatum nequaquam violantes irritum faciant; si successorum temeritatis ausu violare præsumpserit, corporis et sanguinis Jesu Christi participationi privatus, perpetua damnatus perditione, anathema sit, nisi divino propitiante respectu, ad humilem satisfactionem resipiscens, conversus fuerit.

NUM. VIII.

Diploma Regis Eadgari.

[Ibid.]

ANNUENTE altithroni moderatoris imperio totius Albionis triviatim potitus regimine, non immemor ob hoc michi recidiva fore concessa ut hiis strenuè eterna lucrarer. Quapropter ego Eadgar totius Britanniae basileus, quasdas villas ut nominentur Dunketone, habens quinque hidas terræ et ecclesiam; Sueise, cum viginti octo hidas terræ et ecclesia; Titelescumbe, cum decem hidas terræ, et quandam ruris duos videlicet cassatos terræ, loco qui celebri Wintreburna nuncupatur uocabulo, do et concedo in puram et perpetuam elemosinam Novo Wintoniensi ecclesiæ, beato Petro apostolorum principi dicatæ, necnon sancto Edocio, ejus reliquiae inibi miraculis clarescunt, cum omnibus utensilibus, pratis videlicet, pascuis, rivulis, æterna largitæ sunt hæreditate. Perspicuis^a ut canonicos qui incorrigibiles perdurarent de ecclesia dicta ejeci, monachos de Abindonia loco

^a Sic in MS. forsan præcipimus.

substitui. Sint autem prædictæ villæ, rus, mansiones, terræ, rivuli, omni terrenæ servitutis iugo liberæ, tribus exceptis, rata, videlicet, expeditione, pontis arcisve restauracione. Si quis autem hanc nostram donationem in aliud quam constituimus transferre voluerit, privatus consorcio sanctæ Dei ecclesiæ, eternis barathri incendiis lugubris jugiter cum Juda Christi proditore, ejusque complicibus puniatur, si non satisfactione emendaverit congrua, quod contra nostrum deliquit decretum. Anno Dominicæ incarnationis mccccxvj. scripta hæc carta, concessio, et donatio. His testibus consentientibus. Ego Eadgarus rex Anglorum hoc donum, nostro largiente redemptori, locoque ejus sanctissimo, primus omnium regum monachorum inibi collegium constituens, manu propria signum ✠ agyæ crucis imprimens confirmavi. Ego Dunstanus, Dorobernensis ecclesiæ archiepiscopus, largifluam benevoli regis donationem venerans, crucis sig ✠ naculo corroboraui. Ego Edmundus clito, legitimus præfati regis filius, crucis signaculum, infantuli ✠ florens etate propria indidi manu. Iterum ego Edwardus, eodem rege clito procreatus, præfatam ✠ patris munificentiam crucis signo consolidavi. Ego Elfstrid, legitima præfati regis conjux, mea concessione monachos eodem loco ✠ donum regis crucem impressi. Ego Ediva, prædicti regis ava, ✠ hoc donum regis crucis taumate consolidavi. Ego Asketilus, Eboracensis ecclesiæ archiepiscopus, donum regis confirmavi. Ego Athelwoldus, ecclesiæ Wintoniensis episcopus, donum regis confirmavi. Ego Athelstanus, Londoniensis ecclesiæ episcopus, donum regis confirmavi. Ego Oswaldus, episcopus donum regis confirmavi. Ego Othulfus episcopus donum regis confirmavi. Ego Byrthelmus episcopus donum regis confirmavi. Ego Aldelmus episcopus donum regis confirmavi. Ego Athulfus episcopus donum regis confirmavi. Ego Aiusius episcopus donum regis confirmavi. Ego Ascunus abbas donum regis confirmavi. Ego Osgarus abbas donum regis confirmavi. Ego Albrychtus abbas donum regis confirmavi. Ego Alfstanus abbas donum regis confirmavi. Ego Algarus primus huic loco abbas ordinatus Christo gubernante, benivoli regis donationem accepi et confirmavi. Ego Alfhere dux donationem regis confirmavi. Ego Ælfeac dux confirmavi. Ego Ordgarus dux confirmavi. Ego Athelgarus dux confirmavi. Ego Aluinus comes confirmavi. Ego Burhtnotus comes confirmavi. Ego Wulune miles confirmavi. Ego Bricfertus miles confirmavi. Ego Osuardus miles confirmavi. Ego Ateluuardus miles confirmavi. Ego Wilfrerus miles confirmavi. Ego Byrthancus miles confirmavi. Ego Wlfuinus miles confirmavi. Ego Wlstanus miles confirmavi.

NUM. IX.

Prædia ad Ecclesiam Sancti Petri de Wintonia spectantia, tempore Regis Willielmi Conquestoris.

[Ex Libro vocato *Domesday Book*, in domo Capitul. Westmonast. asservato.]

Sudsexe, fol. 17 b.

TERRA SANCTI PETRI DE WINTONIA. Abbas Sancti Petri Wintoniæ tenet SVESSE. Semper fuit in Monasterio. Tempore regis Edwardi se defendebat pro xxviii. hid. et modo pro xxvii. hid. Terra est xxviii. car. In dominio est una car. et xlvi. uillani cum iii. bord. habent xxi. car. Ibi æcclesia et cxxx. acr. prati.

In LEWES x. burgenses de lxx. denar. et de villanis xxxviii. mil. allecium et quingent. pro marsuins iii. lib. pro forisfactura villanorum ix. lib. et iii. summas de pisis. In totis valentiis tempore regis Edwardi, et post, valuit xx. lib. Modo tantundem appreciatur: sed tamen redd. xxviii. lib.

In Estocbrige hund. Ipse abbas tenet CLONINGTONE. Tempore regis Edwardi tenuit abbatia et tunc et modo pro v. hid. se defend. Terra est In dominio est una car. et xv. villani cum iii. bord. habent vi. car. et dim. Ibi ii. servi et xxv. acr. prati, et

silva ad clausuram. In CECESTRE, una haga de iiii. den. De pasnagio un. porc. et dimid. Tempore regis Edwardi valebat iii. lib. et x. sol. et vii. den. Modo vi. lib.

Sudrie, fol. 32.

TERRA SANCTI PETRI WINTON. In Waletone hund. Abbatia Sancti Petri Winton. tenet SANDESTED. Tempore regis Edwardi se defend. pro xviii. hid. modo pro v. hid. Terra est x. car. In dominio est una. et xxi. uill. et unus cot. cum viii^{to}. car. Ibi iiii. servi. Silva de xxx. porc. Tempore regis Edwardi valebat c. sol. et post vii. lib. Modo xii. lib. Tamen redd. xv. lib.

Hantescire, fol. 42.

SANCTI PETRI DE WINTONIA. In Manesberg Hund. Abbatia Sancti Petri de Wintonia tenet CANDEVRE. Tempore regis Edwardi fuit in ipso monasterio et defendebat se pro xx. hid. Ex his xi. sunt in dominio.

Terra est ix. car. In dominio est una car. et xiii. villani et iiii. bord. cum viii. car. Ibi ix. servi et x. acr. prati. De terra ejusdem Manerii tenet Hugo de Port ii. hid. et dimid. de Abbate. Una hida est de dominica terra. Hanc terram tenuit Airaf tempore regis Edwardi. In dominio est i. car. et iii. servi et una acra prati.

De ipsa terra ejusdem Manerii Alsi filius Brixii unum Manerium VDEMANECOTE de abbatia et est de dominica terra. Tempore regis Edwardi et modo se defend. pro vi. hid. et ii. virg. terræ et dim. In dominio sunt iii. car. et iii. villani cum ii. car. et una acra prati.

Hæ xx^{ti}. hidæ hujus Manerii defend. se modo pro xiii. hid. et ii. virg. et dimid.

Totum Manerium tempore regis Edwardi valebat xiii. lib. et post tantundem. Modo pars abbatis viii. lib. tamen est ad firmam pro x. lib. Hugonis xx. sol. Alsi vii. lib.

Ipsa abbatia in Sunburne hund. tenet FUGELERESTUNE. Semper fuit in monasterio. Tempore regis Edwardi se defend. pro v. hid. modo pro una hida. Terra est iii. car. In dominio sunt ii^æ. car. et v. villani et iiii. bord. cum i. car. Ibi iiii. servi et molinum de x. sol. et iiii. acr. prati. Valuit l. sol. modo lx. sol.

Ipsa abbatia tenet Lechtford in eodem Hundredo. Tempore regis Edwardi se defendebat pro v. hid. modo pro ii. hid. et dimid. Terra est iii. car. In dominio est una car. et iiii. villani et iiii. bord. cum i. car. Ibi ii. servi et molinum et dimid. de xxii. sol. et vi. den. et xx. acr. prati. Tempore regis Edwardi et post valebat iii. lib. Modo iiii. lib.

Abbatia Sancti Petri de Wincestre in Miceldevre hund. tenet in dominio MICELDEVRE. Tempore Regis Edwardi se defendebat pro c. et vi. hidis. Modo pro quater viginti et iii. hid. et dimid. virg. Terra est lxxii. car. In dominio sunt ix. car. et lxxiii. villani et xxviii. bord. habent xxv. car. Ibi xxii. servi et molinum de xxx. denar. et xxx. acr. prati. Silva de iii. porc. de pasnag.

De hac terra hujus Manerii tenet Hugo de Port de abbate xxii. hid. et dimid. et unam virgatam. Tres hidæ et iii. virgatæ sunt de dominica terra.

Quattuor liberi homines tenuerunt de abbatia tempore Regis Edwardi pro iiii. Maneriis Granborne, Draitone, Stratune, Popeham, et nequierunt recedere cum terra, sicuti testantur homines ejusdem hundred. Ibi sunt in dominio vi. car. et dim. et vi. villani et xii. bord. cum i. car. et dimid. Ibi vii. servi et xxiii. acr. prati.

De eadem terra ejusdem Manerii tenet Herbertus camerarius vii. hid. Tres liberi homines tenuerunt tempore Regis Edwardi. Odo dapifer de dominica terra v. hid. Waleran venator de dominica terra iiii. hid. et dimid. In dominio sunt vi. car. et ix. villani et ix. bord. cum iiii. car. et ii. servi et v. acrae prati.

De ipsa terra ipsius Manerii tenet Alsi vi. hid. Pater ejus tenuit et Eldredus frater Odonis unam hid. et

dimid. Uxor ejus tenuit in dote, tempore Regis Edwardi. Siuuardus venator II. hid. Ipse tenuit tempore Regis Edwardi. In dominio sunt VI. car. et dim. et V. villani et II. bord. cum car. et dimid. Ibi XIX. servi et VII. acr. prati.

Totum Manerium valebat tempore Regis Edwardi LX. lib. Quando recep. XL. lib. Modo dominium abbatis LVII. lib. Hugo de port quod tenet XIX. lib. Quod Herbertus C. sol. Quod Odo L. sol. Quod Walerannus LX. sol. Quod Alsi C. sol. Quod Eldredus XXX. sol. Quod Seuuardus XX. solid.

In uno alio loco tenet Alsi unam hidam de dominica terra hujus Manerii, et ibi sunt III. villani redd. VII. sol.

Ipsa abbatia tenet in dominio ORDIE. semper fuit in ipso monasterio. Ibi sunt VII. hidæ, sed nunquam geld. Terra est III. car. In dominio sunt II. car. et II. villani et IX. bord. sine car. Ibi III. servi et molinum de XX^{ti}. solid. et LXIII. acr. prati. Præter hæc habet ipsa abbatia LXXII. acras prati quod dedit rex Edwardus eidem æcclesiæ, et pascua quam vocant moram quater XX^{ti}. acr. prati. Hæc omnia tempore Regis Edwardi VI. lib. et post CX. sol. Modo VI. lib. et X. solid.

TERRA SANCTI PETRI WINTONIENS. In Neteham Hundret. Abbas Sancti Petri de Wincestre tenet AULTONE. Eddid regina tenuit tempore Regis Edwardi. Tunc erant X. hidæ. et uillani qui ibi maneb. geldab. pro. V. hid. Modo habet abbas in dominio V. hid. sed non geldav. Terra est III. car. In dominio est una car. et XI. bord. et II. servi. cum II. car. et dim. molinum de III. sol. et VII. den. et II. acr. prati. Silva de clausura. Tempore Regis Edwardi valebat VI. lib. et post et modo VII. lib. De isto Manerio testatur comitatus quod injuste accepit pro excambio domus Regis, quia domus erat Regis. De ipso Manerio AVLTONE tenet Rex V. hid. ad firmam suam quas tenet Herding, et non geld.

Ipsa abbatia tenet WORTINGES. Tempore regis Edwardi et modo defend. pro. V. hid. Terra est V. car. In dominio sunt II^æ. car. et III. villani et IX. bord. cum II. car. Ibi II. servi. et æcclesia. Valet et valuit C. solid.

Ipsa abbatia tenet BIGHETONE. Tempore regis Edwardi se defendebat pro X. hid. modo pro VII. hid. Terra est VIII. car. In dominio est una car. et dim. et VIII. villani et III. bord. cum III. car. Ibi æcclesia et III. servi et III. acr. prati. Silva de X. porc. De isto manerio tenet Fulcheredus II. hid. Borghillus II. hid. Ibi sunt in dominio II. car. et III. villani et VI. bord. cum I. car. et dim. Ibi III. servi. Tempore regis Edwardi valebat totum manerium C. sol. et post VI. lib. Modo VIII. lib. quod abb. ten. Quod homines III. lib.

In Portesdon Hund. Hugo de Port tenet de abbatia BETAMETONE. Alsi tenuit de abbate tempore regis Edwardi et modo se defend. pro. X. hid. Terra est VIII. car. In dominio est una car. et XII. villani et VII. bord. cum VII. car. Ibi æcclesia et VII. servi et II. molini ad aulam et II. salinæ de XXXVII. sol. et VIII. den. et III. acr. prati. Silva de XXX. porc. Tempore regis Edwardi et modo valet XII. lib. Cum recepit X. lib.

In Menestoch Hund. Rualdus tenet de abbatia LAMERE. Aluuard tenuit de abbate. Tempore regis Edwardi emit ut tantummodo in vita sua teneret et reddebat abbati per annum X. sextaria vini. Tunc et modo se defend. pro III. hid. Terra est V. car. In dominio est una. et V. villani et III. bord. cum III. car. Ibi æcclesia et III. acr. prati et II. servi. De hac terra tenet unus homo abbatis unam virgatam. Totum tempore regis Edwardi et post valuit VI. lib. Modo C. sol. Quod hom. tenet XX. sol.

Hugo de Port tenet de abbatia S. Petri WARNEFORD. Aluuardus et Ketel tenuerunt de abbate et non potuerunt quolibet ire. Tunc et modo se defend. pro VIII. hid. Terra est VI. car. In dominio sunt III. car. et VIII. villani et VI. bord. cum III. car. Ibi VI. servi. et molinum de X. solid. et VIII. acr. prati. Tempore regis Edwardi et modo valebat VIII. lib. Cum recepit VI. lib.

In Basingestoc Hund. Isdem Hugo tenet LICHEPET de abbatia S. Petri. Tempore Regis Edwardi et modo se defend. pro II. hid. Terra est II. car. et ibi

sunt in dominio cum VIII. bord. et V. servis et V. acr. prati.

Valet et valuit LX. solid.

In Manebrige Hund. Ipsa abbatia tenet STANEHAM. Semper fuit in monasterio. Tempore Regis Edwardi et modo se defend. pro VIII. hid. Terra est XI. car. In dominio sunt II^æ. car. et XXVIII. villani et VII. bord. cum IX. car. Ibi æcclesia et XIII. servi et II. molini de XXX. sol. et C^{ta} XXIII. acr. prati. Silva de XX. porc. de pastura II. sol. Tempore Regis Edwardi valebat XII. lib. et post et modo X. lib.

In CLERE habet abbatia Sancti Petri unam æcclesiam et III. hid. et unam virgatam terræ. H. dedit æcclesiæ W. rex pro excambio terræ in qua domus Regis est in civitate. Tempore Regis Edwardi se defendeb. pro III. hid. et una virg. modo pro nichilo. Revocant regem pro geldo. Hanc tenuit Eddid regina et ibi fuit Aula. Terra est III. car. In dominio est una et III. villani et XIII. bord. cum III. car. Ibi II. servi et molinum de V. sol. et II. acr. prati. pro herbagio VIII. den. Tempore regis Edwardi valebat VII. lib. et post et modo VI. lib.

Ipsa abbatia habet dimid. hid. in TACEBERIE. Ezi vicecomes tenuit in paragio de rege Edwardi et post mortem regis Edwardi dedit eidem æcclesiæ pro sua anima. Antequam rex Willielmus venisset, non geldavit. Vasta est et tamen valet et valuit semper X. sol.

In Andovere Hund. Ipsa abbatia tenet ANNA. Semper fuit in æcclesia. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldavit pro XV. hid. modo pro VIII. hid. Terra est IX. car. In dominio sunt duæ et XIII. villani et XII. bord. cum VII. car. Ibi III. servi et III. molini de XXXVII. sol. et VI. den. Tempore Regis Edwardi et modo valet XIII. lib. Cum recep. XII. lib.

In Ovretone Hund. Ipsa abbatia tenet LAUROCHESTOCHE. Vluaeta Beteslau tenuit de abbatia usque ad obitum. Post mortem ejus reddidit rex Willielmus hoc Manerium eidem æcclesiæ pro sua anima et uxoris suæ. Tempore Regis Edwardi se defend. pro X. hid. modo pro VI. hid. et dim. virg. Terra est VI. car. In dominio sunt II^æ. car. et VII. villani et XIX. bord. cum V. car. Ibi æcclesia et III. servi. et II. molini de XIII. sol. et III. acr. prati. Tempore Regis Edwardi valebat VII. lib. et post et modo VIII. lib.

Berchscire, fol. 59 b.

TERRA ABBATIE S. PETRI WINTONIENS. In Eglei Hund. Abbatia de Wincestre tenet CEDENEORD. Duo liberi homines tenuerunt de Gida comitissa et de Guert filio ejus pro II. maneriis. Tunc se defendebat pro XVI. hid. modo pro X. hid. Terra est X. car. In dominio est una car. et V. villani et V. bord. cum III. car. Ibi VI. servi et II. acr. prati. Silva de XX. porc. Tempore regis Edwardi valebat XIII. lib. et post X. lib. Modo XII. lib. Hoc manerium dedit Oda de Wincestre Roberto dapifero Hugonis de Port. Quomodo habet abbatia nesciunt homines de scira.

In Heslitesford Hund. Ipsa abbatia tenuit SORWELLE in dominio de victu monachorum. Tempore Regis Edwardi. Modo tenet Hugo de Port de abbate in feudo. Tunc et modo se defend. pro X. hid. Terra est V. car. In dominio sunt II. car. et IX. villani cum III. car. Ibi molinum de XV. sol. et XXX. acr. prati et IX. cot. et in Walengeford VIII. hagæ de XIII. sol. et III. den. Vnus homo tenet de eadem terra I. hid. et ibi habet I. car. cum III. cot. Totum tempore regis Edwardi valebat VIII. lib. et post tantundem. Modo XII. lib.

Wiltscire, fol. 67.

TERRA ABBATIE SANCTI PETRI WINTONIENSIS. Ecclesia Sancti Petri Wintoniens. tenet MANEFORDE. Tempore regis Edwardi geldavit pro X. hid. Terra est X. car. De hac terra sunt in dominio V. hidæ et dimid. virg. terræ et ibi II. car. et V. servi. Ibi VIII. villani et VII. cosce. cum II. car. et dimid. Ibi molin. de XII. solid. et VI. denar. et X. acr. prati. Pastura III. quarent. long. et una quarent. lat. Valuit VI. lib. modo VIII. lib.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet COLEBURNE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro I. hid. Terra est XXXII. car. De hac terra sunt in dominio X. hidæ. et ibi III. car. et

xiii. servi. Ibi xl. villani et xiii. coscez. cum xv. car. Ibi ii. acr. prati. Silva una leuua long. et dimid. leuua lat. et tantundem pasturæ.

De eadem terra tenet Croc de abbate x. hid. et dimid. virg. terræ et dimid. hidam. et Fulcredus ii. hid. Qui tenebant tempore regis Edwardi ab æcclesia non poterant separari. Ibi sunt viii. car. De tainlande habet abbas in suo dominio i. hid. Dominium abbatis totum valet modo xxviii. lib. Quod homines ten. valet xii. lib. Quando recep. minus valeb. c. sol.

Dorsete, fol. 77 b.

TERRA ABBATIE S. PETRI WINTONIENS. Ecclesia S. Petri Winton. tenet PIDRIE. Tempore regis Edwardi geldabat pro xxx^{ta} hid. Terra est xvii. car. De ea sunt in dominio xv. hidæ. et ii. virg. terræ et dimid. et ibi v. car et xx. servi. et xx. villani et xxx. bord. cum viii. car. Ibi iii. molini redd. lx. solid. et xvi. acr. prati. Pastura ii. leu. long. et dim. leu. lat.

De eadem terra tenet i. miles et quædam vidua iii. hid. et ibi habent ii. car.

Dominium ecclesiæ valet xxviii. lib. Aliud valet xl. solid.

Hoc Manerium tenuerunt Alma et Aluerd tempore regis Edwardi pro ii. maner. de rege Edwardo et non poterant cum terra ista ire ad quemlibet dominum. Postea tenuit Rogerius Arundel de rege Willielmo.

NUM. X.

Carta de Remotione Abbatie de Hyda et Excambio.

[MS. Cotton. Domit. A. xiv. fol. 22.]

HENRICUS rex Anglorum archiepiscopis, et episcopis, et omnibus baronibus, Francis et Anglis, totius Angliæ salutem. Sciatis quod hanc conventionem fecit Willielmus Winton. episcopus cum Gaufrido abbate sancti Petri Novi Monasterii coram me et baronibus meis. Reddidit ipse episcopus in manu mea Hydam in qua nunc sedet abbatia sancti Petri, et præter hanc quandam terram quæ est ex ea parte in qua abbatia est, in qua sunt domus reddentes septem solidos per annum. Et præter hanc manerium quod dicitur Wordya. Et ego dedi et concessi ipsam Hydam cum prædictis septem solidatis terræ et ipsam terram Word. monasterio sancti Petri et abbati et monachis jure perpetuo possidendam ita liberam et quietam sicut quilibet Winton. episcopus melius et liberior unquam una die tenuit; et sicut abbatiam sancti Petri vel abbas quilibet ejusdem loci terram in qua prius abbatia in civitate sedit melius et liberior unquam habuit. Et Willielmus episcopus prædictus concessit perhenniter monasterio sancti Petri et abbati parochiam harum terrarum et quicquid pertinebat ad ecclesiam Word. præter spiritualia in vivis et mortuis, et decimis, et sepulturis, et oblationibus, sicut ipsa ecclesia episcopatus vel ipsius ecclesiæ quilibet episcopus ea melius et liberior unquam una die tenuit. Similiter abbas G. reddidit in manu mea ad opus prædicti episcopi W. et ecclesiæ beatorum apostolorum Petri et Pauli ubi sedes est episcopalis terram intra civitatem in qua prius fuit abbatia, cum capellis et domibus et molendino quæ fuit infra ambitum ipsius terræ. Et præterea terram totam de Burleia. Et ego easdem terras eidem episcopo et ecclesiæ suæ concessi et dedi jure perpetuo possidendas et illam in qua abbatia erat ita liberam et quietam ab omni consuetudine sicut erat quando abbatia in ea sedit; et terram de Burleia sicut aliquis abbas eam melius unquam habuit. Et ego insuper ex mea parte concessi et dedi ipso episcopo et episcopali ecclesiæ quinque dies in feria sancti Egidii super illos tres dies quos prius habebat, et hoc pro escambio illius Hydæ in qua nunc abbatia sedet; et præter hoc ipse abbas concessit episcopo et ecclesiæ suæ corpora mortuorum terræ suæ propriæ quum ipse abbas ea die infra muros civitatis habebat. Si qua vero terra post diem factæ conventionis in proprietatem abbatis et monasterii sui venerit, episcopus Winton. in ejus sepulturis vel corporibus nil clamabit, nisi prius ecclesia episcopalis ea per consuetudinem habuit. Illi vero qui in terra mea vel baronum meorum in civitate manent, libere apud

abbathiam Novi Monasterii jacere poterunt si volunt, sicut poterant antequam monasterium transferretur. Hæc conventio facta et confirmata est apud Barnham anno ab incarnatione Domini m.c.xiii. die idum Septembris, præsentibus hiis testibus: Rad. Cant. archiepiscopo, Thurstino Eborac. archiepiscopo, Ricardo London. episcopo, Reg. Salesb. episcopo, Roberto Lyncoln. episcopo, Johanne Bathon. episcopo, Willielmo Exonien. episcopo, Ranulfo Dunelmensi episcopo, Roberto comite de Meul-lent, Henrico comite de Warwyk.

NUM. XI.

Charta Regis Henrici.

[Cartæ Antiq. lit. Y. nu. 19.]

HENRICUS rex Angliæ archiepiscopis, episcopis, abbatibus, comitibus, baronibus, vicecomitibus, ministris, et omnibus fidelibus suis, Francis et Anglis, totius Angliæ salutem. Sciatis quod concessi et hac carta mea confirmavi Deo et sancto Petro, et abbati atque monachis de Hida, in liberam et perpetuam elemosinam, ecclesias de Kingesclera, et Aweltona, cum capellis et decimis et omnibus pertinentiis suis, et cum quinque hidis terræ in eadem villa Aweltone, sicut rex Willielmus pater meus eis dedit in escambium pro terra illa in qua ædificavit aulam suam in urbe Winton. Et volo et firmiter præcipio quod eas habeant et teneant solutas et quietas de geldo et de murthero et de placitis, et de omnibus querelis sicut terra illa ubi domus mea sedet in Wynton. fuit unquam melius quietata. T. &c.

NUM. XII.

Charta de Inspeximus dicta.

[Cart. de anno 16 Ed. IV. memb. 9.]

REX omnibus ad quos, &c. salutem. Inspeximus cartam, &c. celebris memoriæ domini H. quondam regis Angliæ, progenitoris nostri, in hæc verba. H. rex Anglorum, archiepiscopis ac episcopis ac omnibus baronibus, Francis et Anglis, totius Angliæ salutem. Sciatis quod hanc conventionem fecit Willielmus Winton. episcopus cum Gaufrido abbate sancti Petri Novi Monasterii coram me et baronibus meis. Reddidit ipse episcopus in manu mea Hidam in qua nunc sedet abbatia sancti Petri, et præter hanc quandam terram quæ est ex parte in qua abbatia est, in qua sunt domus reddentes septem solidos per annum, et præter hanc, manerium quod dicitur Wrdie; et ego dedi et concessi ipsam Hidam cum prædictis septem solidatis terræ et ipsam terram Wrdie monasterio sancti Petri et abbati et monachis jure perpetuo possidendam, ita liberam et quietam sicut quilibet Winton. episcopus melius et liberior ipsam terram unquam una die tenuit, et sicut abbatia sancti Petri vel abbas quilibet ejusdem loci terram in qua prius abbatia in civitate sedit melius et liberior unquam habuit. Et W. episcopus prædictus concessit perhenniter monasterio sancti Petri et abbati parochiam harum terrarum, et quicquid pertinebat ad ecclesiam Wrdie, præter episcopalia, in vivis et mortuis, et decimis et sepulturis et oblationibus, sicut ipsa ecclesia episcopatus vel ipsius ecclesiæ quilibet episcopus ea melius et liberior unquam una die tenuit. Similiter abbas G. reddidit in manu mea ad opus prædicti episcopi W. et ecclesiæ beatorum apostolorum Petri et Pauli, ubi sedes est episcopalis, terram infra civitatem, in qua prius fuit abbatia, cum capellis et domibus et molendinis quæ sunt infra ambitum ipsius terræ; et præterea terram totam de Durleia; et ego easdem terras eidem episcopo et ecclesiæ suæ concessi et dedi jure perpetuo possidendas, et illam in qua abbatia erat, ita liberam et quietam ab omni consuetudine, sicut erat quando abbatia mea dedit, et terra de Durleia, sicut aliquis abbas eam melius unquam habuit. Et ego insuper, ex parte mea, concessi et dedi ipsi episcopo et episcopali ecclesiæ quinque dies in feria sancti Egidii, super illos tres dies quos prius habebat, et hoc pro escambio illius hidæ, in qua nunc abbatia sedet. Et præter hæc ipse abbas concessit episcopo et ecclesiæ suæ corpora mortuorum terræ

suæ propriæ quam ipse abbas ea die infra muros civitatis habebat. Si quæ verò terra post diem factæ conventionis in proprietatem abbatis et monasterii sui venerit, episcopus Winton. in ejus sepulturis vel corporibus nil clamabit nisi prius ecclesia episcopalis ea per consuetudinem habuit. Illi vero qui in terra mea vel baronum meorum in civitate manent libere apud abbathiam Novi Monasterii jacere poterant, si volunt, sicut potuerant antequam monasterium transferrebat. De processione in Ramis palmarum, unde inter eos fuerat dissensio, hoc statutum est, quod abbas, cum duobus vel quot voluerit monachis ad episcopalem ecclesiam veniet, si processio ecclesiæ episcopalis ad sanctum Jacobum sit itura, et cum ipsa processione ad sanctum Jacobum ibit; processio verò abbatiæ cum priore et reliquis supra castellum ei obviam veniet ante portam castelli, et eum episcopali processione apud secundum^a Jacobum faciet stationem et reditum usque ante portam civitatis de West, ad propinquiorem vicum qui vocatur sancti Walarici, et inde cum suis revertetur abbas ad monasterium suum. Si me receperit episcopus, veniet abbas cum toto conventu ecclesiæ suæ ad processionem illam. Si autem archiepiscopum vel aliam personam receperit, adducet abbas decem monachos ad minus et intererit processioni; secunda vero die Nativitatis et Paschæ et Pentecostis, et in una festivitate sancti Petri, quam episcopus elegerit, abbas, si episcopus eum vocaverit, ad episcopalem ecclesiam veniet cum quot voluerit monachis, et episcopo serviet in celebratione missarum, et cum eo comedet: serviet etiam ei abbas quando missam dicit episcopus. Ad curiam meam, ad sinodum quoque, veniet si episcopus eum vocaverit ad danda consilia episcopo, et judicia facienda ecclesiastica, et audienda præcepta episcopi. Hæc conventio facta et confirmata est apud Burnam, anno ab incarnatione Domini millesimo centesimo decimo, quarto die iduum Septemb. præsentibus hiis testibus, Radulpho archiepiscopo Cantuariensi, Turstino Eborum archiepiscopo, Richardo Londoniensi episcopo, Rogero Salesbur. episcopo, Rodberto Lincolnæ episcopo, Johanne Batoniensi episcopo, Willielmo Exon. episcopo, Ranulpho Dunelmensi episcopo, Rodberto comite de Mellent, Henrico comite de Warwic, Waltero constabulario, Willielmo camerario de Tancardavilla, Adam de Port, Nigello de Oiellei, Henrico de Port, Radulfo de Limesi, Nigello de Albinni.

Inspeximus cartam quam H. quondam rex Angliæ fecit abbati et monachis de Hyda in hæc verba. Henricus rex Angliæ, archiepiscopis, episcopis, abbatibus, comitibus, baronibus, vicecomitibus, ministris, et omnibus fidelibus, Francis et Anglis, totius Angliæ salutem. Sciatis quod concessi et hac carta mea confirmavi Deo et S. Petro et abbati atque monachis de Hyda, in liberam et perpetuam elemosinam, ecclesias de Kyngesclera et Aultona, cum capellis, decimis, et omnibus pertinentiis suis, et cum quinque hydīs terræ in eadem villa Aultone, sicut rex Willielmus pater meus eis dedit in excambium pro terra illa in qua ædificavit aulam suam in urbe Wintoniensi. Et volo et firmiter præcipio quod eas habeant et teneant solutas et quietas de geldis, et de murdris, et de placitis, et de omnibus querelis sicut terra illa ubi domus mea sedet in Wynton. fuit unquam melius quæta, teste Rogero episcopo Sarum, R. episcopo Lincolnensi, W. episcopo R. comite de Mellent, H. de Port, apud Windlesore, &c. Nos autem cartas et terras prædictas (-) confirmamus. (-) T. rege apud Westmon. xxviij. die Junii.

NUM. XIII.

Confirmatio Regis Henrici I. facta Osberno Abbati de Libertatibus Ecclesiæ de Hyda.

[Harl. MS. 1761, fol. 26 b.]

H. REX Angliæ archiepiscopis, episcopis, abbatibus, comitibus, baronibus, vicecomitibus, et omnibus fidelibus suis, Francis et Anglis, totius Angliæ, salutem. Sciatis me concessisse Osberno abbati abbathiam sancti Petri Wynton. cum terris et omnibus rebus abbatiæ pertin. et

volo et firmiter præcipio ut abbathiam et omnes res suas infra burgum et extra teneat, et in pace, et honorifice, et quiete, cum socha et sacha, et tol et theam, et in-fongeteof, et fleminefirmthe, et hamsochne, et gridbrice, et forestal, et cum omnibus consuetudinibus suis aliis in via et extra viam, in aqua et extra, in bosco et in plano, et in omnibus aliis locis sicut unquam aliquis antecessor suus melius et honorificentius et quietius tenuit. Teste Willielmo archiepiscopo Cantuar. et Turstino archiep. Eborac. et Willielmo episcopo Wynton. et Willielmo episcopo Exon. et Bern. episcopo de sancto David, et Mayfrid episcopo de Cycestre, et Warn. abbate de Bello, et Willielmo com. de Warenn. et Brient fil. com. et Willielmo filio Odonis. Apud Rotomag. &c.

NUM. XIV.

Item de Libertatibus Abbatiæ de Hyda et excambio ejusdem.

[Ibid. fol. 26 b.]

HENR. rex Angl. Willielmo de Pontearchar. et collectoribus Wynton. salutem. Præcipio quod terra de Hyda et terra de escambio abbatiæ Wynton. sit ita quæta de geldis et aliis quærelis sicut terra abbatiæ fuit quæta ubi abbathia sedebat, et domus mea propria et homines qui in ea manent, et nominatim de geld. de cccc. marc. et de omnibus aliis geld. T. Rog. episcopo Sar. apud Wyndesore, et teste Willielmo abbate.

NUM. XV.

Hæc sunt dampna quæ fecit Henricus Episcopus Ecclesiæ beati Petri de Hyda juxta Wynton.

[Ibid. fol. 3.]

IN primis extorsit sibi vi dominium abbatiæ per sex annos et dimidium, et habuit sub hoc termino ad opus suum m.l^{li}. Postea Ecclesiam comburi fecit; in qua quidem combustione nominatissima crux Christi a Cnuto rege eidem monasterio collata combusta erat. Ex qua cruce incensa monachi . . . ecclesiæ coacti reddiderunt eidem Episcopo quingentas et decem libras argenti et xv^{li}. auri et tria diademata auro et gemmis preciosis ornata pretii cxviiij^{li}. et scanna duarum ymaginum auro et gemmis ornata pretii lix^{li}. et duas patenas pretii lx. solidorum, et duos urceolos preciosos auro et gemmis nobiliter ornatos ex opere Salamonis cum frustro aureo pretii xxxv^{li}, sigillum conventus argenteum pretii xv. marcarum, vas argenteum ad aquam benedictam cum aspersorio argenteo pretii viij^{li}. turrubulum de argento et auro pretii x. marcarum, cruces quinque de argento et auro pretii ccc^{li}. scrinia x. argento et auro purissimo et gemmis preciosis ornata pretii cc & ix^{li}. Item, xvj. morsus aureos caparum cum gemmis preciosis ornatos, pretii xxxviij^{li}. Summa totius dampni mmm.viiij^c. lxij^{li}. xiiij^s. iiij^d.

NUM. XVI.

Confirmatio Regis Henrici II. de Libertatibus Ecclesiæ de Hyda.

[Ibid. fol. 26.]

HENRICUS, Dei gratia, rex Angliæ, dux Normanniæ, Aquitanniæ, et comes Andegaviæ, archiepiscopis, episcopis, abbatibus, comitibus, baronibus, justiciariis, vicecomitibus, et omnibus fidelibus suis, Francis et Anglis, totius Angliæ salutem. Sciatis me concessisse Johanni abbati Abbathiam sancti Petri Wynton. cum terris et omnibus rebus abbatiæ pertinentibus. Et volo et firmiter præcipio ut abbathiam et omnes res suas, infra burgum et extra, teneat bene, et in pace, et honorifice, et quiete, cum soco et saca, et tol et team, et infangenethef, et fleminefirmthe, et hamsocene, et grithbriche, et forestal, cum omnibus consuetudinibus suis aliis in via et extra, in aqua et extra, in bosco et plano, et omnibus locis sicut unquam aliquis antecessor suus melius, ho-

^a Lege sanctum.

norificentius et quietius tenuit, et sicut carta regis Henrici avi mei testatur. T. Walt. Rothom. archiepiscopo, apud Wynton.

NUM. XVII.

Confirmatio Regis Henrici II. de excambio Hyda.

[Ibid.]

H. REX Angliæ, et dux Normanniæ et Aquitanniæ, et comes Andegaviæ, H. episcopo Wynton. et justiciariis, vicecomitibus, baronibus, ministris, et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis tocius Angliæ salutem. Sciatis quod ego volo et præcipio quod abbas Wynton. et monachi sui habeant et teneant terram quam rex Henricus avus meus dedit sancto Petro quæ vocatur Hyda et terram de Wordya quam Willielmus episcopus eis dedit in escambio ita bene et in pace, libere, honorifice, et quietam de omnibus placitis, et quærelis, et tallagiis, et seldis, et scotis, et consuetudinibus, et omnibus aliis rebus, in via et semitis, et in campis, sicut melius, quietius, et liberius tenebant Ecclesiam eorum et cimiterium infra civitatem. Et si quis fugitivus ad eandem ecclesiam confugerit salvus sit. Corpora quoque defunctorum civitatis ad ipsam ecclesiam sepeliantur sicut apud aliam mos erat, et sicut Ego aulam meam infra civitatem ab omni servicio liberam habeo, sic eis has terras prædictas liberas perpetualiter confirmo sicut carta regis avi mei testatur, &c.

NUM. XVIII.

Confirmatio Regis Henrici II. facta Salido Abbati de Libertatibus Terrarum Hydæ.

[Ibid.]

H. REX Angliæ, et dux Normanniæ et Aquitanniæ, et comes Andegaviæ, archiepiscopis, episcopis, abbatibus, comitibus, baronibus, justiciariis, vicecomitibus, et omnibus fidelibus suis, Francis et Anglis, totius Angliæ salutem. Sciatis me concessisse Salid. abbati Abbatiam Sancti Petri Wynton. cum terris et omnibus rebus abbatiae pertin. et nominatim omnes terras quæ sunt de victu monachorum quas Romund episcopus habebat, et nominatim Papeholt et Pydelam, et ecclesiam de Candevere, et ecclesiam de Byketon, et Sandestede, et prata quæ sunt circa Wynton. si monachi poterint monstrare quod communi consensu totius capituli quicquid supra dictum est non habuerit, et si aliqua illarum terrarum consilio capituli data fuit tunc præcipio quod prædicta ecclesia Sancti Petri plenarie servitium suum habeat de eis qui illis tenent sicut carta regis avi mei testatur. Testibus &c. apud Wynton.

NUM. XIX.

De Feodis militaribus Abbatiae de Hyda.

[MS. Cotton. Domit. A. xlv. fol. 155.]

ROBERTUS de Sancto Johanne tenet sex feoda militum.

Herebertus filius Petri tenet duo feoda militum.

Avicia de Columbariis tenet tria feoda militum.

Nicholaus de Goche tenet dimid. feod. in Lyngefeld.

Willielmus de Pirlye tenet decimam partem unius feodi militis.

In Colyngeburn de terra H. de Brydeport ij. hyd.

Heres Hereberti de Caln. ij. hyd. in Drayton.

Alexand. liber tenet j. hyd. et ij. virg. in Weston.

Petrus de Fraxino tenet j. hyd. in Muchedever.

Johannes Pincerna tenet j. hyd. in Muchedever.

Gilebertus de Popham tenet iiij. hyd. in Popham.

Idem tenet duas hyd. et unam virg. in Byketon.

Philippus de Tetteford tenet duas hyd. in Tetteford.

Ricardus Pincerna tenuit tres hyd. in Candever.

Joh. de Drayton tenet ij. hyd. in Byketon.

Summa feodorum xv. feod. dim. et j. hyd.

Et abbas respondet de camera sua de ij. feod. et j. hyd. et dim. unde abbas respondet per totum de xx. feod.

NUM. XX.

Carta Regis Henrici III. de Lunemor.

[Ibid. fol. 121.]

H. DEI gratia rex Angliæ, dominus Hybernæ, dux Normanniæ et Aquitanniæ, comes Andegaviæ, archiepiscopis, episcopis, abbatibus, prioribus, comitibus, baronibus, justiciariis, vicecomitibus, præpositis, ministris, et omnibus ballivis et fidelibus suis salutem. Sciatis nos concessisse et hac carta nostra confirmasse pro nobis et hæredibus nostris abbati de Hyda et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus et eorum successoribus quod boscos eorum qui vocatur Lunemor inperpetuum deaforestaretur et clausus remaneat. Ita quod de cætero quietus sit de vasto et regardo, et de visu forestariorum, viridariorum, et ministrorum eorum, et de omnibus aliis quæ ad forestam pertinent. Quare volumus et firmiter præcipimus pro nobis et hæredibus nostris quod prædictus boscos inperpetuum deaforestaretur et clausus remaneat. Ita quod de cætero quietus sit de vasto et regardo et visu forestariorum, viridariorum, et ministrorum eorum et de omnibus aliis quæ ad forestam pertinent, sicut prædictum est. Hiis testibus, J. comite Lyncoln, constabul. Cestr. S. de Monteforti comite Leycestr. W. de Ralygh, thesaurar. Exon. Ricardo de Gray, Henr. de Trubeville, Joh. de Gray, Amaurico de Sancto Amando, Johanne de Lexinton, Paulino de Peyvre, Thoma de Albo Monasterio et aliis. Dat. per manum nostram apud Roffam xv. die Febr. anno regni nostri vicesimo tertio.

NUM. XXI.

Cyrogaphum Abbatis de Waverleya de Pastura.

[Ibid. fol. 57.]

HÆC est conventio facta inter Walterum abbatem de Hyda et ecclesiam suam de Hyda et Adam abbatem de Waverleia et ecclesiam suam de Waverleia, videlicet quod abbas et conventus de Hyda concesserunt abbati et ecclesie suæ de Waverleya inperpetuum communam pasturam in bosco suo de Majori Papeholt qui pertinet ad manerium suum de Mucheledever, salva pastura tam in bosco quam in terra reliqua de Minori Papeholt, per metas subscriptas; videlicet a Lundeweie qui venit de Totteford per viam quæ se extendit inter boscum abbatibus et boscum Galfridi nigri, et ita per eandem viam usque ad campum de Wlfledecrofte, et ita extra sepem de Wlfledecrofte et campi de Minori Papeholt usque ad boscum Petri de Fraxino, et ita in magna via quæ se extendit a Wint. versus Rading et deinde per eandem viam usque ad Bidehone, et dein per fossatum quod se extendit versus orientem usque ad fossatum quod se extendit versus austrum in Pinkeden, et dein per vallem de Pinkeden usque ad terram monachorum de Waverleya quæ vocatur Smalerigge. Habebunt autem monachi de Waverleya infra prædictas metas tam in discooperto quam cooperto, sine occasione et impedimento xxvj. boves et iiij^{or}. auros, vel xij. equos et vj. vaccas, et xx. porcos quietos de pannagio, ita quod ultra prædictum numerum nichil amplius in dicta pastura poterunt exigere, nisi de bene-placito et voluntate dicti abbatis de Hyda et ejusdem loci conventus, reddendo inde annuatim abbati de Hyda et ecclesie suæ in festo sancti Micahel duos solidos pro omni servitio et exactione. In hujus igitur conventionis testimonium et securitatem hoc scriptum inter dictos abbates et ecclesias suas confectum, ex utraque parte sigillorum suorum munimine roboratur. Ita quod parti quæ abbati de Waverleya remanet apposita sunt sigilla abbatibus et conventus de Hyda, et parti quæ abbati de Hyda remanet appositum est sigillum abbatibus de Waverleya, de voluntate et assensu conventus sui. Hiis testibus Waltero de Romesia, Rogero de Molendinis, Sweno de Weston, Amisio de Hereford, et multis aliis.

NUM. XXII.

Qualiter discernitur Abbatiam fore extra libertatem Civitatis Wynton.

[MS. Harl. 1761, fol. 35.]

ANNO ab incarnatione Domini m^o.ccc^{mo}. et Edwardi regis Angliæ filii regis Henrici xxx^{mo}. Simonis etiam de Kanynges abbatis de Hyda viij^o. contigit in civitate Wynton. in vigil. beati Barnabæ apostoli quod incarcerati de carcere domini regis evaserunt, et ad diversas Ecclesias Civitatis confugerunt; de quibus tres, sc. Adam le Muleward de Wordia Mortimer, Hugo Hendeman de Basingestoke, et Willielmus de Schirebourne capellanus, die prædicto, ad ecclesiam Sancti Bartolomei fugerunt per viij. dies et amplius moram ibidem fecerunt. In eadem medio tempore accesserunt ad Hydam personæ infrascript. Johannes Tytinge tunc maior civitatis, cum ballivis, Rogero de Inkepenne et Johanne le Palmer, servientibus suis, et aliis quampluribus; accessit etiam cum eis Adam Poueray tunc coronator civitatis; qui omnes unanimiter allegabant abjuracionem ipsorum fugitivorum coram prædicto coronatore civitates esse faciendum eo quod vendicabant situm abbatiae infra procinctum civitatis esse situatum; venit etiam cum eisdem dominus Philippus de Hoyvyle miles tunc senescallus domini Johannis de Punteyse Wynton. episcopi cum officiali ejusdem ut auctoritate ordinario- rum dictos fugitivos quos maliciose prosequerantur compedibus astringeret in ecclesia prædicta, et sic domum Dei et matrem ecclesiam sua libertate spoliaret, quorum voluntatibus detestabilibus monachi prædictæ ecclesiæ volentes libertatem ecclesiæ universalis salvare illæsum, viriliter resistebant et prædictos invasores expellentes, in nullo permiserunt jura ecclesiastica violari, ut igitur nulli veniat indubium in futurum sed posteris inevidens hic exemplum abbatiam de Hyda extra libertatem civitatis esse situatam. Nos Simon prædictus abbas una cum conventu nostro vidimus prædictos fugitivos coram coronatoribus forinsecis, videlicet domino Hugone de Escote milite et Johanne Heriard collega suo, præsentem domino Thoma de Warberton milite tunc vic. Suth. et Edmundo de Suttone, qui prædictos fugitivos de juramento oneravit, astantibus multis magnatibus, cum magna populi multitudine, terram Anglicanam in perpetuum abjurare, prænotatus vero Philippus de Hoyvyle et burgenses civitatis recesserunt et dictam abbatiam de Hyda extra libertatem civitatis situatam recognoverunt.

NUM. XXIII.

Alia Evidentia quod Abbatia de Hyda est extra libertatem Civitatis Wynton.

[Ibid.]

ANNO ab incarnatione Domini m^o.ccc^{mo}.lxxij. contigit in eadem civitate die dominica, scilicet in crastino sancti Leonardi, quod vij. incarcerat. de carcere domini regis evaserunt de quibus v. scilicet Will. Perye de Nynhed subdiac. Johannes Fox de Hamme, Joh. Smyth de Cantuaria, Johannes Parker de Tenturienne, et Thomas Broun de Nywecastel under Lynde ad ecclesiam supradictam singillatim accesserunt, et per ix. dies moram ibidem fecerunt, postea vero de Hyda noctanter recesserunt ubicunque eisdem placuerunt.

NUM. XXIV.

Alia Evidentia de eadem.

[Ibid.]

ANNO Domini m^o.ccc. xxxj. et anno regni regis Edwardi tertii quinto, Walteri abbatis xij^o. Petrus de Perschete coronator forinsecus coronavit quendam Hynebest juxta molendinum in dicta abbatia de Hyd.

NUM. XXV.

Item alia de eadem.

[Ibid. fol. 36.]

ANNO Domini millesimo ccc^{mo}.xlix. et anno regni

regis Edwardi tertii post Conquestum xxij^o. et anno Walteri abbatis xxxij. Thomas de Wescote coronator forinsecus coronavit quendam Johannem le Pelenter inter granarium et molendinum in dicta abbatia de Hid.

NUM. XXVI.

Item de eadem.

[Ibid.]

ANNO Domini m^o.ccc^{mo}.lvj^{to}. et anno regni regis Edwardi tertii post Conquæstum xxx^o. et anno Walteri abbatis xxxvij^o. Petrus de Perschitte coronator forinsecus coronavit quendam monachum Willielmum Bluntesdon in dicta abbatia qui cecidit de alur. in ecclesia et toto corpore confractus mortuus est.

NUM. XXVII.

Item de eadem.

[Ibid.]

ANNO Domini m^o.ccc^o.lxx^o. et anno regni regis Edwardi tertii post Conquæstum xliij^o. et anno abbatis Thomæ viij^o. die sancti Stephani Stephanus Welewyk coronator forinsecus coronavit quendam Johannem Copenore in abbatia prædicta, quæ fuit soror hospitalitatis ejusdem.

NUM. XXVIII.

Compositio inter Abbatem de Hida et Magistrum G. de Feringes Rectorem Ecclesiæ de Stanham.

[MS. Cotton. Domitian. A. xiv. fol. 112.]

UNIVERSIS Christi fidelibus præsentis literas inspecturis, Willielmus, Die gratia, Winton. episcopus, salutem æternam in Domino. Cum inter abbatem et conventum de Hyda ex una parte, et magistrum Galfrid. de Feringh. rectorem ecclesiæ de Stanham abbatis ex altera, super decimis feni de dominicis pratis dictorum abbatis et conventus in Stanham, necnon et super pastura averiorum omnium et cæterorum animalium ipsius magistri q. petebat in omnibus dominicis ipsius abbatis in Stanham qō mota fuisset. Tandem ita convenit, videlicet quod dicti abbas et conventus pro bono pacis et pro recompensatione decimarum feni prædicti assignaverunt et concesserunt dicto magistro et suis successoribus et ecclesiæ de Stanham sex acras prati quæ jacent propinquiores acræ Rogeri de molendino versus austrum, in magno prato dictorum abbatis et conventus, quæ quidem acra jacet juxta fossatum quod est inter pratum Hugonis de Chikehulle et dictam acram Rogeri. De quibus sex acris prædictis dictus magister et sui successores libere et sine contradictione fenum proveniens annuatim integraliter et absque decimatione percipient in perpetuum. Ita quod dictus magister et successores sui sumptibus propriis dictum fenum falcabunt et levabunt; dominium vero soli prati prædicti ad abbatem et conventum pertinebit ut prius. Et permittent dicti abbas et conventus dicto magistro et suis successoribus libere cariare et asportare fenum de prædictis sex acris tempore competenti per eandem viam per quam abbas fenum suum fecerit cariare. Concesserunt insuper dicti abbas et conventus dicto magistro et suis successoribus et ecclesiæ de Stanham quod habeant in perpetuum sex boves in pastura ubicunque in manerio de Stanham tam in dominicis terris quam pratis ipsorum abbatis et conventus cum bobus eorundem, excepto prato quod vocatur Stukedemede, et prato quod jacet subtus pratum personæ prope ecclesiam, et excepto clauso ex parte occidentali curiæ quæ est ad caput vivarii et se extendit usque ad brueriam. Concesserunt etiam dicti abbas et conventus prædicto magistro et suis successoribus et ecclesiæ prædictæ quod quinquaginta oves matrices ubique in dominicis abbatis libere habeant in pastura, cum ovibus eorundem, et nutricium porcorum suorum in bosco de Lemgrave; ita quod si in dicto bosco glans evenerit, habebunt ibidem xx. porcos liberos de pannagio. Omnia autem averia sua cujuslibet generis ipse magister et

Com' Southton.		ℓ.	s.	d.
Larkestokey	Redd' reservat'	2	2	5½
Manerium de Micheldever cum Rēoria, Weston, Northbroke, Pophm̄, Chilton Candever, Northampton, Southbroke, Est Stratton, Dottesley	Redd' Assis'	17	8	1½
-	Redd' cust' Tenenc'	22	9	4
-	Redd' Ten' ad Vol' Dñi	2	5	10
-	Redd' Ten' Manerij Rector' de Micheldever	1	5	6
-	Decim' Molend'	0	2	0
-	Firma Manerij de Micheldever	33	5	0
Capell' de Pophm̄	Firma Grang' Decimal'	4	13	4
Micheldever	Firma Decim' Rēorie cum Capell' annex'	20	6	8
-	Firma Scitus Rector'	4	4	0
-	Perquis' Cur'	0	16	2
Hundred' de Micheldever	Exit' Hund' cum Auxilio Vicecomit'	2	7	3½
Rectoria de Alton, cum Benstede et Kingesley	Firma Rectorie	25	10	0
Benstede et Kingesley	Firma Scit' Rēorie	18	0	0
Northstonh̄m	Firma Maner'	54	9	4¼
Owers	Firma Maner'	7	19	6
Est Stratton	Redd' Assis'	2	14	0
-	Redd' cust' Tenenc'	13	18	1
-	Firma Maner'	8	13	4
-	Pannag' Porcor'	0	1	7
-	Perquis' Cur'	0	1	10
Presshawe cum Lomer.				
Presshaw	Redd' Assis'	1	4	0
-	Redd' cust' Tenenc'	1	18	0
-	Firma Maner'	5	6	8
Manerium de Lomer	Firma Maner'	4	8	10
-	Perquis' Cur'		nult	
Alton Estbroke	Redd' Assis'	5	0	5
-	Redd' cust' Tenenc'	4	19	10
-	Redd' Ten' ad Vol' Dñi	5	10	8
-	Firma Maner'	13	11	0
-	Perquis' Cur'	0	2	0
Bicketon	Redd' Assis'	0	16	0½
-	Redd' cust' Tenenc'	14	12	4
-	Firm' Terr' et Mes'	12	16	8
-	Pannag' Porc'	0	1	0
-	Perquis' Cur'	0	4	0
Manerium de Browne Candever	Exit' null' quia conc' Willm̄o Poulet mil'			
Monkemede	Firma Terr'	3	0	0
Wortinge	Exit' null' quia conc' Willm̄o Poulet mil'			
Capell' de Northm̄pton	Porc' Decimar'	8	10	0
Capell' de Stratton	Firma Grangij	13	6	8
Maner' de Foughlerton et Leckeford	Redd' Assis'	0	1	6
-	Redd' cust' Tenenc'	17	1	7
-	Firma Maner'	9	16	8
-	Perquis' Cur'	0	0	3
Anna Abbis	Firma Maner'	32	19	8
Winterburne	Firma Maner'	6	6	8
Civitas Winton	Firma Scitus Abbie de Hida cum Terr' Dñical'	7	0	0

[The Roll being here imperfect, the articles marked with a star are supplied from the Roll of the next year, 33d Hen. VIII.]

* Civitas Winton	Divers' Terr' Cotag' et Gardin'	14	16	11
* -	Firma Decim'	0	4	6
* Ludshulfe et Tachebury	Redd' Assis'	1	0	0
* Manerium de Pewsey	Firma Maner'	24	0	0
-	Redd' Assis'	4	12	5
-	Redd' cust' Ten'	51	7	1½
-	Penc' Rector'	10	11	8
-	Pannag' Porc'	0	4	0
-	Perquis' Cur'	3	10	0

Com' Southon.		£.	s.	d.
Manerium de Thiseldon cum Burythorpp et				
Rcōria de Cuselden	Redd' Reservat'	12	4	0
Manerium de Collingborne	Redd' Assis'	9	0	4
- - - - -	Redd' Cust' Tenenc'	26	5	8
- - - - -	Firma Scit' Maner'	26	0	0
- - - - -	Vendic' Bosc'	7	13	9
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'	3	17	8
Rector' de Collingborne	Firma Rector'	42	6	8
Manerium de Pydeltrenthide	Firma Maner'	43	11	5½
- - - - -	Firma Rector'	18	0	0
Southwerk	Redd' et Firm'	21	16	8
Southese	Redd' Assis'	0	2	0
- - - - -	Redd' Cust' Tenenc'	9	17	11
- - - - -	Firma	7	13	4
- - - - -	Penc' Annua	0	3	4
Tytlecombe	Redd' Cust' Tenenc'	16	14	3
- - - - -	Firm' Terr'	2	13	4
- - - - -	Penc' Annua	0	3	4
Heighton	Redd' Mess' et Terr'	11	5	0
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'	8	18	0½
Manerium de Doughton cum Rector'	Exit'—nihil quia annex' Honori de			
	Petworth			

Monastery of Nuns,

AT

WINCHESTER.



UNNAMINSTER,^a or, as it was more usually called, the ABBEY of St. MARY Winchester, was situated in the east part of that city. It was founded either by Alfred,^b or his queen Ethelswitha,^c or perhaps by both jointly, about the end of the ninth century; being, like Hyde abbey, completed by their son King Edward the elder.^d Ethel-

switha, after the death of her husband, is said to have retired to it. Her death here, is placed by Hoveden in the year 903;^e by the Annals of Winchcombe in 905;^f and by the Annals of Hyde, in a passage already quoted, in the year 909.

EDBURGA, daughter of Edward the elder, who had also retired here, is said by Leland to have been afterwards abbess.^g She was subsequently considered as the patroness of the monastery, and was finally, according to Tanner, joined in the dedication of it with the Virgin Mary.^h

From a passage in Ethelward's Chronicle, printed by Sir Henry Savile, it should seem that the original church, which was consecrated by Archbishop Plegmund, was furnished with a lofty tower.ⁱ

According to Dr. Milner, this abbey was not originally well endowed. The Trussell manuscripts say, that for its better support King Edmund, the son of Edward the Elder, settled upon it a toll to be collected of all merchandize passing by water under the city bridge, or by land under the east gate.^k But still it had fallen into great poverty and decay in the time of King Edgar, when Ethelwold bishop of Winchester undertook to restore it, and, in a manner, to found it anew.^l

The Saxon Chronicle places this new foundation under the year 963.^m Ethelwold at the same time regulated its discipline and religious observances accord-

ing to the new Benedictine Concordat, which had then been recently settled by himself and Archbishop Dunstan. He also appointed a female of the name of

ETHELRIETHA to be its abbess. Henceforward, says Dr. Milner, this house became the resort of many West Saxon ladies of royal or noble parentage.ⁿ

From the Domesday Survey we learn the state of the endowment of St. Mary Winchester as it stood in the year 1087. In *Hampshire*, its possessions were at Lis, Froli, Lecford, Stoches, Timbreberie, and Ebintune. Lis, which had paid geld in the time of Edward the Confessor for five hides, answered for three only at the time of the Survey. Froli, which had in the Confessor's time been rated for ten hides, paid for eight only. Lecford, which had before paid for five hides, was rated but for one. Stoches, which had before paid for three hides, paid but for half a one. Timbreburie, as in the time of Edward the Confessor, paid geld for two hides. Ebintune, which had before paid for a hide and a half, was now exempt, as being *de victu monialium*; appropriated to the support of the nuns' table. In *Berkshire*, the abbess is stated to hold Coleselle, which had been given to the church by Walter de Laci with his daughter. This land, which in the time of King Edward had been rated as for eight hides, now answered but for two hides and a half. In *Wiltshire*, the church held Ierchesfonte, rated at twenty carucates, which in the time of Edward the Confessor had paid geld as for thirty hides: it also held Caninge, rated at fifteen carucates, but which in Edward the Confessor's time was rated at eighteen hides, a virgate and a half. The rent produced by these possessions, which in King Edward's time had amounted to the sum of 64*l.* 15*s.* amounted at the time of forming the Survey to the sum of 92*l.* 15*s.*^o

From a passage in another part of the Domesday Survey for Hampshire it appears that in the time of King Edward the Confessor, and even in that of William, the manor of *Icene*, which in the time of Edward had paid geld for twelve hides, belonged to the nuns of St. Mary Winchester. "Hoc manerium tenuit abbatia monialium S. Mariæ Winton. tempore regis Edwardi. Tunc se defendebat pro XII. hid." At the time of the

^a So the Annal. Eccles. Winton. Angl. Sacr. tom. i. p. 289. See also Lel. Collect. edit. 1770, tom. i. p. 9.

^b William of Malmesbury, noticing the reformation of the nunnery by Bishop Athelwold, ascribes the first foundation entirely to King Alfred:

"Præterea construxit supradictus rex in eadem urbe sanctimonialium cœnobium, sed posterioribus annis per beatum Ethelwoldum amplius est locus ille: quibus præposuit Ethelritham virginem anum, quæ ad conjecturam somnij, quod mater ejus de aquila viderat aurea, multa de ipso prophetavit. Fuerat ibi antehac monasterium, in quo Edburga regis Edwardi senioris filia conversata et defuncta fuerat, sed tunc pene destructum." De Gestis Pontif. Anglorum, fol. 140 b.

^c The Register of Hyde Abbey, MS. Harl. 1761, fol. 14, says, "A. D. DCCCCIX. Obiit Eleswitha regina, uxor Alfredi regis, et

FUNDATRIX Ecclesiæ Sanctæ Mariæ sanctimonialium Wynton." See also Rudb. Angl. Sacra, tom. i. p. 218.

^d See the extracts from Leland, Num. I.

^e See Num. I.

^f Ibid.

^g Lel. Collect. tom. i. p. 413.

^h Tann. Notit. Mon.

ⁱ "Post triennium verò archiepiscopus Plegmund enceniavit in Wintonia urbe arduam turrim, quæ tum noviter fuerat sita in honore genetricis Dei Mariæ." Script. post Bedam. edit. 1596, p. 482.

^k Miln. Hist. Winch. vol. ii. p. 189.

^l See the passage quoted from Rudborne, p. 1, Note ^b.

^m Chron. Sax. edit. Gibs. p. 117.

ⁿ Hist. Winch. ut supr. p. 190.

^o Compare Num. II.

Survey it appears to have belonged to Hugo filius Baldri. "Hoc manerium," it is added, "calumniatur abbatissa S. Mariæ; et totum hundr. et insuper totus vicecomitatus testimonium perhibet quod in abbazia fuit tempore regis Edwardi et regis Willielmi, et juste esse debet." In the margin, in smaller characters, it is said, "Rex W. reddidit eidem ecclesiæ."^a

In Wiltshire, under Terra Hugonis Lasne, it is said, "Æcclesia S. Mariæ Winton. tenet de H. *Chenete* pro filia ejus."^b

It has been already noticed in the Account of Hyde Abbey, that in 1141, in the war between Stephen and the Empress Maud, the abbey of St. Mary Winchester was destroyed.^c Gervase of Canterbury notices this occurrence in the following terms:—"Civitas famosa secunda die mensis Augusti, agente et præcipiente ejusdem civitatis episcopo, traditur incendio, quo Monasterium sanctimonialium cum officinis suis, et plusquam viginti ecclesiis cum meliori parte civitatis, et cœnobio sancti Grimbaldi cum ædibus suis in cinerem redactum est."^d

No direct particulars, in regard to the renovation of this monastery, are preserved by our historians: though Dr. Milner suspects King Henry the Second to have been a material benefactor.^e

In 1271 this monastery was visited, together with the other religious houses of the city, by Nicholas bishop of Winchester:^f and again, in 1274, by Robert archbishop of Canterbury.^g

In the 2d year of Edward the Third a licence was obtained by Robert de Wambergh, archdeacon of Wells, to give seven acres of land in Erchesfonte to this monastery, in aid of the support of a chaplain, who was to pray for his soul and that of Emelina Longspe.^h

In the 4th of the same king the royal licence was obtained for the appropriation of the church of Froyle, in the diocese of Winchester, to the abbess and convent.ⁱ

From numerous entries upon the Patent Rolls, the church of St. Mary Winchester, beside the nuns, appears to have supported some few secular clergymen in prebendal stalls.

In 1373 this nunnery was visited, with the other churches and monasteries of his diocese, by Bishop William de Wykeham;^k who, at his death, in 1404, among other numerous legacies, left "to the abbess of the monastery of St. Mary Winton, five marks; and to every of the nuns, thirteen shillings and four pence."^l

The following are the names which have been recovered of the

ABBESSES of ST. MARY WINCHESTER.

Where no other reference occurs in the lower margin, they are given on the authority of Browne Willis's communication to the editor of the second edition of Bishop Tanner's *Notitia Monastica*.

ETHELRIETHA, or ETHELREDA, A. D. 963.

ST. EDITH, *temp.* Edgari regis.

BEATRIX.

ALICIA, A. D. 1084.^m

HAWYSIA, about 1120.

CLARITIA, elected A. D. 1174.

AGNES died on the 3d of the kal. of Septemb. 1265.

EUFEMIA was elected on the 3d of the ides of the same month.ⁿ Upon her death,

LUCIA was elected A. D. 1270.

MAUD PECCAM, elected A. D. 1313.

MAUD SPINE, elected A. D. 1338.

MARGARET MOLINS, elected A. D. 1349.

CHRISTIANA WAYTE, elected A. D. 1364.

ALICIA DE MARE, elected A. D. 1365.

JOANE DEYMEDE, elected A. D. 1385.

MAUD HOLME, elected A. D. 1410.

AGNES BURTON, elected A. D. 1449.

C. H. and A. B. lady abbesses, *temp.* Hen. VII.

JOAN occurs A. D. 1497.

ELIZABETH SHELLY, elected A. D. 1527.^o

Dr. Milner says, when this convent had subsisted six centuries and a half, eminent for the regularity and piety of its inhabitants in general, as well as for the rank and birth of many amongst them,^p it was on a sudden involved in the general proscription of all such monasteries as were under the yearly value of 200*l.*; the revenues of this amounting only to 179*l.* 7*s.* 2*d.* per annum. This was done under pretence that strict regularity and conventual discipline could not be observed in the poorer monasteries; whereas the real reason was that Henry and his courtiers did not think the moment was yet arrived for attacking the grand monasteries, which were powerful by their influence and connections, and had superiors who were honoured with seats in parliament. At this time Dame Elizabeth Shelly was abbess of this convent, consisting of twenty-one nuns, beside servants. Being a woman of great talents and spirit, she found means for the present to avert the storm, and actually obtained letters patent, under the king's privy seal, dated August 27th, 1536, by which her abbey was new founded with all its property and privileges, except the valuable manors of Allcanning and Archefount, in Wiltshire, which were alienated in favour of Lord Edward Seymour Viscount Beauchamp and Lady Ann his wife, and she the said Dame Shelly was appointed to be abbess of the new-founded convent.^q By virtue of this Charter, the peculiar exercises of the monastic life continued to be followed in this house after all the other convents in Winchester were suppressed; not only those of the poorer sort, but also the grand priory of St. Swithun and Hyde abbey. At length, Henry being weary of this indulgence, or, what is more probable, some of his courtiers being impatient for the remaining spoils of this establishment, his agents had recourse here to their usual arts for forcing the superiors of convents into a surrender, where they could not be persuaded to do the same voluntarily. In consequence of these St. Mary's abbey at length fell in its turn, after it had subsisted four years by virtue of its new Charter.^r

Bishop Tanner says, great part of the abbey, if not the whole, was granted, 38 Hen. VIII. to John Bello and John Broxholme.^s

Dr. Milner states that the abbess and eight only of her nuns had small annuities granted them: the rest of the community, he adds, were totally unprovided for.^t The pension-list, however, which will be found in the Appendix,^u shows that provision was made by King Henry the Eighth for all the members of the foundation. Dr. Milner's mistake evidently arose from his considering the pensions which remained chargeable in the 2d and 3d of Philip and Mary as the whole which were originally granted. Even three of these were

^a Domesd. tom. i. fol. 48.

^b Ibid. fol. 73.

^c See before, pag. 429.

^d Script. x. Twysd. col. 1356.

^e Hist. of Winch. vol. ii. p. 191.

^f Angl. Sacr. tom. i. p. 498.

^g Ibid. p. 313.

^h Pat. 2 Edw. III. p. 1, 4 Maii.

ⁱ Pat. 4 Edw. III. 23 Mart.

^k Lowth's Life of William of Wykeham, edit. Lond. 1759, p. 69.

^l Ibid. p. 294, Append. p. xli.

^m A. D. MLXXXIV. "Alicia successit Beatrici in abbazia monialium Wintoniensium." Angl. Sacr. tom. i. p. 294.

ⁿ MCCLXV. "Item obiit Agnes abbatissa B. Mariæ Winton. iii. cal. Septemb. Item iii. idus Septemb. venit Henricus rex Wintoniam; qua die electa est Eufemia, monacha illius ecclesiæ, in abbatissam, et

recepta a rege eadem die." Angl. Sacr. tom. i. p. 312. See also Ann. Wigorn. ibid. p. 496. A. D. MCCLXX. "Obiit Eufemia abbatissa Sanctæ Mariæ Winton. xii. cal. Decemb. cui successit Lucia priorissa ejusdem monasterii; quam dominus Rex in vigiliâ sancti Nicholai sibi præsentatam in castro Wintoniensi gratanter recepit." Ibid. p. 498.

^o Principals of Relig. Houses. Tann. Notit. Mon. ed. Nasmith, p. xlii.

^p For the truth of this remark the reader is referred to the very curious Instrument in the Appendix Num. IV. being the certificate of the king's commissioners, upon their visit to this monastery in the 28th year of Hen. VIII.

^q See Num. III.

^r Hist. of Winch. vol. ii. p. 192.

^s Notit. Mon.

^t Hist. of Winch. ut supr. p. 193.

^u Num. V.

omitted by Browne Willis, whom he quotes.^a The abbess's pension was 26*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*

Dame Shelly, says Dr. Milner, continued to reside in the city of Winchester; and it appears that she had not lost all hopes of seeing her convent once more established, as she made the present of a silver chalice, which probably she had saved from the sacrilegious wreck, to the college of this city, on the express condition that it should be given to St. Mary's abbey in case it was ever restored.^b

According to Camden, considerable remains of this venerable fabric existed at the beginning of the seven-

teenth century, which testified its extent and magnificence. At present, nothing is left of it except its name of *Abbey*, by which the whole circumference of its inclosure is still called, and a small heap of stones in a garden where the church seems to have stood; the rest of the materials having been employed in erecting a modern mansion-house.^c

No REGISTER of St. Mary's abbey Winchester is at present known to exist: nor has an impression from the Conventual SEAL yet fallen within the notice of the Editors of Dugdale's Monasticon.

Cartae ad Wintoniense Coenobium sanctimonialium spectantes.

NUM. I.

[Annales de Winchecumbe in Bibl. Cottoniana.]

ANNO Domini DCCCCV. Alhswitha regina, mater regis Eaduardi senioris obiit, quæ monasterium sanctimonialium Wintoniæ construxit.

[Rog. Hoved. fol. 281 b, n. 50.]

ANNO DCCCCij. religiosa Christi famula, regina Elswitha, mater regis Eadwardi, vita decessit, quæ sanctimonialium monasterium Wintoniæ construxit.

[Lelandi Collectan. vol. i. p. 337.]

ALHSWIDA, uxor Alfredi regis, extruxit monasterium virginum Wintoniæ, cui præfecit Etheldridam, rusque ampliss. possessionis arcis fundum contulit. Sed nec Alfredus, nec Answitha neuter, prohibentibus fatiis, potuit opus inceptum complere.

Edwardus filius Alfredi finem novis imposuit fundamentis.

NUM. II.

Prædia ad Ecclesiam Sanctæ Mariæ de Wintonia spectantia, tempore Regis Willielmi Conquestoris.

[Ex Libro vocato *Domesday Book*, in domo Capitul. Westmonast. asservato.]

Hantescire, fol. 43 b.

TERRA SANCTÆ MARÆ DE WINTONIA. In Mene-stoch Hund. Abbatissa de Wincestre tenet LIS. Semper fuit in Abbazia. Tempore Regis Edwardi se defendebat pro v. hid. modo pro III. hid. Terra est III. car. Ibi sunt XVI. villani cum III. car. et dim. et molin. de XVI. denar. et una acra prati et dim. Silva de xv. porc. Tempore Regis Edwardi et post et modo valet L. sol. Tamen redd. III. lib. de firma.

In Neteham Hund. Ipsa Abbazia tenet FROLI. Semper ibi fuit. Tempore Regis Edwardi se defendebat pro x. hid. modo pro VIII^{to}. hid. Terra est x. car.

In dominio sunt III. car. et xv. villani et XXIII. bord. cum VIII. car. Ibi æcclesia et x. servi. et II. molini de XXII. solid. et VI. den. et VIII. acr. prati. Tempore Regis Edwardi et post valuit XII. lib. Modo xv. lib. Tamen redd. xx. lib. de firma.

In Sunburne Hundr. Ipsa Abbazia tenet LECFORD. Semper fuit in æcclesia. Tempore Regis Edwardi se defendebat pro v. hid. modo pro una hida. Terra est III. car. In dominio sunt II^æ. et v. villani et II. bord. cum II. car. Ibi III. servi et xv. acr. prati. Tempore Regis Edwardi valebat III. lib. et post et modo III. lib.

Ipsa Abbazia tenet STOCHES. Semper tenuit. Tempore Regis Edwardi se defendebat pro III. hid. modo pro dimid. hida. Terra est II. car. In dominio est una cum III. bord. et uno servo. et molin. de xx. sol. et v. acr. prati. Tempore Regis Edwardi valebat xxx. sol. et post et modo XL. sol.

Ipsa Abbazia tenet TIMBREBERIE. Semper tenuit. Tempore Regis Edwardi et modo se defendebat pro II. hid. Terra est III. car. In dominio est una et v. villani et III. bord. cum III. car. Ibi molinum de XII. sol. et VI. den. et L. acr. prati. Tempore Regis Edwardi valebat L. solid. et post et modo LX. solid.

In Mantesberg Hundr. Ipsa Abbazia tenet EBINTUNE. De æcclesia fuit et est. Stigand archiepiscopus tenuit. Tunc se defend. pro una hida et dim. modo pro nichilo quia de victu monialium est. Terra est dim. car. In dominio est una car. et III. servi cum uno bordario et dimid. molin. de VII. solid. et VII. acr. prati. Tempore Regis Edwardi et post et modo valet xxv. solid.

Berchscire, fol. 59 b.

TERRA SANCTÆ MARÆ WINTONIENSIS. In Wilfol Hundr. Abbatissa de Wintonia tenet COLESELLE. Edmundus tenuit de rege Edwardo in alod. Walterius de Laci dedit æcclesiæ cum filia sua. Scira nescit quomodo: Tempore Regis Edwardi se defendebat pro VIII. hid. modo pro II. hid. et dim. Terra est In dominio sunt II^æ. car. et VI. villani et III. bord. cum I. car. Ibi II. servi. et tertia pars molini de x. sol. et LXIX. acr. prati. Valuit VII. lib. et post VI. lib. Modo c. solid.

^a The following is a transcript from the original Roll, so often quoted:

"BEATÆ MARÆ WINTON. nuper Monasterium. Annuit. Willielmi Barners per annum xl^s. Walteri Dashewood per annum xl^s. Penc. Margaret. Shelley per annum iiij^d. Christianæ Cuff per annum liij^s. iiij^d. Edburgæ Stratford per annum liij^s. iiij^d. Annæ Munday per VOL. II.

annum liij^s. iiij^d. Margaretæ Selwood per annum liij^s. iiij^d. Fidei Welbecke per annum lxxj^s. viij^d. Johannæ Eyre per annum liij^s. iiij^d. Dorotheæ Ringwood per annum liij^s. iiij^d. Agnet. Badecrofte per annum iiij^d. Agnet. Bachecrofte per annum iiij^d. Mariæ Martyne per annum liij^s. iiij^d. Cecilæ Gaynesforde per annum liij^s. iiij^d."

^b Hist. of Winch. ut supr.

^c Ibid.

Wiltshire, fol. 68.

TERRA ÆCCLESIE S. Mariæ WINTONIE. Ecclesia S. Mariæ Wintoniens. tenet IERCHESFONTE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro xxx. hid. Terra est xx. car. De hac terra sunt in dominio vi. hidæ, et ibi vii. car. et xvii. servi. Ibi xxxiii. villani et xxvi. bord. et vi. cotar. cum. ix. car. Ibi iii. molini redd. xxi. solid. et iii^{es}. den. et lxiii. acr. prati. Pastura i. leu. long. et dim. leu. lat. et tantundem silvæ.

De eadem terra tenet Eduuardus hid. et dimid. et tertiam partem dim. hidæ.

Walterus i. hid. Angli ten. ii. hid. et ii^{as}. partes dimid. hidæ.

De vi. hid. quæ sunt in dominio tenuit præpositus abbatissæ ii. hid. tempore Regis Edwardi. Postea vero reddidit eas æcclesiæ cum omni pecunia sua, et nunc usque sunt in dominio.

Quando abbatissa recepit Manerium valebat xv. lib. Modo xxvii. lib. quod habet in dominio. Quod milites iii. lib.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet CANINGE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro xviii. hid. et una virgata terræ et dimid. Terra est xv. car. De hac terra sunt in dominio iiii. hidæ et ibi v. car. et viii. servi. Ibi xxvii. villani et xvii. bord. et vi. cotar. cum. x. car. Ibi molinum reddens xiii. solid. et cviii. acr. prati. Pastura una leu. long. et iiii. quarent. lat. Silva iiii. quarent. long. et ii. quarent. lat. Valuit xx. lib. Modo xxx. lib.

NUM. III.

Literæ Regis Henrici octavide non supprimendo Monasterio Monialium beatæ Mariæ in Wintonia, inter cætera Monasteria quæ non habebant Redditus et Possessiones ad clarum annum Valorem ducentarum Librarum.

[Rym. Fœd. vol. xiv. p. 574. Pat. 28 H. VIII. p. 2, m. 15.]

REX omnibus ad quos, &c. salutem. Cum per quendam actum in parlamento nostro apud Londoniam tertio die Novembris anno regni nostri vicesimo primo inchoato et deinde usque Westmonasterium adjornato, et per diversas prorogationes usque ad et in quartum diem Februarii ultimo præterito continuato et tum ibidem tento, inter alia inactitatum existit, quod nos haberemus et gauderemus nobis et hæredibus nostris imperpetuum, omnia et singula monasteria, prioratus, et alias domos religiosas monachorum, canonicorum, et monialium quibuscumque generibus seu diversitatibus habituum, regularum, sive ordinum vocarentur seu nominarentur, quæ non habebant terras, tenementa, redditus, decimas, portiones, et alia hæreditamenta ultra clarum annum valorem ducentarum librarum, dictum annualem clarum valorem dictorum monasteriorum ac prioratuum capiendum et constituendum secundum clarum valorem in scaccario nostro certificatum; et simili modo quod haberemus et gauderemus nobis et hæredibus nostris omnes et omnimodos situs et circuitus earundem religiosarum domorum, ac omnia et singula maneria, grangias, mesuagia, terras, tenementa, reversiones, redditus, servitia, decimas, pensiones, portiones, advocaciones, patronatus ecclesiarum et capellarum, annuitates, jura, intrationes, conditiones, et alia hæreditamenta quæcumque, eisdem monasteriis, prioratibus sive domibus religiosis non habentibus, ut prædicitur, terras, tenementa, et hæreditamenta ultra prædictum annum valorem ducentarum librarum, pertinentia sive spectantia, adeo plene et integre prout, abbates, priores, abbatissæ, et alii gubernatores hujusmodi monasteriorum, prioratum, et aliarum domorum religiosarum ad tunc illa habuerunt aut habere debuerunt in jure domorum suarum, habenda et tenenda omnia et singula præmissa, cum omnibus suis juribus, proficuis, jurisdictionibus, et commoditatibus, nobis, hæredibus, et successoribus nostris imperpetuum, ad inde faciendum et utendum nostras proprias voluntates; cumque tamen in actu prædicto provideatur quod nos, aliquo et quocumque tempore post confectionem actus illius, valeamus et potuissemus ad beneplacitum nostrum ordinare, constituere, et declarare

per literas nostras patentes sub magno sigillo nostro conficiendas, quod illæ et tales hujusmodi prædictarum domorum religiosarum, quas supprimendas et dissolvendas esse noluissemus, perseverarent, starent et continuarent et permanerent in eisdem suis corporibus corporatis ac in eisdem suis essentialibus, statu, qualitate, conditione, robore, et effectum, tam in possessionibus quam aliter, prout essent et fuissent ante confectionem actus prædicti, absque suppressione sive dissolutione earundem sive alicujus partis inde prætextu et auctoritate ejusdem actus et quod quælibet talis hujusmodi ordinatio et declaratio, per nos sic fienda et ordinanda, esset bona, secuta, et effectualis capitalibus gubernatoribus hujusmodi religiosarum domorum quas supprimendas et dissolvendas esse noluissemus et successoribus suis juxta et secundum tenores et effectus literarum patentium inde conficiendarum, aliqua re sive aliquibus rebus in actu prædicto in contrarium inde factis non obstantibus, prout in acto prædicto inter alia plenius continetur.

Prætextu cujus quidem actus, domus, monasterium, sive abbatia beatæ Mariæ monialium in Wintonia in comitatu Suthamptoniæ, pro eo quod non habet terras, tenementa, redditus, decimas, portiones, aut hæreditamenta ultra dictum clarum annum valorem ducentarum librarum, prout certificatur in dicto scaccario nostro ut ibidem plane liquet, in manibus et dispositione nostris jam existit utrum dissolveretur secundum formam actus prædicti, an permaneret et continuaret in suo pristino et essentiali statu, conditione, et qualitate, prout ante confectionem actus prædicti fuit, nos volentes dictam domum, monasterium sive abbatiam beatæ Mariæ monialium in Wintonia prædicta, pro diversis causis et considerationibus nos ad præsens specialiter moventibus, in suo pristino essentiali statu, corpore, conditione et qualitate, permanere et continuare prout ante confectionem actus prædicti fuit, ac prout esset si actus ille factus non fuisset.

Sciatis igitur quod nos, ob favorem quem erga dictam domum, monasterium sive abbatiam beatæ Mariæ monialium Winton. quod non extenditur in terris, tenementis, et aliis hæreditamentis suis ad annum valorem ducentarum librarum in comitatu prædicto ordinis sancti Benedicti Wintoniensis diocesis, gerimus et habemus et ut abbatissa et moniales ejusdem domus, monasterii sive abbatiae divino cultui ibidem celebrando devotius intendant, hospitalitatemque ac alia pietatis opera ibidem uberius exerceant, de gratia nostra speciali, ac ex certa scientia et mero motu nostris, ordinamus, constituimus, et declaravimus, ac per præsentem quantum in nobis est declaramus, constituimus, ordinamus, erigimus, et renovamus quod prædicta domus, monasterium sive abbatia beatæ Mariæ monialium in Winton. prædicta, continuabit, stabit, et permanebit in eodem suo corpore corporato, ac in eodem suo essentiali statu, gradu, qualitate, et conditione, tam in possessionibus quam in omnibus aliis rebus tam spiritualibus quam temporalibus et mixtis, prout fuit tempore confectionis actus prædicti, aut aliquo tempore ante confectionem actus prædicti, absque suppressione sive dissolutione aliquali ejusdem domus monasterii sive abbatiae beatæ Mariæ in Winton. prædicta, aut alicujus partis vel parcellæ inde, vigore et auctoritate actus prædicti; maneriis de Archefount et Allcannyng cum pertinentiis in comitatu Wiltiesiæ, ac rectoria ecclesiæ parochialis de Archefount prædicta, cum advocacionibus ecclesiarum de Archefount et Allcannyng prædictis, necnon omnibus aliis terris, tenementis, et aliis hæreditamentis quibuscumque parcellis possessionum prædictæ domus sive monasterii aut abbatiae beatæ Mariæ monialium Winton. tempore confectionis actus prædicti, nuper per nos domino Edwardo Seymer militi vicecomiti Beauchamp, et dominæ Annæ uxori suæ per alias literas nostras patentes prius concessas, omnino exceptis et reservatis.

Et ulterius de uberiori gratia nostra concessimus et per præsentem concedimus quod Elizabetha Shelley professa ordinis sancti Benedicti sit deinceps abbatissa dictæ domus, monasterii sive abbatiae beatæ Mariæ monialium in Winton. prædicta, ac pro abbatissa et capitali gubernatrice ejusdem domus, monasterii sive abbatiae beatæ

Mariæ monialium in Winton. prædicta deinceps habeatur, reputetur, et acceptetur, eisdem modo, forma, qualitate, gradu, conditione, dignitate, statu, et robore, prout eadem Elizabetha quarto die Februarii ultimo præterito aut antea fuit; et quod omnes aliæ religiosæ personæ ejusdem domus, monasterii sive abbatiæ beatæ Mariæ monialium in Winton. prædicta ibidem modo existentes, aut quæ quarto die Februarii ultimo præterito ibidem fuerint, et jam a dicto conventu non separantur, sint de cætero et deinceps conventus ejusdem domus, monasterii sive abbatiæ beatæ Mariæ monialium in Winton. prædicta, ac pro conventu ejusdem monasterii beatæ Mariæ sive abbatiæ deinceps habeantur, reputentur, et acceptentur, eisdem modo, forma, qualitate, conditione, et statu prout dicto quarto die Februarii ultimo præterito aut antea fuerunt, et quod prædicta Elizabetha et religiosæ personæ prædictæ et omnes successores sui habeant et habebunt hujusmodi et eandem successionem in omnibus et per omnia prout ante dictum quartum diem Februarii ultimo præteritum habuerunt et habere debuerunt, ac prout habuissent et habere debuissent si actus prædictus factus non fuisset; et quod prædicta Elizabeth. per nomen abbatissæ dictæ domus, monasterii sive abbatiæ beatæ Mariæ monialium in Winton. prædicta, et successores suæ abbatissæ dictæ domus, monasterii sive abbatiæ beatæ Mariæ monialium in Winton. prædictæ, sint deinceps personæ habiles implacitare et implacitari in omnibus placitis, sectis, querelis, actionibus, petitionibus, tam realibus quam personalibus et aliis quibuscumque, in quibuscumque curiis et locis, ac coram quibuscumque iudicibus sive justiciariis, tam in spiritualibus quam temporalibus, licet tangat nos, hæredes et successores nostros, et ad facienda, exercenda, et exequenda omnia et singula alia quæcumque ut abbatissæ dictæ domus, monasterii sive abbatiæ beatæ Mariæ monialium in Winton. prædicta, prout fecissent et facere potuissent ante confectiorem actus prædicti, ac prout fecissent et facere potuissent si idem actus minime factus et editus fuisset; et quod prædicta Elizabetha et religiosæ personæ prædictæ, ut abbatissa et conventus dictæ domus, monasterii sive abbatiæ beatæ Mariæ monialium in Winton. prædicta, et successores suæ abbatissæ et conventus dictæ domus, monasterii sive abbatiæ beatæ Mariæ monialium in Winton. prædicta, habeant, gaudeant, et teneant, et habere possint et valeant imperpetuum, totam prædictam domum, monasterium sive abbatiam beatæ Mariæ monialium in Winton. prædicta, necnon ecclesiam, campanile, scitum, cimiterium, fundum, ambitum, præcinctum, et circuitum ecclesiæ ejusdem, ac omnia et singula maneria, messuagia, terras, tenementa, redditus, reversiones, servitia, possessiones, perpetuitates, et hæreditamenta nostra quæcumque (exceptis præexceptis) necnon commoditates, ornamenta, jocalia, bona, et catalla, ac alias res, quæcumque tam spiritualia quam temporalia, eidem monasterio sive abbatiæ quovis modo spectantia sive pertinentia, eisdem modo et forma prout haberent et tenerent, aut habere, gaudere, et tenere potuissent et valerent si actus prædictus factus et editus non fuisset.

Et pro majore securitate de et in præmissis præfatis abbatissæ et conventui monasterii sive abbatiæ beatæ Mariæ monialium in Winton. prædicta et successoribus suis adhibenda, sciatis insuper quod nos, de uberiori gratia nostra speciali, dedimus et concessimus ac per præsentem damus et concedimus præfatis abbatissæ

dictæ domus, monasterii sive abbatiæ monialium in Winton. prædicta, necnon totum scitum, fundum, ambitum, præcinctum, circuitum, ecclesiam, campanile, et cimiterium ejusdem domus, monasterii sive abbatiæ beatæ Mariæ monialium in Winton. prædicta, ac omnia et singula dominia, maneria, messuagia, terras, tenementa, boscos, subboscos, redditus, reversiones, servitia, feoda militum, warda, maritagia, relevia, escaeta, parcos, warennas, stagna, vivaria, piscarias, communias, rectorias, vicarias, advocaciones et patronatus ecclesiarum, capellarum, cantariarum, terras glebas, pensiones, portiones, decimas, oblationes, curias letas, vis. franciplegii, libertates, jurisdictiones, et franchisesias, ac alia jura,

possessiones, et hæreditamenta quæcumque, exceptis præexceptis; ac omnia alia bona et catalla, campanas, jocalia, ornamenta, et alias res, quæcumque eidem monasterio sive abbatiæ spectantia sive pertinentia, et quæ prædicta abbatissa et conventus, quarto die Februarii ultimo præterito, aut antea vel postea, in jure domus, monasterii sive abbatiæ illius habuerunt, tenuerunt, vel gavisi fuerunt, et quæ ad manus nostras, ratione et prætextu actus prædicti, devenerunt et devenire debuerunt, adeo plene et integre, ac in tam amplis modo et forma, prout dicta abbatissa et conventus, dicto quarto die Februarii ultimo præterito, et ante factionem actus prædicti, in jure monasterii sive abbatiæ prædictæ illa habuerunt, tenuerunt, vel gavisi fuerunt, et adeo plene et integre, ac in tam amplis modo et forma prout illa, ratione, prætextu, vigore, et auctoritate actus prædicti; ad manus nostras devenerunt et devenire debuerunt, aut in manibus nostris jam existunt vel existere deberent, habendum et tenendum prædictum monasterium sive abbatiam, ac omnia et singula cætera præmissa cum suis juribus, pertinentiis, commoditatibus, et libertatibus quibuscumque (exceptis præexceptis) præfata Elizabetha Shelley abbatissæ dictæ domus, monasterii sive abbatiæ illius et conventui ejusdem loci ac successoribus suis abbatissæ et conventui ejusdem domus, monasterii sive abbatiæ in puram et perpetuam elemosinam imperpetuum, de nobis, hæredibus et successoribus nostris, ut de fundatione nostra et non aliter, solvendo et faciendo capitalibus dominis terrarum et tenementorum et cæterorum præmissorum redditus et servitia inde eis et eorum cuilibet debita et de jure consueta.

Proviso semper et præfata abbatissa et conventus unanimi consensu pro se et successoribus suis concedunt nobis et hæredibus nostris, quod prædicta abbatissa et conventus et successores sui imperpetuum solvant aut solvi faciant nobis, hæredibus et successoribus nostris (exceptis præexceptis), omnes decimas et primos fructus quotiescumque evenire contingent, eodem modo et forma, prout si dicta domus, monasterium sive abbatia nunquam suppressa, dissoluta sive data nobis per actum prædictum fuisset, ac secundum vim, formam, et effectum cujusdam actus parlamenti pro decimis et primis fructibus editi et provisi.

Et dicta abbatissa et conventus concedunt per præsentem quod ipsi et successores sui imperpetuum, bene et fideliter custodient et observabunt omnes et omnimodas regulas, ordinationes, constitutiones, et statuta per nos, ut supremum caput Anglicanæ ecclesiæ sive ministros nostros et successores nostros, bonum regimen dictæ domus, monasterii sive abbatiæ, et religiosarum mulierum ejusdem abbatiæ concernentia sive tangentia, impostorum providenda, assignanda, et appunctuanda. In cuius, &c. Teste rege apud Westmonasterium, decimo septimo die Augusti.

Per breve de privato sigillo.

NUM. IV.

Com' Southt'

Abbia Bte Marie Winton' Ordinis Sçi Benedi voc' Minchyns.

[From a Record in the Augmentation Office.]

THE certificatt of James Worseley, Knight, John Poulett, Essquier, George Poulett, Essquier, Richard Poulett, et Wilm Berners, Gent. comysioners of or soūaryne lord the kinge, made of the comptes of theyr proceedings and execucon of the tenure of the kings comys syon to theym in that behalf directed, wt. the articles therunto annexed, the xv. daye of Maye, in the xxvijth. yere of the reigne of Kinge Henry the viijth. as hereafter ensuyth:

Ffurst, Dame Elizabeth Shelley, abbes there, Thoñs Lee, auditor, Thomas Legh, recyuo^r, and Thoñs Tichebo^rne, clerke, sworne and examyned before the seid comysioners the xij. daye of Maye the seid yere, of and vpon the conversacon of the religious pssons wthin the same, and also of the astate and plight of the seid

monastery, and the value of the lands possessions, goods, catallis, and redy money, stokkes, and stores, in the fermors hands, belonginge unto the foreseid monastery, accordinge vnto the seid instruccōns, certefye as hereafter ensuyth.

They seyen and certefye that there be founden and dayly resiaunt w^{thin} the seid monastery, at the chargez and costes of the same, cij. persons, viz. religious persons, xxvj. preests, v. leye sisters, by ffounda^{con}, xiiij. wymen servants, ix. officers of houshold and waytinge servants, xx. corodyers and childern, xxvj. whose names doo ensue.

Itm they seyen that the seid religious psons haue bene and been of very clene, vertuous, honest, and charitable conversa^{con}, order, and rule, sythen the furst profession of theym; which is also reported not oonly by the mayor and comynaltye of the citey of Winchester, butt also by the most worshipfull and honest psons of the contre adioynynge therunto, which haue daylye made contynuell sute unto the seid comysioners to be sueters vnto the kings highnes for tollora^{con} of the said mōstary.

Itm the seid mōstery is in very good astate of repa^{con}, and standith nigh the middell of the citey, of a great and large compasse, envyrōned wth. many poore households which haue theyr oonly lyuynge of the said mōstery, and haue no demaynes wherby they may make any prouysion, butt lyue oonly by theyr lands making theyr prouysion in the marketts.

Itm they certefye the said mōstery and religious psons to be clere oute of dette.

Itm the conuente seale is putte in a purse sealed wth. the seale of Richard Poulett, Essquier, locked in a cooffer wth. iij. lockes; which cooffer remayneth in the custody of the seid abbes, and ij. other of the chieff goynours of the said monastery.

Itm all the charters, evidences, writings, and mynuments concernynge the possessions of the said monastery bene in diu^{se} cooffers and almeres w^{thin} the house called the Tresory there; the keyes wherof bene comytted to the custody of the same Richard Poulett.

Itm the value of lj. ffordi' of leade estemed to be vpon the churche, and oder houses of the seid mōstery, cliij^{li}. x^s. and of v. great belles and oon litell bell, estemed to be of weight xl^c. xx^{lb}. xxvij^{li}. ij^s. vj^d. cliij^{xxij}^{li}. xij^s. vj^d.

Itm there is an inuentory, indented, made betwene the seid comysioners and the seid ladye abbes, Thomas Lee, Essquier, and Thom' Legh, of all the juelles and iij^d. xv^{li}. xiiij^s. viij^d. iij^{xxix}^{li}. x^s. plate, redy money, ornaments of vj^{li}. ij^s. viij^d.

the church, detts owinge to the xxvij^{li}. iij^s. viij^d. vj^{li}. ix^s. house, stuffe of houshold, graynes viij^d. cccxxiiij^{li}. xv^s. & vij^d. .

severed, and stokkes and stores in the ffermo^rs handes, savelly to be kepte to the kings vse, w^{thout} consump^{con} or wastinge of theym or any pte of them, oderwise thenne for the necessary expensis of the house and s^vants wages, + estemed and valued to dccciiij^{xxvj}^{li}. xiiij^s. viij^d.

Itm there remayneth in the tennts hands, of the rentes and ffermes due to the seid mōstery at the ffeast of Easter last passid xxiiij^{li}. vj^s. viij^d.

Itm there is comaundement geuen by the seid comysioners to the seid abbes and her officers, that they, nor any for theym, or by comaund^t. of theym, doo receyve any rents or ffermes of any theyr ffermo^rs and tennts vntill they knowe fferther the kings pleas^t. excepte it be for the necessary findinge of the houshold there, and payment of s^vants wagez.

Itm the value of the lands and possessions belonginge to the seid mōstery is made accordinge to the seid instruccōns, which extendith to the clere yerely value of cccxxx^{li}. xvij^s. vj^d. q

Itm the leases, indentures, and gūntes made by the comon seale of the seid mōstery bene pte enrolled, and residue the counterptes of the seid indentures and leases bene putt in oon box togider in the seid tresory.

Itm there belongyth to the seid mōstery in diu^{se} mannors, wodde of diu^{se} ages, that is to say, in Erche-fount in com' Wiltes, in great wodds, by estima^{con} c. acres, valued to be sold cxxxiiij^{li}. vj^s. viij^d. In yonge wodds there, of xiiij. yeres growinge, xij. acres, valued at viij^{li}. In Ffroyle in the countye of Southt. in great wodds, xlvj. acres, xlvj^{li}. In yonge wodds, vij. acres, iij^{li}. xvj^s. viij^d. In Iechyn in com' Southt. yonge wodds, xxx. acres, xiiij^{li}. vij^s. iij^d. and in Gratford in com. Lincoln. yonge wodds xxix. acres, xxiiij^{li}. xvj^s. viij^d. The value of all to be solde by estima^{con} cccxxxj^{li}. vij^s. iij^d.

Itm there bene no manner leases nor gūntes made to any pson vnder the conuent seale of the seid mōstery sithen the iijth. daye of Ffebruary, anno xxvj^t. R. H. viij. butt oonly oon indenture, made vnto Edward Shelley, of the manno^r of Allcannynge in com. Wiltes, and theyer mille and medowe belonginge to the same, ffrom the ffeast of Seint Michell tharchūngell, which shalbe in the yere of our Lord God mliiij. vnto thend, and terme of xl^{ti}. yeres, yeldinge and payinge yerely xxvj^{li}. vj^s. viij^d. beringe date the xx. daye of October, in the xxvij. yere of the seid kinge.

Itm they certefye that there is noo husbondry kepte to thuse of the seid house wherby any comaundement shulde be geuen for contynuaunce therof.

Monasterium Bte Marie Winton.

Ffurst, Dame Elizabeth Shelley, abbes there.

Itm there bene in the same monastery religious psons, professed and not professed, xxvj. viz. professed, xxij. novesses, iij.

Professed,

Dame Elizabeth Shelley, abbes. Dame Agnes Marshm, priores. Dame Agnes Bachecrofte, subp^rores. Dame Margarette Lee, sexten. Dame Edburge Stratford. Dame Maude Brune. Dame Elizabeth Wynette. Dame Margarette Sellewod. Dame Cristian Cuff. Dame Maude Eldrege. Dame Thomasyn Middleton. Dame Anne Mundy. Dame Jane Wayte. Dame Johanne Ffrye. Dame Anne Gyggis. Dame Margery Percher. Dame Margarette Shelley. Dame Ffeith Welbek. Dame Cisselie Gaynesford. Dame Johanne Gaynesford. Dame Johanne Eyers. Dame Mary Marten.

Not professed,

Jane Morton. Dorathe Ringewod. Anne Lidford. Johanne Ridford.

All which religious psons, and euery of them, entende to kepe theyr habite and religion to what house religious so ev' they shall be comytted by the kings highnes, Dame Ffeith Welbek oonly excepted, which desiereth rather thanne to be comytted to any oder house, to haue capacite.

The Chapeleyns of the sayd monastery,

Mr. John Hasard, confessor. Sr. John Hylton. Sr. Walter Bayly. Sr. Walter Dashewod. Sr. Willm Orton,—v.

The pore Systers of the sayd monastery,

Agnes Kyng. Katyne Argentyne. Johnne John-son. Margaret Wayte. Alys Parkar. Agnes Beale. Agnes Garnesey. Agnes Rason. Johanne Bowyer. Alys Johnson. Alys Hawkyn. Anne Ffulborne. Clare Bowyer,—xiiij.

The Offycers and Sv̄nts resydent and abydyng apou the sayd monastery,

Thomas Legh, geñall receyver. Thomas Tycheborne, clerke. Lawrens Bakon, curtyar. George Sponder, cater. Wyllm̄ Lune, botyler. Rychard Bulbery, coke. John Clerke, vndercoke. Rychard Gefferey, baker. May Wednall, covent coke. John Wever, vnd' covent coke. John Hatmaker, bruer. Willm̄ Harrys, myller. Willm̄ Selwod, porter. Robert Clerke, vnd' porter. Wyllm̄ Plattyn̄g, porter of Estgate. John Torte, Henry Beale, churchemen. Peter Tycheborne, chyld of the hygh aulter. Rychard Harrold, sv̄nt to the receyver. John Serle, sv̄nt to the clerke,—xx.

Wymmen Sv̄ants of the sayd monastery,

Jane Sherley, the abbas gentyllwoman. Isold Salter, sv̄nt to the sayd abbas. Agnes Cosyn, the p̄ores sv̄nt yn her howse. Agnes Baker, the subp̄ores sv̄nt in her howse. Alys Johnson, sv̄nt to the sexten yn her howse. Alys Trowte, sv̄nt to Dame Mawde Bruyne in her howse. Alys Strong, the abbas lavender. Alys Gefferey, Johñne Clerke, lavenders for the covent,—ix.

Chyldren of Lordys, Knyghtts, and Gentylmen, browght vp yn the sayd monastery,

Bryget Plantagenet, dowghter vnto the Lord Vycounte Lysley. Mary Pole, dowghter vnto Sr. Gefferey Pole, knyght. Brygget Coppeley, dowghter vnto Sr. Roger Coppeley, knyght. Elizabeth Phyllpot, dowghter vnto Sr. Peter Phyllpot, knyght. Margery Tyrrell. Adryan Tyrrell. Johñne Barnabe. Amy Dyngley. Elizabeth Dyngley. Jane Dyngley. Ffranc̄s Dyngley. Susan Tycheborne. Elizabeth Tycheborne. Mary Justyce. Agnes Aylmer. Emme Bartue. Myldred Clerke. Anne Lacy. Isold Apulgate. Elizabeth Legh. Mary Legh. Alienor Merth. Johñne Sturgys. Johñne Ffyl-der. Johñne Ffrances. Jane Raynysford,—xxvj.

Corodiers,

Thom̄s Legh. John Lichfeld. Richard Jeckeley,—iij.

NUM. V.

Seint Maries in Winchester.

[In a Book of Pensions remaining in the Augmentation Office.]

PENCIONS assigned by the kings magestie to the late abbesse and religious there vpon the surrender taken of the same house by Robert Sowthwell Esquier and others the kings highnes com̄ission̄s. the xvth. day of Novembre in the xxxj^{ti}. yere of the reign of or. moste dradde soūeign lorde King Henry the viijth. yerely to be paid at the feasts of thannūciacon̄ of or. Lady and Seinct Michell tharchangell by evin porcions and the ffirst paymēt to begyn at the feast of thannūciacon̄ of or. Lady next coming.

Elizabeth Shelley late abbesse . . .	xxvj ^{li} . xiijs. iiij ^d .
Agnes Mashm̄ late prioress . . .	c ^s .
Agnes Bachecroff subprioress . . .	iiij ^{li} .
Margaret Leight sexten . . .	lxxvj ^s . viij ^d .
Margaret Shelley . . .	iiij ^{li} .
Ffeith Welbeke . . .	lxxvj ^s . viij ^d .
Edborowe Strafford . . .	lijs. iiij ^d .
Elizabeth Wonnerche . . .	lijs. iiij ^d .
Margaret Sellwood . . .	lijs. iiij ^d .
Christian Cuffe . . .	lijs. iiij ^d .
Mawde Aldreche . . .	lijs. iiij ^d .
Thomesyn Middellton . . .	lijs. iiij ^d .
Anne Monday . . .	lijs. iiij ^d .
Jane Waycte . . .	lijs. iiij ^d .
Johan' Ffreye . . .	lijs. iiij ^d .
Margery Percher . . .	lijs. iiij ^d .
Cristely Gainsford . . .	lijs. iiij ^d .
Jane Gainsford . . .	lijs. iiij ^d .
Johan' Eyers . . .	lijs. iiij ^d .
Mary Martyn . . .	lijs. iiij ^d .
Jane Morton . . .	lijs. iiij ^d .
Dorathie Ringwood . . .	lijs. iiij ^d .
Johan' Rydford . . .	lijs. iiij ^d .
Sm̄. . .	iiij ^{xx} xj ^{li} . xiijs. iiij ^d .

ROBERT SOWTHWELL.
JOHN LONDON.
WILLM̄ BERNERS.
JOHN KYNGYSMYLL.

COMPUT' MINISTRORUM DOMINI REGIS TEMP. HEN. VIII.

(Abstract of Roll, 32 Hen. VIII. Augmentation Office.)

MONASTERIUM BTE MARIE VIRGINIS INFRA CIVITATEM WINTON.

Com' Southt'		£.	s.	d.
Manerium de Froyle cum Rectoria . . .	Redd' Assis' liberor' Ten' . . .	8	13	7½
- - - - -	Redd' cust' Ten' . . .	19	3	6
- - - - -	Redd' cust' Tenenc' voc' Oxford-			
	gale . . .	0	3	5½
- - - - -	Tallag' pred' cust' Ten' . . .	1	1	11½
- - - - -	Redd' Mobil' . . .	0	2	11
- - - - -	Firm' . . .	17	13	4
- - - - -	Pannag' Porc' . . .	0	3	4
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur' . . .	0	1	8
- - - - -	Firm' Rcōrie . . .	17	0	0
Manerium de Ichyn' al' dict' Abbes Ichyn' . .	Exit' null' quia conc' Willmo Poulet mil.			
Manerium de Leckford . . .	Redd' Assis' lib' Ten' . . .	4	15	6
- - - - -	Redd' cust' Tenenc' . . .	6	6	5½

Com' Southi'						ℓ.	s.	d.	
Manerium de Leckford	Tallag' dict' Cust' Ten'	0	3	4
-	-	-	-	-	-	Redd' Mobil'	0	1	2
-	-	-	-	-	-	Firm' Scit' Maner'	5	18	6½
-	-	-	-	-	-	Pannag' Porcor'	0	1	2
-	-	-	-	-	-	Perquis' Cur'	0	0	2
-	-	-	-	-	-	Pencio	1	0	0
Tymmysbury	Redd' Cust' Ten'	9	17	5½
-	-	-	-	-	-	Tallag' dict' Ten'	0	5	0
-	-	-	-	-	-	Firma	2	6	4
-	-	-	-	-	-	Pannag' Porcor'	0	1	2
-	-	-	-	-	-	Perquis' Cur'	2	4	8
Civit' Winton'	Exitus Terr' infra Civitatem	17	19	4
Lisse Abbis	Redd' Assis'	7	8	9
Wetham	Firma Terr' et Teñt'	3	16	8
Goddisfeld	Annual' Redd'	0	12	0
Shamelhurst	Redd' Assis'	0	2	0
Swyndon	Redd' Assis'	4	0	0
Hackeborne	Pencio Annua	1	0	0
Shipton Moygn'	Redd' Assis' lib' Ten'	2	0	0
Blandeforde	Firma Terr' et Teñt'	1	0	0
Manerium de Greatford	Redd' Assis' lib' Ten'	4	1	2
-	-	-	-	-	-	Redd' Cust' Ten'	2	13	2
-	-	-	-	-	-	Redd' Terr' ad Vol' Dñi	6	15	0¼
-	-	-	-	-	-	Firma Scit' Mañij	9	0	0
Braseborough	Redd' Assis' lib' Ten'	0	16	5½
-	-	-	-	-	-	Redd' Ten' ad Vol' Dñi	6	9	4
Barnethorp	Firma Terr' et Teñt	11	18	10½
Rc̃or' de Greateford	Pencio	0	13	4
-	-	-	-	-	-	Vendic' Bosc'		null	
-	-	-	-	-	-	Perquis' Cur'	0	8	0

Bodmin Priory,

IN

CORNWALL.



T. PETROC, a religious man born in Wales, but coming from Ireland, is said to have built a Monastery on the north coast of Cornwall, about A.D. 520, and to have been there buried.^a His body, it is added, was afterwards removed to Bodmin.^b Such is Bishop Tanner's statement, when mentioning a destroyed monastery at Petrocstow, or Padstow,

formerly Loderic, or Laffenac, or Adelston,^c in the deanery of Pydre.

Under Bodmin, Bishop Tanner says, the body of St. Petroc being removed to this place, there was a church built to his memory, and the episcopal see for Cornwall was therein placed by King Edward the elder and Archbishop Plegmund, A.D. 905.^d Here, he adds, King Athelstan is reported to have met with old Saxon, or rather British monks, following the rule of St. Benedict; to whom he granted so great privileges and endowments, that he is accounted founder of the monastery here, about A.D. 926: or rather 936.^e

The authors of the new *Magna Britannia*, following Leland, state, that the priory of Bodmin is said to have owed its origin to the circumstance of St. Petroc, its founder, having taken up his abode in a valley, now occupied by the town of Bodmin, then the residence of St. Guron, a solitary recluse, who having resigned his hermitage to St. Petroc, it was by him enlarged for the residence of himself and three other devout men, who accompanied him with the intention of leading a monastic life, according to the rules of St. Benedict. Here St. Petroc died before the middle of the sixth century. His shrine was preserved in a small chapel attached to the east end of Bodmin church. The hermitage which he had founded continued to be inhabited by monks of the Benedictine order till the reign of King Athelstan.^f

Florence of Worcester notices the destruction of St. Petroc's monastery by Danish pirates in the year

981.^g The religious, however, continued here; and, according to Leland, in various shapes. He says, "There hath bene monkss, then nunnys, then seculare prestes, then monkes agayn, and last canons regular in S. Petrokes church yn Bodmine."

According to Bishop Tanner, both before and after the Norman Conquest, many alienations of the lands of this monastery took place.

The enumeration of its possessions at the time of the formation of the Domesday Survey may be worth attention.

The church of St. Petroc is said to hold one hide of land in Bodmine, one hide in Lanwenhoc, and land which in the reign of King Edward the Confessor was estimated at seven hides in Rieltone. The two first hides are stated never to have paid geld, and those in Rieltone to be exonerated from every kind of customary service. The church is also said to possess sixty-eight houses and a market in Bodmin. Toward the close of the entries relating to the possessions of this monastery, St. Petroc is likewise recorded to hold two hides in Elil, one in Widie, and two in Tretdeno. One hide of the last-mentioned land at Tretdeno appears to have been unjustly usurped by Earl Harold, as he is called, but was restored by King William to the saint. Such appear to have been the lands in the immediate occupation of the canons. Of the tenanted lands, held under them, Berner possessed a hide in Lanchehoc; Robert earl of Moretaine held seven hides in Tiwarthel, one in Elhil, one in Calestoch, two hides in Cargav, one in Trello, one which was exempt from geld in Heglosenunder, one in Botcinnii, five carucates in Tremail, and half a hide in Polrode; Richard held one hide in Turgoil; and Machus one in Fosnewit. Beside the lands so tenanted by the earl of Moretaine, he is stated to have held, apparently as in capite, a virgate in Tregon, half a hide of land in Trefornoc, a virgate in Trenhal, half a hide in Talcarn, half a hide in Tremhor, a virgate in Nanchert, and a virgate in Trinnonec, all of which had belonged to the church in the time of King Edward the Confessor, but had been subsequently taken from it. Cudiford, which had also belonged to the monastery, was held at the time of the Survey by the king. The annual value of the lands in the immediate occupation

^a Cressy's Church History of Engl. p. 224, from Archbishop Usher and Capgrave. William of Worcestre, in his Itinerary, p. 101, says, "Sanctus Petrocus, rex patriæ Cumbriorum id est partis borealis regni Angliæ, reliquit regnum fratri suo juniore; jacet in pulchro scripio apud Bodman ecclesiam coram capella beatæ Mariæ."

^b Notit. Mon. ed. Nasmith, *Cornw.* xxiii.

^c Compare Camden. *Borl. Antiq. Cornw.* p. 345. Whitaker, *Cath. Cornw.* vol. ii. p. 321. The last name should be *Adelstow*: from the river Adal in its neighbourhood.

^d Compare Borlase, *Antiq. of Cornwall*, p. 346. Malmesbury, *de Gestis Pontif. lib. ij.* edit. 1596, says, "Cornubiensium sane pontificum succiduum ordinem nec scio nec appono, nisi quod apud sanctum Petrocum confessorem fuerit episcopatus sedes. Locus est

apud aquilonales Brittones supra mare juxta flumen quod dicitur Hegelmithe. Quidam dicunt fuisse ad sanctum Germanum juxta flumen supra mare in australi parte."

^e Notit. Mon. ut supr. *Cornw.*

^f *Magna Britannia*, by the Rev. Daniel Lysons, and Samuel Lysons, Esq. vol. iii. p. 30.

^g "Sancti Petroci confessoris monasterium in Cornubia devastatum est à piratis, qui anno præterito Suthamptonam devastarunt: qui deinde in Domnania, et in ipsa Cornubia circa ripas maris frequentes prædas agebant." *Flor. Wigorn.* edit. Francof. 1601, p. 608. See also *Matt. Westm.* *ibid.* p. 194. *Hoved. Annal.* p. 245. *Bromton, Script. x.* Twysd. col. 877, only says, "Et monasterium Sancti Petri in Cornubia devastatur."

of the canons amounted to no more than 8*l.* 5*s.* That of the tenanted lands to 23*l.* 11*s.* 4*d.* The "terrae ablatae" held by the earl of Moretaine were of inferior consideration. The whole property of the monastery had been greatly depreciated in the amount of its rents between the time of Edward the Confessor and the taking of the Domesday inquest.^a

According to some authorities, Robert earl of Moretaine and Cornwall ultimately seized the whole of the possessions of St. Petroc Bodmin to his own use.^b After the death of his son, William earl of Moretaine, they are stated to have been vested in the crown; when Algar, to whom it is probable they had been granted, with the king's licence, and that of William Warlewast bishop of Exeter, refounded the monastery, and replenished it with AUSTIN CANONS, who continued till the general dissolution of religious houses.^c Leland says, "Willyam Warlewist bisshop of Excestre erectid the last fundation of this priory; and had to hymself part of thauncient landes of Bodmyn monasterie."^d It appears to have been refounded in the year 1120.^e

PRIORS of BODMIN.

ROGER occurs prior of Bodmin in the year 1177; at which time the body of St. Petroc was stolen from the monastery by one of the canons, and carried to the abbey of Mein in Brittany. By the intervention, however, of King Henry the Second, it was restored.^f

GERALDUS DE ASSERIO occurs prior of St. Petroc April 29th, 1322.^g

ALAN occurs in the 12th Hen. VI.^h

THOMAS VIVIAN, alias WANNYWORTH, suffragan bishop of the nominal see of Megara in Greece, was the last prior. He occurs possessed of both preferments as early as 1519. An award in his time, given in the Appendix of Instruments,ⁱ shows that the convent received benefit from the tin works in their immediate neighbourhood. His letter, just before the Dissolution, complaining of his canons, will also be found in the Appendix.^k

The tomb of this prior is still remaining at the east end of the north aisle in Bodmin church, with his effigies

in his pontificals placed upon it; angels supporting shields both at the head and feet. Round the verge of the slab on which the figure rests is this inscription:

"Hic tumulatus venerandus pater Thomas Vivian Megarensis episcopus, hujusque domus prior, qui obiit anno Domini MDXXXIII. primo die Junii. Cujus cietur Deus. Amen."

Round the tomb are the symbols of the four evangelists, and two shields of arms, carved in alto-relievo.

At the Suppression the monastery of Bodmin was styled the priory of St. Mary and St. Petroc, and was valued at 270*l.* 11*d.* according to Dugdale. According to Speed, at 289*l.* 11*s.* 11*d.*^l

The site, with the demesnes, was granted, in the 36th Hen. VIII. to Thomas Sternhold, one of the first translators of the Psalms into English metre.^m

The Messrs. Lysons say, "In 1567, it was the property of Nicholas Pescod and Judith his wife, and William Pydderley and Philippa his wife, by whom it was sold, that year, to John Rashleigh, of Fowey, merchant. The immediate site was purchased of the Rashleigh family by the late William Pennington, Esq., and is now the seat of Walter Raleigh Gilbert, Esq., who married his niece, Miss Hosken."ⁿ

No REGISTER of this monastery is, at present, known to be extant.^o

Attached to the Surrender, in the Augmentation Office, is an imperfect impression of the abbey SEAL. The device is on one side only. In the area, the Virgin and infant Jesus, and St. Petroc, are represented under canopies of Gothic tracery, with the words *S. Maria. S. Petroc* below them. The word *bodmyn* at the end, in small black character, is all that remains of the legend which went round.

According to the 'Tour through Great Britain,'^p the priory church is now the parish church; William of Worcestre, however, in his Itinerary, seems to give the dimensions of the two as of different structures.^q Leland says, "The priory stode at the est south est parte of the paroch chirch yard."^r And the authors of the New Magna Britannia inform us, that although no part of the priory is now standing, capitals of pillars in the

^a See Num. II.

^b See Lel. de Script. Britann. p. 61. Whitaker, Anc. Cath. of Cornwall. vol. ii. p. 259, treats this as a slander upon the earl of Moretaine.

^c Compare the New Magna Britannia, ut supr. See also Borlase, p. 346.

^d Lel. Itin. edit. 1769, vol. ii. p. 115. Several of the possessions named in the Minister's Accompts of this monastery, in the 31st of Henry the Eighth, are the same which the secular canons held in actual occupation at the time of forming the Domesday Survey. Whitaker, in his "Ancient Cath. of Cornwall historically surveyed," vol. ii. p. 274, controverts Leland's assertion.

^e Tann. Notit. Mon. William of Worcestre, in his Itinerary already quoted, p. 100, says, "Abbatia ecclesie canonicorum de Bodman fundata primo per Athelstanum regem, et secunda vice per . . . Warwast episcopum Excestrie, qui fuit filius sororis Willelmi Conquestoris, et 3^a vice per Graundson episcopum."

^f A.D. 1177. "Eodem anno Martinus canonicus regularis ecclesie de Bomine furtive asportavit corpus sancti Petroci, et fugiens secum detulit in Britanniam ad abbatiam sancti Meueni. Quo comperto Rogerus prior ecclesie de Bomine, cum saniore parte capituli sui, adiit regem Anglie patrem, et adversus eum effecit, quod precipiendo mandavit abbati et conventui sancti Meueni, ut sine dilatione redderent corpus beati Petroci Rogero priori de Bomine, jurantes super sancta Evangelia, et super sanctorum reliquias, quod ipsi idem corpus, et non alternatum cum omni integritate reddiderunt." Rog. Hoved. Annal. edit. Savile, 1596, p. 324. Long previous to this, King Athelstan is said to have given a part of the bones, the hair, and the garments of this saint to the church of St. Peter in Exeter.

^g Reg. Drokenesf. episc. Bath. et Wellen.

^h Append. of Instr. Num. V.

ⁱ Num. VI.

^k Num. VII.

^l The pensions assigned to the prior and canons will be found in Num. VII. The following annuities and pensions still remained chargeable in the 2d & 3d of Phil. and Mar. *BODMYN nuper Priorat. Feod. Richardi Chamonde mil. capitalis senⁱⁱ. et supervis. dicti nuper monasterii sub sigillo conventus ejusdem per annum xijⁱⁱ. Annuut. Willielmi Tredunecke per annum iijⁱⁱ. Thomae Tredunecke per annum iijⁱⁱ. Johannis Tregonwell per annum c^s. Ejusdem Johannis per annum xx^s. Anthon. Harvy per annum xl^s. Ricardi Edgecombe per annum xl^s. Ricardi Turnor per annum xl^s. Johannis Pollarde per annum xl^s. Ste-*

phani Foxe per annum xl^s. Hugonis Trevanyon per annum xxvj^s. vij^d. Johannis de Coloribus per annum iijⁱⁱ. Rogeri Tollet per annum xl^s. Johannis Parres per annum xl^s. Henrici Barre per annum xl^s. Willelmi Vyvyan per annum iijⁱⁱ. Johannis Harrye per annum xl^s. Roberti Hylle per annum xxvj^s. vij^d. Johannis Willingtonne per annum xl^s. Henrici Thomas alias Kellavous lxvj^s. vij^d. Penc. Ricardi Olyver per annum vijⁱⁱ. Johannis Wylcoke per annum cvj^s. vij^d. Thomae Marshall per annum cvj^s. vij^d. Johannis Dangall per annum cvj^s. vij^d. Michaelis Pleving per annum xl^s. Johannis Best per annum xl^s.

^m Tann. Notit. Mon. CORNW. IV.

ⁿ Lysons's Magna Britan. vol. III. p. 30.

^o Bishop Tanner gives the following references to Records relating to this monastery. Cart. Antiq. D. n. 40, 41. Cart. 36 Hen. III. m. 18, pro manerio de Neweton. Cart. 13 Edw. I. n. 9, et 66, pro piscaria in Alan, bosco in Bodan, et aliis libertatibus. Cart. 6 Edw. II. n. 1. Cart. 9 Edw. III. n. 41, pro exemptione stanni. Pat. 19 Edw. III. p. 2, m. d. de visu franci plegii infra villam de Bodmyne. Pat. 48 Edw. III. p. 2, m. 12, de XL^s. redd. exeunt. de burgo, et boscis de Kingswood et Kelleritho. Confirmations of Liberties to the monastery occur upon the Patent Rolls, 3 Ric. II. p. 3, m. 25; 1 Hen. IV. p. 8, m. 34; 1 Hen. V.; 3 Hen. VI. p. 1, m. 11; 3 Edw. IV. p. 1, m. 15. The following occurs in the Abridgement of the Originalia Rolls: "Prior ecclesie sancti Petroci Bodmin dat viginti solidos pro confirmatione cujusdam cartae per quam Ricardus quondam comes Pictaviae et Cornubiae concessit dictae ecclesiae et tunc priori et canonicis ibidem quadraginta solidos annui redditus quos burgenses sui de Bodminia solebant reddere eidem comiti habend. ad man. mort." Rot. Original. 48 Edw. III. ro. 33. A Quo Warranto of the 30th Edw. I. (See the Append. Num. IV.) details the privileges claimed at that time by the prior.

^p Vol. ii. pag. 4. See also Tann. Notit. Mon.

^q "Longitudo ecclesie monialium postea canonicorum sancti Petroci quondam regis Cumborum gencium de Bodmania continet 57 passus, et latitudo ejusdem continet 30 steppys.

"Latitudo capellae beatae Mariae continet circa 24 steppys.

"Longitudo ecclesie parochialis de Bodman cum choro continet 90 steppys. Latitudo vero ejusdem continet 40 steppys." Itin. Will. de Worc. p. 100.

In another passage it is said, "Longitudo ecclesie prioratus canonicorum Bodman continet 64 virgas. Latitudo ejus continet 17 virgas. Campanile continet in latitudine 7 virgas." Ibid. p. 111.

^r Lel. Itiner. vol. ii. p. 12.

Saxon style and other architectural fragments, and parts of gravestones, have been dug up about a hundred and fifty yards south-east of the parish church, in

the garden of Walter Raleigh Gilbert, Esq., which, from these discoveries, appears to occupy the site of the priory church.

Cartae ad Petrocense Coenobium in agro Cornubiensi spectantes.

NUM. I.

[Lelandi Collectan. edit. 1770, tom. i. p. 75.]

ÆTHELSTANUS rex monachos hîc posuit primùm. Postea introducti sunt canonici seculares. Tandem verò canonici regulares.

Leyland.

SUNT qui putant monachos immediatè translatos in canonicos regulares.

Hæc quæ sequuntur transcripta sunt ex antiquis donationum Chartis.

SANCTUS Petrocus monasticam professus vitam, sub regula D. Benedicti apud Bodeminam, tunc temporis vocatam Bosmana, id est mansio monachorum, in valle ubi S. Guronus solitariè degens in parvo tugurio, quod relinquens tradidit S. Petroco; quam regulam, usque ad tempus Athelstani, monasticæ dicatum disciplinæ, monachi ibidem tenuerunt.

Primus fundator Æthelstanus. Anno 926.

Mortuis tunc ibidem monachis in sortes clericorum hæredipetarum maxima pars reddituum cesserat. Anno D. 1066.

Supervenientibus Normannis expugnata erat Anglia, et diadema cum jure regni victoribus translatum.

Post hæc comes Moritonæ et Cornubiæ, quod in monasterio supererat in usus proprios convertit. Anno D. 1100.

Tandem, ortâ inter regem Henricum et Robertum fratrem ejus discordiâ, comes incarceratus mortuus est, et tali modo ecclesiæ possessio in regis devolvitur proprium. Sed post hæc quidam Algarus, cum conniventia episcopi Exoniensis, Gulielmi Warwest, obtinuit licentiam à rege ut eadem ecclesia regulari dicaretur disciplinæ. Quâ optentâ, incipit ordo canonicorum regularium, et perseveravit in hunc diem. Cui episcopo rex foundationem hujus monasterii contulit cum situ et terris vicinis.

Johannes rex dedit canonicis S. Petroci Donemeyr in Cornubia.

[Annal. Petroburgen. in Bibl. Cottoniana.]

ANNO Domini dcccclxxxj. S. Petroci monasterium in Cornubia à Danis piratis devastatum est.

NUM. II.

Prædia ad Ecclesiam S. Petroci de Bodmine spectantia, tempore Regis Willielmi Conquestoris.

[Ex Libro Censuali vocato *Domesday Book*, in domo Capitulari Westm. asservato.]

Cornvalge, tom. i. fol. 120 b.

ECCLESIA S. PETROC tenet BODMINE. Ibi

est una hida terræ quæ numquam geldavit. Terra est iiii. car. Ibi v. villani habent ii. car. cum vi. bord. Ibi xxx. acr. pasturæ et vi. acr. silvæ minutæ. Ibi habet S. Petroc lxxviii. domus et unum mercatum. Totum valet xxv. solid.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet LANWENEHOC, quæ nunquam geldavit. Ibi est una hida. Terra iiii. car. Ibi viii. villani cum iiii. bord. habent. ii. car. Ibi xxiiii. acr. pasturæ. Totum valet x. solid.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet RIELTONE, quæ erat quieta ab omni servitio. Tempore Regis Edwardi ibi sunt vii. hidæ. Terra xxx. car. In dominio est i. car. et ii. servi et xxx. villani et xv. bord. cum xi. car. Ibi lx. acr. silvæ. et ccc. acr. pasturæ. Valet iiii. lib.

Berner tenet de S. Petroc LANCHEHOC. Caduualant tenebat de Sancto tempore Regis Edwardi nec ab eo poterat seperari. Ibi est i. hida. Terra iiii. car. Ibi est i. car. et ii. servi. et vi. bord. et pastura i. leu. long. et tantundem lat. Valet x. solid.

Comes Moriton, tenet de S. Petroco TIWARTHEL. Algar tenebat tempore Regis Edwardi et non poterat a Sancto seperari. Ibi sunt vii. hidæ. Terra est xx^{ti}. car. In dominio sunt iiii. car. et x. servi. et xv. villani et xvi. bord. cum x. car. Ibi xii. acr. silvæ. et pastura v. leu. long. et una leu. lat. Redd. xiiii. lib. xx. denar. minus.

Idem Comes tenet de S. Petroco ELHIL. Unus tainus tenebat tempore Regis Edwardi et non poterat a Sancto seperari. Ibi est i. hida. Terra iiii. car. quæ ibi sunt cum uno servo et ii. villanis et vi. bord. Ibi i. acr. prati. et xx. acr. pasturæ. Olim xl. solid. Modo valet xx. solid.

Idem Comes tenet de Sancto Petroc CALESTOCH. Unus tainus tenebat tempore Regis Edwardi et non poterat a Sancto seperari. Ibi est una hida. Terra iiii. car. Ibi sunt xii. servi. et x. acr. silvæ. Olim xx. sol. Modo valet iiii. solid.

Idem Comes tenet de S. Petroc CARGAV. Unus tainus tenebat tempore Regis Edwardi nec poterat a Sancto seperari. Ibi sunt ii. hidæ. Terra xv. car. In dominio sunt iii. car. et xvi. servi. et xii. villani. et xxii. bord. cum vi. car. Ibi molinum reddens xxx. den. et iiii. acr. silvæ. Pastura ii. leu. long. et una leu. lat. Olim x. lib. Modo valet iii. lib.

Idem Comes tenet de S. Petroc TRELLOI. Godric tenebat tempore Regis Edwardi, nec poterat a Sancto seperari. Ibi est i. hida. Terra iiii. car. Ibi sunt ii. car. et v. servi et viii. bord. et xv. acr. pasturæ. Olim xl. sol. Modo valet xx. solid.

Idem Comes tenet de S. Petroc HEGLOSENVDER. Godric tenebat tempore Regis Edwardi. Ibi est una hida quæ nunquam geldavit. Terra vi. car. Ibi sunt ii. car. et iiii. servi et ii. villani et viii. bord. et xx. acr. pasturæ. Olim et modo valet xx. solid.

Idem comes tenet de S. Petroc BOTCINNII. Eluo tenebat tempore Regis Edwardi, et non poterat a Sancto seperari. Ibi est i. hida. Terra vi. car. Ibi est i. car.

cum servo. et iii. villani et iii. bord. et xxx. acr. pasturæ. Olim xx. solid. Modo valet xv. solid.

Idem comes tenet de S. Petroc TREMAIL. Eiulf tenebat tempore Regis Edwardi. et non poterat a Sancto seperari. Ibi sunt iii. virg. terræ. Terra est v. car. Ibi sunt iii. car. et ii. servi. et ii. villani et vi. bord. et c. acr. pasturæ. Olim xxx. sol. Modo valet xx. solid.

Idem comes tenet POLRODE. Unus tainus tenebat tempore Regis Edwardi et non poterat a Sancto seperari. Ibi est dimid. hida. Terra iii. car. Ibi sunt ii. car. cum i. servo et iii. villani et iii. bord. et iii. acr. silvæ. et xvii. acr. pasturæ. Olim xx. solid. Modo valet xv. solid.

Ricardus tenet de Sancto Petroco TVRGOIL. Godric tenebat de Sancto tempore Regis Edwardi, nec poterat ab eo seperari. Ibi est i. hida. Terra vi. car. Ibi sunt iii. car. et iii. servi. et iii. villani et iii. bord. et lx. acr. pasturæ. et iii. acr. silvæ minutæ. Olim et modo val. xx. solid.

Machus tenet de S. Petroco FOSNEWIT. Ipse tenebat tempore Regis Edwardi, nec poterat a Sancto seperari. Ibi est i. hida. Terra viii. car. Ibi sunt iii. car. cum i. servo et viii. villani et viii. bord. et xxx. acr. pasturæ. Redd. x. solid.

Ipse Sanctus Petroc tenet ELIL. Ibi sunt ii. hidæ. Terra viii. car. Ibi sunt iii. car. et iii. servi et viii. villani et viii. bord. Pastura una leu. long. et dimid. leu. lat. Val. xx. solid.

Ipse Sanctus Petroc tenet WIDIE. Ibi est una hida. Terra est viii. car. Ibi sunt iii. car. et ii. servi et viii. villani et xv. bord. et xii. acr. silvæ. Pastura i. leu. long. et tantundem lat. Olim xxv. sol. quando comes accepit. Modo valet xv. solid.

Ipse Sanctus Petroc tenet TRETENO. Ibi sunt ii. hidæ. Terra viii. car. Ibi sunt iii. car. et dim. et ii. servi et vii. villani et viii. bord. et c. acr. pasturæ. Quando comes accepit xxv. sol. Modo val. xv. solid. Heraldus comes abstulit S. Petro injuste i. hidam terræ pro qua Willielmus rex præcepit iudicamentum teneri, et Sanctum per justitiam resaisiri.

De æcclesia S. Petroc ablata est CUDIFORD quæ reddebat tempore Regis Edwardi ipsi æcclesiæ per consuetudinem i. bovem et vii. oves. Rex tenet.

HÆ INFRASCRIPTE TERRÆ SUNT ABLATÆ S. PETROCO. Comes Moriton. ten. et homines ejusdem de eo.

In TREGON est una virgata terræ quæ reddebat xv. denar. de consuetudine.

In TREFORNOC dimid. hida terræ. reddebat xii. oves et xv. denar.

In TRENHAL una virgata terræ. reddebat vi. oves et viii. denar.

In TALCARN dimid. hida terræ. reddebat unum bovem.

In TREMHOR dimid. hida terræ. reddebat unum bovem et xv. denar. et xii. oves.

In NANCHERT una virgata terræ. reddebat xv. denar.

In TRINNONEC una virgata terræ. reddebat xv. denar. et v. oves.

Omnes superius descriptas terras tenebat tempore Regis Edwardi Sanctus Petrocus.

Hujus Sancti terræ nunquam reddiderunt geldum nisi ipsi ecclesiæ.

NUM. III.

Carta Regis Henrici tertii, Manerium de Newton Canonicis de Bodmyn, olim concessum, confirmans.

[Cart. 57 H. III. m. 9. Vide Pat. 3 H. VI. p. 1. m. 11.]

REX archiepiscopis, &c. salutem. Quia accepimus per cartam Eadredi, quondam regis Angliæ, quam inspeximus, quod idem rex concessit, et confirmavit pro se et successoribus suis in perpetuum, dilectis nobis in Christo priori, et canonicis de Bodmine, manerium de Niwetone cum pertinentiis, in comitatu Devonæ, quietum ab omni servitio sæculari, exceptis Deo orationi-

bus: et per inquisitionem quam fieri fecimus, similiter accepimus, quod iidem prior, et canonici, et eorum homines in dicto manerio, quieti sint de sectis comitatus Devonæ, et hundredi nostri de Shefbiri, et turnorum vicecomitum per eandem cartam: nos prædictam quietantiam, cum omnibus aliis libertatibus, in carta illa contentis, ratam habentes, et gratam, eam pro nobis, et hæredibus nostris, concedimus, et confirmamus, sicut carta ejusdem regis Eadredi, quam inde habent, rationabiliter testatur. His testibus Guidone Luzigan, et Willielmo de Valencia, fratribus nostris; Petro de Sabaudia, Johanne Maunsel præposito Beverlaci; Radulfo filio Nicholai; Bertramo de Cryol; Petro Chaceporc; magistro Willielmo de Kilkenni, archid. Coventriæ; Nicholao de Sancto Mauro; Johanne de Geres, et aliis. Datum per manum nostram apud Westmonasterium quinto decimo die Martii.

NUM. IV.

Placita de Juratis et Assisis, et de Corona, coram Johanne de Berewyk, Willielmo de Burneton, Henrico Spygurnell, Johanne Randolph, et Herveo de Staunton, justiciariis itinerantibus, apud Lanceneton, in comitatu Cornubiæ, in octabis Sancti Michaelis, anno regni Regis Edwardi, filij Regis Henrici, tricesimo.

[Ex Record. in domo Capitulari Westmonasterij.]

PRIOR de Bodmyn summonitus fuit ad respondendum domino regi de placito, quo waranto clamat habere furcas, pillorium, sok et sak, tol et tem, visum franciplegij, emendas assisæ panis, et cervisiæ fractæ, mercatum et feriam in Bodmyn, et weyf per totum hundredum de Pudrechire, et emendas assisæ panis et cervisiæ fractæ, et placitum vetiti namij, in Aldestowe, et etiam liberam piscariam per totam aquam de Aleyn et Eyle, &c.

Et prior venit et dicit quod ipse et omnes prædecessores sui, a tempore quo non extat memoria, habuerunt prædictas libertates, et eis usi fuerunt, hucusque absque aliqua interruptione, et de hoc ponit se super patriam.

Et Johannes de Mutford qui sequitur pro rege, dicit quod istud placitum est quoddam annexum coronæ domini regis, et originem capit infra memoriam, et non tempore quo extat memoria, &c. Et dicit quod prædictus prior non habet retornum brevium domini regis. Et petit iudicium.

Juratores dicunt super sacramentum suum quod prædictus prior et omnes prædecessores sui, a tempore quo non extat memoria, habuerunt prædictas libertates, et eis hucusque usi sunt sine interruptione, &c. Ideo prædictus prior inde sine die. Salvo, &c.

NUM. V.

Award of John Treffry, Thomas Broun, and others, in a Dispute between the Prior of Bodmyn and Richard Flamank, Esq. respecting Lands in Little Boscarn and Dynmur.

[Cart. Antiq. Harl. Mus. Brit. 57. A, 35.]

To all maner men that this present wrytyng comyth to, John Treffry efte Tremur, Thomas Broun, John Coche, and John Wythiell gretying. Where diverse discencion, discordis, and debatis weryn bytwene Alan priour of the priory of Bodmyn and his convent ther in the one party, and Richard Flamank esquier in that other party, of and yn certeyn landys and tenementis with the appertenaunce in Litell Boscarn and Dynmur, of which landis and tenementis in Litell Boscarn ther assise of novel disseisin hongith, and a writte of oyer and terminer of trespas supposed ther afore John Hale and Richard Neweton Justis of assise in the counte of Cornwaill, assigned at the suyte of the said Richard ayenst the saide priour and other. To whiche the saide Richard and the saide priour have putte ham yn arbitrimet, ordinaunce, and juggement of ous forsaide Thomas and John Wythiell arbitrouers in the party of

the saide Richard chosen, and of ous forsaide John Tremur and John Coche arbitrous in the party of the saide priour chosen, to whiche arbitrimint, ordinaunce, and juggement to stande and perfourme for the party of the saide Richard [and] Jamys Flamank ys bonden by his obligacion berynge date the Tywysday nexte after the Conversion of Seynt Paule the yeer of reigne of Kyng Harry the Sexte twolthe to the saide priour in cc. pound. And the forsaide priour ys bonden by his obligacion beryng date the same day and yeere to the saide Jamys yn cc. pound to stonde and perfourme in his party the saide arbitrimint, ordinaunce, and juggement, as yn the same obligacions more pleylny ys conteyned. Be hit to knowe to alle manner men by this present our endentours, that we arbitrous forsaide arbitre, ordeyne, and ajugge in the fourme as ensueth, that ys to wete, that the bounde that comyth thurgh the doune lyinge bytwene the londe of the saide priour and the saide Richard comynge to a stone stondynge with oute a diche by Dynmur wode yelepyd Kenediche in the north side of the said diche ther of old tyme beyng abounde, ys and schall be a bounde bytwene the saide priour and his successours and the saide Richard and his heyres; and so goyng don to another stone stondyng of olde tyme in a banke of a grype; and fro that stone in to another stone beyng of olde tyme a bounde; and fro that stone to another stone by an oke, by ous new pighte. And so the saide diche and the grype beyng several to the saide Richard and to his heires. And so fro the ende of that grype righte to the north-west corner of Dynmur brigge, by a bounde that we have set, is and schal be the bounde bytwene the saide priour and his successours, and the saide Richard and his heyres. And the saide Richard and his heires schal have al the landys withynne the same diche and boundys: and the saide Priour and his successours schal have al the land, wode, and the mill called Dynmur mille, beyng with oute the saide diche, gripe, and boundis. And also the saide Richard and his heyres schall have alle the land bynethe the said brigge: and that the saide priour and his successours schall have fre outefluvie and curse of water fro the saide mille in to the water of Alan, in the manner as it renneth nowe. And also the saide priour and his successours schal have fre goyng and comynge for hym and for his servaunts to purge and clense alle the said curse of water, and to caste the stonys and gravell, fenne and slyme of the same lete in bothe sidys uppon the lande of the same Richard, thereto abide, and not to caste ne hele the motys ne the kutte of the treys ther growynge. And yf eny treys wyxen uppon the sides of the same water, in letting other noysaunce of the curse or purgyng of the same water, thenne that the saide priour may do warne the saide Richard and his heyres to kutte and remove al suche treys. And but yf he so do with ynne sevene dayes after suche warnynge, that then it schal be luffull and lawfull to the saide priour and his successours and his servauntis to kutte and remove alle suche treys and leve on the grounde of the saide Richard. And also the saide priour and his convent schal graunte under har comune seal to the saide Jamys for his costages and for to be good frende to the said priour and his successours havynge an annuyte of syxantwenty schelyng an eghte pans, to be take yeerly, terme of his lyf, by the handys of the styward of the said priour of the saide hous, who that ever be priour, at the festis of Nativite of Seynt John Baptiste and Cristismasse, by evene portions. And if it be by hynde by a moneth after every terme forsaide, if it be asket by the saide Jamys other his servautes, that henne it be luffull to the forsaide Jamys in al the lands of Wythiellgoos to distreyne; and that distrece so take to imparke and in-pounde it unto the tyme of the forsaide syxantwenty schelyng and eghte pans satisfaccion be y made to geder with the arrerag. And also the forsaide priour and his successours schal holde perpetually onys a yeer, that ys to wetyng at Seynt Vincent ys day the obyt of Richard Flamank, Margaret his wyf, Jamys Flamank, and Elizabeth his wyff, and Anne the doughter of the saide Richard, and for all har good doerys. And also

the forsaide Richard and Jamys Flamank and her heires schal leve all maner of suytes the whiche they hane other mowe hane ayenst the saide priour and convent and alle other men as twoching the materys and causes forsaide. And also the said priour and his successours schal leve al maner of suytes the whiche they hane other mowe hane ayenst the forsaide Richard and Jamys Flamank and alle other men as twochyng the materys and causes forsaide. To whiche arbitrimint, ordinaunce, and juggement, we foure arbitrous forsaide, to this our present endentours our seales hane y put. Her to wytnys, Thomas Moyle maior of the burgh of Bodmyn, John Corke, Thomas Bere of Bryn', John Nicoll, Walter Pole, John Peyntor, Thomas Daunant, and other. I wryte at Bodmyn awendysday nexte after the Conversion of Seynt Paule, the yeer of reigne of our soveraygne lord Kyng Harry the Sexte twolthe.

NUM. VI.

Award in a Dispute between Thomas Bishop of Megarence and Prior of the House and Church of our Lady and St. Petrok of Bodmyn and John Flamank respecting Rothyn More.

[Cart. Antiq. Harl. 44. A, 20.]

To all true Cristen people to whom this present wrytyng indentid shal cum to to see or rede, we William Carnsuyowe esquier, Nicolas Opy, and Cristofer Tredenek sende gretyng in our Lord God everlastyng; and where afore this tyme that stryff, debate, and variance hath byn hadde, movid, and yet hongith betwene the reverent fader in God Thomas bisshop of Megarence and prior of the house and church of our Lady and Seynt Petrok of Bodmyn in the right of the said house of the oon parte, and John Flamank of Bocarun esquier of the other parte, of and uppon the right, titill, and possession of certen landes called Lavelyn more, otherwyse called Rothyn more, sett and liyng in the same more betwene the landes, tenementes, and closes of the saide ffader in God of the west parte called Lavelyn closes, and the landes, tenements, and closes of the saide John Flamank called Rothyn of the est parte. And for asmoche as the said more so in variance hath be so in-trykyd with tynners ther wyrkyng nowe as in tymes passed so that the bounds and waters rynnynge in the same that sumtyme weere bounds between the said parties can not bee to us parfety knowen, where vpon the saide parties stonde bounde either to other in x^{li}. by ther severall oblicacions whois date is the last day of Auguste in the xth. yere of the raigne of Kyng Harry the viijth. to abyde the awarde and jugement of us the saide arbitrous of an uppon the premyes. Where uppon we the said arbitrous, the fyrst day of September the xth. yere of the raigne of Kyng Harry the viijth. at the said more in variance called Rothyn more, called afore us the saide reverent fader in God, and the saide John Flamank, and there and then hyryng ther compleyntis, aunswers, reioynders, replications, and wytnenes in every part examyned by goode deliberacion and avisement, and also by the full aggrement and consent of both parties, fyrst we awarde, juge, and deme that all the tolle tyn that shall be wrought there after the fest of Seynt Michell the arcangell nexte comyng after this present date in the saide more shalbe equally divided and departed betweene the saide reverent fader and his successours priores of the saide house of the oon halfe for ever, and the other halfe to the saide John Flamank and his heyres for ever, wiche shalbe wrought withyn the bounds and merkes hereafter folwyng: that is to say, fro Rothyn brygge upward in all the saide more elonges by the water that comyth from Tregewan to the closes of the saide fader in God in the west side of the saide more to the closes and heyges of the saide John Flamank in the est side of the saide more called Rothyn, and so fro the saide brygge uppe alonge in the saide more to a certen bounde and merke there now redy made by a thorne, viz. a stone of Bodyell gray with a hole in the hede pyzt ther by the said thorne, for

a bounde, and no furdur; and if hit fortune hereafter any tyn in ther severall grounde to ther owne use and nomore in the same to departe. And also we the saide arbitrours adjuge and awarde that all the pasture wode, fwell, and other casualties being or growyng ther nowe or at all tymes hereafter beyng or growyng within the precyncte of the boundes afore by us rehersyd, to be ocupied and devyded equally betwene the saide fader in God and his successours, and the saide John Flamank and his heyres for ever: and that the saide fader in God and his successours shalnot cutt nor selle no wode nor fwell theere growyng without the aggrement and consent of the saide John Flamank and his heyres, nayther the saide John Flamank and his heyres shalnot cut nor selle no wode nor fwell there growyng within the precyncte of the saide bounde without the aggrement and consent of the saide fader in God and his successours priours of the same house. In wetenes wheereof to this our arbitrement we the foresaide William Carnsuyowe esquier, Nicholas Opy, and Cristofer Treedenek have sette our seales and subscribed with our handes. Iyeven at Bodmyn on the fest of Seynte Michell the arcangell in the yere and raigne of Kyng Harry the viijth. the xth. yere.

Per me WILLIELMUM CARNSUYELLE.
Per me NICHOLAUM OPY.
Per me CRISTOPHORUM TREDENEK,

NUM. VII.

The Prior of Bodmyn to Mr. Lock, complaining that his Canons refuse to live up to the rules set them by their Visitor.

[From the Orig. MS. Cotton. Cleop. E. iv. fol. 116.]

MAISTER LOK I harttili recommend me unto you, so thankyng you for your gret kyndeness and payne that ye have take for me which I trust wons God wyllyng to recompens. Syr I am sore disquietid with a sort of unthryfty chanons, my convent, and there berars, which of long contynuans have lyvyd unthriftili, and agene the gode order of relygyon to the grete sklaunder of the same as all the contrey can tell: for the reformation thereof, the buschope yn hys late visitacyon gave cartayne and dyvers injuncions commandyng me straytle to see obseruyd and kept, which ar noo hardar than ovr owne rule and profession byndis us, and as all other relygyus men use and observe where gode relygion is observed and kept. Where with they be sore grevid and yntend the most parte of them to depart with capacitise, with owt my concent and wyll, and won of them hathe purchesid acapacyte the last terme, without my lycence which is agene the words of his capacite, wherefor I have restraynyd his departyng for no gret los that I showld have of him, but for the yl exemple to other, for yf I showld suffer this man to depart yn thys manner I shal have never chanon to byer with me. I am sore threttynd with won Mr. Roger Arundell a gret berar and mayntynar of my bretherne agenst me, and the procurar of there capacits, to be browght be fore the

kyngs graces honourable counsell for that I have not sufferd this lewde chanon to depart with his capacite accordyng to there yntent. I pray you harttili to shew this mater to my gode Mr. Secretary desieryng him, as my speciall trust ys yn hym, yf anney complaints cum to hym as I dowl not but that there wol, yt may plese hym to refer the examynation of the mater to Sir John Arundell, Sir Peter Eggecumbe, Sir John Chamond, or any other discrete gentilmen yn the contrey what so ever so that I cum not to London as there purpose ys, which showld be to gret a charge for me to bere, my hous beyng sore yndetted all redy. This gentilman hathe procurid a comyssion as I am in formyd to pull down a Were longyng to my pore hows, which hathe stand up thes ccccc. yere and more. If nede be I wol wryte more of this mater by Mr. Hill. Thus fare ye as wol as yo^r gentil harte can thynke and all my gode frends and loviars, to home I have harttili comendid. From Bodmyn 28 Maij by yo^r owne for ever.

THOMAS prior there.

NUM. VIII.

Bodmyn,

[In a Book of Pensions remaining in the Augmentation Office.]

HERAFTER ensuythe the namys of the late p^ror and covente of Bodemyne, in the countye of Cornwall, w^t. the annuall pen^cons assigned unto them by vertue of the kyngs hignes comyssion the xxvijth. daye of February in the xxxth. yere of the reigne of o^r. most drade soūeigne lorde Kyng Henry the viijth. the furst payment of the saide pen^cons and e^vy of them to be gynne at the feast of th'annūciacon of o^r. blessid Lady next comyng for one q^{art}. and so after that to be payde e^vy halfe yere duryng their lyffs; according to the rate hereafter specyfyed.

That is to saye,

Furst, Tho ^m s Wannysworthe p ^r or	lxvj ^{li} . xiijs. iiij ^d .
Richarde Olyv' sup ^o r	vij ^{li} .
Richarde Luer blynde and of th'age of one hundrethe yeres	x ^{li} . & vj. dussen wodes yerly.
Benett Smythe	vj ^{li} .
Tho ^m s Rosemonde	vj ^{li} .
Jo ^h n Wylcoke	cvjs. viij ^d .
Tho ^m s Marshall	cvjs. viij ^d .
Jo ^h n Dagle	cvjs. viij ^d .
Michell Plemyng	xl ^s .
John Beste	xl ^s .
Tho ^m s Rawlyns blynde and aged for his corrody yerly	xl ^s .
S ^m of all the pen ^c ons aforesaide	cxviij ^{li} . xiijs. iiij ^d .

JO. TREGONWELL.
WILLIAM PETRE.
JOHN SMYTH.

Fiant pensiones religiosis predictis.
RYCHARD RYCHIE.

VALOR ECCLESIASTICUS TEMP. HEN. VIII.

(Abstract of Return, 26 Hen. VIII. First Fruits Office.)

PRIORAT' DE BODMYN,

Unde WILLIELMUS WARWEST quondam Ep̃us Exon' est Fundator.

Spiritualia.

Com' Cornub'		£.	s.	d.
Bodmyn	Decim' Garb'	7	2	3
-	Decim' Personal'	6	4	1
-	Oblac' ad Virginem Mariam	0	10	6
Mynfrey	Decim' Garb'	14	13	6
Cutberte	Decim' Garb'	17	10	0
Padistowe	Decim' Garb'	14	9	6
-	Decim' Pisc'	4	0	0
-	Oblac'	2	0	0
Lanhidiok	Garb'	4	2	0
-	Oblac'	0	2	2
-	Decim' Personal'	0	8	0
-	Alijs Profic' ibidem	1	0	0
		72	2	0

Tempalia.

Bodmyn, Lanhiderok, Fosnewith, et Bree	Redd' et Firm'	74	15	7
Pendewey	Redd' et Firm'	24	0	0
Bodynell	Redd' et Firm'	7	0	8
Wythiell	Redd' et Firm'	11	12	5
Rialton Libera	Redd' et Firm'	27	0	0
Rialton Infra	Redd' et Firm'	22	0	0
Retergh	Redd' et Firm'	10	13	4
Elynglase	Redd' et Firm'	14	10	0
Padistowe	Redd' et Firm'	10	7	5
Com' Devon'				
Newton Petrok	Redd' et Firm'	7	9	6
Holcomb	Redd' et Firm'	5	1	0
		214	9	11
Vendic' Bosc'		3	0	0
		289	11	11

COMPUT' MINISTRORUM DOMINI REGIS TEMP. HEN. VIII.

(Abstract of Roll, 31 Hen. VIII. Augmentation Office.)

BODMYN PRIORATUS.

Com' Cornub'		£.	s.	d.
Bodmyn	Scit' cum Terr' Dñical' Firm'	8	17	10
Bodmyn Maner' cum Capell' de Langhidrocke	Redd' libor' Tenenc'	7	0	0
-	Redd' tam Custum' quam Convenc'			
-	Tenen'	15	19	0

Com' Cornub'		£.	s.	d.
Braye	Firma	1	6	8
Langcarre	Firma	0	0	1
Newnam	Firma	0	0	1
Langhydroke cum Capell'	Firma	1	0	0
Bodmyn, Terr' Dñical'	Firma	13	3	5
Bodmyn Villa	Feod' Firma	5	10	0
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'	0	19	0
Pendevye	Redd' lib' Tenen'	4	4	10½
- - - - -	Redd' tam Custum' quam Convenc' Tenen'	25	2	8
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'	0	8	0
Bodnyell Maner'	Firma	5	0	0
Wythiell Maner'	Firma	10	0	0
Rialton et Retargh Maner' cum Hundred' de Petherscher al' Pether	Redd' Assis'	83	1	7½
- - - - -	Firma Terr' Dñical'	15	6	8
Elynglas et Kelsey Maner' in quadam Insula voc' the Gull Rock	Firma	18	17	0
Newton Petrocke et Holcombe	Firma	12	10	6
Paddestowe Maner' cum Membr' ac cert' Terr' in Laulesyke	Firma	20	8	6½
Bodmyn. Menstre et Paddestowe	Decim' Garb'	54	0	0
Bodmyn Sanct' Cuthbert'	Decim' Garb'	19	0	0
- - - - -	Decim' Prædial' et Minut'	6	4	1
Trenowe in Tyntagell	Porcō Decim' Garb'	0	6	8
Paddestow	Firm' Decim' Pisc', &c.	10	0	0
Eglosayll'	Penc'	2	0	0

St. German's Monastery,

IN

CORNWALL.



T. GERMAN's Priory is here entered, in conformity with Sir William Dugdale's example, among the monasteries of the Benedictine order: indeed Ryley, in his *Placita Parliamentaria*,^a designates the inhabitants as Benedictine monks.

Certainly, in the earliest period of its existence, the church was COLLEGIATE; founded in honour of St. German, one of the French bishops who came over into Britain to oppose the Pelagian heresy.

K. Ethelstan is noticed by Bishop Tanner to have made one Conan bishop here, A. D. 936:^b and there seems reason to believe that an episcopal see was established here a few years earlier.^c Mr. Whitaker, however, in his 'Ancient Cathedral of Cornwall historically surveyed,'^d imagines it to have commenced as early as the year 614.

The history of the see of Cornwall, as well as that of the bishops of Devonshire at Crediton, will more properly find a place in the account of Exeter cathedral, in which both became united under Bishop Leofric, A. D. 1050.

At the period of this annexation, Leofric is stated to have changed the seculars of St. Germans into regular Canons. Such is the statement in two Charters of considerable age.^e

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Canons, of some kind, it is clear, were placed here by Leofric; and we find them noticed in the Domesday Survey as holding twelve out of the twenty-four hides at St. Germans entered among the lands in Cornwall belonging to the bishop of Exeter.^g

Leland, in his *Collectanea*, says the Regulars were introduced at St. Germans by Bartholomew bishop of Exeter, in the time of King Henry the Second;^h who is also named as the founder in the *Valor Ecclesiasticus* of King Henry the Eighth.

The particulars of the history of St. German's priory from the Conquest to the Dissolution of religious houses are extremely scanty. A plea of Quo warranto, of the 30th of Edward I. explains the privileges which were at that time claimed by the prior:ⁱ and Bishop Tanner has given a few references to Instruments relating to the property of the priory entered upon the Fine and Patent Rolls.^k

From the time of Bartholomew Iscanus bishop of Exeter, there can be no doubt that the inhabitants of this monastery were Canons regular of the order of St. Austin. No list of the priors, however, has been handed down to us, unless the names of a few of them may be preserved in detached entries in the Registers of the see of Exeter.

At the suppression of this house in 1531, the revenues were valued, according to Dugdale, at 243*l.* 8*s.*: according to Speed, at the net sum of 227*l.* 4*s.* 8*d.*

ROBERT SWYMMER, or SWYNMOR, the last prior, who surrendered his house March 2d, 30 Hen. VIII. with six Canons, had pensions.^l

Bishop Tanner informs us that the site of this priory was granted, in the 33d of Hen. VIII. to Katharine Champernown, John Ridgway and others.^m Carew gives the following account of the grant: "John Champernowne, sonne and heire apparant to Sir Philip, of Devon, in H. the 8 time, followed the court, and

^a Pag. 466, from the *Forma protectionis pro Prelatis et Clero*. Pat. 22 Edw. I. m. 5.

^b Notit. Monast.

^c Compare Messrs. Lysons's *Magna Britannia*, vol. iii. p. 113.

^d Vol. ii. p. 217.

^e See Numm. II. III. In these Charters, Knout, or Canute, is spoken of as the founder of the church.

^f See Tann. Notit. Mon. edit. Nasm. præf. p. 11.

^g "Idem episcopus [Exoniensis] tenet manerium quod vocatur ecclesiam sancti Germani. Ibi sunt xxiiii. hidæ. Ex his xii. hidæ sunt Canonorum quæ nunquam geldaverunt; et aliæ xii. hidæ sunt Episcopi."—"In parte Canonorum terra est xi. carucis."—"Valet c. solid. Canonici." Domesd. tom. i. fol. 120 b.

^h See Num. I. A patent of the 9th of Richard II. however, expressly ascribes the foundation to Leofric. "Rex restituit prioratum sancti Germani (qui fuit de fundatione Leofrici episcopi Exon.) et quem rex recuperaverat in curia sua adversus Joh. Grandison episcopum Exon. et success. ejus, 22 Jun." Harl. MS. 6961, p. 77.

ⁱ See Num. IV.

^k Fin. 6 Hen. III. m. 5, de mercat. in villa S. Germani. Cart. 6 Edw. II. n. 1. Pat. 17 Edw. III. p. 2, m. 32, de mercato et feria in villa S. Germani, et de lib. war. in Lamash. Pat. 31 Edw. III. p. 3, m.

8, pro ten. in Lanrake. Plac. coram rege 37 Edw. III. rot. 9. Pat. 38 Edw. III. p. 2, m. 46. Pat. 43 Edw. III. p. 1, m. 23 vel 43. Pat. 2 Ric. II. p. 1, m. 47, pro ten. in Pollersek, Trewint, Todisford, Lancottok, &c. Pat. 16 Ric. II. p. 1, m. 27, de redd. in Trethinek, Morna, &c. Pat. 11 Hen. VI. p. 1, m. 17, pro ten. in Frogwell, Tenepath, &c.

^l See the Pension List in the App. of Instruments, Num. V. The following remained in charge in the 2d and 3d of Phil. and Mar.: "SANCTUS GERMAN. nuper Monasterium. Feod. Petri Corryton sen^{ti}. per literas paten. sub sigillo conven. dicti nuper monasterii per annum xxvj^{s.} viij^{d.} Annuit. Roberti Golston et Ric. Turnor per annum liij^{s.} iiij^{d.} Johannis Grene per annum iiij^{s.} Johannis Bennet per annum xxvj^{s.} viij^{d.} Johannis Swymor per annum xl^{s.} Walteri Trelawnye per annum xxvj^{s.} viij^{d.} Johannis Cliffe per annum xxvj^{s.} viij^{d.} Penc. Roberti Swynmor nuper prior ibidem per annum lxvj^{s.} xiiij^{s.} iiiij^{d.} Steph. Segemore per annum cvj^{s.} viij^{d.} Roberti Vyen per annum cvj^{s.} viij^{d.} Roberti Capell per annum xl^{s.}"

^m Bp. Tanner adds in a Note, "Mr. Mores saith John Champernown, sed quære." The authors of the *New Magna Britannia* say, that at its suppression, in 1535, King Henry the Eighth leased the site of the priory and other lands to John Champernown and others, and soon afterwards granted the fee to Katharine (widow of the said John), John Ridgway, and Walter Smith.

through his pleasant conceits, of which much might be spoken, wan some good grace with the king. Now when the golden showre of the dissolved abbey lands, rayned welnere into every gapers mouth, some two or three gentlemen, the kings servants, and master Champernownes acquaintance, waited at a doore where the king was to passe forth, with purpose to beg such a matter at his hands: our gentleman became inquisitive to know their suit: they made strange to impart it. This while, out comes the king: they kneele down, so doth master Champernowne; they prefer their petition; the king graunts it: they render humble thanks, and so doth M. Champernowne: afterwards he requireth his share; they deny it; he appeales to the king: the king avoweth his equall meaning in the largesse; whereon the overtaken companions were fayne to allot him this priory for his partage."^a

Norden, the Messrs. Lysons say, has strangely mistaken this story, and says, that King Henry VIII. bestowed the priory of St. Germans upon an ancestor of the Eliots, "being full of pleasant conceytes, wherewith the kinge was delited." It is certain (they add) that the Champernowns became sole possessors of the priory estate, and that in 1565 they conveyed it to Richard Eliot, Esq. of Coteland in Devonshire, in exchange for that manor. Sir John Eliot, son of Richard, was a distinguished patriot in the reign of James I., an active opposer of the Duke of Buckingham and the court measures, particularly that of raising taxes without the consent of parliament: for some bold speeches on this subject he was committed to the Tower, where he died in the year 1632. Daniel Eliot, his grandson, left an only daughter, married to Browne Willis, the celebrated antiquary; by whom we are informed that his father-in-law, in order to keep up the family name, bequeathed his estates to Edward Eliot, grandson of Nicholas, fourth son of Sir John above-mentioned. The grandson of this

Edward Eliot was, in 1784, created Baron Eliot of St. Germans; and in 1789 had his majesty's permission to take and use the name and arms of Craggs, in consequence of his father's marriage with a natural daughter of Secretary Craggs, in 1726. His grandson and successor, Edward Eliot Craggs, now Lord Eliot, is the present possessor of the priory estate and manor of St. Germans, as well as lessee of the bishop's manor. Port Eliot, his lordship's residence, was formerly called Porth-Prior: it occupies the site of the priory, but retains no traces of the conventual buildings.^b

The church of St. Germans consists at present of a nave and two ailes: the nave is entered from the west under a large portal, flanked on the north and south by towers. The tower on the south side is square, the upper part of it being evidently of a later date than the lower; the tower on the north side is square at its base, and continues so to about two-thirds of its height, whence the upper part forms an octangular turret: a circular arch with Saxon mouldings forms the door-way between the towers. Whitaker says, "*The southern tower and southern aile* COMPOSED THE SMALL CATHEDRAL. These are apparently (he adds) *one whole in themselves*." An entrance porch at the western termination of the south aile he designates as "*the primary portal of the Cathedral*."^c The Messrs. Lysons, however, inform us, that the south aile of St. German's church, as appears by the Registers of the see of Exeter, was rebuilt in the year 1261, that is, above two hundred years after the removal of the see from St. Germans.^d

No CHARTULARY of this priory is at present known to be extant.

Attached to the Surrender in the Augmentation Office is a mutilated impression from the SEAL of this priory: the inscription gone; and the area (on one side only) representing but a few faint traces of the figure of St. German.

Cartae ad S. Germani Coenobium in agro Cornubiensi spectantes.

NUM. I.

[Lelandi Collectan. tom. i. p. 71.]

S. Germani in Cornubia Prioratus.

Octo Canonici et Prior.

ETHELSTANUS rex primus fundator. Bartholemeus episcopus Exoniensis, postea canonicos regulares induxit autoritate regis.

Fuit tempore Æthelstani sedes episcopalis, quæ postea per Edwardum confessorem regem translata fuit ad ecclesiam Exoniensem. Et post B. tunc episcopus Exon. hic fundavit monasterium canonicorum regularium.

[Ibid.]

Ex Charta B. Episcopi Exoniensis tempore Henrici secundi.

Ego ecclesiam S. Germani in Cornubia parum ec-

clesiasticè et penè seculariter conversantem in vitam canonicorum regularium, religionis et pietatis intuitu, converti.

Balduinus archiepiscopus Cantuar. factum approbavit.

NUM. II.

De Prima Fundatione ejusdem.

[Pat. 7 R. II. p. 1, m. 24, per Inspex.]

INQUISITIO capta apud Lyskird die Jovis in vigilia apostolorum Petri et Pauli, anno regni regis Edwardi tertii post conquestum Angliæ xxxii^o. coram Johanne de Skyrbek escaetore domini regis in comb. Cornub. virtute cujusdam brevis dicto Johanni directi, et presentibus consuti, per sacramentum Gervasii Bray, &c. qui dicunt per sacramentum suum, quod quidam rex Angliæ, nomine Knout, dedit Deo et ecclesiæ S. Germani et ibidem Deo servientibus terras et tenementa in brevi contentas;

^a Survey of Cornw. edit. 1602, fol. 109 b.

^b Magna Brit. vol. iii. p. 114. Leland, in his Itinerary, vol. iii. p. 40, says, "S. Germanes is but a poore fischar town. The glory of it stood by the priory." In another place, vol. vii. p. 122, he informs us, that in his time, "Beside the hye altare of the same priory on the ryght hand was a tumbre yn the walle with an image of a bisshop, and over

the tumbre a xi. bishops paynted with their names, and verses, as token of so many bisshops buried there, or that ther had beene so many bisshopes of Cornwalle that had theyr seete there."

^c Anc. Cath. of Cornwall, tom. i. p. 70.

^d Magna Britann. ut supr.

et tunc fuit ibidem sedes episcopalis Cornub. et episcopus nomine Brythwoldus, ac canonici sæculares. Demum regnante Knout rege prædicto, quidam Lyvingus episcopus Crydtonensis optinuit episcopatum Cornubiæ, post mortem prædicti Brythwoldi, qui ultimus fuit Cornub. episcopus, uniri cum episcopatu Crydtonensi. Cui Livingo successit Leofricus, qui optinuit illos duos episcopatus, sic unitos, usque tempus beati Edwardi regis et confessoris; qui quidem Edwardus de præcepto et assensu papæ Leonis, transtulit sedem Crydtonensem in civitatem Exoniensem. Et postea idem Leofricus episcopus fundavit apud S. Germanum prioratum canonicorum regularium, canonicis sæcularibus amotis: et sic est dictus prioratus de fundatione et patronatu episcopi Exoniensis, et continuatum hucusque, et episcopus Exon. qui pro tempore fuerit, habet vacationes prioratus prædicti, cum contigerint, et habuit à tempore cujus contrarii memoria non existit. Dicunt etiam quod priores et conventus prioratus prædicti, dimiserunt et concesserunt antecessoribus dictorum tenentium terras et tenementa in brevi contenta, in feodo simplici; tenenda de eisdem priore et conventu per redditus et servicia in cartis eorum non indentatis limitata. Et dicunt quod terræ et tenementa prædicta fuerunt tunc assessa et dimissa pro vero valore eorundem; et ultra redditus et servicia prædicta tunc non valuerunt. In cujus rei testimonium sigilla prædictorum juratorum præsentibus sunt appensa. Dat. die loco et anno supradictis.^a

NUM. III.

Dotatio prima ejusdem, per Regem Canutum.

[Inter Brevia Regis et Recorda de Anno 32 E. III. bund. 2, n. 5.]

JURATORES dicunt super sacramentum suum, quod quidam rex Angliæ, nomine Knout, dedit Deo et ecclesiæ S. Germani, et ibidem Deo servientibus, terras et tenementa in brevi contenta (scil. tria messugia et duas acras terræ et dimidiam cum pertinentiis in Laurake in com. Cornubiæ). Et tunc fuit ibidem sedes episcopalis Cornub. et episcopus nomine Brithwoldus, ac canonici sæculares. Demum, regnante Knout rege prædicto; quidam Lyvyngus episcopus Crydtoniæ optinuit episcopatum Cornubiæ, post mortem prædicti Brythwoldi, qui ultimus fuit Cornubiæ episcopus, uniri cum episcopatu Crydtoniæ: cui Livingo successit Leofricus, qui optinuit illos duos episcopatus sic unitos usque tempus beati Edwardi regis et confessoris. Qui quidem Edwardus, de præcepto et assensu papæ Leonis, transtulit sedem Crydytoniæ in civitatem Exoniæ. Et postea idem Leofricus episcopus fundavit, apud S. Germanum, prioratum canonicorum regularium, canonicis sæcularibus amotis: et sic est dictus prioratus de fundatione et patronatu episcopi Exoniensis. &c.

NUM. IV.

Placita de Juratis et Assisis, et de Corona, coram Johanne de Berewyk, Willielmo de Burneton, Henrico Spygurnell, Johanne Randolph, et Herveo de Staunton, justiciarijs itinerantibus, apud Lanceneton, in comitatu Cornubiæ, in octabis Sancti Michaelis, anno regni Regis Edwardi, filij Regis Henrici, tricesimo.

[Ex Record. in domo Capitulari Westmonasterij.]

PRIOR de Sancto Germano summonitus fuit ad respondendum domino regi de placita quo warranto clamat habere infangenethef, emendas assisæ panis, et cervisiæ fractæ, estraurn, et weyf, in manerio suo in Lamath, et mercatum et feriam in villa de Sancto Germano, &c.

Et prior venit et dicit quod ipse et omnes prædecessores sui, priores de Sancto Germano prædictas libertates habuerunt a tempore quo non extat memoria hucusque usi sunt sine interruptione, et hoc petit quod inquiratur, &c.

Juratores dicunt super sacramentum suum quod prædictus prior et prædecessores sui a tempore quo non extat memoria prædictis libertatibus usi sunt sine interruptione aliqua. Ideo prædictus prior inde quietus salvo jure domini regis, &c.

NUM. V.

The late Monastery of Saynte Germaine, in the Countie of Cornwall.

[From a Book of Pensions remaining in the Augmentation Office.]

HEREAFTER ensueth the yerly pençons assigned and appoynted to the late p^{ior}. and covente of Saynte Germaines aforesayd by John Tregonwell and John Smyth the kynges gr̄ces comyssyōns ther, that theye and eȳy of theyme to have one q̄rter of a yeres pençon at the ffeaste of thanūncyacōn of o^r. Lady nexte com̄ynge, and at Michel̄ns folowinge halffe a yeres pençon; and so ffrom halff yere to halffe yere durynge their lives.

That is to saye,

First to Roðte Swȳmer p ^{ior} . ther . . .	lxvj ^{li} . xiijs. iiij ^d .
Iȳm to Stevyn Saygemo ^r	cvjs. viij ^d .
Iȳm to Richard Trowte	cvjs. viij ^d .
Iȳm to John Rithe	vj ^{li} . xiijs. iiij ^d .
Iȳm to Roðto Vyē	cvjs. viij ^d .
Iȳm to Willm̄ Lawry	cvjs. viij ^d .
Iȳm to Roðte Capell Novys	xl ^s .

THOM'S CRUMWELL.

Some of the yerly pençons aforesayd iiij^{xx}xvj^{li}. xiijs. iiij^d.

JO. TREGONWELL.

WILLIAM PETRE.

JOHN SMYTH.

VALOR ECCLESIASTICUS TEMP. HEN. VIII.

(Abstract of Return, 26 Hen. VIII. First Fruits Office.)

PRIORAT' DE SEYNT' GERMAN'.

Unde BARTHOLOMEUS quondam Ep̄us Exon' est Fundator.

Spiritualia.

Com' Cornub'	£.	s.	d.
Seynt German'	Decim' Garb'	70	0 0

^a De unione ecclesiarum S. Germani in Cornubia et de Crediton in com. Devon. Exoniensi episcopatu, vide Cart. 3 and 4 H. IV. m. 4.
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Com' Cornub'		£.	s.	d.
South Pederwyn	Decim' Garb'	15	13	4
-	Penc'	0	13	4
Landilpe	Decim' Garb'	0	10	0
Lanracke	Decim' Garb'	16	0	0
Morvall	Decim' Garb'	10	0	0
Gulvall	Decim' Garb'	10	6	8
S. Mary Mawdaleyn	Penc'	0	13	4
Temporalia.				
Lanrack	Redd' et Firm'	84	18	6
Tenyell	Redd' et Firm'	21	0	0
Germyn	Redd' et Firm'	13	12	10
Summa Valor' tam Spiritual' quam Temporal'		243	8	0

COMPUT' MINISTRORUM DOMINI REGIS TEMP. HEN. VIII.

(Abstract of Roll, 31 Hen. VIII. Augmentation Office.)

SANCTI GERMAIN PRIORATUS.

Com' Cornub'		£.	s.	d.
S ^{ti} . Germani	Firma Scit' cum Terris Dñical'	6	15	11
Laurake Maner'	Redd' libor' Tenenciu'	8	2	3½
Laurak Villa	Redd' libor' Tenenc'	1	11	6
-	Redd' Convenc' Tenen'	51	11	0½
Poch' S ^{ci} German'	Redd' Convenc' Tenenc'	28	17	7
Hestynford	Redd' liberor' Tenen'	0	8	7
Lambest et Quetheyke	Redd' Convenc' Tenenc'	5	16	8
Ekkyswill, Thupath, Combe, in Poch' de Thupath: Liskerde; Frogwill, in Parochia de Kyllington, et Southpetherwyn	Redd' Terr' et Ten'	2	6	8
-	Perquis' Cur' cum Profic' Nund'	4	5	9
Tynyell	Redd' libor Tenen'	1	0	6
-	Redd' tam Convenc' Tenen' quam Custum'	20	11	10½
-	Perquis' Cur'	0	9	8
Germani Burg'	Redd' libor' Tenen'	0	7	1
-	Redd' Custum' Tenencium	11	6	2½
-	Perquis' Cur'	0	14	4
Rector' de S ^{co} Germano	Firm'	76	6	8
Rector' de Southpetherwyn	Firm'	18	0	0
Landylpe	Porc' Decim' Garb'	0	10	0
Southpederwyn Eccl'	Penc'	0	13	4
Sancte Marie Magdalene Eccl'	Penc'	0	13	4
Laurak Rector'	Firm'	20	0	0
Cutlyngwyke, &c.	Decim' Garb'	2	13	4
Morwall Rector'	Firm'	10	0	0
Gunvell' in Launceclyff	Firm'	10	0	0
Trewoke	Tenur'	0	6	8

Nunnery of Shaftesbury,

IN

DORSETSHIRE.



THE Nunnery of Shaftesbury is stated, in a passage of Leland's Collectanea, to have been founded by King Ethelbald;^a while, in other passages of the same work, the foundation is entirely ascribed to King Alfred.^b William of Malmesbury, who preserves in his work, "De Gestis Pontificum," the copy of an inscription which designates Alfred

as the builder of the town only of Shaftesbury, gives the credit of founding the nunnery to Elgiva, the wife of King Edmund.^c The generality of our historians,^d however, more particularly Asser,^e and even Malmesbury himself, in his treatise "De Gestis Regum," consider ALFRED as the founder.^f Simeon of Durham, and the Chronicle of Mailros,^g date the foundation A.D. 888. King Alfred's Charter, in Saxon and Latin, entitled "Testamentum Regis Aluredi," will be found in the Appendix of Instruments.^h

This abbey was first dedicated to the Virgin Mary; but it lost that name, at least for several ages, upon the translation hither of the body of King Edward the Mar-

tyr, who was murdered at Corfe Castle March 18th, 978, and first clandestinely buried at Wareham; whence, according to Leland, he was the next year,ⁱ or as others, on better grounds, say, three years afterwards, removed to this abbey by Alfer duke of Mercia. The Saxon Chronicle says, by Alfer and St. Dunstan.^k Hence both the town and abbey were called Edwardstowe;^l and in records and historians "Abbatissa de Sancto Edwardo" was the common title of the abbess.^m

The original endowment of the abbey under Alfred's Charter appears to have consisted of a hundred hides of land. Forty of these were at Dunheved and Compton; twenty hides in Henley and Gissig; ten in Tarente; fifteen in Iwerne; and fifteen in Funtemel.

Subsequent Charters from King Edmund I. King Edred, and King Ethelred, will be found in the Appendix of Instruments.ⁿ In one of these,^o King Ethelred gave to the church of St. Edward, the monastery and vill of BRADEFORD, to be always subject to it, that the nuns might have a safe refuge against the insults of the Danes, and, on the restoration of peace, return to their ancient place; but still some of the family to remain at Bradeford, if it should be thought fit by the prior. This was A.D. 1001.^p

The following are the possessions of the monastery recorded in the Domesday Survey. In *Sussex*, fifteen hides and a half at Falcheham; in the valuation of

^a "Æthelbaldus primus filiorum Ethelwolphi regis Westsax. fundator.

Ailbrithus frater 2
Æthelbaldus frater 3 } fundatores."
Aluredus frater 4

Lel. Collectan. edit. 1770, tom. i. p. 67.

^b Ibid. tom. i. pp. 26, 413, tom. ii. pp. 218, 220, 228. tom. iii. p. 71.

^c See Num. I. Matt. of Westm. edit. Francof. 1601, p. 170, copies Malmesbury; but in p. 176 names Alfred as the founder.

^d Compare Script. x. Twysd. Sim. Dunelm. col. 132, 150. Ethelr. Ab. Riev. col. 355. Higd. Polychr. Gale, tom. iii. p. 258. Jo. Rossi Hist. p. 76. Fabyan, edit. 1811, p. 168. Stowe, Ann. p. 80.

^e See Num. I.

^f Script. post Bedam. ed. 1596, fol. 24 b. "Schephtoniense etiam monasterium sanctimonialibus complevit, ubi et abbatissam filiam suam ELFGIVAM instituit."

^g Gale, Rerum Anglic. Script. tom. i. p. 145.

^h Num. II. ⁱ Lel. Collect. tom. ii. p. 239.

^k "An. dcccc.lxxx. Hoc anno, sanctus Dunstanus et Ælferus dux sublatum sancti regis, sancti Eadwardi, corpus sepultum apud Wærham devexerunt magno quidem cum honore ad Scaftesbyrig." See also Chron. Jo. Brompt. Script. x. Twysd. col. 875.

^l According to Brompton, twenty-one years after its first entombment, the body of St. Edward was again taken up. A portion of the reliques were transferred to the monastery of Leominster in Herefordshire; and some to Abingdon. "Elevatum est itaque sacrum corpus anno xxj. ex quo illuc fuerat tumulatum. Succedente postea tempore pars corporis ejus apud Leof monasterium juxta Herforde, pars vero apud Abendoniam est translatus. Locus vero apud Septoniam ubi pulmo ejus adhuc integra viriditate palpitat EDWARDSTOWE dicitur." Script. x. Twysd. col. 884. Compare also Knyghton, ibid. col. 2314; and the extract from Malmesbury, Num. I. Leland, Itin. vol. iv. p. 93, says, "the certainty is known that the abbey of Shaftesbury had rule at Lemster, and possessed much landes there, and sent

parte of the reliques of St. Edward the Martyr to be adored there." In another passage of his work, vol. vii. p. 75, he says, "S. Edward the Martir's reliques for the moste parte were kept in Abbingdon, where sum sayethe he was in his tendre age brought up."

The festival of St. Edward was kept on three several days: on the day he was murdered, March 18th; and on the two removals of his body, Feb. 20th and June 20th. In 1317, Roger bishop of Sarum granted forty-one days of indulgence on the translation, and forty days on the passion of St. Edward. In 1412, indulgence was granted to those who visited the "limina Sancti Edwardi." In 1440, the archbishop of Canterbury decreed the feast of the translation of St. Edward to be observed "sub officio duplici." See Hutchins, Hist. Dors. edit. Gough, vol. ii. p. 409, from the Sarum Registers. In the Chronicon Joannis Wallingford, Gale's Script. tom. iii. p. 546, there is a chapter "De passione Sancti Edwardi Regis et Martyris." The body of King Edward was first entombed on the north side of the principal altar at Shaftesbury.

^m In the Domesday for Sussex, the land at Falcheham, and in Somersetshire, that at Cumbe, belonging to this monastery, are entered under the head of *Terra Sancti Edwardi*. See Num. VIII. In the Exon Domesday (containing apparently the Rolls from which the Survey of the Western counties were compiled) that in Somersetshire is called *Terra Abbatissæ Sancti Edwardi*. So in the black book of the Exchequer; see p. 4 of the present volume. Maria, the second abbess of the name, who presided about 1247, continually calls herself, in official instruments, "*Abbatissa Sancti Edwardi*" only.

ⁿ See Numm. IV. V. VI. VII. To these Charters, printed in the old Dugdale, the Saxon boundaries of the lands are now added. The Charters have been collated with the Abbey Register.

^o Num. VII.

^p BRADEFORD, or BRADANFORD, in Wiltshire, is said by Tanner, in ancient times, upon the authority of Malmesbury, to have had a monastery, dedicated to St. Laurence, founded by St. Aldhelm, who was abbat here at the time of his being made bishop, A.D. 705. It seems to have been destroyed before the taking of the Domesday Sur-

which a payment of seven shillings from six burgesses in Chichester was included. In *Wiltshire*, five hides in Bichenestoch; twenty hides in Tisseburie; forty in Duneheve; forty-two in Bradeford; seven hides in Alveston; thirty-eight hides at Ledentone; and twenty hides in Domnitone. At Bradeford, also, the nuns had a market, and an arpent of vineyard; and thirty-three burgesses of the town paid 35s. 9d. In Crichelade, also, the abbey had one burgess. In *Dorsetshire*, a moiety of the manor of Shaftesbury belonged to the abbey. The houses in this town belonging to the abbess in King Edward's time are stated to have been a hundred and fifty-three in number; of which forty-three had been subsequently destroyed. At the time of the Survey the abbess had a hundred and fifty-one burgesses here, beside twenty vacant manses. At Hanlege, in Dorsetshire, the abbey held twenty hides; at Haintone eight hides; at Sture seventeen hides; fifteen hides at Fontemel; ten at Cuntone; ten at Meleberie; eighteen at Eune-minstre; ten at Tarente; five at Fifhide; sixteen at Chingestone; one in Ferneham; five hides in Stocche; two in Mapledretone; and sixteen at Ceseburne. On a part of the manor of Chingestone the castle of Wareham had been constructed by King William, who, in exchange for the land on which it stood, had given to the nuns the church of Gelingelham. Ceseburne and Sture manors had been usurped by Earl Harold in the time of Edward the Confessor. K. William restored them because the abbess and nuns produced the Confessor's writ that they should be restored with Melecome; which last manor William retained for himself. Harold had also taken Pidele from the nuns, which, at the time of the Survey, was held by the earl of Moretaine. Melcome, in Dorsetshire, was another of Harold's usurpations: it was afterwards held by Queen Matilda. In *Somersetshire*, the abbey held five hides at Cumbe. Six burgesses in Meleburne paid to the abbess, as superior lord, fifty pence.

The total number of hides recorded in the Survey to have belonged to Shaftesbury abbey amounted to no fewer than three hundred forty-four and a half: the revenues of the monastery were of course, for that period, enormous. The total amount of rents, including the tenanted lands, appears to have been 347l. A great increase in the produce of the different manors took place between the time of K. Edward the Confessor and the time of forming the Survey.^a

In the Black-Book of the Exchequer we find that the abbey of St. Edward, in the reign of King Henry the First, found seven knights for the king's service. Of these, Earl Patrick, Ancelin Mauduit, Jordan de Neche, and Thurstan de Haselden, held a fee each; Robert Fitz Peter and Roger de Thoka held the fifth fee, the sixth and seventh were held by Roger de Newburgh. Beside these, twelve tenants are stated to have held under the abbess twelve hides and fractions.^b

King Henry the First's Charter, granting the manor of Dunheved for the clothing of the nuns, "ad vestimenta monialium," will be found in the Appendix of Instruments:^c together with King Stephen's Charter,^d ratifying a former Charter of K. Henry I.; in which the

vey, Leland, Itin. vol. ii. p. 56, says, "The personage of Bradford is 50l. by the yere, and was ympropriate to Shaftesbury." Nothing more is known of this monastery.

^a Compare Num. VIII.

^b "Carta Abbatissæ Sancti Edwardi.

Tempore regis H. invenit abbatia sancti Edwardi septem milites ad servitium domini regis. Hæc sunt nomina modo tenentium feodum illud. Comes Patricius tenet feodum i. militis. Ancelinus Manduit tenet aliud. Jordanus de Neche tertium. Thurstan de Haselden quartum. Robertus filius Petri et Rogerus de Thoka quintum. Rogerus de Novo Burgo vi. et septimum, sed contra ecclesiam. Et præterea idem Rogerus tenet Elmerham (quod reddidit ecclesiæ 40 solidos) et dicit, se inde debere servitium dimidii militis, quod Willielmus de Glastonia nunquam habuerit per conventum ecclesiæ, vel per aliquam abbatissam.

Et exceptis illis, sunt quidam, quibus post illud fefamentum, de dominio ecclesiæ et de dono abbatissarum datæ fuerunt terræ ad liberum servitium faciendum ecclesiæ, et tenuerunt anno et die quo rex Henricus vivus et mortuus fuit, et adhuc tenent, quorum hæc sunt nomina: Aluredus de sancto Edwardo duas hidas, ad servitium dimidii militis; Hugo de Chuselburne ii. hidas et dimidiam, ad servitium dimidii militis; Ricardus filius Waringer i. hidam ad sextam partem;

lands noticed within it were proved before the king by abbess Emma, to belong to the monastery.

King Henry the Second granted to the nuns another ratification of the Charter of Henry the First: he also gave them a grant of freedom from tolls.^e

King John, in the year 1205, granted another Charter of confirmation.^f

The contents of numerous other Charters will be found in the analysis of the Register of Shaftesbury, which will presently be given.

In fact, Shaftesbury was one of the best endowed nunneries in England. Fuller says the country people had a proverb, "that if the abbot of Glassenbury might marry the abbess of Shaftesbury, their heire would have more land than the king of England."^g

Hutchins says, the abbess was of such quality, that she was one of the four who held of the king by an entire barony, and had, by tenure, privilege of being summoned to parliament, though, upon account of her sex, it was omitted.^h She appears to have had writs regularly directed to her to send her quota of soldiers into the field, in proportion to her knights' fees.ⁱ The three other abbesses were those of Barking in Essex, St. Mary in Winchester, and Wilton.^k

She had sea wreck in her manor of Kingston juxta Corf;^l a market and two fairs at Kenetbury, in the county of Berks;^m free warren in la Berton, Chesilburn, Almere, and Caundele, in Dorsetshire; in Dunheved, Tissebury, and Bradford, in Wilts; at Calneston and Combe-Porter, in Somerset; and at Folgam, in Sussex.ⁿ Hutchins says, also for the manor of Scure:^o ten marks rent from the manor of Brodeton, in Wilts:^p and the appropriations of the churches of Falgham^q and Tissebury.^r

In the 42d of Edward III. a patent was granted for embatteling the monastery, "de Abbatia kernellanda."^s

Bishop Tanner says, although all the religious of this abbey were females, and lived in common, yet the abbess had in her gift several prebends, or portions of appropriated tithes or lands for secular priests; as the prebends of Ywern, Gillingham, Ladington, and Fontmell:^t the two first and the last in Dorsetshire, the third in Wilts.

That the Capellani, for so they are called, were very early a part of the establishment of Shaftesbury may be gathered from "Rad. capellano de sancto Edwardo" occurring as a witness to Ernald de Hesding's Charter.^u Abbess Mary, the second of her name, begins several of her Charters in this form, "Noverit universitas vestra nos consensu communi nostri et capellanorum nostrorum concessisse, &c."^x

Hutchins informs us that the visitor of this abbey was the bishop of Salisbury; who, after the abbess's election, on her profession of canonical obedience to him, confirmed and gave her the benediction, and issued a mandate to the archdeacon of Dorset, to induct and install her. He appointed her confessors, and exercised other acts of episcopal jurisdiction in this abbey, either by himself or his commissary. The title of a deed in the Kalend. Muniment. it is added, "Supplicatio conventus tempore vacationis, et post lapsum semestrem,

Wido i. hidam ad sextam partem; Johannes i. hidam ad sextam partem; Nicolaus de Tarente i. hidam ad sextam partem; Gerardus Giffard i. hidam ad sextam partem; Turstanus de Haseldene i. hidam ad quintam partem; Rogerus de Stafford i. hidam ad quintam partem; Robertus de Etewithe i. hidam et dimidiam ad quartam partem militis; Helyas de Hanlege i. hidam ad quintam partem; Bartholomæus de Falcamah i. hidam ad quintam partem militis." Hearn. Lib. Nig. p. 78.

^c Num. IX.

^d Num. X.

^e Num. XI.

^f Num. XIV.

^g Church Hist. B. vi. p. 296.

^h Hist. Dors. edit. Gough. vol. ii. p. 413.

ⁱ Registr. Shaftsb. Harl. MS. 61, foll. 32, 32 b, 33.

^k Hutchins, ut supr.

^l Pat. 21 Hen. VI. p. 1, m. 11.

^m Cart. 52 Hen. III. m. 12.

ⁿ Cart. 22 Edw. I.

^o Pat. 32 Edw. I. Hutch. Dors. ut supr. p. 414.

^p Pat. 17 Edw. III. p. 2.

^q Pat. 18 Edw. III. p. 2, m. 18.

^r Pat. 3 Ric. II. p. 3, m. 15.

^s Pat. 42 Edw. III. p. 1, m. 22.

^t Notit. Mon. Dors. xxiii. note r.

^u Num. XV.

^x Harl. MS. 61, foll. 89 b, 90, 91 b, 92, 93.

directa episcopo, ut ipse provideret, jure sibi devoluto, de abbatisa," seems to imply, that the bishop of Sarum appointed the abbess, after a vacancy of six months.^a

On a vacancy of the abbey, or when there was a probability of one, it was usual for the king to grant the custody of the monastery to the prioress and nuns: ^b as in the 38th Edw. III. upon the death of abbess Joan Formage.^c It was likewise a part of the royal prerogative to recommend a nun to the convent upon the king's coronation. This appears to have been done in the 1st Ric. II. and again in the 1st Hen. V. A royal mandate to the abbess to admit Joan Ashcomb a nun, was also issued in 1428.^d The Harleian manuscript 433, fol. 22 b, preserves a Letter of recommendation from King Richard III. for Elizabeth Bryther to be the king's "mynchyne" at Shaftesbury.

On the 20th of May, 1497, Mr. Hutchins informs us, the bishop of Salisbury certifies, that the bishop of that see had an ancient right, at his entrance on the bishoprick, to place a "domicella," or poor woman, in this monastery; and to appoint one of the nuns to be her mistress, or "tutrix," to instruct her in religion. He appoints Elenor Eliot, "domicella," and Agnes Ashe, one of the nuns, to be her mistress.^e

The sum of twelve pounds paid by the abbess and convent "pro custodia villæ," for the guard of the town of Shaftesbury, was applied, A. D. 1450, 28th Hen. VI. to the expenses of the king's household.^f This customary payment was afterwards granted for life, in the 49th of Hen. VI. to George duke of Clarence.^g

ABBESSES OF SHAFTESBURY.

AGELYUE, ELGIVA, or ÆTHELGEOFU, the daughter of King Alfred, A. D. 888.^h

ALFTHRITH occurs in King Edred's Charter, A. D. 948.ⁱ

HERLEUA *Scaftonensis abbatissa* occurs among the witnesses to the ecclesiastical Censure against the invaders of the abbey of Croyland's rights, in the time of Edgar, A. D. 966; given in Ingulphus's History.^k

LEUEUA *abbatissa* occurs in the time of King Edward the Confessor, A. D. 1066.^l

ALFRIDA is noticed by Hutchins, with the date of 1101: or, as Brompton, he adds, 1089.^m

EULARIA occurs in a Charter dated in the second year of King William Rufus, A. D. 1089.ⁿ She is mentioned in a Charter of King Stephen under the name of *Eulalia*.^o After Eulalia, Hutchins places

EUSTACHIA, *tempore incerto*.^p

^a Hutch. ut supr. p. 415.

^b Ibid.

^c Harl. MS. 61, fol. 116. See also Fin. 18 Edw. I. m. 20, printed in Prynne's Papal Usurpations, vol. iii. p. 432. There is a petition on this subject from the abbess and convent to the king, in the 5th Ric. II., A. D. 1382, in French, printed among the Rolls of Parliament. See Num. XXI. at the end of which is the royal assent to its contents. See also the Charter either of King Henry the Fourth, or King Henry the Fifth, to abbess Fovent, Num. XXII.

^d See the Registers of the see of Salisbury, as quoted by Hutchins, ut supr.

^e Ibid. from Reg. Blithe, fol. 40. In 1326, the bishop certified that there was an excessive multitude of nuns in this monastery; and in 1328, he made an "Ordinatio numeri," the revenues not being sufficient to maintain such a multitude; and declared a hundred and twenty nuns capable of being maintained here, and that no more could be admitted. Ibid. from Reg. Mortival, vol. ii. foll. 230, 231. The number was much reduced about a hundred years after.

^f Hutchins, ut supr. p. 416, from Rot. Parl. tom. v. p. 174.

^g It has been already noticed in the account of the abbey's possessions from the Domesday Survey, that a moiety only of the manor of Shaftesbury was held by the abbess: the other moiety down to the Dissolution, belonging to the king, or his grantees or lessees. The two, however, appear to have been considered as distinct manors. Hutchins says, the abbess held a court every three weeks, on Wednesdays, styled "Curia D. Abbatissæ," as appears by several court-rolls in the reigns of Edward II. Henry VI. and Edw. IV. and it is said in the Computus of Mr. Stone and Mr. Wykes, the abbess's bailiffs, to be held "infra portam abbatissæ." The perquisites of this belonged wholly to the abbess. She also held another court, styled "Curia legalis Feodorum Baroniarum," at which the bailiffs of the manor of Tissebury, Hanleigh, Kingston, &c. attended, and the men of Fontmel, Compton, West Orchard, &c. are said to be in the jurisdiction of this court, which seems to have been held every three weeks for pleas of debt, &c. as appears by

CECILIA, third daughter of Robert Fitz-Hamon, was made abbess by King Henry I. A. D. 1107.^q

EMMA, noticed by Hutchins as occurring in the Harleian Register,^r appears not to have been abbess of Shaftesbury. Willis, however, says, that an Abbess of the name presided from 1130 to 1135. In this latter year Hutchins notices an abbess of the name of *Cecilia*, but adds a quere, whether she was not the same as the former Cecilia.^s

MARIA occurs in the time of King Richard I. in a Charter from John earl of Morent.^t

AMICIA occurs in a Charter of the 17th of Hen. III. when that monarch demanded from her the service of three knights.^u

MARY, the second of the name, occurs, according to Hutchins, about 1247; ^x none of the Charters, however, granted by the convent in her name, contained in the Harleian Register, have dates.^y

AGNES FERRAR, DE FERAR, or DE LA FERRER, occurs abbess in 1252:^z and again in 1267.^a In 1257, she was summoned to Chester, to attend in the expedition against Lewellin ap Griffith prince of Wales.^b

JULIANA BAUCEYN, DE BAUSIN, or BAUCHIN, succeeded Agnes Ferrar. She occurs in the latter end of the year 1267.^c She also was summoned in 1277 to attend an expedition against Lewellin.^d

LAURENTIA became abbess in 1268.^e She occurs again in the 18th Edw. I., A. D. 1289.^f

MABILIA GYFFARD was the next abbess. The 22d of Edw. I. is said to be the third year of her promotion.^g She occurs again in 1301. In 1302, the bishop of Salisbury orders Richard de Slykeborn a minorite, and Richard le Brun, to be her confessors. The same year her brother Godfrey Gyffard, or Gifford, bishop of Worcester, left her a legacy at his death.^h

ALICE DE LAVYNTON made her profession of canonical obedience to the bishop, and was confirmed by him on Monday after the feast of All Saints, 1302.

MARGERY, or MARGARET AUCHIER, was elected Nov. 28, 1314; and confirmed by the bishop 6 id. Feb. 1315. She occurs in 1318, and again in 1327; in which last year, on the 16th of the kalends of February, the temporalities of the abbey were in the king's hands.ⁱ

DIONYSIA LA BLUNDE, or BLOUNT, was confirmed and received the benediction on the ides of July, 1329. She occurs in the 14th of Edw. III., A. D. 1340.^k

JOHANNA, or JOAN, occurs A. D. 1350.^l

MARGARET DE LEUCENORE succeeded in the same year. "Julij 12, 1350, habuit licentiam accipiendi munus benedictionis extra ecclesiam Sarum."^m She occurs in the 33d year of Edw. III., A. D. 1359.ⁿ

several court-rolls in the reign of Henry VI. The perquisites of this belonged also wholly to the abbess. Hutch. Hist. Dors. vol. ii. p. 401. Compare the Deed "In magno rotulo de anno vj^{to}. Hen. IV. Append. Num. XXIII.

^h See App. Num. I. ⁱ Num. V.

^k Gale, Rer. Anglicar. Script. tom. i. p. 45.

^l Exon Domesd. p. 176.

^m Hutch. Hist. Dors. edit. Gough, vol. ii. p. 412.

ⁿ Reg. Shaftsb. Harl. MS. 61, fol. 23.

^o Ibid. fol. 24.

^p Hutch. ut supr.

^q Ibid. See also the Appendix to Tewkesbury abbey, in the present volume, Num. I. p. 60.

^r See the Harleian MS. 61, foll. 23, 24, 25: in the two last of which she is called "Emma abbatissa de Sacono."

^s Hutchins, ut supr.

^t App. Num. XII. In the Confirmation Charter to this monastery granted by King John in the first year of his reign, she is called "Maria abbatissa karissima, amica mea." Harl. MS. 61, fol. 27. She occurs in other Charters in the same manuscript, foll. 28, 28 b, 94 b.

^u Ibid. foll. 29, 29 b. She occurs again, fol. 120.

^x Hist. Dors. ut supr.

^y Harl. MS. 61, foll. 36 b, 89 b, 90, 90 b, 91 b, 92, 92 b, 106, 117 b.

^z Ibid. fol. 116 b.

^a Ibid. fol. 93 b.

^b Ibid. fol. 32.

^c Ibid. fol. 31 b, 32 b.

^d Ibid. fol. 33.

^e The 13th of Edw. I. is called the 6th year of abbess Laurentia. Ibid. fol. 95.

^f Prynne's Papal Usurpations, vol. iii. p. 432.

^g Hutchins, p. 412.

^h Ibid.

ⁱ Ibid.

^k Harl. MS. 61, fol. 110 b.

^l Hutchins, from Reg. Sarum. Wyvil, fol. 230.

^m Hutch. p. 412.

ⁿ Harl. MS. 61, fol. 116.

JOAN FORMAGE was confirmed and received the benediction on the last of July, 1362. On May 12th, 1368, the bishop of Sarum granted her a dispensation to go out of the monastery to one of her manors, to take the air and divert herself. Hutchins says her Will was dated 4th May, 1393, in the 32d year of her promotion; but annulled 25th Oct. 1393, as being prejudicial to the abbey.^a In the Kalend. Muniment. she is to have an obit for forty years in the cathedral of Sarum. A commission to elect an abbess in her room was issued Oct. 24th, 1394; but the abbey was vacant in 1395.^b

EGELINA occurs in 1397. She is said to have had a confirmation from the apostolic see. In April, 1398, the abbey was vacant.^c

CECILIA FOVENT occurs 7th June, 1398;^d and again, in the 3d Hen. IV., A.D. 1402.^e Willis notices her as abbess in 1415.^f

MARGARET STOURTON was confirmed and received the benediction 9th Dec. 1423. She died Oct. 30th, 1441.^g

EDITH BONHAM was elected abbess Nov. 15th, and confirmed Dec. 5th, 1441. She is said, in the Kalend. Munimentorum, to have had a dispensation from the Pope "super defectum natalium." She died A.D. 1460; and had a chantry and obit in the abbey church.^h

MARGARET ST. JOHN, third daughter of Sir Oliver St. John of Tregoze, was elected March 9th, 1460, and confirmed April 1461. She occurs as abbess in a Court Roll of 20th Edw. IV. 1480.ⁱ

ALICE GIBBS had the temporalities of the abbey restored to her Sept. 16th, 1491.^k She died Dec. 18th, 1496.^l

MARGERIE TWYNEO, or TWYNIHO, was elected Feb. 11th, and received the benediction Feb. 14th, 1496. She died 1504.^m

ELIZABETH SHELFORD was elected June 21st, and received the temporalities of the monastery July 11th, 1504.ⁿ Willis says she occurs in 1524.

ELIZABETH ZOUCHE, or SOUCHE, received the temporalities Feb. 22d, 1529.^o

Hutchins, in his History of Dorsetshire, has given a copy of the Instrument by which she surrendered her convent to the king, March 23d, 30 Hen. VIII., from the original preserved in the Augmentation Office.^p In this Instrument the house is styled the monastery of St. Mary the Virgin and St. Edward king and martyr Shaston. Pensions had been assigned, the day before, to the abbess and fifty-five nuns by the king's commissioners.^q

In the 1st Edw. VI. the king granted to Thomas Wriothesley, earl of Southampton, and his heirs, the manor of Shaftesbury (probably both moieties), the town, borough, site, and precincts of the late monastery of Shaftesbury, and all messuages, lands, &c. belonging to the same, in the parishes of St. Peter, St. Laurence, St. James, St. Martin, and the Holy Trinity; and the advowsons and rights of patronage of the rectories and churches of St. Peter, St. Laurence, St. Martin, and the Holy Trinity.^r

Not the smallest vestige of the CONVENTUAL CHURCH of SHAFTESBURY is now remaining.^s It is supposed to have been destroyed immediately upon the Dissolution. Of the ABBEY-HOUSE, two or three large arches, walled up, are almost the only indications. Hutchins has printed an Instrument with the date of 1565, relating to the site and precincts of the monastery, but no mention occurs in it either of the abbess's lodgings or the nuns' apartments.^t

Bishop Tanner, in his Notitia Monastica, notices a CHARTULARY of this abbey as formerly in the possession of John Law, Esq., of Shaftesbury; but Hutchins assures us that, when he compiled his History, this manuscript, upon the strictest enquiry, was not to be found.

The only Register of Shaftesbury at present known to be extant is that which has been so often quoted in the present Account; formerly in the possession of Sir Simonds D'Ewes, but at present preserved among the Harleian manuscripts in the British Museum. It is, for the most part, uniformly written, upon a hundred and twenty-four leaves of vellum, apparently about the time of King Henry the Fifth.^u

The SEAL of this monastery was engraved for the

^a See Reg. Sar. Waltham, foll. 25, 26.

^b Hutchins, ut supr. p. 415.

^c Ibid.

^d Reg. Sarum, Medford, fol. 105.

^e Harl. MS. 61, fol. 122.

^f Tann. Notit. Mon. Principals of Relig. Houses.

^g Hutchins, ut supr. p. 415, from the Register of Salisbury.

^h Ibid.

ⁱ Ibid.

^k MS. Lansd. Brit. Mus.

^l Hutchins, ut supr.

^m Ibid.

ⁿ MS. Lansd. Willis, Mit. Ab. vol. ii. p. 70, calls her Elizabeth Thelford.

^o MS. Lansd.

^p Hutchins, vol. ii. p. 417. Among the Records in the Augmentation Office is also an Exemplification of a Decree made by the Court of Augmentations on the 20th Oct., 31 Hen. VIII., to this effect: Sir Thomas Arundell, Knight, produced in the said court an Indenture under the conventual seal of the monastery of Shafton, bearing date the 5th day of February, 29 Hen. VIII., whereby Elizabeth Zowche, thabbess, and the convent of the said monastery demised to the said Sir Thomas Arundell, Knight, the whole scite of the manor of Tysebury, in the county of Wilts, and divers other premises in various places, at the yearly rent of 54*l.* 19*s.*, for the term of sixty years. Whereupon the Decree proceeds to state that, after due examination in this behalf made, it seemed to the court that the said Indenture was made in good faith, and without coven, fraud, or deceit; and therefore it establishes and allows the same, with a proviso that if it should afterwards be found that the said Sir Thomas Arundell ought not to have and enjoy the premises, the aforesaid decree is then to be of no force and effect.

^q See Num. XXIV. Of these a considerable number were still payable in 1553, as will be seen by the following extract from the Pension Roll so often quoted:

"SHASTON nuper MON. Annuit. Ed'rus Zouche per annum c*⁵*. Johannis Zouche per annum lxxj*⁵*. viij*⁵*. Johannis Arundell per annum liij*⁵*. iiij*⁵*. Edmund Bower per annum xl*⁵*. Thomæ Hayward per annum c*⁵*. Jacobi Dyer per annum xx*⁵*. Georgii Brokeway per annum lxxj*⁵*. viij*⁵*. Nicholai Tydder per annum iiij*⁵*. Georgii Delaluide per annum xx*⁵*. Oliveri Laurence militis per annum xxx*⁵*. Ricardi Coganne per annum xxvj*⁵*. viij*⁵*. Penc. Elizabet. Zouche nuper abbatissæ ibidem per annum cxxxiiij*⁵*. vj*⁵*. viij*⁵*. Margaretæ Hym'ford per annum vj*⁵*. xij*⁵*. iiij*⁵*. Johanne Ames per annum vj*⁵*. xij*⁵*. iiij*⁵*. Eliz. Goodewyne per annum vj*⁵*. Ursulæ Pame per annum vj*⁵*. Johanne Faryngdon per annum vj*⁵*. Aliciæ Champnes per annum vj*⁵*. Johanne Kellie per annum vj*⁵*. Agnes Ball per annum vj*⁵*. Katherinæ Gyles per annum cvj*⁵*. viij*⁵*. Elizabethæ Cary per annum cvj*⁵*. viij*⁵*. Johanne Benburie

per annum cvj*⁵*. viij*⁵*. Margaretæ Mahoo per annum cvj*⁵*. viij*⁵*. Mariæ Cressett per annum cvj*⁵*. viij*⁵*. Johannæ Fowsey per annum cvj*⁵*. viij*⁵*. Annæ Awdeley per annum cvj*⁵*. viij*⁵*. Annæ Philpote per annum c*⁵*. Mariæ Buttehead per annum c*⁵*. Eliz. Assheley per annum c*⁵*. Christianæ Weston per annum iiij*⁵*. xij*⁵*. iiij*⁵*. Edithæ Mawdeleyn per annum iiij*⁵*. xij*⁵*. iiij*⁵*. Eliz. Horsey per annum iiij*⁵*. xij*⁵*. iiij*⁵*. Aliciæ Gerard per annum iiij*⁵*. xij*⁵*. iiij*⁵*. Ursulæ Johnson per annum iiij*⁵*. xij*⁵*. iiij*⁵*. Aliciæ Rogers per annum iiij*⁵*. xij*⁵*. iiij*⁵*. Eliz. Larder per annum iiij*⁵*. xij*⁵*. iiij*⁵*. Eliz. Denhame per annum iiij*⁵*. xij*⁵*. iiij*⁵*. Do-rotheæ Clausey per annum iiij*⁵*. xij*⁵*. iiij*⁵*. Margaretæ Newton per annum iiij*⁵*. xij*⁵*. iiij*⁵*. Annæ Bodenham per annum iiij*⁵*. vj*⁵*. viij*⁵*. Thomasinæ Hussey per annum iiij*⁵*. Aliciæ Bonde per annum iiij*⁵*. Eliz. Wroughton per annum iiij*⁵*. Margaretæ Keylway per annum iiij*⁵*. Johannæ Weste per annum iiij*⁵*. Margaretæ Lovell per annum iiij*⁵*. Johannæ Langford per annum vj*⁵*. Katherinæ Hayward per annum iiij*⁵*. Margaretæ Frye per annum lxxj*⁵*. viij*⁵*. Elizabethæ Babington per annum lxxj*⁵*. viij*⁵*."

^r Hutchins, ut supr. p. 401.

^s It appears to have been furnished with numerous chantries.

^t Ibid. p. 420.

^u The following are the titles of the Charters contained in this manuscript. Those marked with an * will be found printed in the Appendix of Instruments.

* 1. Carta Ætheldredi Regis de Bradefordia. A.D. m1. fol. 1.
* 2. Carta Ætheldredi Regis de loco qui nuncupatur Tisseburi. A.D. dccccxxxiiij. fol. 2 b.
* 3. Carta Ædredi Regis de Purbicinga, A.D. dccccxlvij. fol. 4.
* 4. Carta Ædmundi Regis de terra apud Stokes, A.D. dccccxli. fol. 4 b.
5. Carta Edrici Regis de iij. terræ mansis ad Portun. A.D. dcccclvij. fol. 6.
6. Carta Ædredi Regis de ruris particula in loco qui Henges-reg dicitur, A.D. dcccclvj. fol. 6 b.
7. Carta Admundi Regis cuidam religiosæ fœminæ, nomine Wenfredæ de vij. mansis, A.D. dccccxliij. fol. 7.
8. Largitionis Cartula Regis Knut de xvj. cassatis in Cheleburna, suo ministro Agemund concessa, A.D. mxix. fol. 8.
9. Carta Admundi Regis de x. mansis terræ in Lidentune, suo homini Adulfo, A.D. dccccxl. fol. 9 b.
10. Cartaejusdem regis de xi. mansis apud Mapeldertune, Adrico suo comiti, A.D. dccccxliij. fol. 10.
11. Carta alia ejusdem Regis de v. mansis agelluli apud Ham-tune, A.D. dccccxliij. fol. 10 b.
12. Donatio Athelstani Regis familiæ monialium in monasterio quæ Shaftesbirg vocatur juxta Funtemel. A.D. dccccxxij. fol. 11.

Society of Antiquaries by Mr. George Vertue, from an impression appendant to the Surrender in the Aug-

mentation Office. On one side, within a large quatre-foyle which fills the area of the seal, the figures of our

13. Carta Ædredi Regis Adgiva matri suæ, de xxx. mansionibus juxta Felcham, A.D. dccccliij. fol. 12.

14. Carta Ædredi Regis ministri suo nomine Wihtsige de xvi. mansis apud Corf et Blakenhamwelle, A.D. dcccclvj. fol. 12 b.

15. Carta Ædgari Regis suo ministro nomine Sigestan de v. cassatis ad Teofontem, A.D. dcccclxiij. fol. 13.

16. Carta Ædgari Regis de x. cassatis ad Uppidelen, A.D. dcccclxvj. fol. 13 b.

17. Carta Ædgari Regis de quadam telluris particula ad Archet, A.D. dcccclxiij. fol. 14.

18. Carta Ædgari Regis de terra ad Alderescumbe, A.D. dcccclxviij. fol. 14 b.

19. Carta Atbelstani Regis de bis sex manentibus in loco qui vulgari dictione ad Terentum nuncupatur, A.D. dcccclxxxv. fol. 15.

20. Carta Athelstani Regis de v. mansis terræ ad Archet adjacentibus, A.D. dcccclxxxix. fol. 15 b.

21. Carta Ædwigi Regis de terra apud Shaftesbury, A.D. dcccclviij. fol. 16.

22. Carta ejusdem Regis de Corf et le Blakenwelle, A.D. dcccclvj. fol. 16 b.

23. Donatio Athelberti Regis ministro suo Osberno de tribus cassatis in loco qui dicitur Duningheland, A.D. dcccclx. fol. 17 b.

24. Carta Ageberti Regis Saxonum de decem mansis terræ dividendæ inter tres sorores loco ubi dicitur Wenuland, A.D. dcccclxiij. fol. 17 b.

25. Concessio Regis Athelbaldi ministro suo Osmundo, de xiiij. cassatis terræ juxta Tefuntam, A.D. dcccclx. fol. 18.

26. Carta Ætheldredi Regis fidelissimo principi Alfstano, de duobus cassatis in Chiselburne, A.D. dcccclx. fol. 18 b.

27. Carta Coinredi Regis venerabili viro Bectino abbati de terra xxx. manentium A.D. dcccclx. fol. 19 b.

28. Carta Ætheldredi Regis de v. hidis terræ ad Chiselburnam, *Saxonice*, fol. 20.

29. Carta Ædwigi Regis de lxxx. mansis, fol. 20 b.

* 30. Testamentum Regis Aluredi, *Sax. Lat.* fol. 21 b.

* 31. Thare Knystenenes londes of Shaftesbury, fol. 22.

32. Carta Willielmi Regis Anglorum, fol. 23.

33. Carta Regis Henrici primi, fol. 23.

* 34. Carta Stephani Regis Anglorum, A.D. 1135, fol. 24.

* 35. Carta Henrici Regis de Dunhed et Hundredo ibidem Abbatissæ Shafton, fol. 24 b.

36. Reedificatio Henrici Regis secundi super Cartam Henrici Regis primi, fol. 24 b.

* 37. Carta Regis Henrici quod Abbatissa Sancti Edwardi sit quieta de Theolonio ubique, fol. 25 b.

38. Protectio Henrici Regis de Manerio de Falkeham, fol. 25 b.

39. Carta Ricardi Regis primi de Manerio de Bradeford, fol. 25 b.

* 40. Carta Johannis Comitis de Morent. de duobus summariis bosci in foresta de Gillingham ad usus Monialium Ecclesiæ Shafton, fol. 26.

41. Reedificatio Johannis Regis super quadam Carta Henrici Regis proavi sui. Anno regni i^o.

42. Finalis Concordia; scilicet quod Johannes de Toriton habeat advocationem Ecclesiæ de Torinton, pro quo concessit Abbatissa de Sancto Edwardo xliij. solidatas terræ in Manerio de Milnertun. sc. Cobbeheiam et Smitheneheiam, fol. 27.

43. Finalis Concordia quod Abbas Rameshamiæ habeat Ecclesiæ beatæ Mariæ de Bristollo ideoque solvat Abbatissæ Shafton dimidiam marcam nomine pensionis, fol. 27 b.

44. Scriptum quod Rogerus de Novo Burgo solvat Abbatissæ Shafton. sexaginta solid. de villa de Almere reservata eadem Abbatissæ donatione ejusdem Ecclesiæ, fol. 28.

45. Carta Mariæ Abbatissæ de quadam terra de Todredehelle Godefrido carpentario pro octo solidis annui redditus, fol. 28.

46. Carta Mariæ de quadam stallagio et duabus acris terræ in Bradefordia Basilio filio Bernardi pro duobus solidis annui redditus, fol. 28 b.

* 47. Confirmatio Ernaldi de Hesding pro advocatione Ecclesiæ de Kivelea Abbatissæ Shafton, fol. 28 b.

48. Finalis Concordia quod Abbatissa Shafton habeat advocationem capellæ Sancti Jacobi de Cliphull ideo quod capellanus ejusdem capellæ solvat Abbati et Conventui de Alencestr. ij^s. fol. 29.

49. Carta Henrici Regis quod Abbatissa Shafton respondet ei de servicio feodorum trium militum, fol. 29.

50. Quieta Clamancia Henrici de Novo Burgo de Manerio de Gissiz Sancti Andreæ Abbatissæ Sancti Edwardi Shafton, fol. 30 b.

51. Carta alia Henrici de Burgo, fol. 31.

52. Cartæ de servitio debito in expeditionibus, foll. 31 b, 32, 33, 34, 35.

53. Nomina tenentium Abbatissæ, fol. 37.

_____ in Tissebury, foll. 38 b, 52 b, 69 b.

_____ Holte, fol. 41.

_____ Tortelega, fol. 41 b.

_____ Acelega, fol. 42 b.

_____ Hasche, fol. 43.

_____ Segille, fol. 43 b.

_____ Berewica, fol. 43 b.

_____ Cheselburne, foll. 44 b, 53 b, 59.

_____ Ywern, foll. 45 b, 53, 66 b, 69.

_____ Melberia, fol. 47 b.

_____ Cumpton, fol. 49.

_____ Funteine, fol. 50.

_____ Archet, foll. 51 b, 63 b.

Nomina tenentium in Stokes, fol. 32.

_____ Dunheved, fol. 52 b.

_____ Hanleghe, fol. 53.

_____ Hampton, fol. 58.

_____ Funtemel, foll. 53, 63.

_____ Cumpton, fol. 53.

_____ Melberia, fol. 53.

_____ Tarente, fol. 53.

_____ Breilestuna, fol. 53 b.

_____ Canna, fol. 53 b.

_____ Kyngeston, foll. 53 b, 61 b.

_____ Ledenton, fol. 53 b.

_____ Bradford, foll. 53 b, 75 b.

_____ Falcheham, fol. 54.

_____ Henlega, fol. 54 b.

_____ Tarenta, fol. 58.

_____ citra Ecclesiam, fol. 59 b.

_____ Arn in Purbik, fol. 60 b.

_____ Hentoun, fol. 65.

_____ Asshefold, fol. 71 b.

_____ Dunyngton, fol. 72 b.

_____ Culminton, fol. 72 b.

_____ Wineslega, fol. 78.

_____ Hettewrthe, fol. 79.

_____ Broccheshilla, fol. 79.

_____ Ludengton, fol. 80.

_____ Wrokesham, fol. 82.

_____ Wolleuelle, fol. 88.

_____ Atewrde, fol. 88.

* 54. Has scriptas terras dederunt homines cum filiabus eorum ad Ecclesiam Sancti Edwardi Shafton, fol. 54.

55. Carta facta Ricardo filio Aluredi de Wyke per quam Maria Abbatissa concessit eidem villam de Westhacche ad feodi firmam, fol. 89 b.

56. De una virgata terræ concessa Rogero Godman in Manerio de Iwerne vocat. Rakehulle sibi et hæredibus suis, fol. 90.

57. De dimidia hida terræ in Hanleghe concess. Waltero Baldewyne ad terminum vitæ, fol. 90.

58. De Carta et Officio Portariæ domus cum lib. concess. Dunstano portario, &c. fol. 90 b.

* 59. De Officio Coquinæ cum feodis concess. Ingerando Boterio et hæredibus suis, fol. 91 b.

60. De uno Messuagio et dimidia hida terræ concess. Deo et beatæ Mariæ Magdalenæ de Ferneleg et monach. ibidem viz. in Wroxhale, fol. 92.

61. Carta Confirmationis facta Willielmo Cosyn et hæredibus suis de duabus Stokes et Stura, fol. 92 b.

62. De Scripto Conventionis inter Agnetem Abbatissam et dominum Henricum de Fleg priorem de Fernleg de diversis, fol. 92 b.

63. Carta de Coquina Monialium, A. D. 1326, fol. 93.

64. De Scripto Conventionis inter Abbatissam de Shafton et Walterum Gold, de terra quæ vocatur Fernhull dimissam ad firmam, fol. 93 b.

65. Item qualiter Ecclesia Shafton tenet in Bradeford, fol. 94.

66. De Carta Henrici Regis facta super Inquisitione &c. Abbatissæ Shafton de exactione reparationis pontis Castri Sarum, 52 Hen. III. fol. 94 b.

67. De Placito pro Manerio de Bradeford, 9 Edw. I. fol. 94 b.

68. De Memorand. de Stoure Westoure, Stoure Estouere, Stokes in Blakemore, &c. ac de servicio Andreæ Wake pro eisdem, fol. 95.

69. De Placito pro secta ad Curiam Regis Civitatis suæ Bathon. 8. Edw. I. fol. 96.

70. De Memorand. de Dunhed et herieto et relevio Thomæ Vincent &c. fol. 96.

71. Item de servicio et relevio Benedicti Wyshedome, &c. fol. 96.

72. Item Benedictus tenet dimidiam carucatam terræ per uxorem suam unde uxor sua fecit homagium, fol. 96 b.

73. De servicio, heriet. et relevio Hugonis de Blynchesfeld in Mellebury et Compton, fol. 96 b.

74. De lite pacificata inter Mabiliam Abbatissam et Radulphum Wake de Manerio de Stoure Cosyn, Estouere, et Westoure, Stoke Cosyn, et Blynchenestoke, &c. fol. 96 b.

75. De Scripto et Quiet. Clamanc. fact. dominæ Abbatissæ per prædictum Radulphum Wake de Manerio de Stoure &c. fol. 97 b.

76. De c^o. annui Redditus in Manerio de Henton concess. Radulpho Wake ad terminum vitæ, &c. fol. 97 b.

77. De Quiet. Clamancia de Manerio de Culmyngton facta Abbatissæ per Sibillam Porter, &c. fol. 98.

78. De Carta Walteri Chepman de Gussich Sancti Andreæ de ten. concess. Willielmo de Lecford et Willielmo le Chamberlein, reversione inde ad Abbatissam spectante, viz. in Gussich Munketon, fol. 98 b.

79. De terris et tenementis concessis Waltero Chupman de Gussich per Abbatissam &c. fol. 99 b.

80. De c. marcis de fine pro vacatione, fol. 100.

81. De Litera missa Vicecomiti pro eadem, fol. 100.

82. De Computo facto domino Regi de illis c^m. marcis, fol. 100.

83. De Brevi directo Vicecomiti super eodem, fol. 100 b.

84. De Indentura de Conventionibus inter Ricardum de Clare comitem Gloverniæ et Agnetem Abbatissam Shafton super contentionibus et bosc. infra chaciæ de Cranebourne, fol. 100 b.

85. De Conventione et finali Concordia inter Julianam Baucyn Abbatissam et Ricardum Goniz, de diversis serviciis, &c. fol. 101 b.

Saviour and the Virgin Mary appear seated, with the dove over them, and a candle and candlestick on each side; below, in the lower semicircle of the quatrefoyle, the figure of some religious person is represented praying. The inscription round is, SIGILL . SCE . MARIE . ET . SCI . EDWARDI . REGIS . ET . MARTIRIS . SCHEFTONIE. The area of the other side is filled with the representation of a church of large dimensions, with a tower and spire in the centre: within the principal entrance stands a figure, on each side of which are the words s. EDW.

ARDVS. thus divided. The following is the legend round, SALCIE . STELLA . MARIS . TU . NOBIS . AVXILIARIS . GEMMA . PUELLARIS . REGIA . DONE . PARIS.

The ARMS of Shaftesbury nunnery, given in the initial letter of this Account, are those assigned to it by Bishop Tanner in his *Notitia Monastica*. Hutchins says this monastery bore the coat which was commonly given to King Alfred; viz. *Az.* a cross fleury between four martlets *Or.*^a

Cartae ad Sceptoniense Coenobium (vulgo Shaftesbury nuncupatum) in agro Dorsetensi spectantes.

NUM. I.

[Asserius de Rebus gestis Ælfredi, edit. Wise, p. 64.]

“ALIUD quoque monasterium juxta orientalem portam Sceftesburg habitationem sanctimonialium habita-

bile, idem præfatus rex [Ælfredus] ædificare imperavit; in quo propriam filiam suam Aethelgeofu, devotam Deo virginem, abbatissam constituit, cum qua etiam aliae multae nobiles moniales in monastica vita Deo servientes in eodem monasterio habitant.”—“Terra-

86. De una virgata et dimidia terræ cum custodia nemoris de Asshefold concess. Willielmo de Donygton pincernæ sibi et hæredibus suis, fol. 103.

87. De dimidia hida terræ in Felgham concessa Willielmo filio Petri, fol. 103 b.

88. Inquisitio capta per escaetorem virtute brevis de diem clausit extremum per quam compertum est quod Radulphus de la Hide tenuit de domina [Abbatissa] certas terras, &c. fol. 103 b.

89. In Itinere Forestæ de Clarindon Margareta Abbatissa Shafton fecit clam. de boscis suis &c. in Riggele et Merssh Wode coram Thoma Breouse et sociis suis Justic. &c. fol. 104.

90. De cursu Aquæ de Noddre ibidem calumpn. fol. 104 b.

91. De Brevi Regis directo Willielmo Trussel escaet. Regis de non intromittendo in Manerio de Tissebury et Dunhed, &c. fol. 105.

92. De firma redd. teoloni et placit. et perquis cur. in Shafton. concess. Abbatissæ per Regem ad firmam, &c. fol. 105 b.

93. De iij. sextariis frumenti vannati concess. Ecclesiæ beatæ Mariæ de Bruton imperpetuum, fol. 105 b.

94. De Litera Mandati Legati super quærimonia Prioris de Bruton de frumento prædicto, fol. 106.

95. Taxatio xv^m. in Hundredo de Duneworth, fol. 106 b.

96. De Taxatione xv^m. in Hundredo de Sexpenne, fol. 106 b.

97. Maneria tocius Baronie Shaftonie taxata per venerabiles patres Wynton. et Lincoln. episcopos qui ex officio remedium apposuerunt super immoderata exactione per sectam domini Stephani Prowet. memorand. anno gratiæ millesimo cc^o. nonagesimo secundo super exactione decimæ domino Regi concessæ in subsidium terræ sanctæ de Manerio tocius Baronie Shafton. tax. super exactione decimæ, fol. 106 b.

98. De finali Concordia facta in Curia domini Regis inter Thomam filium Willielmi le Clerk et Abbatissam Shafton de uno mesuagio et dimid. hid. fol. 107 b.

99. De finali Concordia facta inter Laurentiam Abbatissam Shafton et Henr. de Addon. de vj^s. annui redditus de quodam tenemento vocato Hundeslond. fol. 107 b.

100. De ten. concessio Matildæ West de Falgham ad terminum vitæ libere cum manumissione, fol. 108.

101. De Brevi Regis directo Bartolomeo Burgherssh ad inquirendum super supplicatione Regi exhibita de summag. boscæ forestæ de Gillingham, fol. 108.

102. Inquisitio capta apud Gillingham super præmissis, 14 Edw. III. fol. 108 b.

103. De Brevi patenti quod dominus Edwardus concessit dominæ Abbatissæ et conventui Shafton. quatuor summag. bosc. singulis diebus imperpetuum in Gillingham, fol. 109.

104. De Brevi Regis direct. Vicecomiti Somers. et Dors. ad distr. Abbatissam de subtractione servic. vij. feodorum militum, fol. 110.

105. De consimili Brevi sicut plur. directo eidem Vicecomiti ad distr. ut supra, fol. 110.

106. De eo quod Vicecomes prædictus non retornavit Breve prædictum ex causa, &c. fol. 110.

107. De Indentura Conventionis et certis proficuis capiend. inter dominam Dionisiam Abbatissam Shafton et Robertum Cole custodem boscorum de Riggele et Mersshwode fact. imperpetuum, fol. 110 b.

108. De Inquisitione capta coram Johanne Roches Vicec. Wiltes. de terris et ten. bonis et catallis Stephani Fraunceis utlagati, fol. 112.

109. De Placito inter dominum Regem et Abbatissam Shafton de præsentatione ad Ecclesiam de Brogton, fol. 112 b.

110. De Acquiet. indentata inter dominam Abbatissam et dominam de Caundell-Haddon de vj^s. solut. eidem dominæ Abbatissæ pro terra vocat. Hundeslond. fol. 116.

* 111. Carta vacationis post decessum dominæ Johannæ Formage Abbatissæ, fol. 116.

* 112. Carta Abbatis et Conventus de Becko, A. D. 1252, fol. 116 b.

113. Carta de tenemento de Asshefold, fol. 117.

114. De memorand. cont. in libro vocato Domesday, de Manerio de Bradeford, fol. 117 b.

* 115. De xl^s. annui redditus concessis et confirmat. monialibus et capellanis Shafton, fol. 117 b.

116. De xliij. solidat. terræ in Manerio de Melverton concessis Abbatissæ Shafton per Johannem de Toryton, fol. 118.

117. De Assisa inter dominam Abbatissam et Thomam filium Ricardi de la Bere de quodam fossato levat. in Thornton ad nocumentum liberi tenementi Abbatissæ de Henton, fol. 118 b.

118. De Brevi Regis directo Collectoribus auxilii ad primogenitum filium suum militem faciendum, fol. 119 b.

119. De libera Via per Manerium de Weston concess. Abbatissæ per Henricum filium Ricardi, fol. 120.

120. De taxatione Beneficiorum, fol. 120 b.

121. De relaxatione Corrodii Rogeri de Mellebury, fol. 121.

122. Litera Johannæ Kyngeston Abbatissæ de Tarente, fol. 121.

123. De obligatione Thomæ Manston et Hugonis Weston registrat. cum conditione ejusdem obligationis, &c. fol. 121 b.

* 124. Carta vacationis post decessum dominæ Cecilie Fouent Abbatissæ per ipsam adquisitam, fol. 122.

* 125. In magno Rotulo de anno vj^o. Henrici quarti in comitatu Somers. et Dors. fol. 122 b.

Dr. Hickes, who quotes the titles of the Saxon Charters in this manuscript, adds, at the end of this account, “In hoc codice Saxonica misere corrumpuntur.”

At fol. 120 b, in a hand not much later than the rest of the manuscript, is the following memorandum in old English. “Hit is to wytyng that me baketh and breweth by the wike in the Abbey of Shaftesbury atte leste weye xxxvj. quarters whete and malt. And other while me baketh and breweth xlj. quarters and ij. bz: (bushel) whete and malte.”

^a Hist. Dors. vol. ii. p. 414.

rum possessionibus, et omnibus divitiis locupletatim ditavit."

[Will. Malmesb. fol. 143 a.]

SCEPTONIA est vicus modò, quoddam urbs, locus in prærupto montium situs: vetustatis indicium dat lapis in capitulo sanctimonialium sculptus, ita à vetustissimi muri ruinis illuc translatus. Anno Dominicæ incarnation. dcccclxxx. Elfredus rex fecit hanc urbem regni sui viij. Ibi Elgiva uxor Edmundi, qui fuit pronepos hujus Alfredi monasterium sanctimonialium fecit, ibidemque carnis exuvias post fatum deposuit. Mulier bonis operibus semper intenta, pietate et dulcedine prædita, et ut reos quos tristis sententia judicum palam damnaverat ipsa occultè redimeret: preciosus amictus qui muneribus nonnullis est leno solvendi pudoris, illi erat supellex munificentiae, ut quamlibet caram vestem conspecto statim largiretur pauperi, speciem corporis, et artificium manuum in ea livor quoque laudaret, cum nihil reprehendere posset, &c.

Eo loci jacet, vel potius jacuit S. Edwardus hujus sanctæ ex filio Edgardo nepos, quem novercali fraude innocenter cæsum cælum excepit, et prima quidem sepultura illi apud Warham fuit, quod non longè a loco in quo occisus fuit, qui Corf vocatur, imminet mari, &c. Posteriori vero tempore, pars corporis Lesmonasterium, pars Abendoniam deportata est. Ubique ipse viget, maximèque Sceptoniæ, et virtutum gratia et sanctissimo virginum choro coruscat.

NUM. II.

Hoc est Testamentum Regis Aluredi quod propria Voluntate Ecclesiæ de Shaftesbury facere adquivit.

[Ex Registro de Shaftesbury olim, A.D. 1648, in Bibl. Deuvesiana, hodie, MS. Harl. 61, fol. 21 b.]

Ðiſ iſ þe quide þat Alured king i an in to Shaftesburi Gode to loue and seint Marie and alre godes halegen. mine saule to þearne on halre tungan þ̅ is an hund hide mid mete and mid mǣne al so it stant. and mine dochte Agelyue forð and þape erie in to þan menstre for þanne hie was on broken i hadod. and mine socne in to þan menstre þat ic selue. achte. þat is forsteal. and hamsoene and mundebreche. and þiſ sent þare landiname þe ic þideþ iunnen habbe. þat iſ at Dunheued and at Cumtune xl. hide. and at Hanlee. and Gissic xx. hide. and at Terente x. hide. and at Ywern. xv. hide. and Funtemel xv. hiden. And þis is to witnesse Adward mine sune. and Aþeþeð arceb. and Alcheferd bissop. and Adelheach b. and Wlfhere alderman. and Adwlf alderman. and Cudred alderman. and Tumbert abb. and Midred mine þegen. and Aþelwulf, et Osric, and Berthful, and Cyma. And loke hwa þeſer awande. habbe he Godes curs. et sainte Marien and alle godes haleges ac onecesse. Amen.

Id est,

Ego rex Aluredus, in honore Dei et sanctæ Mariæ Virginis et omnium sanctorum, dono et concedo vivens et in prosperitate adhuc vigens Sceptoniensis ecclesiæ centum hidas terræ cum hominibus et aliis pertinentiis quemadmodum modo se habebant, et Aylevam filiam meam cum eisdem, quæ cogente infirmitate in eadem ecclesia facta est sanctimonialis. Præter hæc jura quæ ad coronam meam pertinent, scilicet forsteal, et hamsockne, et munbrech. Et hæc sunt nomina terrarum quæ supradictæ ecclesiæ dedi et concessi, Dunehefda et Kuntune quadraginta hidas, in Henlee et Gersicg viginti hidas, in Tarente decem hidas, in Hywerna quindecim hidas, in Funtemel quindecim hidas. Hujus rei testes sunt, Edwardus filius meus, Athelredus archiepiscopus, Alfredus episcopus, et Adelheacus episcopus, et Wlfere, Raduulfus, Andredus ealdreman, Turebertus abbas, Mildredus, et Atelwlfus, et Osricus, et Berthwlfus et cima mei. Quicumque hæc averterit sit a Deo et sancta Maria Virgine et omnibus sanctis maledictus in æternum. Amen.

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NUM. III.

Thes beth thare Knystene londes that sillen into uerde uare myd the Kyng myd hire hors and myd hyre ygare for thare Cherche of Shaftesbury.

[Ibid. fol. 22.]

Ðat aþeſt lond hatte Chiklad and ýſ on ýhol knýſteſmetehom.

On oþer ýhol knýſteſmetehom ýſ at Donýntone, and at Nýpneð, and at Feſuhulle.

On ýhol knýſteſmetehom ýſ at Haſeldene and Eſtone.

On ýhol knýſteſmetehom ýſ at Yſeahche.

Tpo ýhole knýſteſmetehomeſ beſ at Lýſſýh þý þute one hýde of londe.

On helf knýſteſmetehom ýſ at Linleze.

On ýhol knýſteſmetehom ýſ at Bſudeſſeþeð.

Þat fýſteðel of one knýſteſmetehome ýſ at Dubeleſe þ̅ne þan home of Bſadeſoþeð.

Þat teþeðel of one knýſteſmetehome ýſ þe þan home of Týſſeburý þý þape Seſſþe hýlle.

Tpo hýde of londe beſ at Pſeſtone

On hýde of londe ýſ at Beðeſhurý .e.

On hýde of londe ýſ at lþeſne.

On hýde of londe ýſ at Haſeþſnave.

On hýde of londe ýſ at Pimþeſne.

And þ̅ne ſeþeðe of londe beſ at Kýnþeſtone.

On hýde of londe ýſ at Aſteþoþe þ̅ne þan home of Bſadeſoþeð, and ýſ þat fýſþe ðel of oneſ knýſteſmetehome.

Aſt Cheſelburþne beſ tpo hýde and on helf of londe.

Aſt Sýlþhamþtone ýſ on hýde and on ſeþeðe of londe. and hý uýnðiſ anne þop to þan paterþutte of Sþeſteſburý.

And at Henleze at one þonýnþe ýſ þat fýſteðel of oneſ knýſteſmetehome.

And at on oþer þonýnþe ýſ hýde landeſ in þan ýlke tone.

Aſt Ocleze ýſ on hýde of londe and ýſ þat fýſteðel of one knýſteſmetehome.

Aſt Aþſhulle ýſ on hýde of londe and on ſeþeðe. and anſþapeſ þop one knýſteſmetehome.

Aſt Faſþham at tpo þonýnþe ýſ on hýde and on helf of londe.

And alle þeſ knýſteſ þat þeſ londeſ þalþez ðoz maupþene an þallez of þam munechene of Sýſteþurý and of þan menſtýne.

NUM. IV.

Ædmundus Rex apud Stokes ii. Terræ Mansas adjacentes in perpetua Graphii Custodia Dono commisit.

[Ex Registro de Shaftesb. ut supr. fol. 4 b.]

IN nomine trinæ et unæ Deitatis. Omnipotens supernarum temporaliumque verus arbiter rerum, ante omnia tempora et ante omnia sidera duas originales de nichilo creaturas fieri disposuit, angelicam videlicet lucem, et informem materiam. Ex qua siquidem informi materia omnia quæ videntur, et quæ temporalia sunt, secundum temporis discretionem produciens, insuper formavit hominem. Qui spiritu vitæ inflatus, et ad imaginem et similitudinem Dei factus, divina dispensatione potestatem super alia cuncta elementa dominandi habuit. Quique Paradisi cum omnibus sede perenniter si vellet locatus, divinis imperiis humiliter obedire nolens, sed prona voluntate et serpentina suasionem inobedienter contra dominum superbire inallens, de superiori statu in inferiorem sortem cum omni sua progenie subsequente in labore et ærumpna procreatus est. Cumque naturæ sub lege per multa tempora innumerabili prole nationeque erat solutus, tandem misericors auctor, ne sua factura periret, misericordiam non iudicium pensans, legem literæ prophetasque, et mundo vespascente per unigenitum filium suum incarnatum legem gratiæ super homines. Et pro multiplici hominum multitudine, humanum genus per multas gentes linguasque dividens, se-

cundum ejusdem legis judicium, quamvis æquali origine tamen divina conscientia et humana solertia pro lege servanda, alios in superiori gradu constituit imperatores et reges, qui, Spiritu Sancto gubernante, subditorum causam modò disciplinaliter, modò misericorditer procurarent, et divinis legibus adhærentes, militum curam munera dando, humilumque inopiam consolatia præstando sustinerent; alios in inferiori humiles subditos, qui aliis gubernantibus obsequium subjectionis ministrarent. Igitur quoniam omnes qui prosunt propter dolorum largitionem et divitiarum imperitionem, ab hominibus amabilem laudem, et à Deo gloriosam remunerationem habent. Ideo ego Admundus, ex regali progenie, Deo annuente regenteque, super Angligenas aliasque multas gentes in circuitu habitantes, rex ordinatus, amabili vassallo meo Adrico, fidelique amico, duas terræ mansas in perpetuam dono hæreditatem: quatenas temporalium rerum mobili præsentia utens, fidelem obedientiam ac pacem laudabilem erga regni sceptrum nostri, et regale nostrum solium eternabiliter impetret et benigniter servet: et post præsentis vitæ excessum illis quibuscunque voluerit subsequentibus hoc donum commendet, ut in omnibus paternæ obedientiæ exemplis circa regiam dignitatem fideles inveniantur. Pro eo illam terram perhenniter ipse primus pater, cum suis quibus post se commendavit à progenie in progeniem, in illis terminis quibus periti coloni ipsius regionis nomen proprium antiquo proposito esse dicunt Stoke dispono, ut possideat et perpetua graphii custodia me largiente cum omnibus pertinentibus ipsius telluris officio, campis, pratis, pascuis, teneatur, his tribus exceptis ad regalem dignitatem necessariis, expeditione, pontis arcisve cooperatione. His namque terminis ex omni parte sita terra dinoscitur esse circumgirata.

Dyr rand þer lander i mare; at Stoke up anlang uinge burne oddat hrisc lað, an lang þere richtleðer on þane ealde treo stede, þanan an lang weies on Stanforde, þanen anlang streame on Botenwelle, and of Botenwelle on prestes Setel, þanen anlang þeges on Wiuelesford, þan up an lang Merdene onne Stokebroc, þan an lang Stocbroc on Hringheburne þar marest onfeng.

Quicumque istam terram præsignatam cum mea voluntate meaque benedictione benigniter et humanitus sub tali decreto talique graphio æternaliter custodierit, et regali more terminos ipsius in ampliore telluris protentu dilataverit, auctor donorum spiritus omnem præsentem conversationem illius omni hilaritate et rerum omnium prosperitate magnificet et jocundet; potens in terra sit semen ejus; ipsius generatio benedicatur; gloria et divitiæ in domo ejus, et justitia ipsius maneat in seculum seculi; et post hanc lucem temporalem æterno lumine cum omnibus sanctis in regno cœli perfruatur. Et è contrario quisquis, me nolente, meque prohibente, invidiæ stimulis agitatus, et ejus execrabili livore retortus, ejusdem terræ dimensionem diminuerit, et sub tali pacto non custodierit, præsens commiseratio ipsius in terris ab omni bonorum possibilitate diminuatur, et in die futuro calamitatis collocetur à sinistris cum Tartarorum dæmoniis, ubi erit fletus et stridor dentium, poena æterna sine præstolatione consolationis, nisi digna pœnitentia et reconciliatione pura per satisfactionem in hujus lucis spatio hoc emendaverit et ampliùs peccare desinerit.

Anno ab incarnatione Domini nostri Jhesu Christi dccccxlj. indictione xiiij. librata est in hoc graphio ista terra. Hæc sunt nomina illorum testium graphium hoc attestantium cum nomine regis.

Ego Admundus, Anglicarum aliarumque nationum rex, hanc telluris donationem sub sigillo Dominicæ crucis tradidi ✠. Ego Adred, ejusdem regis frater, consignavi ✠. Ego Odo Dorobernensis ecclesiæ archiepiscopus, regis traditionem tropheo crucis assignato benedixi ✠. Ego Theodred, Londoniensis episcopus consecravi ✠. Ego Alphech, Wintoniensis episcopus adjuvavi ✠. Ego Cenwold episcopus prædestinavi ✠. Ego Eluric episcopus munivi ✠. Ego Wlfhelm epis-

copus hoc sigillum impressi ✠. Ego Burgric episcopus in hæc adhesi ✠. Ego Alfgar episcopus hæc certando me esse decrevi^a ✠. Ego Wulfgar dux ✠. Ego Athelwold dux ✠. Ego Athelstan dux ✠. Ego Elhhelm dux ✠. Ego Athelmund dux ✠. Ego Uhtred dux ✠. Ego Oda minister ✠. Ego Aluric minister ✠. Ego Admund minister ✠. Ego Wullaf minister ✠. Ego Withgar minister ✠. Ego Alfred minister ✠. Ego Wuluric minister ✠. Ego Wulgar minister ✠. Ego Alfsige minister ✠. Ego Ordeah minister ✠. Ego Atheric minister ✠. Ego Alfsige minister ✠. Ego Athered minister ✠. Ego Wulfhelm minister.

NUM. V.

Ædredus Rex, hujus Scripti testimonio, ix. Mansas Agelluli in Loco qui à ruricolis Purbicinga nuncupatur, ut in præsentem continetur Scripto, Dono suo commisit.

[Ibid. fol. 4 a.]

In nomine Dei summi et altissimi Jesu Christi. Beatorum universorum voce monemur præclarâ, [ut] procuremus incessanter, sine amaritudine mentis, hujus seculi ambitione, integra libertate, apertis januis intrare ad eum qui suo cruore scelera nostra detergit injusta. Idcirco ego Adredus rex Anglorum, cæterarumque gentium in circuitu persistentium gubernator et rector, secundo anno imperii mei literatoriis apicibus roboravi, quod cum consensu heroicorum virorum tradidi cuidam religiosæ feminae vocitatæ nomine Alfthrith. Et pro amabili petitione patris sui viij. mansas agelluli; necnon pro placabili pecunia quam mihi in suæ devotionis obsequio detulit, hoc est, lx. mancusas purissimi auri, in illo loco ubi turbarum collatione jamdudum nomen illatum hoc adesse profertur pars telluris Purbicinga, ut terram jam præfatam in eo scilicet ovante consensu tramitibus suæ possideat vitæ; deinceps namque sibi succedenti cuicumque voluerit hæredi derelinquat in æternam hæreditatem. Maneat igitur meum hoc immobile donum æterna libertate jocundum, cum omnibus quæ ad ipsum locum pertinere dinoscuntur, campis, pascuis, pratis, silvis, excepto communi labore et expeditione, pontis arcisve coedificatione. Si qui denique mihi non optanti hanc libertatis cartam livore depressi, violari sategerint, agminibus tetra caliginis lapsi, vocem audient examinationis die arbitris ibi dicentis: ‘Discedite a me maledicti in ignem æternum;’ ubi cum dæmonibus ferreis sartaginibus crudeli torqueantur in poena, si non ante mortem dignâ hoc emendaverint pœnitentiâ. Istis terminibus prædicta terra circumgyrata esse videtur.

Ðere sanden þe land imare; arest fram Witanford on beam broc, an ðonnen an lang broke on anne wipiz, þepeleþiers ouer þane merse þare weilaite, thanne on anne ston, of thanne stane on alle þircean, of alle discan on anne dich, þannen suth at lang dich on þonne here path, of then here pathe suth an lang dich on þanne cumb, þonn an lang cumbe on þen hirnen, onne strut heardes pathe of thanne pathe forðe an lange welles, on þane westrene cumbe, þanne a dim anlang cumbes on þane broc, þonn anlang stremes on þe schort mannes pol werth ut on see, þane is þis seo westere land sceare. Of sa an arne stan tor, of þane tore on þane clif upward on anne dich, þanen north an lang Safandune on þene richte herepath, þanen north an lang dich, of þan ealden stodfald estward, þane forth on þan ealden hege rewe an lang þare hege rewe of þa dich, of þare dich on anne linc rewe, of þane linche on bl^a þanne an lang broces of olle discan, of olle discan north ouer þane^a on rþyleford, þane an lang streame, þat it cometh eft to Wikenforde.

Acta est hæc præfata donatio anno ab incarnatione Domini dccccxlviii. indictione vj.

Ego Ædredus rex Anglorum præfatam donationem sub sigillo sanctæ crucis indeclinabiliter consensi atque roboravi ✠. Ego Odo, Dorobernensis ecclesiæ archi-

episcopus ejusdem regis principatum et benevolentiam sub sigillo sanctæ crucis conclusi ✠. Ego Theodred, Lundeniensis episcopus corroboravi ✠. Ego Alphech, Wintoniensis ecclesiæ episcopus testitudine sanctæ crucis subscripsi ✠. Ego Aluric episcopus consignavi ✠. Ego Wlsige episcopus conclusi ✠. Ego Alfgar episcopus roboravi ✠. Ego Alfred episcopus consensi ✠. Ego Athelstan dux ✠. Ego Adric dux ✠. Ego Ealhdem dux ✠. Ego Edmund minister ✠. Ego Alfsige minister ✠. Ego Athelsige minister ✠. Ego Elfstan minister ✠. Ego Wluric minister ✠. Ego Alfred minister ✠. Ego Wluric minister ✠. Ego Aluric minister ✠. Ego Athelgerd minister ✠.

NUM. VI.

Aethelredus Rex istius Inscriptionis firmitate, in loco noto qui nuncupatur Tissebiri, xx. Mansas Ecclesiæ Sancti Edwardi in perpetuum contulit.

[Ibid. fol. 2 b.]

O. ALTITHRONI genitoris ingenti, ejusdemque nativi divinitus uniti, cum sancti unione paracleti, monarchia, rebus essendi facultatem, ac illis ne adnullenter suavem impertiente gubernationem filiis adoptionis, non jam vetuste configuratis ignorantiae desideriiis, sed secundum eum ut ait beatus apostolus Petrus: 'qui vocavit vos sanctus est: ipsis quoque in omni sancta conversatione fundatis' commutatione temporalium spes futurorum ac æternalitas possidendorum conceditur. Fiducia bonorum hujusmodi, mihi gratuito, uti cæteris, allubescente gratiâ, ego Atheldred, regionis Angligenarum rex, monasterio sanctimonialium, quod insulani usitato Schaftesburi appellant onomate, xx. mansas, illo in loco qui noto æt Tissebiri vocatus vocamine sitas, quas sicut antiquis diebus omnes antecessores mei illuc donaverunt, ita ego quoque hiis regni mei temporibus eandem donationem, cum optimatum meorum consultu renovando in hæreditatem concedo perhennem. Nam et pristinis ante me temporibus avus meus, Ædmund scilicet rex, idem pro commutatione Butticanlea adquisitum conjugii suæ Algife in jus æternaliter habendum concessit, et ipsa quoque illud ad laudem Domini et Salvatoris nostri Jesu Christi, ejusque genetricis semperque Virginis Mariæ, adque æternam sui liberationem præfato studuit attribuire loco. Sed patruus meus, Ædwi viz. rex, post obitum Alfigife supradictæ jus mutavit, hoc ipsum sibi viz. Bueticanlea accipiens sanctorum cœnobio præfatum terram æt Tisseburi perpetualiter attribuens. Quod idcirco cum optimatibus meis renovare studui, ut omnibus mihi hanc voluntatem inesse manifestè pateat, eandem portionem cum omnibus ad se rite pertinentibus ab omni mundana servitute, sicut antiquitus, liberam fore, tribus exceptis, rata expeditione, pontis, arcisve recuperatione. Silvam sane Fienyllebar appellatam, quam meorum quidam præpositorum ausu diripere conabantur infesto, eidem monasterio totam integramque restituo, et nullus hanc invadere, nullus unquam sibi aliquatenus audeat usurpare, sed uti olim, seu prædixi, ita nunc et in posterum ad inibi Deo famulantium usum, quam diu rota volvitur hujus seculi, libera perpetualiter existat. Si quis igitur hanc meam cum Dei voluntate renovatam præsumpserit infringere donationem, æternis baratri incendiis cum diabolo sine fine crucietur, nisi in hac prius emendaverit vita quod contra nostrum deliquit decretum. Rus verò præfatum hiis metis incirco rotatur.

Ðiꝛ sant þa landimare; þare twen tipe hiþe at Tisseburi, arest þe cigel marc scheth on nodre andlang streμες od zofesdene, þannen to þere twichenen, of þere twichene on Wilburge imare, on þane grene wei on Wermundes trew, of Wermundes tre a dune richt inne þe imade, of þane miþon anlang streμες on þane ealde Wdeforde, on þare grene wei onne þe heued stokes, of þanne heued stocken, forthan be twelf aceron þat it comet to pealweze, þanen to hꝛ peze, þannen to Wdesfloda, þannen to Suthames forde, an lang heze reawe

þat it comet to nodre, an lang nodþe on Semene, an lang Semene to Rodelee, þanen on þere hwiten merces, þannen on Mapeldere hille, þannen on þa ȝtzele, þannen on Sapcumbе, þannen forder West on cures rigt, þanne cyrder it north on Poles leaze, þannen on Manebroc, þanen on Withiꝝ broch, þanen on Sidinic mor, þannen poþth on Cungel lege and on Hiclesham, þannen on Meare wei, of þane weze an lang Hrigges to Inpedeforde, an lang wezes þat it cumet to Funt zeal on þone herwoð, þannen to Gificancumbе, an lang Cumbe to Stanweie, anlang hrygges to þere litdenlege, þannen on Leofriches iniare, forð be zemare; eꝛt on funt al of Fintes brigce, anlang hrigges to Alfgares imare forder be Hisimare oth heued stoccas, þanen to Cigel mere broke, an lang ȝtþemes eft on nodre.

Anno Dominicæ incarnationis DCCCCLXXXIII. scripta est hæc donationis meæ cartula. Testibus hiis omnibus unanimiter adquiescentibus quorum inferius onomatum stigmata secundum competentem unicuique dignitatem caraxantur.

Ego Athelred rex Anglorum, præfatum donationem renovando cum sacræ crucis impressione Deo omnibusque sanctis ejus æternaliter concessi ✠. Ego Dunstanus archiepiscopus concedendo adqueivi ✠. Ego Oswodo archiepiscopus consensi ✠. Ego Athelwold episcopus consolidavi ✠. Ego Alfstān episcopus corroboravi ✠. Ego Alfstān episcopus conscripsi ✠. Ego Athulf episcopus consignavi ✠. Ego Alferh episcopus consigillavi ✠. Ego Aswig episcopus consensi ✠. Ego Alfric episcopus corroboravi ✠. Ego Athelsige episcopus consignavi ✠. Ego Wlgar episcopus conclusi ✠. Ego Athelgar episcopus confirmavi ✠. Ego Alwine dux ✠. Ego Beornod dux ✠. Ego Athelwerd dux ✠. Ego Alfric dux ✠. Ego Ordulf minister ✠. Ego Godwine minister ✠. Ego Alfric dux ✠. Ego Alward minister ✠. Ego Alfsige minister ✠. Ego Wlfsige minister ✠. Ego Alfric minister ✠. Ego Beorthwold minister ✠. Ego Leofric minister ✠. Ego Athelmer minister ✠. Ego Alfwine minister ✠. Ego Athelsige minister ✠. Ego Athelweard minister ✠. Ego Alfgar minister ✠. Ego Wlsige minister ✠. Ego Wlfric minister ✠. Ego Leofric minister ✠. Ego Leofwine minister ✠.

NUM. VII.

Hæc est Carta Aetheldredi Regis de Bradefordia, quam in perpetuum succedens testatur Transcriptum, Ecclesiæ Sancti Edwardi de Shaftisbury.

[Ibid. fol. 1.]

CONDITORE creaturarum universalium, seu quæ in secretis cœlestibus oculis hactenus latent humanis, seu quæ in terris visibiliter patent, seu quæ in profundis gurgitibus fluctivagis circumquaque trahant discursibus in suæ incommutabilitatis firmissima æternaliter regnante stabilitate, cunctaque ab ipso et per ipsum et in ipso condita, redempta, vivificata sunt, ineffabili suæ majestatis regente privilegio, hujus ærumptosæ ac miserrimæ vitæ instabilitas flebilibus querimoniis suæ defectionis jam jamque supervenientis laboriosum prænuntiat terminum. Quippe cum veritatis præconium quæ in se post vitam^a protoplasti prævaricationem, carnem nostræ mortalitatis, ut eam immortalem postmodum redderet, ex intemerato semper virginis utero pro salute totius humani generis induere dignata est, nostra suscipiens, suaque aut relinquens, inter cætera suæ ammonitionis eloquia, ita dicendo omnibus proclamaret. 'Cum videritis hæc fieri, scitote quod prope est regnum Dei. Amen dico vobis quia non præteribit generatio hæc donec omnia fiant. Cœlum et terra transibunt; verba autem mea non transibunt.' Attamen alicubi fidelium undique consulendo saluti, lucrumque requirens quas proprio livore redemit animarum saluberrimum, ut ita dixerim, subministravit antidotum, taliter universos comonens: 'Vendite quæ possidetis et date elemosinam et ecce omnia munda sunt vobis.' Talibus mandatorum

^a Ita MS. f. illam.

Christi sententiis à meis frequentius præmonitus consiliariis, et ab ipso summo omnium largitore bonorum, dirisimis hostium graviter nos depopulantium creberrime angustiatu flagellis, ego Atheldredus, rex Anglorum, ut supradictæ merear particeps fore promissionis, quoddam Christo a sancto suo germano scilicet meo Edwardo, quem proprio cruore profusum per multiplicia virtutum signa ipse dominus nostris mirificare dignatus est temporibus, cum adjacente undique villa, humili devotione offero cœnobium quod vulgariter æt Bradeforda cognominatur, hoc mecum sub sapientum meorum testimonio tacitè præjudicans, ut supradictum donum sancto semper subiaceat monasterio æt Sceftesbirio vocitato, ac ditioni venerabilis familiæ sanctimonialium inibi degentium, quatenus adversus barbarorum insidias ipsa religiosa congregatio cum beati martyris cæterorumque sanctorum reliquiis ibidem Deo serviendi impenetrabile optineat confugium. Et adepto, postmodum, si Dei misericordia ita præviderit, pacis tempore rursus ad pristinum revertantur statum, ea tamen ratione ut in loco quem Domino optuli pars aliquantula ex ipsa remaneat familia, quæ divini operis sedula mihi jugiter expleat officia; hocque an fieri possit sapienti consilio prioris præmeditetur industria. Sin alias, prævideat rectoris examinatio, unde ibidem continuè exerceatur ordo psalmodiæ. Ut autem ista nostra donatio incommutabilem capiat stabilitatem, et ut præsentis quid observent, vel quid subsequantur certiùs agnoscant futuri; hoc interea hac scedula annotari dignum duxi, quatenus præscripta villa cum omnibus ad se ritè pertinentibus, campis, silvis, pascuis, pratis, ita sanè ut ego ipse illam in usus possederam proprios, venerabili supradictæ familiæ Christo sanctoque martyri incessanter famulanti semper subjugetur liberrima; tribus tantummodo exceptis communium laborum utilitatibus; si contingat expeditionem promoveri, arcem pontemque construi. Hocque regia præcipimus auctoritate, ut nullius elatio, vel mussitatio altioris aut inferioris personæ, hanc nostram donationem evertere seu minorare præsumat, hoc solummodo adversus omnia contradicentium machinamenta nostræ dapsilitatis prævalente privilegio. Præsertim, cum ego hoc non privatim pro remedio animæ meæ, sed pro totius nostræ genealogiæ, qui vel olim præterierunt, vel in posterum fortè venturi sunt, generali salute dictaverim. Nec istud decretum nostris tantum temporibus perduret immutabile, verumetiam et successorum meorum diebus, quos, quales, qui, seu quoti futuri sunt, Dei prestit æterna prædestinatio. Quisquis autem hanc nostram munificentiam amplificare studuerit, augeatur ei in præsentis temporis quieti longevitas et in futuro centuplicate^a retributionis cœlestæ præmium. Qui verò evertere, aut in aliud quis transferre satagerit, abbrevietur hic dies vitæ ipsius, ut cum his qui Christo resistere nituntur in inferiori prolongentur inferno, ni velocius recedat a perversa meditatione, et eum quem offendere non metuit, dignis pœnitentiæ lamentis placare festinaverit. Hiis confiniis præscripta circumcingitur tellus.

Aþeƿt of ƿeuen ƿiþien on tþeþe heþeþaƿ ðe ƿcheƿ ƿuþward Witrinton Accesleþle, ƿuþþ ut Wrindesholt, and swa anlang hereth nes to Alwines hliþgate, fram þane hliþgate, forth be is land schare inne Avene, swa forð be streme innebyssi, swa uppe bissy; on wret, swa on li. . ghes wret that it comet to Brisnodes land share sea. cun forð be his land share inne Swinbroch, forð be broke, inne Pumberig, ut thurh Pumberig inne Tefleford, forð mið streme that it cumet to Alfwerdes land imare innen Avene, forð be Avene that it cumet to Ferseford thes abbotes imare innen Mitford, of thanne forde ȝyet be thes abbotes imare eft into Avene, swo inther be Avene that it cumet eft to thes abbotes imare to Therleghe, swa be thes abb i mare to Alfgares i mare at Farnleghe. forð be is imare oð þat it cumet to þe kinges i mare at Heselberi. forð be þes kinges i mare. þat it cumet to Alfgares imare at Attenwrtþe, forð be is imare þat it cumet to Lefwines land imare at Coseham. Of than imare to thes aldremannes imare at Coseham.

Of than imare to þes aldremannes imare at Witlege; forð be þanne imare, that it comet to Elfwiges imare at Broctune, to þanne wude the iernth in to Broctune, eft at seuen ƿirien forð be Alnothes imare innen Athelwines imare at Chaldfelde, of his imare innen Alfwines i mare the horderes, forð be his imare innen Alþwines imare at Broctune, ef into the ƿyrien.

Scripta est siquidem hæc cartula anno Dominicæ incarnationis millesimo primo, indictione xiiij. horum testimonio sapientum quorum nomina inferius descripta esse cernuntur.

Ego Atheldredus rex, hanc largitatem Christo sanctoque martyri Edwardo humili optuli devotione, et ne nostra oblatio oblivionem forsitan in posterum sortiatur, omnia prout gesta sunt hac in schedula exprimi mandavi.

Ego Alric, Dorobornensis ecclesiæ archiepiscopus confirmavi ✠. Ego Ealdulf, Eboracensis ecclesiæ archiepiscopus condixi ✠. Ego Alestan, Uentanae ecclesiæ episcopus conscripsi ✠. Ego Wlstan, London. ecclesiæ episc. conclusi ✠. Ego Ordbricht, Australium-Saxonum episcopus consigillavi ✠. Ego Alpherh, Licetfeldensis ecclesiæ episcopus conquievi ✠. Ego Liefwine, Fontanae ecclesiæ episcopus coadunavi ✠. Ego Wlsige, Seirburnensis ecclesiæ episcopus consensi ✠. Ego Athelstan filius regis ✠. Ego Edmund filius regis ✠. Ego Adwig filius regis ✠. Ego Ecgebirt filius regis ✠. Ego Adred filius regis ✠. Ego Adgar filius regis ✠. Ego Athulf, Herefordensis ecclesiæ episc. ✠. Ego Godwine, Rovecensis ecclesiæ episcopus ✠. Ego Alwoto, Cridiensis ecclesiæ episcopus ✠. Ego Algar, Orientalium Anglorum episc. ✠. Ego Aswig, Dorcensis ecclesiæ episc. ✠. Ego Atheldred, Cornubiensis ecclesiæ episc. ✠. Ego Sigeferd, Lindissi ecclesiæ episcopus ✠. Ego Alwerd abb. ✠. Ego Alfsige abb. ✠. Ego Wlfgar abb. ✠. Ego Alfuere abb. ✠. Ego Alfsige abb. ✠. Ego Leofric abb. ✠. Ego Godwine abb. ✠. Ego Alfric dux ✠. Ego Alfhelm dux ✠. Ego Lefsige dux ✠. Ego Leofwine dux ✠. Ego Athelmar minister ✠. Ego Ordulf minister ✠. Ego Wlfheah minister ✠. Ego Adric minister ✠. Ego Wluric minister ✠. Ego Athelric minister ✠. Ego Siwerto minister ✠. Ego Sired minister ✠. Ego Wlgar minister ✠. Ego Leofwine minister ✠.

NUM. VIII.

Prædia ad Ecclesiam Sceptesber. spectantia, tempore Regis Willielmi Conquestoris.

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Sudsexe, fol. 17 b.

TERRA SANCTI EDWARDI. In Benestede Hund. Abbatia de Sancto Edwardo tenet et tenuit tempore Regis Edwardi FALCHEHAM. Tunc se defendebat pro xxi. hida.^b Modo pro xv. hid. et dimid. Terra est xii. car. In dominio est una car. et xlviii. villani et xix. cot. cum xv. car. Ibi æcclesia et piscaria de v. solid. et in Cicestre. vi. burgenses de vii. solid. Ibi viii. acr. prati. Silua de xxx. porc. Tempore Regis Edwardi valebat x. lib. Modo xx. lib.

Wiltescire, fol. 67 b.

TERRA ÆCCLESIAE SCEPTESBERIENSIS. Ecclesia S. Mariæ Sceptesberiensis tenet BICHENESTOCH et Turstinus tenet de abbatissa. Harding tenuit de æcclesia tempore Regis Edwardi, et geldabat pro v. hid. terra est v. car. De hac terra sunt in dominio iii. hidæ. et ibi ii. car. et ii. servi. Ibi vi. villani et vi. cosceꝝ cum iii. car. Ibi molinum reddens xii. sol. et xxviii. acr. prati et xl. acr. pasturæ. Valuit lx. sol. modo c. sol. Hanc terram reddidit sponte sua æcclesiæ Hardingus qui in vita sua per convent. debebat tenere.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet TISSEBERIE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro xx. hid. Terra est xl. car. De

^a *Al.* centuplices.

^b *Sic. in orig.*

hac terra sunt in dominio v. hidæ. et ibi iii. car. Ibi xl. villani et l. bord. cum xxv. car. Ibi iii. molini redd. xxxv. solid. et xl. acr. prati. Pastura i. leu long. et dim. leu. lat. Silua una leu long. et tantundem lat.

De eadem terra ten. de abbatissa Turstinus iii. hid. Gunfridus iii. hid. Albericus ii. hid. Ibi habent ix. car. Eduardus vicecomes habet iii. car. in terra villanorum. Dominium abbatissæ valet xxx. lib. Militum vero xiiij. lib.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet DUNEHEVE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro xl. hid. Terra est xxxii. car. De hac terra sunt in dominio xii. hidæ. et ibi ii. car. Ibi xxxv. villani et xxv. bord. cum xxv. car. Ibi viii. molini redd. lxvi. sol. et viii. denar. et xv. acr. prati. Pastura i. leu long. et tantundem lat. Silva vi. quarent. long. et ii. quarent. lat. De eadem terra tenet Turstinus vi. hid. et quidam tainus i. hid. et ibi sunt vi. car. Qui tenebant tempore Regis Edwardi non poterant ab æcclesia separari. Dominium abbatissæ valet xxii. lib. Hominum vero x. lib. et prius tantundem valuit.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet BRADFORD. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro xlii. hid. terra est xl. car. De hac terra sunt in dominio xiii. hid. et ibi viii. car. et ix. servi. et xviii. coliberti. Ibi xxxvi. villani et xl. bord. cum xxxii. car. et ibi xxii. porcarii. et xxxiii. burgenses redd. xxxv. sol. et ix. den. et unus serviens redd. vii. sextar. mellis. Ibi ii. molini redd. iii. lib. Mercatum redd. xlv. sol. Ibi unum arpen. vineæ et l. acr. prati. Pastura xi. quarent. long. et iii. quarent. lat. Silua dimid. leu long. et ii. quarent. lat.

Ad eundem M. Bradeford pertinet ALVESTONE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro vii. hidis, exceptis xlii. superioribus hidis. Terra est vi. car. De hac terra sunt in dominio iii. hidæ. et ibi iii. car. Totum Bradeford cum appendiciis valuit et valet lx. lib.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet LEDENTONE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro xxxviii. hid. Terra est xvi. car. De hac terra sunt in dominio xxiii. hidæ. et ibi iii. car. et vi. servi. Ibi xxiii. villani et xvii. bord. cum vii. car. Ibi ii. molini redd. v. sol. Pratum iii. quarent. long. et iii. quarent. lat. Pastura dim. leu. long. et iii. quarent. lat. In CRICHELADE unus burgensis redd. vi. den. Valuit xviii. lib. Modo xxii. lib.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet DOMNITONE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro xx. hid. Terra est xv. car. De hac terra sunt vii. hid. et iii. virg. terræ in dominio. et ibi ii. car. et iii. servi. Ibi xxi. villani et x. bord. cum xi. car. Ibi ii. molini redd. xii. sol. et vi. denar. et xx. acr. prati et totid. acr. silvæ. Pastura i. leu. long. et dim. leu. lat. Duo burgenses redd. x. den. De eadem terra tenet Gunfridus ii. hid. et ibi habet ii. car. Qui tenuit tempore Regis Edwardi non poterat ab æcclesia separari. Dominium abbatissæ valuit et valet xviii. lib. Gunfridi xl. sol.

Dorsete, fol. 75.

IN BVRGO SCEPTESBERIE. In parte Abbatissæ erant tempore Regis Edwardi domus clii. Modo sunt ibi cxi. domus et xlii. sunt omnino destructæ. Ibi habet abbatissa cl. et unus burgens. et xx. mans. vacuas, et unum hortum.

Ibid. fol. 75 b.

Rex tenet MELCOME. Heraldus comes abstulit injuste S. Mariæ Sceftesberiae.

Ibid. fol. 78 b.

TERRA ABBATILÆ SCEPTESBERIENSIS. Ecclesia S. Mariæ Sceptesberiensis tenet HANLEGE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro xx. hid. Terra est xx. car. de ea sunt in dominio iii. hidæ una virgata minus. et ibi iii. car. et dim. et iii. servi. et xxx. villani et xv. bord. cum xii. car. Ibi vii. acr. prati. et Silva i. leu long. et dimid. leu. lat. Valuit et valet xii. lib. De hac terra tenent ii. angli liberi iii. hid. et habent ibi iii. car.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet HAINTONE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro viii. hid. Terra est ix. car. De ea sunt in dominio iii. hidæ. et ibi. iii. car et iii. servi.

et xvi. villani et ix. bord. cum vi. car. Ibi molinum redd. x. solid. et xxx. acr. prati. Silvæ i. quarent. long. et tantundem lat. et Pasturæ similiter. Valuit viii. lib. Modo x. lib.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet STVRE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro xvii. hid. Terra est x. car. De ea sunt in dominio x. hidæ una virgata et dim. minus et ibi ii. car. et xxv. villani et xviii. bord. cum v. car. Ibi iii. molini redd. xxx. sol. et x. acr. prati. Pastura viii. quarent. long. et vi. quarent. lat. Valuit viii. lib. modo x. lib.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet FONTEMALE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro xv. hid. Terra est xvi. car. De ea sunt in dominio iii. hidæ et una virgata terræ. et ibi ii. car. et iii. servi. et xlv. villani et xx. bord. cum xiii. car. Ibi iii. molini redd. xi. solid. et vii. denar. et viii. acr. prati et iii. quarent. pasturæ. et viii. quarent. et ii. acr. silvæ. Valuit x. lib. Modo xv. lib.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet CVNTONE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro x. hid. Terra est x. car. De ea sunt in dominio iii. hidæ. et una virgata terræ. et ibi ii. car. Ibi xviii. villani et xiii. bord. cum viii. car. Ibi molinum redd. l. den. et iii. acr. prati. Pastura dimid. leu. long. et ii. quarent. lat. Valet x. lib.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet MELEBERIE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro x. hid. Terra est xii. car. De ea sunt in dominio iii. hidæ et ibi vi. car. et xxvii. villani et xx. coscezes cum vi. car. Ibi iii. molini redd. xv. sol. et iii. den. Pastura dim. leu. long. et ii. quarent. lat. Silva viii. quarent. long. et ii. quarent. lat. Valuit ix. lib. Modo xiii. lib.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet EVNEMINSTRE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro xviii. hid. Terra est xvi. car. De ea sunt in dominio v. hidæ et dimid. et ibi ii. car. et xxix. villani et xxi. bord. cum xiii. car. Ibi iii. molini redd. xvii. solid. et xviii. acr. prati. In EVNEM. Silva i. leu. long. et dim. lat. Pastura x. quarent. long. et ii. quarent. lat. Valuit x. lib. modo xiii. lib.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet TARENTE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro x. hid. Terra est viii. car. De ea sunt in dominio ii. hidæ et dimid. et ibi ii. car. et iii. servi et xviii. villani et xiii. bord. cum vi. car. Ibi xviii. acr. prati. Pastura i. leu long. et dim. leu. lat. Silua l. pertic. long. et xl. lat. Valuit vi. lib. Modo x. lib.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet FIFHIDE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro v. hid. Terra est iii. car. De ea sunt in dominio iii. hidæ et dimid. et ibi ii. car. et ii. servi et iii. villani et iii. bord. cum ii. car. Ibi molinum redd. v. solid. et vi. acr. prati. Silva iii. quarent. long. et ii. quarent. lat. Valet iii. lib. Chetel tenet de Abbatissa.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet CHINGESTONE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro xvi. hid. Terra est xx. car. De ea sunt in dominio iii. hidæ et iii. virgatae terræ. et ibi ii. car. et ii. servi. et xxii. villani et xvi. bord. cum xvii. car. Ibi xii. acr. prati. Pastura i. leu. long. et tantundem lat. Valuit xvi. lib. Modo xxiii. lib.

De Manerio Chingestone habet rex i. hid. in qua fecit castellum WARHAM. et pro ea dedit S. Mariæ æcclesiam de GELINGEHAM cum appendiciis suis quæ valet xl. solid. De eodem Manerio habet Willielmus de Braiose unam virgatam terræ quæ tenebat æcclesia tempore Regis Edwardi.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet in FERNEHAM i. hid. quam tenet de ea Aiulfus et uxor Hugonis fil. Grip.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet STOCHÉ. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro v. hid. Terra est iii. car. De ea sunt in dominio iii. hidæ et una virgata terræ. et ibi ii. car. et iii. servi. et vii. villani et iii. bord. cum ii. car. Ibi molinum redd. xii. denar. et xv. acr. prati. Pastura vi. quarent. long. et una quarent. lat. Silva xii. quarent. long. et iii. quarent. lat. Valuit et valet iii. lib.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet MAPLEDRETONE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro xi. hid. Terra est iii. car. De ea sunt in dominio vii. hidæ et una virgata terræ. et ibi ii. car. cum i. servo. et vi. villani et iii. bord. cum ii. car. Ibi vii. acr. prati. Inter pasturam et silvam xi. quarent. long. et tantundem lat. Valuit xxx. sol. Modo c. solid.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet CESEBVRNE. Tempore Regis

Edwardi geldabat pro xvi. hid. Terra est De ea sunt in dominio ii. hidæ et iii. virg. et ibi iii. car. et v. servi et xx. villans et x. bord. cum viii. car. Ibi molinum redd. xv. solid. et x. acr. prati. Pastura una leu. et dimid. long. et una leu. lat. Valuit et valet xvi. lib.

Istud Manerium et STVRE abstulerat comes Heraldus S. Mariæ tempore Regis Edwardi. sed Willielmus rex eam fecit resaisiri, quia in ipsa æcclesia inventus est brevis cum sigillo Regis Edwardi præcipiens ut æcclesiæ restituerentur cum MELECOME quem rex adhuc tenet. Ipse etiam comes Heraldus abstulit ab æcclesia PIDELE. Comes Moriton tenet.

Sumersete, fol. 91.

TERRA SANCTI EDWARDI. Ecclesia Sancti Edwardi tenet CVMBE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro v. hid. Terra est v. car. De ea sunt in dominio ii. hidæ et dim. et ibi ii. car. et iii. villani et vii. bord. cum ii. car. In MELEBURNE vi. burgenses redd. l. denar. Pratum iii. quarent. long. et ii. quarent. lat. Silva iii. quarent. long. et ii. quarent. lat. Pastura ii. quarent. long. et una quarent. lat. Valuit et valet vi. lib.

NUM. IX.

Carta Henrici I. Regis de Manerio de Dunhed et Hundedo ibidem.

[MS. Harl. 61, fol. 24 b.]

HENRICUS rex Angliæ Rogero episcopo Saresberiae, et vicecomiti Wiltesir, et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis salutem. Sciatis me concessisse sanctæ Mariæ de Schaftesberia Dunhevam, pertinentem ad vestimenta monialium ejusdem loci, esse in pace, et quietam de omnibus geldis, et scotis, et placitis, et sciris, et hundredis, et omnibus querelis excepto murthero et latrocinio, pro anima patris et fratris mei et matris meæ, et pro salute animæ meæ et Matildis uxoris meæ et filiorum omnium parentum meorum amodo et in perpetuum. Testibus, Rogero filio Ricardi, et Aluredo Lincoln. apud Winton.

NUM. X.

Carta Stephani Regis Anglorum.

[Ibid. fol. 24.]

STEPHANUS rex Anglorum archiepiscopis, episcopis, abbatibus, comitibus, vicecomitibus, baronibus et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Angliæ salutem. Notum sit omnibus præsentibus et futuris quod ego propter justitiam et amorem concedo, et reddo Deo et ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ et sancti Edwardi de Sceftesberia in dominio, deinceps libere possidendas terras illas omnes quas in præsentia regis Henrici et baronum suorum Emma abbatissa disrationavit apud Elingas sicut Carta ipsius testatur, videlicet contra Hardin-gum filium Halnoldi in Stoka v. hidas de dominio quæ fuerunt ecclesiæ sancti Edwardi contra Thomam cognat. Eulaliæ abbatissæ in Stoka, i. hidam de dominio in Bregelestuna, unam hidam et unam virgatam de dominio in Ferna, duas hidas de dominio in Ethelworda, unam hidam et dimidiam in Esegrave, unam hidam de dominio contra Turstinum filium Raunfridi et fratres ejus in Chelmetuna, unam hidam quæ fuit data cum filia Serlonis de Burceto in Gerdiz, duas hidas de dominio quæ fuerunt datæ cum quadam monacha, Aileva nomine, in Brideserda, duas hidas de dominio in Tarenta, unam hidam de dominio quæ fuit data cum filia Garmundi in Dunehiveda, unum molendinum de dominio contra Picotum de Burgat' in Liddentun, v. hidas de dominio quæ fuer. datæ cum filia Garmundi contra Rogerum Waspail, iij. hidas quæ fuerunt de dominio Hecche contra Aluredum de Foxlegh, unam hidam et iij. virgatas quæ fuerunt datæ cum filia Rogeri de Berkelao contra uxorem Willielmi de Cheselburnia et filiam ejus, dimidiam hidam de dominio in Sulthamtuna, v. virgatas quæ fuerunt datæ cum filia Aluræ pincernæ. Con-

cedo quoque eis in Fortesberia ij. hidas quas dedit Goscelinus de Rivera cum filia sua in Ilanda, ij. hidas quas Drogo de Monte Acuto cum filia sua in Bleneforda, j. hidam et dimidiam quam dedit Aiulfus camerarius pro anima uxoris suæ in Bradeforda et Budeberia, unam hidam et dimidiam quam emit Emma abbatissa de Sacocono et filiis suis in Bremelegh, unam virgatam quam dedit Dimicanus cum filia, et ecclesiam Toritonæ cum terra adjacente ecclesiæ et decimis, et parvam Weram quam dedit Odo filius Gamelini cum duabus filiis suis, et decimam de dominio Ricardi de Sancto Claro de Wertham quam dedit ipse cum filia sua, et monasterium de Ryvelea cum terra et decima quas Ernaldus de Hesdingo dedit cum quadam sua cognata. Hæc itaque omnia supradicta quæ data sunt ecclesiæ illi et monialibus in ea Deo servientibus, quæque omnia in futuro a fidelibus canonice concedentur et dabuntur pro salute animarum Willielmi regis avi mei, et regum Willielmi et Henrici avunculorum meorum, et patrum et parentum meorum, et pro statu et incolumitate regni mei, et remissionem peccatorum meorum illi ecclesiæ in perpetuum obtinenda concedo et regia auctoritate, et a Deo mihi collata potestate confirmo et ut illibata inconcusaque permaneant, præsentis sigilli mei et subscriptorum testimonio corroboro. T. Hugone archō. Roth. et H. episcopo Winton. et Rogero episcopo Saresb. et Algaro episcopo Const. et B. episcopo Sancti David. et A. episcopo Carl. et Ro. Canc. et Henrico de Soilli nepote regis, et R. com. Gloec. et Will. com. Warren. et Rogero com. Warewic. et R. com. Cestr. et A. de Ver, et R. de Ver, et Humfr. de Bul'. et M. Gloec. et Warin. vic. et Johanne de Marum. apud Gillingheh' anno ab incarnatione Dominica m^o.c.xxxv. regni vero mei primo in x^o. renovata per cartam Henrici regis prædecessoris et avunculi mei.

NUM. XI.

Carta Regis Henrici II. quod Abbatissa Sancti Edwardi sit quæta de Thelonio ubique.

[Ibid. fol. 25 b.]

HENRICUS rex Angliæ, et dux Normanniæ et Aquitanniæ, et comes Andegaviæ, justiciariis, vicecomitibus, et omnibus ministris suis totius Angliæ salutem. Præcipio quod abbatissa sancti Edwardi sit quæta de theloneo de omnibus mercatis de quibus homines sui affidare poterunt, quod ad suum opus et dominium pertineant. Teste Galfrido archid. apud Clarendon.

NUM. XII.

Carta Johannis Comitum Morent. de duobus summariis bosci in Foresta de Gillingham ad usus Monialium Ecclesiæ Shafton.

[Ibid. fol. 26.]

JOHANNES comes de Morent. omnibus hominibus et amicis suis Francis et Anglis salutem. Sciatis me, divinx pietatis intuitu, et pro salute animæ meæ, reddidisse et concessisse ecclesiæ sancti Edwardi de Shaftesburi, ad petitionem karissimæ amicæ meæ Mariæ abbatissæ ejusdem ecclesiæ, duos summarios in foresta mea de Gellingham imperpetuum ad ferendum singulis diebus mortbois ad ecclesiam suam ad usus sanctimonialium ejusdem ecclesiæ, quare volo et firmiter præcipio ne aliquis de cætero super hoc eis molestiam inferat vel gravamen. T. Stephano Ridell cancell. nostro, Waltero de Dunstanvill, Willielmo de Buchent, Hugone de Malan, Radulpho Pluchf. Roberto de Estane, Petro del Estane, Rogero de Nebure, apud Shaftesburi.

NUM. XIII.

Has scriptas Terras dederunt Homines cum Filiabus eorum ad Ecclesiam Sancti Edwardi Shafton.

[Ibid. fol. 54.]

SERLO de Burci dedit Kilmetunam cum filia sua

quam tenet filius Rainfridi qui et tenet unam hidam quam Garmundus cum filia sua dedit, et idem tenet iiij^{or}. hidas de dominico et unum molendinum et valet vj. libras; et Turgarus tenet virgatam quam Aluredus pincerna dedit cum filia sua, et valet xv^s.; Hugo Calvus tenet ij. hidas quas Drugo de Monte Acuto dedit cum filia sua, et valet xv^s.; et Aluredus camerarius tenet vij. virgatas quas Rogerus de Berkelai dedit cum filia sua, et valet lx^s.; et Gocelinus de la Riv'ere dedit cum filia sua ij. hidas, q. modo vastæ sunt; et Eudo Brito dedit duos domos de Wincestre q. reddunt unam marcā argenti; Ernulfus de Esdic dedit cum quadam parente sua ecclesiam et decimam de Kivelay cum terra quæ adjacet et valet xx^s.; et Leowinus de Bristow dedit duos domos cum filia sua qui valent unam marcā; et quidam mercator de London dedit cum filia sua qui nihil redet; Aluricus de Hacche dedit cum filia sua ij. hidas quas Picotus de Burguta tenet; et Hardingus filius Alnoldi dedit cum filia sua unam hidam quam postea abbatissa excambiavit g^a. cancellar. pro tribus hidis de Candel concessu regis; et Aiulfus camerarius iiij^{or}. hidas et dimidiam cum filia sua sicut ipse dicit, et idem dedit ecclesiæ unam hidam et dimidiam pro anima uxoris suæ quæ valet xxx^s.; et Ardingus filius Alnoldi tenet Estokes quæ fuit de dominico abbatissæ ubi habentur v. hidas, et valet lx^s. sicut homines ejusdem villæ dicunt, sed abbatissa et conventus dicunt quod ipsi deberent inde dare c^{um}. s. et ipse negat sed dicit se tenere in feudo; et Herbertus de Sancto Quintino tenet ibi v. hidas, valent iiij^{or}. libr. et inde abbatissa servitium perdidit, et Winegotus presbiter tenet ecclesiam de Gilligeh. cum ij. hidis et valet xv^s.

NUM. XIV.

Carta Johannis Regis Angliæ.

[Cart. 7 Joh. n. 115.]

I. DEI gratia, &c. Sciatis nos intuitu justitiæ et amore Dei, concessisse simul et reddidisse Deo et ecclesiæ S. Mariæ et sancti Edwardi de Shaftesbiri in dominio liberè et benè possidendas, terras illas omnes quas in præsentia regis Henrici proavi nostri et baronum suorum, Emma abbatissa apud Eaylinges disrationavit; videlicet contra Hardwinum filium Ælnothi in Stoka quinque hidas quæ fuerunt de dominio ecclesiæ sancti Edwardi. Contra Thomam cognatum Eulariæ abbatissæ in Stoke unam hidam de dominio. In Eltewrth unam hidam et dimidiam. In Bralleston unam hidam et unam virgatam de dominio. In Ferne duas hidas in dominio. In Essegrava unam hidam de dominio. Contra Turstinum filium Reinfredi et fratres ejus in Kelmetone unam hidam quæ fuit data cum filio Serlonis de Burfei. In Gersiz duas hidas in dominio, quæ fuerunt datæ cum quadam monacha Elviva nomine. In Brideserd duas hidas de dominio. In Tarenta unam hidam de dominio, quæ fuit data cum filia Garmuc. In Dunheved unum molendinum de dominio. Contra Osmundum filium Godescalli in Lodewell unam hidam et unum molendinum in dominio. Contra Picotem de Burgate in Lidintone quinque hidas de dominio. Contra Rogerum Waspay in Hecch. duas hidas de dominio. Contra Aluredum de Roxelege unam hidam et tres virgatas, quæ sunt datæ cum filia Rogeri de Berklei. Contra uxorem Willielmi de Cheseburne et filium ejus dimidiam hidam de dominio. In Selvehanton quinque virgatas quæ sunt datæ cum filia Aluredi pincernæ.

Concedimus etiam duas hidas in Fosteberia, quas dedit Goscelinus de Rule cum filia sua. In Iland duas hidas quas dedit Drogo de Monteacuto cum filia sua; et dimidiam hidam de Farneham quam Aiulfus vicecomes tenuerat de terra prædictæ ecclesiæ, et post tandem cum filia sua moniali illam eidem prædictæ ecclesiæ reddidit. Et in Blancford unam hidam et dimidiam quam dedit Ayulfus camerarius pro anima uxoris suæ. Et in Bradeford et Budeb. unam hidam et dimid. quam emit Emma abbatissa de Sacono et filiis suis. Et in Brunelegli unam virgatam terræ quam dedit Dunekan

cum filia sua. Et ecclesiam de Torintone cum terra adjacente eidem ecclesiæ et decimis, et parvam weram quam dedit Odo filius Gamelini cum duabus filiabus suis. Et decimas de dominio Ricardi de sancto Claro de Wercham quam ipse dedit cum filia sua; et in eadem villa xxx. acras de suo dominio et monasterium de Kivelia cum terra et decima ei adjacente quod Ernaldus de Hesding dedit cum quadam sua cognata. Et capellam de Broctone cum terra et decima quam Gundreda dedit cum quadam cognata sua Albreda de Bosco Roaldæ. Hæc omnia Deo et ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ et sancti Edwardi quietè et liberè imperpetuum possidenda concedimus pro salute animæ nostræ, et patris, et animæ matris nostræ et antecessorum nostrorum sicut ea Emma abbatissa disrationavit.

Concedimus etiam eidem ecclesiæ omnes libertates, et liberas consuetudines, et quietancias suas quas habuit tempore H. regis proavi nostri, et sicut eas unquam melius habuit, sicut carta H. regis patris nostri quam inde habet rationabiliter testatur. Reddidimus etiam et præsentem cartam confirmavimus abbatiæ sancti Edwardi et Mariæ abbatissæ ejusdem loci et omnibus successoribus suis imperpetuum totum hundredum de manerio de Bradeford. Habendum et tenendum cum omnibus pertinentiis suis et libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus, sicut præfata abbatia, vel aliqua unquam abbatissa ejusdem loci melius et liberiùs et integriùs illud hundredum habuit et tenuit. Quare volumus, &c. Dat. per manum H. de Welle archidiaconi Wellen. apud. Norh. xxij. die Maii, anno, &c. vij.

NUM. XV.

Confirmatio Ernaldi de Hesding pro Advocatione Ecclesiæ de Kivelea.

[MS. Harl. 61, fol. 28 b.]

ERNALDUS de Esding omnibus hominibus suis et amicis salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse ecclesiam de Kivelea cum omnibus pertinentiis suis ecclesiæ sancti Edwardi in perpetuam elemosinam sicut Einollus m^{sa} . . . præfate ecclesiæ in elemosinam cum quadam cognata sua moniali donaverat. Teste Roberto Turevila, et magistro Gerardo, et Roberto de Lancea, et Radulpho capellano de sancto Edwardo, et Roberto Eusino dapifero, Rogero de Heseldena, et al.

NUM. XVI.

Com. Dorset.

Placita de Juratis et Assisis apud Shyreburne in Com. Dorset. in Octabis Sancti Hilarij, coram Johanne de Reygate et Socijs suis Justiciarijs itinerantibus ibidem, Anno Regni Regis Edwardi Filii Regis Henrici sexto.

[Ex Record. in Domo Capitulari Westmonasterij.]

ABBATISSA Schafton' summonita fuit ad ostendendum quo warranto clamat habere wreckum maris, furcas, tumberellum, liberam warennam, emendas assisæ panis et cervisiæ fractæ in terris suis in comitatu isto sine licentia, &c. Dicit quod ipsa tenet eo modo subtracta.

Et abbatissa venit per Johannem Gyffard, attornatum suum, et dicit quod ipsa nullam warennam habet nec habere clamat, in terris suis in comitatu isto, et quoad alias libertates suas, &c. Dicit quod ipsa clamat habere tumberellum, emendas assisæ panis et cervisiæ hominum suorum villæ prædictæ, a tempore quo non extat memoria, et quoad wreckum maris, dicit quod ipsa habet wreckum ex concessione domini regis Henrici, patris domini regis nunc, par cartam suam quam profert, et quæ hoc testatur in hæc verba: 'H. Dei gra', &c. Omnibus, &c. Quia accepimus per inquisitionem per dilectum et fidelem nostrum Henricum de Monteforti [captam quam fieri fecimus, quod dilectæ, &c. Abbatissam et moniales Schafton. semper habuerunt wreckum maris, quod evenire solebat in manerio suo de Kyngeston, nos nolentes præfatam abbatissam, &c. super hoc, &c. sed potius intuitu Dei, et pro salute

animæ nostræ, &c. gratiam sibi facere volentes, concessimus eis, &c. pro nobis, &c. quod ipsi habeant de cætero wreccum maris imperpetuum in manerio suo prædicto quod evenire contigerit sine impedimento nostri seu hæredum nostrorum, et eo warranto clamat ipsa habere wreccum prædictum. Ideo habeat et quoad hoc sine die.

Et Willielmus de Gyselham, &c. dicit quoad alias libertates pro domino rege, quod dominus Henricus, avus domini regis nunc, fuit in seisina de prædictis libertatibus quousque prædecessores abbatissæ eas eodem domino rege subtraxerunt. Et prædicta abbatissa modo tenet subtractas, et quod ita sit, petit pro domino rege quod inquiratur per patriam. Rot. 8 d.

NUM. XVII.

Com. Wiltes.

Placita de Juratis et Assisis apud Wyltone, coram Salomone de Roffeni et Socijs suis, Justiciarijs Domini ibidem itinerantibus, in Octabis Paschæ, Anno Regni Regis Edwardi nono.

[Ex Record. Ibid.]

DOMINUS rex per Willielmum de Giselham qui sequitur, pro eo, petit versus abbatissam Schafton. manerium de Bradeford ut jus suum, &c. Et unde dicit quod dominus Ricardus rex, antecessor domini regis nunc, tempore pacis, fuit in seisina de prædicto manerio in dominico suo, ut de feodo et jure, capiendo inde expletias ad valentiam, &c.; et de ipso Ricardo rege, qui obiit sine hærede de se, descendit jus &c. domino Johanni regi, ut fratri et hæredi ipsius Ricardi; et de ipso Johanne rege descendit jus &c. domino Henrico regi ut filio et hæredi; et de ipso Henrico rege descendit jus &c. isto domino regi ut filio et hæredi qui nunc petit, et quod tale sit jus suum, &c.

Et abbatissa venit per Walterum de Bruges attornatum suum, defendit jus domini regis et seisinam prædicti domini regis antecessoris sui ut de feodo et jure et totum, &c. Et ponit se in jure patriæ, loco magnæ assisæ domini regis, et petit recognitionem fieri utrum ipsa majus jus habeat in prædicto manerio an dominus rex. Jurati ad hoc electi dicunt super sacramentum suum, quod prædicta abbatissa majus jus habet in prædicto manerio quam dominus rex. Ideo prædicta abbatissa inde sine die. Rot. 50.

NUM. XVIII.

Carta Vacationis post decessum Domine Johanne Formage Abbatissæ.

[MS. Harl. 61. fol. 116.]

EDWARDUS, Dei gratia, rex Angliæ, dominus HiBerniæ et Acquitanniæ, omnibus ad quos præsentem literæ pervenerint salutem. Sciatis quod de gratia nostra speciali et ob devotionem quam ad dilectas nobis in Christo abbatissam et moniales Shaftoniæ, quæ de fundatione progenitorum nostrorum quondam regum Angliæ et patronatu nostro existit, gerimus et habemus, ac in relevationem status abbatie prædictæ, quæ tam per ventosam tempestatem et pestilentias mortales nuper in regno nostro invalescentes, quam per alias adversitates in tantum depremitur quod facultates abbatie illius ad sustentationem monialium dictæ abbatie ac supportationem aliorum onerum eidem abbatie incumbendum vix sufficiunt, ut accepimus, concessimus pro nobis et hæredibus nostris eisdem monialibus, quod quandocunque abbatiam prædictam per mortem, cessionem, resignationem, seu depositionem, dilectæ nobis in Christo Johanne Formage nunc abbatissæ loci prædicti primo vacare contigerit, priorissa et conventus loci illius habeant custodiam ejusdem abbatie ac omnium temporalium bonorum et catallorum ad eam spectantium, adeo plene et integre sicut nos vel hæredes nostri custodiam abbatie prædictæ aut temporalium ejusdem haberemus seu habere possemus, si ea in manu nostra retinuerimus

dictam prima vacatione durante absque aliquo nobis vel hæredibus nostris inde reddendo. Ita quod nullus vicecomes, escaetor, aut alius ballivus seu minister noster, vel hæredum nostrorum de abbatia aut de temporalibus bonis seu catallis illis eadem prima vacatione sic durante se in aliquo nullatenus intromittat, salvo semper nobis et hæredibus nostris feodis militum et advocacionibus ecclesiarum ad abbatiam prædictam spectantibus quamdiu abbatiam illam vacare sic contingit. In cujus rei testimonium has literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste meipso apud Westm. vj. die Octobris anno regni nostri tricesimo octavo.

NUM. XIX.

De Officio Coquinæ cum Feodis concessis Ingerando Buterio et Hæredibus suis.

[Ibid. fol. 91 b.]

OMNIBUS Christi fidelibus ad quos præsens scriptum pervenerit, Maria, Dei gratia, abbatissa ecclesiæ sancti Edwardi, æternam in Domino salutem. Noverit universitas vestra nos unanimi assensu Conventus nostri et Capellanorum nostrorum concessisse Ingerando Buterio et hæredibus suis pro servicio suo ministerium coquinæ nostræ dominicæ, et quartam partem feodi tam coquinæ nostræ quam coquinæ conventus nostri: videlicet colla multonum, et de agnis colla et capita, de spinis porcorum, partem de collo, et gulam et caudam, de bobus colla et caudas, et quatuor schleuchas de piscibus, ut placiis et de congris capita, de raiis capita et caudas et medium, de salmonibus caudas. Et de occisione ad festum sancti Martini de bobus et de multonibus viscera, pro labore lardar. Percipiet vero dictus Ingerandus vel quicumque hæres ejus extiterit decem s. annuatim pro soldatis in domo nostra, et corrodium suum cum aliis servientibus nostris in domo nostra. Et ut hæc nostra concessio in posterum rata perseveret, cum sigillorum nostrorum appositione corroboravimus. Hiis testibus, Thoma, Willielmo, Silvio, Gaufrido, Johanne, capellanis nostris; Matthæo senescallo nostro.

NUM. XX.

De XLIV^s. annui Redditus concessis et confirmat. Monialibus et Capellanis de Shafton.

[Ibid. fol. 117 b.]

HENRICUS Dei gratia rex Angliæ et dux Normanniæ et comes Andegaviæ, archiepiscopis, episcopis, abbatibus, comitibus, baronibus, justiciariis, vicecomitibus, et omnibus fidelibus suis, salutem. Sciatis me ad petitionem sororis meæ Mariæ abbatissæ sancti Edwardi concessisse, et præsentem cartam meam confirmasse Deo et sancto Juliano et sanctimonialibus de sancto Edwardo, et capellanis ejusdem monasterii, quadraginta quatuor solid. annuatim percipiendum: scilicet triginta solid. in manerio de Ferne, et quatuordecim solid. in Donehede quos ipsa abbatissa eis concessit et in prædictis maneriis annuatim percipiend. attornavit ad festum sancti Juliani faciend. singulis annis in ipso die. Quare volo et firmiter præcipio quod prædictæ Sanctimoniales et Capellani sui prænominati quadraginta quatuor solid. singulis annis habeant bene et in pace ad ipsum festum sancti Juliani faciend. Testibus, Magistro Laurentio Bedeford archid. Magistro Jocelino Cicestr. archid. Rogero capellano meo, Radulpho filio Stephani cam. Thoma filio Bernardi, Eustacio filio Stephani, apud sanctum Edwardum, &c.

NUM. XXI.

Petitio Abbatissæ et Conventus de Shaftesbury, A.D. 1382, 5 Ric. II.

[Rot. Parl. tom. iii. p. 129.]

A NOTRE tres gracious seigneur le roy et son tres sage et noble consail en ce parliement supplient humblement ses devoutes oratrices, abbesse et convent de

Shaftesbirs, que combien que lour dit maison q'est del foundation des nobles progenitours notre seigneur le roy, et del patronage notre dit seigneur le roy, soit convenablement douez en possessions per mesmes voz nobles progenitours, dont Dieux ait mercys, toutes voies voz dites oratrices font ainsi arrieriz a jour de huy, quoy per les pestilences en queles lours tenantz sont trez toutz a poy mortz, et per murryne de lour bestaille a grant nombre et value, nemye tant seulement a une place et a une foitz, einz a diverses foitz en toutes lours places, quoy per autres grandes charges quelles lour convient a fine force de jour en autre porter et sustenir, q'eles ne purront sinoun que a moelt grant peine sanz lour endangerer al diverses bones gentz lours creditours mesner l'an a bon fyn. Que vous plese, par l'amour de Dieu, et de sa douce mere sainte Marie, et del glorious cor seint Edward le Martyr votre noble progenitour, qi en votre dit maison gist cononizez, veuillez en grant reliefment de mesme votre maison lour granter, qe la prioressa et convent de mesme votre Maison, et lour successours, aient desore la garde et administracion de mesme l'abbeye, et des quelconques temporaltees et d'autres possessions a ycelles regardantz, a toutz les foitz et si sovent come mesme l'abbeye per mort, cession, resignacion, ou privacion de l'abbesse illoeques, ou par autre manere quelconque s'ra voide apres ceste heure; issint qe l'esche-tour, viscont, n'autre ministre du roy ou de ses heires, ne se medlee desore del dite abbeye, ne de nulles des possessions d'ycelles a nulle tielle voidance, fors qe l'esche-tour del lieu par le temps, esteant deinz la porte del dite abbeye tant soulement a chescun tielle voidance, y p'igne une simple seissine en noun du roy notre seigneur en salvacion de son droit et seigneurie illoeques, et cele seissine par luy illoeques pris tantost se departe d'illoeques, sans pluis soi ent medler ou faire illoeques par manere quelconque: rendant ent a notre dit seigneur le roy et a ses heirs a chescune tiel voidance, si per un an entier tielle voidance durrera, la v'roy l'extente de lours dites temperaltees, et si per meindre temps durrera ycele voidance qe per un an, come per demy an, ou per quarter de l'an, ou par demy quarter de l'an, ou per deux moys, ou per un moys entier, ou per meindre ou greindre terme, solonc l'afferrant del dit annuel extente, et l'espace de cele voidance. Et salvez toutes foitz a vouz, notre seigneur, et a voz heires, durantes mesmes les voidances, les feez et avouesons appartenantz a l'Abbeye desus dite. Entendant, tres redoute seigneur, qe parmy votre grace en celle partie a faire, grant reliefment, si Dieu ples, et amendement avendra a mesme votre maison, et nul damage ent purra avenir a vous ne a voz heirs, ne a nul autre; fors qe soulement a voz ministres, lesqueux en temps de tieles voidances qe sont accus-tumez de faire grandes destruccions et wastes, et y prendre grauntz et diverses profitz a lours propres oeups, dont rienz ne vient a votre oeups, combien qe mesme la voidance ne dure si per petit temps noun.

Responsio.

Il plest au roi qe ceste petition soit graunte sur l'advis de son conseil.

NUM. XXII.

Carta Vacationis post Decessum Domine Cecilie Fovent Abbatissae per ipsam adquisitam.

[Reg. Shaftesb. ut supr. fol. 122.]

HENRICUS, Dei gratia, rex Angliæ et Franciæ et dominus Hiberniæ, omnibus ad quos præsentis literæ pervenerint salutem. Sciatis quod de gratia nostra speciali de assensu concilii nostri, et pro centum marcis nobis per dilectam nobis in Christo Ceciliam abbatissam abbatie Shafton. Sar. dioc. quæ de fundatione progenitorum nostrorum et nostro patronatu existit, solutis in hanaperio nostro, concessimus pro nobis et hæredibus nostris, quantum in nobis est, quod quodocunque dicta

abbatia, per mortem, cessionem vel resignationem prædictæ nunc abbatissæ vacare contigerit, priorissa et conventus dictæ abbatie habeant custodiam abbatie illius ac omnium temporalium ad dictam abbatiam spectantium, pro proxima vacatione ejusdem. Ita quod aliquis vicecomes, escaetor, vel aliquis alius officarius seu minister noster vel hæredum nostrorum prædictorum de dicta abbazia aut de temporalibus ejusdem hujusmodi vacatione durante nullatenus se intromittat. In cuius rei testimonium has literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste meipso apud Westm. primo die Marci anno regni nostri tertio.

SHELDFORD.

Per breve de privato sigillo.

NUM. XXIII.

In magno Rotulo de Anno vj^{to}. Henrici Quarti in Comitatu Somers. et Dors.

[Ibid. fol. 122 b.]

ABBATISSA et conventus de Shaftebury et successores suæ deberent xij^{li}. per annum de custodia villæ de Shaftebury cum cur. et proficuis ejusdem una cum terris et tenementis, redditibus, serviciis, libertatibus, franchiseis, proficuis, et commoditatibus quibuscunque cum pertinentiis in eadem villa de Shaftebury ad regem et hæredes ac progenitores regis pertinentibus sive spectantibus, habendum et tenendum ab xj^o. die Marci anno xvj^o. regis Ricardi secundi sibi et successoribus suis imperpetuum, reddendo inde regi et hæredibus suis annuatim xij^{li}. ad firmam imperpetuam sicut continetur in rotulo xvj^o. dicti regis. Et liij^{li}. de annis præteritis. Summa lxxvj^{li}. De quibus vic. ro m.^a Item Somers. de xvij^{li}. et xlvij^{li}. Et xii^{li}. de eadem custodia per vicec. sicut continetur in.^a Item Som. Summa lx^{li}. in thō. Et Johanni Roos cui dominus rex Ricardus nuper rex Angliæ secundus, per literas suas patentes quas rex nunc confirmavit concessit xii^{li}. percipiend. singulis annis de feodi firma quam abbatissa de Shaftebury eidem nuper tenebatur reddere annuatim pro villa de Shaftebury per manus vicec. Dors. pro tempore existent. ad terminum sancti Michaelis et Paschæ per æquales porciones ad totam vitam ipsius Johannis lx^{li}. videlicet xij^{li}. inde de terminis Paschæ anno xxij^o. et sancti Michaelis anno tertio, Paschæ et sancti Michaelis anno iiij^{to}. termino Paschæ anno v^{to}. et termino sancti Michaelis anno sexto regis hujus per iij. brevia regis irr. in memor. unum videlicet de anno primo regis hujus termino Paschæ rotulo xv^o. et aliud termino Hillar. anno vij^o. rot. xxvij^o. et iij. literas patentes ipsius Johannis de recept.

Et quieti sunt.

NUM. XXIV.

[In a Book of Pensions remaining in the Augmentation Office.]

Shaftisbury in Com. Dors.

HERAFT' ensuith the yerely pençons assigned and apoynted to the late abbes and covent of Shaftisbury affor-seid by John Tregonwell Willm Petir and John Smythe Esquyers the kings highnes comission^s. the xxijth. daye of Marche the xxxth. yere of the reigne of our moste dradde soüeigne lord King Henry the vijth. that they and evy of them to have one quart of a yers pençon at the feasts of thannūciacōn of our Lady next comyng and at Michelmas folowing half yers pençon and so from half yere to half yere duryng ther liffs.

That is to sey,

First to Elizabeth Zouche abbes	cxxxiiij ^{li} .	vj ^s . viij ^d .
It' to Katherin Hall piores	xx ^{li} .	
It' to Elizabeth Monmouthe sup-piores	vij ^{li} .	
It' to Elizabeth Bryther	vj ^{li} . xiiij ^s . iiij ^d .	

It' to Margaret Hym̄ford	vj ^{li} . xiijs. iiij ^d .	It' to Elizabeth Ayssheley	c ^s .
It' to Joh̄ne Amys	vj ^{li} . xiijs. iiij ^d .	It' to Cristian Weston	iiij ^{li} . xiijs. iiij ^d .
It' to Elise Jakes sicke and lame	vj ^{li} . xiijs. iiij ^d .	It' to Edithe Magdalen	iiij ^{li} . xiijs. iiij ^d .
It' to Philuppe Cattisby	vj ^{li} .	It' to Elizabeth Horsey	iiij ^{li} . xiijs. iiij ^d .
It' to Margaret Cocks	vj ^{li} .	It' to Margarete Nuton	iiij ^{li} . xiijs. iiij ^d .
It' to Elizabeth Godwyn	vj ^{li} .	It' to Alice Gerard	iiij ^{li} . xiijs. iiij ^d .
It' to Ursula Payne	vj ^{li} .	It' to Ursula Johnson	iiij ^{li} . xiijs. iiij ^d .
It' to Amys Ball	vj ^{li} .	It' to Elizabeth Larder	iiij ^{li} . xiijs. iiij ^d .
It' to Jane Farrendon sicke and lame	vj ^{li} .	It' to Alice Rogers	iiij ^{li} . xiijs. iiij ^d .
It' to Avice Brente	vj ^{li} .	It' to Dorothe Clansey	iiij ^{li} . xiijs. iiij ^d .
It' to Alice Champeney	vj ^{li} .	It' to Anne Bodenhm̄	iiij ^{li} . xiijs. iiij ^d .
It' to Joh̄ne Kelly	vj ^{li} .	It' to Elizabeth Denhm̄	iiij ^{li} . xiijs. iiij ^d .
It' to Alice Payne sicke and lame	vj ^{li} .	It' to Thomesyn Hussey	iiij ^{li} .
It' to Joh̄ne Longford	vj ^{li} .	It' to Alice Bonde	iiij ^{li} .
It' to Edithe Kemer	vj ^{li} .	It' to Elizabeth Wortheton	iiij ^{li} .
It' to Brigett Fanntelaroy	cvjs. viij ^d .	It' to Margaret Keylewaye	iiij ^{li} .
It' to Katheryn Gelise	cvjs. viij ^d .	It' to Margaret Aysshe	iiij ^{li} .
It' to Alice Baker	cvjs. viij ^d .	It' to Jane Weste	iiij ^{li} .
It' to Elizabeth Care	cvjs. viij ^d .	It' to Katheryn Hayward	iiij ^{li} .
It' to Joh̄ne Benbury	cvjs. viij ^d .	It' to Margaret Lovell	iiij ^{li} .
It' to Jane Pcevall	cvjs. viij ^d .	It' to Elizabeth Babington	lxxvjs. viij ^d .
It' to Margaret Mewe	cvjs. viij ^d .	It' to Margaret Frye	lxxvjs. viij ^d .
It' to Anne Awdeley	cvjs. viij ^d .	It' to Alice Byse	lxxvjs. viij ^d .
It' to Alice Pecocke	cvjs. viij ^d .		
It' to Mary Cressett	cvjs. viij ^d .		
It' to Julyan Burdeauxe	cvjs. viij ^d .		
It' to Joh̄ne Towse	cvjs. viij ^d .		
It' to Anne Philpott	c ^s .		
It' to Margaret Butsett	c ^s .		

THOMAS. CRUMWELL.

Some of all the yerely pençonsccccxxj^{li}.

JO. TREGONWELL.

WILLIAM PETRE.

JOHN SMYTH.

COMPUT' MINISTRORUM DOMINI REGIS TEMP. HEN. VIII.

(Abstract of Roll, 32 Hen. VIII. Augmentation Office.)

MONASTERIUM DE SHAFTON.

Com' Dors'			£.	s.	d.
Shafton Burgus	Redd' Assis' lib' Tenen'		3	11	0
- - - - -	Redd' Ten̄tor'		1	6	0
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'		0	8	8
Shafton Villa	Redd' lib' Ten'		1	11	11
- - - - -	Redd' Burgi		14	9	3
- - - - -	Redd' cust' Tenen'		21	0	0
- - - - -	Perquis' Curie		0	11	0
- - - - -	Exit' Nund'		2	1	0
Barton cum Porçõne Decim' et quodam Redditu					
vocat' Kemersh Rent	Redd' lib' Ten'		0	2	0
- - - - -	Redd' cust' Ten'		14	15	3
- - - - -	Firm' Maner'		28	0	0
- - - - -	Redd' Assis' vocat' Kemersh Rent		3	8	8
- - - - -	Porc' Decim'		3	6	8
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'		nult		
Donyngton	Redd' lib' Ten'		3	1	0
- - - - -	Redd' cust' Ten'		26	10	11
- - - - -	Firm' Maner'		11	6	8
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'		1	6	0
- - - - -	Vendic' Bose'		nult		
Fontnell	Redd' lib' Tenen'		0	14	3
- - - - -	Redd' Cust'		39	3	7½
- - - - -	Firm' Maner'		8	0	0
- - - - -	Perquis' Curie		2	19	4
Saxpen Hund'	Perquis' Cur'		7	12	2

Com' Dors'						£.	s.	d.
Taraunte					Redd' Assis' Cust' Ten'	14	15	4
- - - - -					Firm' Maner'	7	13	4
- - - - -					Perquis' Curie	0	16	0
Luddyington					Redd' Assis' tam liberor' quam cust' Ten'	24	18	11½
- - - - -					Firm' Maner'	20	0	0
- - - - -					Perquis' Curie	9	13	7
Hynton Mare					Redd' Assis'	29	6	10½
- - - - -					Firm' Terr'	4	13	4
- - - - -					Firm' Maner'	12	10	9
- - - - -					Perquis' Curie	1	13	4
Feltham					Exit' Maner'			null
Beadham					Exit' Maner'			null
Kyngeston					Redd' Assis'	19	12	9
- - - - -					Firm' Maner'	14	2	8
- - - - -					Perquis' Curie	2	7	8
Dounhed					Redd' Assis' libor' Tenen'	5	6	10½
- - - - -					Redd' Assis' cust' Tenen'	54	7	2
- - - - -					Firm' Maner'	9	14	2
- - - - -					Perquis' Curie	7	6	8
Stowre					Redd' Assis'	36	4	7¼
- - - - -					Firm' Maner'	6	13	4
- - - - -					Perquis' Curie	0	0	11
Tysbury					Redd' lib' Ten'	8	8	0
- - - - -					Redd' cust' Ten'	34	17	0½
- - - - -					Firm' Maner'	5	14	0
- - - - -					Firm' Grang'	10	13	4
- - - - -					Perquis' Curie			null
Chesselborne					Exit' Maner'	3	15	10
Combe					Redd' libor' Ten'	0	2	10
- - - - -					Redd' cust' Ten'	9	16	1
- - - - -					Firm' Maner'	6	10	8
- - - - -					Vendic' Bosc'			null
- - - - -					Perquis' Cur'	0	2	0
Caundell					Redd' Assis' tam libor' qm cust' Ten'	4	8	0
- - - - -					Firm' Maner'	5	6	8
- - - - -					Perquis' Curie			null
Arne					Redd' Assis'	7	8	2
- - - - -					Perquis' Curie'			null
Encombe					Firm' Terr' Dñical'	6	9	0
Kulmyngton					Redd' libor' Ten'	0	6	0
- - - - -					Redd' cust' Ten'	14	11	3½
- - - - -					Perquis' Curie	3	6	8
Bradford					Redd' lib' Ten'	6	8	6
Atworth					Redd' lib' Ten'	0	16	3
Troll					Redd' lib' Ten'	9	10	1¾
Stoke					Redd' lib' Ten'	2	6	0
Leigh					Redd' lib' Ten'	2	5	0
Wroxall					Redd' lib' Ten'	3	10	0
Holte					Redd' lib' Ten'	2	3	11½
Wynsleigh					Redd' lib' Ten'	1	17	0
Bradford					Redd' cust' Tenen'	7	15	0¾
Atworth					Redd' cust' Tenen'	6	13	10
Stoke					Redd' cust' Tenen'	12	9	0¼ di.
Leigh					Redd' cust' Tenen'	7	4	3¼
Wraxall					Redd' cust' Tenen'	6	7	3 di. ¼
Holte					Redd' cust' Tenencium	11	6	10¼
Wynsleigh					Redd' cust' Tenencium	19	7	7½
Bradeford					Firm' Maner'	26	16	8
- - - - -					Perquis' Curie	4	14	4
Bradeford Hundred					Perquis' Curie	4	9	4
Hanleigh					Redd' lib' Ten'	0	9	8
- - - - -					Redd' cust' Ten'	29	14	2½
- - - - -					Firm' Maner'	18	15	0
- - - - -					Perquis' Curie	17	0	6

Com' Dors'			£.	s.	d.
Melbury	. . . . .	Redd' libor' Ten'	0	19	3
-	- - - - -	Redd' cust' Ten'	36	12	3
-	- - - - -	Firm' Maner'	8	13	4
Compton	. . . . .	Firm' Maner'	6	18	8
-	- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'	0	0	2
Segehull	. . . . .	Firm' Maner'	10	13	7
Barwike	. . . . .	Firm' Maner'	13	10	0
-	- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'	0	13	4
Mapplerton	. . . . .	Redd' lib' Ten'	9	13	0
Almer	. . . . .	Redd' cust' Ten'	2	12	0
-	- - - - -	Perquis' Curie		nuli	
Iwerne cum Prebend' ibm	. . . . .	Redd' lib' Ten'	2	5	1½
-	- - - - -	Redd' cust' Ten'	28	15	7
-	- - - - -	Firm' Maner'	19	17	4
-	- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'	11	2	1
Arsgrove	. . . . .	Firm' Maner'	6	11	4
Kelleneston	. . . . .	Redd' cust' Ten'	22	0	4
-	- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'	1	5	0
Shafton Baronia	. . . . .	Perquis' Curie	1	7	11
Blandforde	. . . . .	Redd' Terr'	1	0	0
Cobhey, Littel Weyre, Ferne, et Littel Fontenell	. . . . .	Lib' Redd'	7	4	0
Rowleston	. . . . .	Redd' cust' Ten'	8	11	4
Shafton	. . . . .	Penc'	4	0	0
Tisbury Rectoria	. . . . .	Firm' Decim' Garb'	16	16	8
-	- - - - -	Terr' Gleb'	3	9	10
Bradeforde Rector'	. . . . .	Firm' Decim' Garb' cum Terr' Gleb'	57	6	7½



Tavistock, or Tavystoke Monastery,

IN

DEVONSHIRE.



THE generality of our historians who mention Tavistock, date the foundation of its abbey in 961.^a It is said to have been begun by Ordgar earl of Devonshire, and to have been finished by his son Ordulf,^b by whom it was dedicated to the honour of the Virgin Mary and St. Rumon.^c The Annals of this monastery, however, preserved among the Digby manu-

scripts in the Bodleian library, place the foundation twenty years lower; which, Bishop Tanner says, may be understood of the finishing by Ordulf, A. D. 981.^d King Ethelred's Charter of Confirmation^e is dated in this very year.

Ordgar, his countess, one of his sons, and St. Rumon, were all buried in the abbey church.^f

The account of the foundation of this monastery, as transcribed by Dugdale from one of its Registers formerly in the possession of John Maynard, Esq. will be found in the Appendix of Instruments.^g

In 997, this monastery appears to have been burnt by the Danes.^h Willis says, it lay some small time in ruins; but, on its re-establishment, it flourished in greater lustre than before.ⁱ

The following were its endowments, as recorded in the Domesday Survey, A. D. 1086. In *Dorsetshire*, three hides at Oscherwilla, and two at Pourtone. In *Devonshire*, three hides and a half at Tavistock; half a hide at Middeltone; two manors at Lege and Litelton, consisting, together, of half a hide; half a hide in Lidel-

tone; in Adrelie, three hides; one hide at Torneberie; two hides at Hame; half a hide at Wrdiete; three hides at Bernintone; a virgate at Radone; one hide at Liege; half a hide at Hundatore; half a hide at Deveneberie; two hides at Welle; half a hide at Plemestoch; and a house, which had belonged to one of the burgesses, in Exeter. In *Cornwall*, one hide at Savioch; half a hide at Antone; one hide at Rame; half a hide at Tregrenon; a virgate at Pennehalgar; and half a virgate at Talgar. Making a total of twenty-seven hides, two virgates and a half; the advanced rent of which, at the time of the Conqueror's Survey, amounted to the annual sum of 96*l.* 5*s.* The Earl of Moretaine is stated to have usurped from the church four manors, Boietone, Elent, Trebichen, and Trewent, all of which were claimed by the abbat.^k

King William the Second, A. D. 1096, in the ninth year of his reign, confirmed to this monastery the manor of Wulurinton in Devonshire, giving seisin of it to the abbat "per cultellum eburneum," by the delivery of an ivory knife, in the presence of the bishops of Winchester and Bath and Wells, and the abbat of Glastonbury. The knife, it is added, was deposited in the shrine of St. Rumon.^l

Henry the First, in a Charter of confirmation, gave to the church the hundred of Tavistock, with a fair at the feast of St. Rumon, to last three days.^m He also confirmed to them the churches in the isle of Scilly;ⁿ where Reginald, his illegitimate son, who was created earl of Cornwall, also granted them the wreck of sea which might happen there, excepting only whales and any whole ship.^o

The knight's fees held by the monastery in this reign are recorded in the Black Book of the Exchequer.^p

^a See the extract from Matt. Westm. in Num. I. See also MS. Harl. 261, fol. 107. Lel. Collect. tom. i. p. 79. Ibid. p. 325, ex Chron. Tinem. Ibid. iv. p. 72. Camd. Brit.

^b Compare Num. I. See also Willis, Mit. Ab. vol. i. p. 170.

^c "Rumonus genere fuit Scotus Hiberniensis. Nemea sylva in Cornubia plenissima olim ferarum. S. Rumonus faciebat sibi oratorium in sylva Nemæa. Falemutha. Ordulphus, dux Cornubiæ, transtulit ossa Rumoni Tavestochiam." Lel. Collect. tom. iv. p. 152.

^d See Tann. Notit. Mon. from MS. Bodl. Digb. num. 81. "AD. DCCCCLXXXI. Hic fuit ecclesia Tavistok a sancto Dunstano archiepiscopo et S. Adelwoldo episcopo et rege Adelredo confirmata privilegio, et abbate prædita." Tho. Hearn. Notæ et Spicileg. ad Guil. Neubrig. tom. iii. p. 709.

^e Num. III.

^f Compare Numm. I. III.

^g Num. II.

^h "Anno DCCCC.xcvij. Danorum exercitus qui remanserat in Anglia, circumnavigata West-Saxonia hostium Sabrinæ fluminis intravit, et nunc septentrionalem Britanniam, nunc Cornubiam, nunc in Domniam Wecedporth devastavit, villisque quampluribus incensis multas hominum strages dedit. Deinde Penwithsteort regirato, in hostium fluminis Tamiræ Domniam et Cornubiam sequestrantis devectus, navibus prosiluit, nulloque prohibente usque ad Lidefordam suum incendium continuavit, et cædes hominum reiteravit. Ad hæc etiam Ordulfi Domnaniæ primatis monasterium quod Tavistoce nomi-

natur combussit, ingenti præda onustus ad naves repedavit, eodemque in loco hiemavit." Sim. Dunelm. Script. X. Twysd. col. 163. See also Chron. Joh. Brompt. ibid. col. 882. See also Chron. de Mailros, Gale, Script. tom. i. p. 152.

ⁱ Mit. Ab. vol. i. p. 170.

^k See Num. IV.

^l See the Charter, Num. V.

^m Compare the Inspeximus, Num. III. A verbatim copy of this Charter, which had been repeated by Dugdale in the former edition of the Monasticon, tom. i. p. 1000, has been omitted by the present editors, as superfluous.

ⁿ Num. XVIII.

^o Num. XIX. An Instrument quoted from the Placita de Quo Waranto of the 9th and 10th of Edw. I. limits the claim of the monastery upon wreck of sea off the Scilly islands still more. See Num. XXIV.

^p Carta Abbatiae de Tavistock.

"Venerabili domino suo H. Anglorum regi nobilissimo, Walterus, Dei gratia Tavistochiensis ecclesiæ minister humilis, fideles orationes in Christo. Noverit celsitudo vestra de tenura militum nostrorum, quantum inde sollicitus inquirendo scire potuit parvitas nostra, quod eo anno et die quo inclytus rex H. avus noster, vixit, et viam universæ carnis ingressus est, tenuerunt de pauperula domo nostra: Ricardus

Bartholomew Iscanus, bishop of Exeter, before the year 1186, on account of the slenderness of the revenues, as it should seem, granted the appropriation to this monastery of the churches of St. Eustace Tavistock, Lammerton, Middelton, North Piderwyne, Hatherlegh, Abbedesham, and St. Michael de Rupe;^a which, with the other spiritual possessions belonging to it, were confirmed by a bull from Pope Celestine the Third, in the third year of his pontificate, A. D. 1193.^b

King Henry the Third granted to the abbat and convent, in the fourth year of his reign, a market and fair at Hatherlegh;^c and, in his fifth year, a market at Wolrinton.^d Two Charters of confirmation from this monarch, as to the privileges of this monastery, also occur in the *Inspeximus* of the 22d of Edw. III.^e

Among the minor benefactors of an early period were Odo the archdeacon, who gave to the monks West Lydeton;^f Robert de Veteri-Ponte, or Old-Bridge, who gave them lands at Wynemereston;^g and Robert Fitz Baldwin, who gave Paseford.^h

Reginald de Ferrars, lord of Ber, and Isota de Ferrars, lady of Nyweton, gave other land in Cornwode, A. D. 1280.ⁱ

King Edward the Second appears to have been a considerable benefactor. In the 12th year of his reign he granted to the monks, view of frank-pledge, a market, and fair in their manor of Devenbury.^k In the same year, having borrowed three hundred pounds of the abbey, he granted them the profits of his mine at Birlond, in Devon, for three years;^l afterwards securing the repayment of another hundred pounds upon the mines of Devonshire generally.^m

In his nineteenth year, King Edward II. granted to the abbat and convent the custody of his stannary in Devon, with the water of Dartmouth for seven years, they paying for the same the annual sum of 113*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*ⁿ

In the 5th of Edward III. the abbat paid a fine of ten pounds to the king for the appropriation of the church of Whitechurche.^o

In the 26th of Edward III. John D'Abernon, of Bradeford, gave to the monastery his manor of Wyke by Brentetorre;^p and in the second of Richard II. William Eggecumbe, of Cotehele, gave certain lands in the park of Inneslegh.^q

In the 2d and 3d of Edward the Fourth, the Alien priory of Cowike, near Exeter, which had been given by King Henry VI. to Eton College, was granted to Tavistock abbey as a cell.^r

In the 6th of Edward the Fourth, Modbury, another alien priory in Devonshire, which had belonged to Eton college, was likewise granted as a cell;^s but afterwards reverted to Eton.^t

ABBATS of TAVISTOCK.

ALMERUS was the first abbat, appointed A. D. 981.

de Alneto feodum 111*l.* militum. Rogerus Cornutus feodum 11*l.* militum. Radulfus de Oskerevill feodum 11*l.* militum. Willelmus de tribus Minetis feodum 111*l.* militum. Reginaldus de Liddeton feodum duorum militum. Galfridus de Lege feodum 1*l.* militis et dim. Willelmus Gurdet feodum dimidii militis. Hugo de Wicha feodum 1*l.* militis. Robertus Dacus feodum dimidii militis. Willelmus de Crievebere feodum dimidii militis. Postea vero in tempore guerræ, de dominicis terris ecclesiæ nostræ, quas ei bonæ memoriæ H. rex, avus vester, restituit per justiciam suam, et per cartas, quas habemus, et quas audit aliquando excellentia vestra, Ricardus de Colevill feod. 1*l.* milit. Galfridus de Lega et Willelmus filius ejus feod. dim. milit. ab ecclesia extorserunt. Dilatet Dominus regnum vestrum, et longo tempore conservet." Lib. Nig. Scacc. tom. i. p. 117.

^a Num. VIII.

^b Num. IX.

^c Rot. Fin. 4 Hen. III. m. 2.

^d Fin. 5 Hen. III. m. 6.

^e See Num. III.

^f Num. VI.

^g Num. X.

^h Num. XI.

ⁱ Num. XII.

^k Pat. 12 Edw. II. p. 2. "Quod abbas de Tavistok habeat imperpetuum visum franci plegii, mercatum, et feriam infra manerium suum de Devenbury quod est infra hundred. de Haytor pertin. domino Johanni de Molis domino de Careswell per cert. servic. ac per annum redditum vij*l.* viij*l.* solvend. et reddend. eidem Johanni in feodo."

^l Rot. Origin. 12 Edw. II. ro. 6.

^m See the Abbrev. Rot. Orig. p. 248.

ⁿ Ibid. p. 292.

^o Rot. Orig. 5 Edw. III. ro. 46.

He appears to have governed the monastery till after its destruction by the Danes.^u

LIVINGUS is the second abbat upon record. He was originally a monk of Winchester; and, from abbat of Tavistock, in 1031, became bishop of Crediton.^x In 1038 he added the bishoprick of Worcester to his preferments;^y and afterwards assisted in raising King Edward the Confessor to the throne.^z He died on the 10th of the kalends of April, 1046.^a

EALRED, or ALDRED, another monk of Winchester, succeeded Livingus in the abbey A. D. 1031; and afterwards in the bishoprick of Worcester.^b

SIHRICUS, or SIHTRICUS, was the next abbat. He occurs as a witness in 1050 to the Charter of King Edward the Confessor, in virtue of which the bishopricks of Cornwall and Devon became united at Exeter. In the Record called the Exon Domesday, an account of which will hereafter be given, he is frequently mentioned, and his name as variously written. He is called SIHTRICIUS, SITRICIUS, SISTRICUS, and SUETRICUS.^c He died on the 8th of the ides of April, 1082.^d

GEOFFREY, or GAUFRIDUS, succeeded Sihricus. He was abbat at the time of the formation of the Domesday Survey.^e He died A. D. 1088.

WIMUND, or GUIMUND, occurs as abbat in the Register of Tavistock, A. D. 1090,^f and again in 1096. He was deposed by Archbishop Anselm in the Council of London, A. D. 1102, for simony.^g

OSBERT succeeded Wimund. His name occurs in King Henry the First's grant to the abbey of the churches in the Isle of Scilly.^h

GEOFFREY, or GAUFRIDUS, the second of the name, is mentioned as abbat in a subsequent part of the reign of Henry the First.ⁱ Willis, who places abbat Osbert's death on the 6th of the nones of July, 1131, says he was succeeded by

ROBERT DE PLIMPTON, who died on the 13th of the kalends of February, A. D. 1141. Hearne says he died on the 12th kal. Feb. 1145. His successor was

ROBERT POSTELL. He died on the 2d of the ides of March, A. D. 1154.^k

WALTER, a monk of Winchester, was the next abbat.^l Willis, from the Annals among the Digby MSS., dates his death on the 6th of the ides of October, A. D. 1174.^m He is said to have been succeeded by

BALDWIN, who, according to the same authority, died on the 6th of the ides of August, A. D. 1183.

STEPHEN occurs abbat of Tavistock, A. D. 1190, in the 2d year of Richard the First.ⁿ

HERBERT occurs in 1193.^o Willis says he died on the 9th of the kalends of December, A. D. 1200.^p He was succeeded by

JORDAN, who died A. D. 1220:^q on the 20th of February in which year the royal assent was given to the election of

WILLIAM, prior of Oterinton,^r called in the Digby manuscript WILLIAM KERMET.^s He died in 1224: on

^p Num. XVII.

^q Num. XVI.

^r Pat. 2 Edw. IV. p. 2; 3 Edw. IV. p. 1. m. 5.

^s Pat. 6 Edw. IV. p. 2, m. 18. Rec. in Scacc. 6 Edw. IV. Hill, rot. 5.

^t Risd. Devon. vol. i. p. 145.

^u See Num. II.

^x Florent. Wigorn. edit. Francof. 1601, p. 620.

^y Script. x. Twysd. col. 180.

^z Ibid. Henr. Knyghton, col. 2329.

^a Ibid. col. 182.

^b See Flor. Wigorn., the Annales Wigorn. in the Anglia Sacra, p. 674, &c.

^c See the Exon Domesday, p. 167, 168.

^d Tho. Hearn. Notæ ad Guil. Neubrig. ex Cod. antiq. tom. iii. p. 709.

^e Compare the Exon Domesday, pp. 38, 471.

^f See Willis, Mit. Ab. vol. i. p. 172.

^g Flor. Wigorn. ut supr. Eadmeri Hist. Nov. Actus Pontif. Cantuar. Script. x. Twysd. col. 1660.

^h Num. XVIII.

ⁱ See the Charter of Inspeximus, Num. III.

^j Willis, Mit. Ab. vol. i. p. 172. Hearn. Notæ ad Guil. Neubrig. tom. iii. p. 710.

^k He is mentioned in the Instrument Num. XIV.

^l Willis, Mit. Ab. ut supr.

^m See Num. XV.

ⁿ Num. IX.

^o Mit. Ab. ut supr.

^p Ibid.

^q Pat. 4 Hen. III. m. 6.

^r See Willis, ut supr. p. 173. Hearn. Notæ ad Guil. Neubrig. tom. iii. p. 710.

the 3d of June in which year the royal assent was given to the election of abbat

JOHN, at that time chaplain to Stephen archbishop of Canterbury.^a Upon his death,

ALAN DE CORNWALL became abbat; the royal assent to whose election was given June 8th, 1233.^b He had previously been prior of Sulye, or Scilly. He died on the 2d of the kalends of March, A.D. 1248, and was succeeded, according to Willis, by

ROBERT DE KITECNOL, a monk of the monastery. Willis says, "When he died I find not, but he governed not long, for the Patent mentions the election of one

THOMAS to this abbey in the same year."^c The royal assent was given to this last election June 2d, 1248.^d

JOHN DE NORTHAMPTON, cellarer of the monastery of Bermundsey, received the royal assent to his election as abbat here Aug. 7th, 1257.^e Willis calls him Henry de Northampton. He died after he had presided scarcely two years.

PHILIP TRENCHFIELD, or TRENCHFOYLE, a monk of St. Swithin Winchester, had the temporalities of Tavistock delivered to him Aug. 14th, 1259.^f He died in the month of July the next year; when the custody of the abbey was committed, during the vacancy, to Roger de Evesham.^g On the 30th of August following the royal assent was given to the election of

ALURED, who had been prior of the monastery; to whom the temporalities were restored on Sept. 13th.^h

JOHN CHUBB received the temporalities of the monastery Sept. 30th, 1262.ⁱ He appears to have been deposed eight years after, when one

ROBERT, precentor of the monastery, succeeded to the abbacy. The king's assent to his election was given Jan. 14th, 1270.^k

ROBERT CAMPBELL had the royal assent to his election on the 21st of April, and the temporalities restored on May 2d, 1285, upon the death of the former Robert.^l His death was announced to the king Dec. 23d, 1325; and, on the 6th of March following,

ROBERT BOSSE, who is called BONUS in the bishop of Exeter's Register, received the king's letters of protection as abbat.^m The bishop's mandate for his induction, however, does not bear date till the 2d of the ides of June, 1327.ⁿ His government was but of short duration. He was, first, interdicted by his diocesan from managing the affairs of the abbey on July 8th, 1333, and afterwards deposed, for contempt, on the 24th of October following.^o A licence for a fresh election was obtained Nov. 22d, 1333: and on Jan. 3d, 1334,

JOHN DE COURTENAY was elected.^p Dugdale and Willis agree in stating him to have been the eldest son of Hugh de Courtenay, earl of Devonshire; who, betaking himself in his youth to a monastic life, left his second brother Hugh to succeed his father in the earldom, which he lived to see him possessed of.^q Willis

says, that in 1330, John de Courtenay being then a monk of Tavistock, the pope bestowed upon him the priorate of the rich monastery of Lewes, in Sussex: the patron, however, John de Warren, earl of Surrey, opposing his election, and the pope yielding thereto, John de Courtenay lost the preferment, and ultimately got no other but this of Tavistock.^r Supported by the interest of his family, this abbat appears to have lived in a state of jealousy and constant hostility toward his diocesan. In 1338 he was suspended from his office by the bishop for dilapidations; but was restored, upon submission. In 1348 he fell again under the episcopal displeasure for alienating the possessions of the monastery: the business was compromised, but the bishop forbade the abbat to keep hounds.^s He died before the 11th July, 1349, when a licence for a fresh election was obtained.

RICHARD DE ESSE, or ASSHE, received the royal assent June 4th, 1350.^t His successor was

STEPHEN DE LANGEDON, who received the benediction from the bishop of Wells Oct. 20th, 1362, by virtue of a commission from the bishop of Exeter.^u Willis says he died Nov. 28, 1380.^x Bishop Kennett, in his Diptycha, says in 1381.

THOMAS CULLYNGE, or CULLEN, received the king's assent Feb. 1st, and had his election confirmed by the bishop of Exeter Feb. 17th, 1381.^y He died June 11th, 1402.^z

JOHN MAY, or MEY, took the oath of fealty to the king, as abbat, July 30th, 1402.^a He died, according to Willis, Nov. 23d, but according to the Registers of the see of Exeter Feb. 7th, 1421.^b

THOMAS MEDE, a monk of Tavistock, had the temporalities of the monastery restored to him as abbat April 19th, 1422.^c In 1437 he was accused of wasting the revenues of the monastery, and of incontinence, but appears to have cleared himself.^d He died April 21, 1442.^e Upon his death,

THOMAS CRISPIN was elected, May 23d, 1442;^f to whom the temporalities of the monastery were restored on the 27th of June.^g He died April 5, 1447.^h

WILLIAM PEWE, or PNEWE, was elected abbat May the 2d following;ⁱ and had the temporalities granted to him on May 29th.^k He died Dec. 26th, 1450.^l

JOHN DYNINGTON, or DYMYNGTON, was elected abbat January 27th, 1451; and received the temporalities on the 25th of February.^m A copy of the royal licence to this abbat, to sue to the pope for the privilege of wearing the mitre and other insignia, dated Feb. 3d, 1458, will be found in the Appendix of Instruments.ⁿ Willis says he occurs abbat four years after this grant, viz. A. D. 1462; but in the following year was succeeded by an abbat of the name of

RICHARD, whose surname he was unable to discover.^o

RICHARD YEME, or YERNE had the temporalities re-

^a Reg. Episc. Exon. "A.D. 1338, episcopus Johannem abbatem Tavistok suspendit ab administratione propter dilapidationes. Abbas submisit."—"1348, 27 Jun. sententia lata in Joh. de Courtenay abb. Tavestok qui possessiones monasterii obligare ac etiam vendere et donare inceperat. Episcopus sententiam remisit 5 Jul. ob generis sui reverentiam, et potissime comitis Devon. fratris sui. Eidem vero inhiuit ne canes venaticos aleret." See MS. Lansd. 963, p. 102.

^t Pat. 23 Edw. III. p. 2.

^x Reg. Episc. Exon. See also Pat. 37 Edw. III. p. 1.

^z Mit. Ab. vol. i. p. 174.

^y Pat. 4 Ric. II. and Reg. Episc. Exon.

^z Willis, ut supr. Kennett, MS. Diptycha.

^a Reg. Tavistoc olim pen. Joh. Maynard arm. fol. 61.

^b Reg. Episc. Exon.

^c Pat. 10 Hen. V.

^d "A.D. 1437, 16 Oct. Citatio Thomæ Medæ abbatis de Tavistok ad respondend. de criminibus dilapidationum et incontinentiæ. Respondet 29 Oct. A.D. 1438, 24 Maii, dictus abbas juramento se purgavit. Obiit 21 Apr. 1442." MS. Lansd. 963, p. 104, ex Registr. Exon.

^e Reg. Exon.

^f Ibid.

^g Pat. 20 Hen. VI. p. 2.

^h Reg. Exon.

ⁱ Ibid.

^k Pat. 25 Hen. VI. p. 2.

^l Reg. Exon.

^m Pat. 29 Hen. VI. p. 1.

ⁿ Num. XXV.

^o Mit. Ab. vol. i. p. 175. ex Epist. cl. J. Anstis arm. ad Tho. Hearne.

^a Pat. 8 Hen. III. m. 4.

^b Pat. 17 Hen. III. m. 4.

^c Willis, ut supr.

^d Pat. 32 Hen. III. m. 6.

^e Pat. 41 Hen. III. m. 4.

^f Pat. 43 Hen. III. m. 5.

^g Pat. 44 Hen. III. m. 5.

^h Ibid. m. 3.

ⁱ Pat. 46 Hen. III. m. 4.

^k Pat. 54 Hen. III. A Charter granted by him occurs in the Appendix of Instruments Num. VII.

^l Pat. 13 Edw. I.

^m Pat. 18 Edw. II. p. 2.

ⁿ MS. Lansd. Mus. Brit. 933, p. 102, ex Registro Joh. Grandison episc. Exon. Still, however, the temporalities were kept back: or perhaps subsequently seized; for in the Abbrev. Rot. Original. 2 Edw. III. A.D. 1329, we read, "R. cepit fidelitatem fratris Boni prioris et conventus de Tavystok et temporalia abbatie prædictæ prout moris est restituit. Et ideo, &c. Et memorand. quod prædictus Bonus abbas finem fecit cum rege per quingentas marcas regi ad voluntatem R. solvend. pro gratia R. habenda de eo quod ipse detulit quasdam literas bullatas regi et coronæ suæ præjudiciales infra regnum suum." tom. ii. p. 18.

^o "8 Jul. 1333, episcopus Exon. interdicat Bono abbati Tavistok administrationem rerum Mon. Tavistok propter dilapidationem, et deposuit illum 24 Oct. propter contemptum."

^p Reg. Joh. Grandison episc. Exon.

^q Dugd. Baronag. vol. i. p. 638. Willis, Mit. Ab. ut supr. Milles, in his Catalogue of Honour, p. 466, calls him the third son of the Earl of Devonshire.

^r Mit. Ab. vol. i. p. 173.

stored to him as abbat March 25th, 1490:^a Willis says in 1491. Upon whose death, or cession,

RICHARD BANHAM became abbat. He had the temporalities granted to him June 27th, 1492.^b Being a man of an aspiring temper, he procured himself a seat in the House of Lords, early in the reign of Henry the Eighth,^c as it was believed, that he might cope the better with his diocesan, Hugh Oldham bishop of Exeter, with whom he had great contests. Willis says, he went so far in his hostility as to prevail upon the pope to excommunicate the bishop.^d Previous, however, to his becoming a lord spiritual, he sought and obtained a reconciliation with the bishop;^e although the contest respecting jurisdiction was afterwards carried on.^f He did not enjoy his peerage above ten years.

JOHN PERYN, the last abbat of Tavistock, received the temporalities of his office Dec. 14th, 1523.^g In 1525, he entered into a composition with the bishop of Exeter respecting jurisdiction.^h On the 20th of March, 1538, he, with twenty of his monks, surrendered his monastery to the king. The pensions granted on the occasion will be found among the Instruments in the Appendix.ⁱ Abbat Peryn had a pension of a hundred pounds per annum. Willis informs us, that his will, preserved in the Prerogative Court of London, bore date at Tavistock Oct. 6th, 1549, and was proved April 30th, 1550.^k

The revenues of Tavistock abbey at the time of the Dissolution, according to Dugdale, amounted to 902*l.* 5*s.* 7*d.* Speed and Stevens say 902*l.* 5*s.* 7½*d.* The site was granted in the 31st of Henry the Eighth, together with the borough and town of Tavistock, to Lord John Russell. His descendant, the Duke of Bedford, is the present proprietor.

William of Worcestre, who wrote his Itinerary in the middle of the fourteenth century, gives the following as the dimensions of the abbey church in his time:

"Longitudo Ecclesiæ Monasterii Tavystoke continet præter capellam beatæ Mariæ 126 steppys: et ejus latitudo continet, cum 14 steppys latitudinis navis ecclesiæ, 21 steppys.

"Longitudo navis dictæ Ecclesiæ tantum usque ad chorum continet 60 steppys.

"Longitudo chori 42 steppys. Longitudo capellæ cum transitu 36 steppys."¹

^a Pat. 5 Hen. VII.

^b Pat. 7 Hen. VII.

^c Pat. 5 Hen. VIII. p. 2, m. 22. See Num. XXVI.

^d Mit. Ab. ut supr.

^e "A.D. 1513. 10 Maii Ricardus Banham abb. Tavestoc personaliter comparuit coram Episcopo Exon. et humillime flexis genibus a censuris in ipsum antea propter contemptum latis se absolvi per episcopum instantissime petiit et optinuit."—"A.D. 1513. 8 Feb. Ordinatio inter episcopum Exon. et Ricardum abbatem de Tavestok facta per Willielmum archiepiscopum Cant. et Ricardum episcopum London. de jurisdictione episcopi Exon. super abbatiam de Tavistok, &c." MS. Lansd. 963, p. 105, ex Registro Exon.

^f "Bulla Leonis papæ data Ricardo abbati Tavistoc 18 Sept. 1517, eximens abbatiam Tavistoc a jurisdictione quorumcunque archiepiscoporum, episcoporum, &c. ipsamque sedi Romanæ immediate subiciens." MS. Lansd. ut supr.

^g Pat. 13 Hen. VIII.

^h MS. Lansd. ut supr.

ⁱ Num. XXVIII. The following were the pensions remaining payable in 2 & 3 Phil. and Mar.

"TAVESTOCKE nuper Mon. Feod. Thomæ Dennys militis et Roberti fil. s. senⁱⁱ. ibidem in dicto com. Devon. per literas paten. dicti nuper mon. per annum iiiij^{li}. vj^s. viij^d. Richardi Egecomb mil. capit. senescalli cur. omnium posses. prædict. in com. Cornub. per literas patentes sub sigillo conven. ibidem per annum lxxvj^s. viij^d. An^{nuit}. Ricardi Peryn per annum vj^{li}. xiiij^s. iiiij^d. Thomæ Gibbons per annum lxxvj^s. viij^d. Adæ Williams per annum xxvj^s. viij^d. Willielmi Gilley per annum xl^s. Johannis Amadas per annum c^s. Ejusdem Johannis per annum xl^s. Edmundi Growde per annum liij^s. iiiij^d. Willielmi Hamlyn per annum xl^s. Matthæi Lappe per annum xl^s. Johannis Bowman per annum xxvj^s. viij^d. Johannis Rudgewaye per annum xl^s. Johannis Fowler per annum xxvj^s. viij^d. David Blagdon per annum xxvj^s. viij^d. Radulphi Hocking per annum xl^s. Thomæ Hache per annum xxvj^s. viij^d. Penc. Roberti Walshe nuper prior ibidem per annum x^{li}. Johannis Harras per annum viij^{li}. Willielmi Chester per annum vj^{li}. xiiij^s. iiiij^d. Stephani Kennill per annum vj^{li}. Willielmi Parke per annum vj^{li}. Willielmi Williams per annum vj^{li}. Willielmi Abraham per annum cvj^s. viij^d. Willielmi Lechedon per annum cvj^s. viij^d. Johannis Bennet per annum cvj^s. viij^d. Edmundi Peryn per annum cvj^s. viij^d. Nicholai Buckefaste per annum cvjs. viij^d. Johannis Wele per annum xl^s. Johannis Pike per annum xl^s."

^k Mit. Ab. vol. i. p. 175.

Willis, whose History of the Mitred Parliamentary Abbies was published in 1718, informs us that the abbey-church, although defaced, remained standing in its ruins till within fifty years of his time; when the materials of the tower, &c. being given to build a school-house, the whole became entirely rased to the ground. "As to the offices," he adds, "they being for the most part left standing, continue at this present, and are converted to divers uses. The Gate-House is as I remember made a prison. The Refectory, to the gratification of the enemies of our excellent church, is let out for a Meeting-House. The Saxon-School and other offices employed to hold corn, hay, &c. The Walls of the Kitchen and Chapter House are all standing, only uncovered at top. The scite of the Cloysters is visible, and measures about forty-five paces in length; the east side opened into the Chapter-House, which was a neat pile, being exactly octangular, and comprising thirty-six stalls most beautifully arched overhead. To sum up all, the monastery comprehended a large plot of ground, whereon stood a great quantity of buildings, which were enclosed with a high wall turretted at top."^m

Mr. Gough, in his Additions to Camden, informs us, that the chapter-house and the Saxon school were pulled down in 1736, to build a house for the Duke of Bedford's steward.ⁿ In the only arch of the cloisters which remained in Mr. Gough's time, two large bones were shown, pretended to be Ordgar's, or rather Ordulf's, whose figure was there in 1718.

Various fragments of the abbey still remain, but for the most part incorporated with other buildings. An arched gate-way ornamented with pinnacles, formerly belonging to the abbey, adjoins the principal inn in the town of Tavistock. Several other buildings, the appearance of which indicates them once to have formed a part of the monastery, are now used for ware-houses.

Two REGISTERS of Tavistock abbey are in the possession of his Grace the Duke of Bedford; one of them appears to be the same with that which Dugdale mentions as formerly belonging to John Maynard, Esq., and from which he copied the larger portion of the Charters preserved in the Appendix to the present Account.

¹ Itin. Will. de Worcest. p. 115.

^m Mit. Ab. vol. i. p. 171.

ⁿ The earliest authority for the mention of this Saxon school, as it is called, is probably to be found in Archbishop Parker's Preface to Asser's Annals of Alfred: "Quinetiam quoniam diplomata multa, et vetustioris ætatis monumenta, tum regiæ quæ in archivis custodiuntur chartæ, tam ante quam post Normannorum in Angliam adventum, adhuc extant, quæ Saxonice et verbis, et literis comprehenduntur, omnes qui in regni institutis addiscendis elaboraverint cohortabor, ut exiguo labore, seu pene nullo hujus sibi linguæ cognitionem acquirant. Quod si facere voluerint, multa proculdubio quotidie eruent, et elicient, quæ abdita jam jacent, et abstrusa, et plurimarum rerum involutas penitus naturas, et implicitas, nullo negotio expedient. Quem in finem superioribus sæculis a majoribus nostris monialium quædam collegia instituta sunt, in quibus essent quæ et hujus linguæ scientia imbuerentur, et eandem (cum aliis communicando) ad posteros transmitterent. Quod quidem in CENOBIO monialium TAVESTOKENSI in comitatu Deuonia, et multis aliis conventiculis (nostra memoria) receptum fuit, credo, ne ejus sermonis peritia, ob linguæ insolentiam penitus obsolesceret." It is also noticed by Camden. No notice whatever of such a foundation occurs among the ancient documents relating to the abbey.

Mr. Gough, in his Additions to Camden, says, "The foundation here for the encouragement of Saxon literature probably sunk at the Reformation: though had the divines of that time been aware how much the doctrines of the early Saxon church corresponded with those they were introducing, it would have been for their interest to have kept it up."

"The anecdote of a Saxon grammar," he adds, "being printed here in the beginning of the Civil wars (a very unlikely period) rests on the single authority of Bishop Gibson, or Dr. Musgrave, who sent him many particulars relating to Devonshire. Such a memorial of the typographic art among us, one would think, would have been preserved to the present age as well as Walton's translation of Boethius de Consolatione, 'enprinted in the exempt monastery of Tavestoke in Denshyre by me dan Thomas Rychard monke of the sayd monastery,' 1529, 4to. and 'The Confirmation of the Tynners' Charter,' 26 Hen. VIII. in sixteen leaves, 4to." Camd. Brit. edit. Gough, 1789, vol. i. p. 33.

For the History of Printing at Tavistock, compare also Hearne's Rob. of Glouc. vol. ii. p. 707. Gough's Brit. Topogr. vol. i. p. 312. and Herbert's edit. of Ames's Typogr. Antiq. vol. iii. p. 1439.

Copies of a few Instruments relating to this monastery occur in the Harleian manuscript num. 862.^a

An impression of the conventual SEAL of the monastery of Tavistock is appended to a document in the Augmentation Office, marked Chartæ Antiquæ, R. 62, bearing date the last day of June, in the 15th year of King Henry the Eighth, and purporting to be an annual pension to Sir Henry Courtenay, Knight. It represents, under a Gothic canopy, the Virgin Mary seated, with the child on her lap. On each side is a compartment, containing an angel kneeling, and in the act of praying. In an arch under the middle compartment sits a bishop or mitred abbot. Of the legend nothing more can be traced with certainty than the words SIGILLUM MONASTERII DE

Of the books which Leland saw in the LIBRARY of

this monastery he has noticed the following in his Collectanea, tom. iv. p. 152.

“Kilwardeby super libros Priorum.”

“Lincolniensis super libros Posteriorum.”

“Eulogium Joannis Cornubiensis ad Alexandrum papam.”

“Constantinus Aphricanus, monachus Cassinensis, de Re medica.”

Of the CELLS to Tavistock, *Cowick*, near Exeter, and *Modbury*, have been already incidentally noticed. They were both alien priories, and will be treated of in their proper places.

They had also the cell of SCILLY, in one of the largest of the Scilly islands, in Cornwall, now called Trescaw, but anciently Iniscaw, and St. Nicholas.^b

Cartae ad Tavestociense Coenobium in agro Deboniensi spectantes.

NUM. I.

[W. Malmesb. fol. 146 a.]

Est in Domnonia coenobium monachorum juxta Tau fluvium, quod Tavistok vocatur, quod per Ordgarum, comitem Domnoniensem, patrem Elfridæ, quæ fuit uxor regis Edgari surgendi exordium, per Livingum episcopum (Exon.) crescendi accepit auspiciū. Locus amœnus opportunitate nemorum, capturâ copiosâ piscium, ecclesiæ congruente fabricâ, fluvialibus rivis per officinas monachorum decurrentibus, qui suo impetu effusi, quicquid invenerint superfluum, portant in exitum. Rumonus sanctus ibi prædicatur, et jacet episcopus pulchritudine decoratus scrinii, ubi nulla scriptorum fides assistit opinioni, quod non solum ibi, sed in multis locis Angliæ, invenies violentia hostilitatis abolitam omnem gestorum notitiam, nuda sanctorum nomina, et si quæ modo prætendunt miracula sciri. Cernitur in eodem monasterio sepulchrum Ordgari, spectaculoque ducitur enormitas mausolei filii ejus. Edulfus hic vocatus est, giganteæ molis, et immanis roboris, sicut breviter demonstrare incidit animo. Viam agebat cum Edwardo rege, cujus erat cognatus, Exoniam versus. Ita cum

juxta portam equis dissiluissent, offenderunt introitum forinsecus repagulis, intus seris damnatum. Et fortè janitor, quem latuisset eorum adventus (nam domestico adequitaverant ocio) longè discesserat. Tùm Edulfus ambabus manibus arripiens repagula, parvo, ut videbatur, conamine dejecit in frusta, partem etiam muri pariter, evellens. Semelque calefactus, et secum infrendens secundò virtutum periculum dedit. Nam pedis impulsu valvas debilitans biforem reclusit cardinem, adeo ut etiam materiam elideret. Cæteris laudantibus, rex factum jocularitè attenuans, diabolicæ fortitudini, non humanæ virtuti attribuit.

[R. Hoved. f. 246 a.]

ANNO DCCCCXCVIJ. Ad hæc etiam Ordulfi primatis monasterium, quod Taustoke dicitur, combussit (videlicet, exercitus Danorum), ingentique præda onustus, ad naves repedavit.

[Math. Westm. Annales.]

ANNO gratiæ DCCCCLXJ. Ordgarus comes, coenobium

^a They consist of:

1. Instrumenta in causa Stephani abbatis de Tavystoke, super inventione, sustentatione, refectione, et emendatione Librorum matutinalium, &c. in ecclesia parochiali de Abbotisham, eidem monasterio appropriata, fol. 284 b.

2. Instrumenta super annua Pensione xviii. denariorum per rectorem ecclesiæ parochialis de Sydenham persolvendorum Abbati et Conventui de Tavystoke et in usus cujusdam obedientiæ dicti monasterij quæ elemosinaria nuncupatur, debitæ convertendorum, fol. 287 b.

3. Libellus, &c. religiosorum virorum Abbatis et Conventus de Tavystoke, in Causa sustentationis Cancelli et Librorum, contra dominum Adamum Tregenet vicarium ecclesiæ parochialis de Antone, fol. 289.

Bishop Tanner gives the titles of two Instruments relating to Tavistock, preserved in a volume of Collections by Nicholas Charles, in the library of Queen's college, Oxford.

1. Carta R. com. Pictav. confirmans Abbati et Conventui de Tavistock omnes libertates quas iis dedit Ricardus de Wyk, fol. 165.

2. De Contentione inter Ricardum de Cophin et Abbatem et Conventum de Tavistock circa metas terrarum suarum, fol. 174.

^b For the sake of compression, and because the Instruments relating to this cell are all included in the Appendix to Tavistock (see Numm. XVIII. XIX. XX. XXI.), we shall dispose of it here.

From King Henry the First's Charter to the monks of Tavistock (Append. Num. XVIII.) it appears, that in or before the reign of Edward the Confessor, some of the Scilly islands, and the tithes of the whole, had been given to certain monks or hermits who had their abode

in the island of St. Nicholas. King Henry the First made their house a cell to Tavistock. From the following entry in the Abbreviatio Rotulorum Originalium it should seem that in the 19th of Edw. III. A.D. 1346, two monks only were resident there; for whom two secular chaplains were allowed to be substituted during the war with France. “Abbas et conventus de Tavystok finem fecerunt cum rege per viginti solidos pro licentia habenda quod ipsi duos capellanos sæculares pro animabus progenitorum regis quondam regum Angliæ et hæredum suorum in insula de Sulby, celebraturos loco duorum capellanorum commonachorum suorum quos ibidem ex causa prædicta invenire solebant durante guerra inter Regem et homines de Francia mota invenire possint.” Abbrev. Rot. Origin. 19 Edw. III. inter gross. fin. ro. 34.

From their spiritual jurisdiction the abbats of Tavistock were frequently termed “Domini de Scilly,” although the property and temporal jurisdiction of all the islands continued vested from the earliest times in the earls of Cornwall. William of Worcestre, in his Itinerary, p. 116, says, “Insulæ de Sully sunt sub approtasmento Pii papæ Anno 1462, 6 idus Julij anno 3^o. pontificatus Pii papæ, ad instanciam abbatis Tavystoke, et domini Johannis Colsylle militis, domini principalium insularum, et dictus abbas est rector dictarum insularum.”

Since the Reformation the tithes have been vested in the lords proprietors.

Some remains of the conventual church of St. Nicholas in Trescaw are still to be seen. Dr. Borlase gave a view of it in his Observations on the Scilly Islands.

Bishop Tanner refers to Cart. 1 Joan. p. 1, n. 155 et 219, de Decimis Forestæ de Guffaer.

apud Thavistoke, in Devonia construxit, et illud religiosus monachis replevit. Erat autem comes Ordgarus pater Ælfðrithe, reginæ regis Eadgari, ex qua genuit Æthelredum, postea regem Anglorum.

NUM. II.

Foundationis Historia.

[Ex Cartulario de Tavistok penes Joh. Maynard armigerum, fol. 1.]

TEMPORIBUS bonæ memoriæ nobilissimi ac strenuissimi regis Edgari extitit quidam comes nomine Ordulphus de nobilissima gentis Anglorum prosapia, filius egregii ac venerabilissimi antiqui Ordgari, vir valdè Deo devotus, quod actionis suæ exitus probavit, sicut in sapientiæ laude canitur, omnis laus in sui fine demonstratur. Hic quadam nocte, sicut mos ei ab adolescentia inoleverat, de lecto suo surgens Deo supplicando extra limen suæ domus progreditur. Cum moras in oratione ageret, manusque suas ad cælum tendendo levaret, ecce Dei bonitas et gloria quæ famulo suo Moysi in igne rubi omnibusque filiis Israel heremum transeuntibus die in columpna nubis, noctuque in columpna ignis apparuit, adest et huic Dei famulo, à terra usque ad cælum pertingens, omnem meridiani solis fulgorem superans, se in igne atque splendore manifestando. Visa ergo tanti luminis superni splendoris claritate ex improviso, nec mirum extimuit. Ac intra suæ domus liminare sese recepit, atque in lectulo suo membra fessa locavit, ibique lacrimis suis lectum suum rigavit quousque sopor eum invasit. Cum ergo soporando quiesceret, ecce quidam vultus venustissimi ac candidissimi astitit ei dicensque illi: “Ne timeas vir Deo dilecte, scias pro certo preces tuas à Deo fore exauditas. Hoc enim tibi demonstravit cœlesti lumine quod in splendentis ignis columpna tibi ostendit. Surge ergo summo auroræ diluculo et illum locum quo prædicta columpna steterat inquirendo perquire, ibique signum sanctitatis invenies, quatuor scilicet virgulas quadris lateribus infixas, faciesque ibi oratorium in quatuor evangelistarum honore, tam amplum quam præfixio denotat virgarum, qui Salvatorem omnium gentium per quadrifidum orbem velud in quadrigæ curru intulerunt. Hocque faciendo peccatorum tuorum veniam mereberis.” Evigilans verò statim à sompno, stratu desiliens suo genua ad Deum flectendo et post orationem suam conjugii visionem recitavi. Illa verò hanc ut audivit Deo gratias reddidit, similemque se vidisse eadem hora noctis affirmavit. Itaque post gratiarum actionem postque communem allocutionem iterum membra sua quieti tradiderunt. Et ecce prædictus vir qui eis sicut suprafatum est aderat alia vice, eodem vultu venustatis ac candelationis affuit, eisque singulis singulariter inquit, ‘Quid moraris in obediendo præceptis? nonne audisti unquam ab ore alicujus doctoris quod melior est obedientia quam victimæ? Surge ergo vade quære et fac quod præceptum est tibi.’ Et talia fando, via qua venerat redit. Facta est autem illis eadem visio in eadem nocte usque tercio. Surgens verò summo mane sanctæ crucis signo signans se, viam quæ ducit ad nemus in quo prædictam visionem claritatis viderat, arripuit, ac prædictum locum summa intentione mentis quæsivit, et quasi eundem quem habuit revelatorem haberet viæ conductorem, statim locum signis sigillatum invenit amœnum apricum aptum. Qui exultans in Domino lætus magno gaudio et illum magnificè glorificavit qui ei tantam revelationem revelavit. Fecit quoque postea oratorium sicut ab angelo ei præceptum fuerat, et amplius quam acceperat præcepto addit Dei gratia proprio voto. Fecit ergo monasterium in honore sanctæ Dei genitricis Mariæ in prædicti oratorii parte occidentali quasi mille hominum capacem, domosque alias monachorum congregationi congruentes, et illius ordinis fratres quamplures inibi congregavit atque abbatem illius ordinavit, ut sub regulari meta mores suos componerent atque colligerent. Set quia morte prædicti regis interveniente quod deflet Anglorum gens undique. Erat emin Christianæ religionis amator et cultor devotissimus, omnibus regni sui incolis et divitibus et egenis benivulus super justissimus. Cui successit filius ejus

Edwardus morum patris dulcedine atque bonitate decoratus, set ætate juvenis et tenellus, industria humanæ malignitatis ex toto minimè cautus, odientes se tanquam amantes et amabat et frequentabat, simplex ut columba inimicali dolo innocenter occiditur. Set anima ut credimus in cœlestibus coronatur. Cui successit frater ejus Ethelredus. Erat autem et ipse juvenis quidem ætate. Tempore quoque hujus Suein Danorum rex hanc insulam cum exercitu suo valde devastavit, et tandem per violentiam suam ad effectum perduxit, ut rex toto regno præsideret.

Ethelredus verò cum non posset ei resistere, transfretavit ad comitem Ricardum Normanniæ, et cum eo fuit, donec Suein ab hac vita in qua multos sibi subegerat et pene Anglorum omnem nobilitatem ac libertatem deleverat, decessit. Tunc Dani qui Angliam occupaverant elegerunt sibi eum in regem filium ejusdem Suein. Ethelredus rediit in Angliam et ab Anglis susceptus est, quare Cnut rex Danorum iratus, omnes obsoles quos habebat ab Anglis vel sibi traditos jussit interficere. Sicque in Daciam rediit quousque Ethelredus vitam finivit. Set Ethelredo adhuc vitali vita vivente ac regnante opus quod prædictus vir Ordulphus inceperat regali ac sacerdotali jure libertati dederat. Et dignum ducimus sicut et nomina regum in quibus temporibus hæc facta sunt imposuimus, nomina etiam archipræsulum et episcoporum huic nostræ revelationi imponamus.

Rexit itaque hiis temporibus Cantuariensem ecclesiam Dunstanus nomine, vir sanctissimus, qui benevolentiam prædicti regis et benedictione confirmavit et auctoritate sancivit. Oswaldus verò venerandus archipresul Eboracensis ecclesiæ triumphalem tropheum agiæ crucis impressit. Et Heluoldus autem vir magnæ sanctitatis Wyntoniensis ecclesiæ episcopus idem consignavit. Elfstanus quoque vir reverendus Londoniensis episcopus prædictum donum consensit et benedictione confirmavit. Elstanus verò Cridiatonensis ecclesiæ episcopus signum crucis infixit. Ethelgar quoque atque Ethelstan, Athul atque Aluric, Elfeac atque Estin, Ethelsi necnon et Wlsi, omnes hii episcopi propria manu subscripserunt. Regis verò munimine deinceps locus ipse tueatur Domino protegente. Et ipsius loci abbas Deo deserviens gregem sibi commissum dirocheè foveat. Sit igitur præfatum monasterium omni terrenæ servitutis jugo liberum, tribus exceptis, rata videlicet expeditione, pontis, arcisve restauratione. Si quis verò tam epylepticus philargiriæ seductus amencia (quod non optamus) hanc nostræ munificentiae dapsilitatem ausu temerario infringere temptaverit, sit ipse alienatus à consorcio sanctæ Dei ecclesiæ, nisi digna satisfactione humiliter penituerit. Abbas verò qui eligatur post abbatem qui nunc est, ex eadem eligatur congregatione qui dignus sit fungi tali officio; aliorum verò minimè nisi culpis promerentibus inibi inveniri nequiverit qui aptus sit animabus lucrandis. Quod si hoc, quod absit, miserabiliter evenerit, de alio noto et familiari monasterio unanimi fratrum consilio postuletur, cujus vita probabilis sapientia prædita cultuque religionis fulgida fidelibus clarescat, finitis namque diebus benivoli et laudabilis viri qui specialis lucris copia sanctum dapsilis ditaverat locum, laicorum nemo ipsius loci dominium usurpare sibi præsumat.

Rura verò quæ ab eo vel à sua conjuge vel à suis parentibus vel amicis domino nostro Jesu Christo ejusque genitrici semperque Virgini Mariæ ob æternæ vitæ remunerationem concessa, hæc sunt, Tavistok, Mideltun, Hatherleghe, Berlton, Leghe, Dunethem, Chovelin, Lankinhorn, hæc à viro. Hæc vero à conjuge, Hame, Werelgete, Orlege, Auri, Rame, Savyok, Panastan, Tornebiri, Colbrok, Lege, Wlsithetun, Clymesland. Hæc nec abbas nec alicujus personæ homo licenciam habeat pro pecunia vendendi vel gratis concedendi vel mutandi, set æterno Deo maneat imperpetuum quod ei concessum vel concedendum. Hæc confirmatio privilegii libertatis ecclesiæ Tavystochiæ, quam venerabilis comes bonæ memoriæ Ordulphus Dei gratia intus et exterius illuminatus propria sua hæreditate qua perfunctus, avina sive paterna vel propria conquisitione, licencia et consilio et benedictione Edgari regis incepit,

ædificavit, consummavit, et tantis annorum curriculis, regni mutatione, et alienæ gentis scilicet Dacorum incursione, in tempore sui nepotis Ethelredi, perfecit, quando omnipotentis Dei gratia et misericordia Anglorum patria sanctorum in ea degentium meritis et precibus pacificata est, qui die ac nocte clamaverunt ad Dominum in prosperis et in adversis cum tribularentur, et de necessitatibus eorum liberavit eos. Facta est autem confirmatio anno ab incarnatione Domini *ccccclxxxj.* regnante adhuc prædicto rege Ethelredo et prædictis præsulibus ecclesiam Dei in Anglia gubernantibus.

Post compositionis primæ compositores et hujus operis constructores et revelatæ ædificationis ædificatores ac regalis atque sacerdotalis dispositionis dispositores necnon ecclesiastici regiminis primos rectores electione canonica secundum normam superius dictam, vir venerandus atque honorandus nomine Almerus, almus atque bonus sicut ex sui nominis præsidio ab hiis qui Latinam atque Anglicam linguam perfectè norunt interpretatur, litterarum studiis ac monasticæ religionis disciplina nobiliter imbutus, ad regendam sæpe nominatam ecclesiam et divini verbi pabulo pascendum gregem dominicum in ea congregatum eligitur. Qui ministerium sibi injunctum modestè ac discretè indeficienter exequens, lectioni atque orationi studium dans, bonæ vitæ suis subjectis et dictis et factis exemplum præbens, res ecclesiasticas diligenter tractans, iniqua execrans, justa dilexit, Deum super omnia proximum ut seipsum amans, inter prospera humilis, inter adversa fortis et securus, sicut res testantur quæ egit innumeris obsequiis cum adversitas Danorum omnem oppressisset gentem Anglorum, et intus et exterius quicquid habuerint vel in arvis vel in domibus ad suos rapuerunt usus, nullam nec de lactentibus infantulis nec de miseris matribus pietatem vel misericordiam habentes, ecclesias Dei undique expoliantes, ac post apertam nudationem atque expoliationem grave jugum cunctis terram tenentibus et pene omnibus importabile inponentes, ut sic primitus quicquid pecuniæ vel in auro vel in argento avina vel paterna vel propria alicujus industria ad defendendam hujus miseriæ vel aliquorum suorum inopem vitam elegerat, totum auferrent et sic postea fraudulenter utpote ab hiis qui non possent terras defendere nec haberent unde, quasi justa ratione omnes tollerent. Set vae impio semper iniqua cogitanti.

Inter has oppressiones et miseras et captivitates quibus gens Anglicana opprimebatur undique, prædictus abbas Almerus vir illustris et nobilis ex communi fratrum consilio dedit ex pecunia suæ ecclesiæ quam regendam acceperat, secundo danegildo pro dominio illius quod est in Devoniam libram et dimidiam secundum pensum, scilicet *xxj^m.* pro Tavystok, et pro Hecfelda et pro Berlitionia tantundem, et pro Tornebiria *lx.* denarios secundum pensum. Summa hujus pecuniæ *xlvi.* mancusæ.

NUM. III.

Chartæ Regum de Inspeximus dictæ.

[Cart. 22 Edw. III. n. 38, memb. 17.]

R. (&c.) Inspeximus cartam quam celebris memoriæ Ædelred, quondam rex Angliæ, fecit abbati et conventui de Tavistok in hæc verba.

P Universitatis Creatore in æternum regnante, ac justo moderamine cuncta creata visibilia et invisibilia miro ineffabilique modo gubernante; ego Æthelred Angliæ nationis, cæterarumque gentium triaviatim intra ambitum Britannicæ insulæ degentium, regie dignitatis solio ac tempus, Christi mundi redemptoris gratia, subtronizatus basileus, à quodam milite avunculo videlicet meo, qui secundæ regenerationis utero innovante gratia ineffabiliter editus, nobili Ordulf polens floret onomate, humili devotione compunctus, subnixis deposcens precibus efflagitare Deum compunctus gratia benivolutus ceperat ut arcisterium, cui notabile at Tavistoce fulget vocabulum, ubi mater ejus fraterque, ava videlicet mea et avunculus cæterique nostræ posteritatis prosapies mausoleis somate tumulati, tuba hujus

caducæ vitæ clangente ultima, terciam resurrectionis nativitatem, animâ corpori Deo faciente in ictu oculi mirabiliter associatâ, diem judicaturi vel judicandi præstolantur extremum, ut ibi loco celebri domino nostro Jesu Christo ejusque genetrici semperque Virgini Mariæ dedicato, monachos non seculares set regulares in omnibus sanctæ regulæ obtemperantes præceptis, licenter constitueret, fideisque naturalibus devotus locupletaret. Ejus igitur votis applaudendo, voti compos animi, et quod fides catholica poposcerat admodum libens tripudiansque concessi. Admiranda namque ejus fidei constancia. Nam illo in tempore quo præfatus miles, Sancti Spiritus gratia compunctus, ad legitimos monachorum usus, ad æternæ vitæ lucrum, hoc construxerat cœnobium, cæteri quique infidelitatis nevo turpati, loca sancta dissipantes, sanctæ religionis monachos insipidi, me impote nolenteque, infantili adhuc, ut ita dicam, ætate vigente, atrociter, veluti pagani, ad perpetuum sui dampnum fugabant. Ejus igitur benivolentiæ congaudens, meorum optimatum usus consilio, libertatis privilegium præfato loco sanctæ Dei genitrici semperque Virgini Mariæ dicato, magna animi alacritate tripudians concedo, et secundum patroni nostri beati Benedicti traditionem, post obitum abbatis qui nunc sancto præsidet loco, abbas ex eadem eligatur congregatione qui dignus sit tali fungi officio; aliorum verò minimè nisi culpis promerentibus inibi inveniri nequiverit qui aptus sit animabus lucrands. Quod si hoc, quod absit, miserabiliter evenierit, de alio noto et familiari monasterio unanimi fratrum consilio eligatur, cujus vita probabilis sapientia prædita, cultuque religionis fulgida, fidelibus clarescat. Finitis namque diebus benivoli et laudabilis viri, qui specialis lucri copia sanctum dapsilis ditaverat locum, laicorum nemo ipsius loci dominium præsumens sibi usurpet. Rex verò, quæ ab eo Domino nostro Jesu Christo ejusque genitrici semperque Virgini Mariæ ab æterno usque remunerationem concessa sunt vel concedenda, nec abbas nec alicujus personæ homo licenciam habeat pro pecunia vendendi vel gratis concedendi vel mutandi, set æterno Deo maneat perpetuum, quod ei concessum vel concedendum est. Regum verò munimine deinceps ipse locus Domino protegente tueatur, ipsiusque loci abbas regi deserviens, gregem sibi commissum dirocheo, id est, duplici pasto foveat. Sit igitur præfatum monasterium omni terrenæ servitutis jugo liberum, tribus exceptis, rata videlicet expeditione, pontis, arcisve restauratione. Si quis verò tam epilepticus philargyriæ seductus amentia, quod non optamus, hanc nostræ munificentie dapsilitatem ausu temerario infringere temptaverit, sit ipse alienatus à consorcio sanctæ Dei ecclesiæ, necnon et à participatione sacrosancti corporis et sanguinis Jesu Christi filii Dei, per quem totus terrarum orbis ab antiquo humani generis inimico liberatus est, et cum Juda Christi proditore, sinistra in parte deputatus, ni prius hic digna satisfactione humiliter pœnituerit quod contra sanctam Dei ecclesiam rebellis agere præsumpserit, nec in vita hac practica veniam, nec in theorica requiem apostata optineat ullam; set æternis baratri incendiis trusus cum Anania et Saphira jugiter miserrimus crucietur. Anno Dominicæ incarnationis *ccccclxxxj.* indictione ix. scripta est hæc carta. Hiis testibus consentientibus, quorum inferius nomina caraxantur. ✠ Ego Adelred, rex totius Britannicæ præfatam donationem cum sigillo sanctæ crucis confirmavi. ✠ Dunstan, Dorobernensis ecclesiæ archiepiscopus ejusdem regis benivolentiam consensi. ✠ Ego Alfhreth ejusdem regis mater hanc donationem confirmavi ✠.

✠ Oswald archiepiscopus triumphalem trophæum agiæ crucis impressi. ✠ Adeluold, Pictaviensis ecclesiæ episcopus prædictum donum consensi. ✠ Ego Alfstan, Londoniensis ecclesiæ episcopus consignavi. ✠ Ego Athelgar episcopus trophæum agiæ crucis imposui. ✠ Ego Alfstan episcopus jubente rege signum crucis infixi. ✠ Ego Alfstan episcopus consensum præbui figens crucem. ✠ Ego Athulf episcopus crucis modum manu propria subscripsi. ✠ Ego Ælfric episcopus. ✠ Ego Ælfeah episcopus. ✠ Ego Cerdic episcopus. ✠ Ego Ædelric episcopus. ✠ Ego Wulfr.

episcopus. ✠ Ego Alchere dux. ✠ Ego Athelwine dux. ✠ Ego Bryhtnod dux. ✠ Ego Athelbriht dux. ✠ Ego Athelmere dux. ✠ Ego Ædwine dux. ✠ Ego Athelweard min. ✠ Ego Oedelweard min. ✠ Ego Beorthwold min. ✠ Ego Ælfric minister. Ego Brightwold minister. Ego Ælfric minister. Ego Ordelm minister. Ego God minister. Ego Ælfric minister. Ego Leofwine minister. Ego Leofric minister. Ego Ælmere minister. Ego Goduine minister. Ego Ælwine minister. Ego Ælfric minister.

Inspeximus etiam cartam quam dominus H. quondam rex Angliæ, progenitor noster, fecit præfatis abbati et conventui in hæc verba. H. rex Angliæ Willielmo episcopo Exon. et Ricardo filio Baldwini vicecomiti, et omnibus fidelibus suis de Denescira et de Cornualia salutem. Volo et mando vobis, et præcipio firmiter, quod faciatis venire ad dominium ecclesiæ meæ de Tavistoch, Rueberge et Cudelipe, quas Wymundus Willielmo fratri suo injustè tradidit. Et prohibeo ne aliquis præter monachos ipsas terras amplius teneat, vel alias aliquas quæ de dominio ecclesiæ fuerunt, exceptis illis quas Gaufridus abbas dedit ad servicium miliciæ. Et præcipio ut ipsa ecclesia mea habeat et teneat omnes terras et tenuras suas liberè quietè et integrè, et ne aliquis abbas ulterius aliquam distrahat vel alicui donet præter confirmationem meam, et assensum etiam tocus capituli. Volo etiam et præcipio pro anima Willielmi regis et mea, hundredum de Tavestoch liberum esse per se et quietum, ne in aliquo hundredo Lifton subiaceat aut respondeat. Et concedo, sicut per aliam cartam concessi, mercatum esse omni die Veneris in villa de Tavistoch, et nundinas ad festum sancti Rumoni per tres dies. Et prohibeo ne aliquis emptor sive venditor thelonium suum ibi retineat, qui illud in vicinis burgis vel civitatibus meis juste dare debeat. Testibus Radulfo archiepiscopo Cantuar. et Willielmo filio regis, et Roberto comite de Mellent apud Odyham.

Inspeximus etiam cartam quam dominus H. quondam rex Angliæ proavus noster fecit præfatis abbati et conventui in hæc verba. H. rex Angliæ, dux Normaniæ et Aquitaniæ, et comes Andeg. justiciar. et vicecom. et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Angliæ, salutem. Concedo quod Walterus abbas de Tavistoca habeat omnes warennas et defensa sua in bosco et plano, ita bene et in pace et honorificè sicut rex H. avus meus antecessori suo per breve suum concessit. Et prohibeo ne quis in eis fuget, vel leporem capiat, sine ejus licencia, super x. librarum forisfacturam. Teste Henrico de Essex, apud Oxenford.

Inspeximus etiam quandam aliam cartam ejusdem domini H. quondam regis Angliæ in hæc verba. H. rex Angliæ et dux Norman. et Aquitan. et comes Andegav. justiciar. vicecom. et omnibus ministris suis Devonæ et Cornubiæ salutem. Præcipio quod abbas et monachi mei de Tavestocha habeant et teneant omnes terras et tenuras suas et ministeria sua, ita bene et in pace liberè, et quietè, et justè et integrè, et honorificè, sicut prædecessores sui melius et liberiùs habuerunt et tenuerunt tempore regis H. avi mei. Et prohibeo ne ipsi inde in placitum ponantur nisi coram me, nisi nominatim præcepero. Teste Gaufrido archiepiscopo Cantuar. apud Silvestonam, &c.

Nos autem concessionem et confirmationem prædictas ratas habentes et gratas, eas pro nobis et hæredibus nostris, quantum in nobis est, nunc abbati et conventui dicti loci de Tavistok et successoribus suis concedimus et confirmamus, sicut cartæ prædictæ rationabiliter testantur, et prout iidem abbas et conventus et prædecessores sui terras et tenementa prædicta hactenus tenuerunt, et libertatibus prædictis rationabiliter usi sunt et gavis. Hiis testibus venerabilibus patribus J. archiepiscopo Cantuar. totius Angliæ primate, W. episcopo Winton. thesaurario nostro, Henrico comite Lancast. Willielmo de Bohun comite North. Henr. de Percy, Radulpho de Stafford, Richardo Talbot senescallo hospitii nostri, et aliis. Dat. per manum nostram apud Westmon. xiiij. die Februar.

Per finem quinque marcarum solutarum clerico hanaperii Devon.

NUM. IV.

Prædia ad Ecclesiam Tavistoc: spectantia, tempore Regis Willielmi Conquestoris.

[Ex Libro Censuali vocato *Domesday Book*, in domo Capituli Westmonast. asservato.]

Dorsete, fol. 78 b.

TERRA ABBATIÆ TAVESTOCH. Ecclesia Tavestoch tenet OSCHERVILLE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro III. hidis. Terra est VI. car. De ea est in dominio I. hida. et ibi II. car. et III^{or}. servi et VII. villani et XVII. bord. cum III^{or}. car. Ibi II^o. molini redd. VII. sol. et IX. acr. prati. Pastura XV. quarent. long. et II. quarent. lat. et II. censores redd. XV. solid. Valet VI. lib.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet POWRTONE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro II. hid. Terra est II. car. De ea est in dominio I. hida. et ibi I. car. et V. villani et III. bord. et II. acr. prati. et XVI. acr. silvæ. Pastura VIII. quarent. long. et II. quarent. lat. Valuit XXV. solid. Modo XL. solid.

Devenescire, fol. 103 b.

TERRA ECCLESIAE DE TAVESTOCH. Ecclesia Tavestoch tenet manerium TAVESTOC. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro III. hid. et dimid. Terra est XL. car. In dominio sunt V. car. et XII. servi et XVII. villani et XX. bord. cum XIII. car. Ibi molinum serviens curiæ. et XVI. acr. prati. Pastura X. quarent. long. et tantundem lat. Silva II. leu. long. et una leu. lat.

De hac terra hujus manerii tenet Ermenald dimid. virgatam terræ. Radulfus tantundem. alter Radulfus III. partes unius virg. terræ. Robertus unam virgatam et II. ferlings. Goisfridus unum ferling. Hugo dimid. hid. et terciam partem unius virg. terræ. et unum ferling. Has terras tenebant de abbate III. taini, tempore Regis Edwardi, et non poterant ab æcclesia separari. Ibi sunt in dominio VI. car. et dim. et III. servi. et VI. villani. et XVII. bord. et III. coscezes cum III. car. Totum valet abbati XII. lib. Militibus C. sol. Olim valebat XXII. lib. inter totum.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet MIDDLESTONE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro dimidia hida. Terra est XV. car. In dominio sunt V. car. et XII. servi et XIII. villani et XII. bord. cum X. car. Ibi XX. acr. prati et cccc. acr. pasturæ et X. acr. silvæ. Olim. III. lib. modo valet VIII. lib.

Cum hoc manerio tenet abb. II^{as}. terras LEGE et LITELTONE. Has tenuerunt II. taini tempore Regis Edwardi pro II. maner. et geldabant pro dimidia hida. Terra est XV. car. In dominio est I. car. et III. servi et III. villani et V. bord. cum III. car. Olim XXX. solid. Modo val. LX. solid.

Goisfridus tenet de Abbate LIDELTONE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro dim. hida. Terra est III. car. Ibi sunt cum V. uillanis et II. bord. et III. servis. Ibi X. acr. prati et quater XX. acr. pasturæ. et XII. acr. silvæ. Olim XX. solid. Modo valet XXX.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet ADRELIE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro III. hid. Terra est XXX. car. In dominio sunt III. car. et VI. servi et XXVI. villani et VI. coscezes. cum X. car. Ibi C. acr. prati. Pastura III. leu. long. et dimid. leu. lat. Silua II. leu. et dim. long. et dimid. leu. lat.

De hac terra hujus Manerii tenet Nigel dimid. virg. terræ. dimid. ferling. minus. Walterus III. virg. terræ. Goisfridus dimid. virg. terræ et dim. ferling. Radulfus dimid. virg. terræ. Ibi sunt in dominio III. car. et III. servi et XII. villani et III. bord. et V. coscezes. cum VI. car. et molin. redd. VI. den. in terra Goisfridi. Hoc manerium valet abbati X. lib. Militibus III. lib. Olim valebat IX. lib. inter totum.

Radulfus tenet de Abbate TORNEBERIE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro una hida. Terra est X. car. In dominio sunt II. car. et III. servi. et X. villani. et VI. bord. cum III. car. Ibi C. acr. prati et cxx. acr. pasturæ et XX. acr. silvæ. Valet III. lib.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet HAME. Tempore Regis Ed-

wardi geldabat pro II. hid. Terra est XX. car. In dominio sunt II. car. et IIII. servi. et XXI. villani. et VI. bord. cum XV. car. Ibi VI. acr. prati et LX. acr. pasturæ et II. acr. silvæ. Olim LX. sol. Modo val. c. solid.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet WRDIETE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro dimidia hida. Terra est V. car. In dominio est I. car. cum I. servo et VI. villani et V. bord. cum I. car. Ibi VIII. acr. prati et XII. acr. silvæ. Olim X. solid. modo val. XX. solid.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet BERNINTONE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro III. hid. Terra est XXIIII. car. In dominio sunt III. car. et IIII. servi. et XV. villani et XI. bord. cum VIII. car. et dimid. Ibi IIII. buri. et IIII. porcarii redd. XL. porc. Ibi VIII. acr. prati et LX. acr. silvæ. et una leu. pasturæ. Olim c. sol. Modo valet VII. lib.

Huic Manerio sunt additæ II^æ. terræ quas tenebant II. taini tempore Regis Edwardi pro II. maner. et geldabant pro dimid. hida. Terra est XI. car. In dominio sunt IIII. car. et dimid. et VI. villani et IIII. bord. Ibi III. acr. prati et VI. acr. silvæ minutæ, et pastura communis. Olim LX. solid. Modo valet XXXV. solid. Willielmus Capra et Goisfridus ten. de abbate modo.

Willielmus tenet de Abbate RADONE. Vlmer tenebat tempore Regis Edwardi et geldabat pro una virgata terræ. Terra est II. car. Ibi est unus villanus cum dim. car. et I. servo et XIII. acr. prati et L. acr. pasturæ. Valet V. solid.

Nigel et Robertus ten. de Abbate LIEGE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro I. hida. Terra est I. car. In dominio sunt III. car. et VII. servi. et X. villani et X. bord. cum V. car. Ibi XXX. acr. prati et LX. acr. pasturæ. et XXXVIII. acr. silvæ. Totum valet XL. solid.

Rainaldus tenet de Abbate HUNDATORE. Sistrice abbas tenebat tempore Regis Edwardi et geldabat pro dimidia hida. Terra est IIII. car. In dominio est I. car. et II. servi. et II. villani et IIII. bord. cum I. car. Ibi IX. acr. prati. et II. acr. silvæ et una leu pasturæ. Valet XX. solid.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet DEVENEBERIE. Ældret arch. tenebat tempore Regis Edwardi et geldabat pro dimidia hida. Terra est V. car. In dominio est I. car. et II. servi et IIII. villani et V. bord. cum IIII. car. Ibi II. acr. prati et XV. acr. pasturæ. et XXV. acr. silvæ. Olim X. sol. Modo valet XL. solid.

Grento tenet de Abbate WELLE. Eldred arch. tenebat tempore Regis Edwardi et geldabat pro II. hid. Terra est VIII. car. In dominio sunt II. car. et IIII. servi et X. villani et XII. bord. cum V. car. Ibi IIII. acr. prati. et XX. acr. pasturæ. Olim XL. solid. Modo valet IIII. lib.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet PLEMESTOCH. Sistrice tenebat tempore Regis Edwardi et geldabat pro dimidia hida. Terra est IIII. car. In dominio est I. car. et V. servi. et IIII. villani et IX. bord. cum III. car. Ibi dim. acr. prati. et XXX. acr. pasturæ. Olim XX. solid. Modo val. XL. solid.

In Civitate EXONIA habet abbas unam domum quam habuit in vadimonium de uno burgense. et solebat reddere regi VIII. den. per consuetud.

Cornvalge, fol. 121.

TERRA ÆCCLESIAE DE TAVESTOCH. Ecclesia de Tavestoch tenet SAVIOCH. et Ermenhaldus de ea. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro una hida. Terra est IX. car. In dominio sunt II. car. et IIII. servi et VI. villani et XVII. bord. cum III. car. Ibi XXX. acr. pasturæ. et LX. acr. silvæ. Olim et modo valet LX. solid.

Idem Ermenhaldus tenet de ipsa æcclesia ANTONE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro dimidia hida. Terra est VI. car. In dominio sunt II. car. et IIII. servi. et XII. villani et XV. bord. cum V. car. Ibi X. acr. pasturæ et XXX. acr. silvæ minutæ. Olim et modo valet c. solid. Abb. de Hortune calumniatur hanc terram.

Idem Ermenhaldus tenet de ipsa æcclesia RAME. Ibi est I. hida et geld. pro dim. hida. Terra est VII. car.

In dominio est I. car. et IIII. servi. et IIII. villani et XV. bord. cum III. car. Ibi XXX. acr. pasturæ et X. acr. silvæ minutæ. Olim et modo val. XL. solid.

Idem Ermenhaldus tenet de ipsa æcclesia TREGRENON. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro dimidia hida. Terra est IIII. car. Ibi sunt III. car. et II. servi. et IX. villani et una acr. prati et II. acr. pasturæ. Olim et modo valet XX. solid.

Idem Ermenhaldus tenet de ipsa æcclesia PENNEHALGAR. Ibi est una virgata terræ et geldabat pro dimid. virgata. Terra est II. car. Ibi est I. car. et VI. villani et X. acr. silvæ. et X. acr. pasturæ. Olim et modo valet X. sol.

Idem tenet de ipsa æcclesia TALGAR. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro dimid. virgata terræ. Terra est I. car. Ibi sunt II. bord. et una acra pasturæ. Olim et modo valet V. solid.

De ipsa æcclesia tenet Comes Moriton injuste IIII. maneria. BOIETONE. ELENT. TREBICHEN. TREWANT. Abbas calumniatur ^a quia de æcclesia ablata sunt.

NUM. V.

Confirmatio Regis Willielmi II. de Wlurintuna.

[Ex Cartulario ut supr. penes Joh. Maynard, fol. 4 b.]

ANNO Dominicæ incarnationis millesimo nonagesimo sexto, regni autem inclitæ recordationis secundi Willielmi IX. misit idem rex in quadragesima optimates suos in Devenesiram et Cornubiam et Exoniam, Walcalinum videlicet Wyntoniensem episcopum, Randulphum regalem capellanum, Willielmum Capram, Hardinum Beldoldi filium, ad investiganda regalia placita. Quibus in placitis calumpniati sunt cuidam mansioni abbacie Taviensis, nomine, Wlurintune; dicentes et affirmantes illam mansionem injustè attinere Tavystochiensi abbacie, set potius illam regali dominio semper rectè insistere. Dictis quorum et calumpniis nos abnegantes comprobavimus, mansionem illam plurimorum auctoritate antecessorum nostrorum Tavystochiensi abbacie absque ulla calumpnia perhenni jure pertinere. Qua de causa una cum regalibus supradictis placitatoribus regem Anglorum requisivimus quatinus illam mansionem supradictam pro Dei amore et sanctæ Mariæ, Taviensi abbacie, absque ulla calumpnia perhenni jure, concederet subjacere. Quibus quidem auditis et enarratis ante regem, ipse rex petitioni nostræ adquiescens, pro anima patris sui et matris suæ, abbacie Dei et sanctæ Mariæ Tavyensis ecclesiæ illam mansionem, videlicet Wlurintune inperpetuo restituens in hæc verba respondit. Ego Willielmus rex Anglorum Osberno episcopo salutem et Willielmo filio Baldewyni et Guarino vicecomiti de Cornubia et omnibus fidelibus meis Francis et Anglis de Devenasira et Cornubia. Sciatis me dedisse Deo et sanctæ Mariæ et ecclesiæ de Tavystok pro anima patris mei et matris meæ ipsiusque mei manerium de Wlurintuna, et ut bene illud et honorificè in omnibus Guimundus successoresque sui abbates constituti indésinenter hætenus possideant. Hoc denique sciant omnes quod rex per cultellum eburneum quod in manu tenuit et abbati porrexit hoc donum peregit apud curiam, testimonio virorum illorum nomina quorum infrascripta dinoscuntur. Ego Walchalinus Wyntoniensis episcopus dedi testimonium. Ego Johannes Batoniensis episcopus consensi, et ego abbas Turstinus Glastoniensis assensum præbui, &c. Qui quidem cultellus jacet in feretro sancti Rumoni. In cujus manubrio inseritur talis scriptura. ✠ Ego Willielmus rex dedi Deo et sanctæ Mariæ de Tavistoc terram Wlerintun.

NUM. VI.

Carta Odonis le Arcedeakne, de Westlydeton.

[Ibid. fol. 104 b.]

OMNIBUS Christi fidelibus ad quos præsens scriptum pervenerit dominus Odo le Arcedeakne miles salu-

^a Sic.

tem in Domino sempiternam. Noverit universitas vestra me pro salute animæ meæ et antecessorum et successorum meorum remisisse et quietum clamasse pro me et hæredibus meis et assignatis Deo et beatæ Mariæ et sancto Rumono et abbati de Tavistok et ejusdem loci conventui et eorundem successoribus, in puram et perpetuam elemosinam, totam terram de Westlydeton cum omnibus suis pertinentiis, prout in carta feoffamenti quam Willielmus de Bodbran michi inde fecit plenius continetur. Tenendum et habendum dictis abbati et conventui de Tavistok et eorum successoribus totam prædictam terram cum serviciis liberorum hominum et rusticorum et omnibus aliis pertinentiis suis in puram et perpetuam elemosinam liberè, quietè, pacificè et integrè imperpetuum sine aliquo retenemento michi vel alicui de meis imposterum. Ita quod ego nec hæredes mei nec aliquis per me vel hæredes meos in prædicta terra de Westlydeton cum omnibus suis pertinentiis aliquod jus vel clamium habere vel clamare possimus nec aliquam fraudem imponere per quam dicti abbas et conventus vel eorum successores molestentur, vexentur, vel graventur. Et ut hæc mea remissio et quietà clamantia rata stabilis et inconcussa permaneat imperpetuum, præsens scriptum sigilli mei impressione roboravi. Hiis testibus, dominis Reginaldo de Ferrariis, Hugone de Ferrariis, Roberto le Deneyis militibus; Johanne de Belomonte, Alano de Lydeton, H. de Kestelwith, Petro de Doneslond clerico, et aliis. Data in crastino sancti Marcæ evangelistæ anno regni regis Edwardi septimodecimo.

NUM. VII.

Carta Abbatis et Conventus de Redditu de Westlydeton.

[Ibid.]

UNIVERSIS sanctæ matris ecclesiæ filiis præsentem paginam inspecturis Robertus permissione divina abbas Tavistochiæ et ejusdem loci conventus salutem in Domino sempiternam. Ad universitatis vestræ notitiam volumus pervenire, quod nos divinæ caritatis intuitu et pro salute animarum nostrarum et omnium prædecessorum et successorum nostrorum, et pro salute animæ domini Odonis le Arcedeakne militis damus et concedimus in augmentum elemosinæ monasterii nostri imperpetuum totum redditum nostrum de Westlydeton cum redditu molendini ibidem, salvis nobis homagiis et omnibus aliis serviciis dictorum tenentium nostrorum loci prædicti integraliter recipiat, et per visum nostrum et prioris nostri et successorum nostrorum de prædicto redditu singulis annis emat et provideat ad opus pauperum Christi vestimenta et calciamenta eisdem die commemorationis animarum coram nobis in claustrum nostro fideliter et sine dolo sub periculo animæ suæ distribuenda quantum de prædicto redditu secundum verum valorem poterit comparari. Ita quod ista elemosina imperpetuum ut præmittitur sit duratura. Elemosinarius vero prædictus de prædicto redditu coram nobis et successoribus nostris singulis annis plenum compotum et apertum reddere tenetur cum fuerit requisitus. Quicumque autem hanc nostræ concessionis et donationis exilitatem ausu temerario infringere vel in alios usus nitatur convertere, omnipotentis Dei et gloriosæ matris ejusdem et omnium sanctorum maledictionem ipso facto incurrat, nisi prævia contritione et satisfactione condigna poeniteat de commissis manifeste, et prædictam concessionem nostram ad statum suum redire faciat ordinatum. In cujus rei testimonium præsentem paginam sigillorum nostrorum munimine roboravimus. Data iiij. nonas Aprilis anno gratiæ mcc. nonagesimo primo.

NUM. VIII.

Appropriatio Ecclesiarum Tavystochiæ Lamerton, Middelton, Northpiderwyn, Hatherlegh, Abbedesham, et Brentetorre.

[Ibid. fol. 26 a.]

UNIVERSIS sanctæ matris ecclesiæ filiis præsentem paginam inspecturis B. Dei gratia Exoniensis episcopus

salutem in Domino. Noveritis quod nos monasterii de Tavystok pensata paupertate, et dilectorum filiorum Herberti permissione divina, abbatis et conventus monasterii prædicti petitione salubri ponderata, capituli nostri legitimo accedente consensu ecclesiam sancti Eustachii de Tavystok, ecclesiam sancti Petri de Lamerton, ecclesiam sanctorum Constantini et Ægidii de Middelton, ecclesiam sancti Paterni de Northpiderwyne, ecclesiam sancti Johannis Baptistæ de Hatherlegh, ecclesiam sanctæ Helenæ de Abbedesham, ecclesiam sancti Michaelis de Rupe cum omnibus pertinentiis suis prout scripta prædecessorum nostrorum super hiis confecta plenius testantur, prædicto monasterio et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus divinæ caritatis intuitu damus, appropriamus, et præsentis scripto in perpetuam rei memoriam confirmamus. In cujus rei testimonium præsentibus sigillum nostrum una cum sigillo autentico capituli nostri apponi fecimus.

NUM. IX.

Bulla Exemptionis et Confirmationis omnium Ecclesiarum et Decimarum Monasterio de Tavistok.

[Ibid. fol. 33 a.]

CELESTINUS episcopus servus servorum Dei dilecto filio Herberto abbati de Tavistochia ejusque successoribus regulariter substituendis imperpetuum. Commissæ nobis apostolicæ sedis auctoritas nos hortatur, ut locis et personis ipsius auxilium devotione debita implorantibus tuitionis præsidium impendere debeamus. Quia sicut injusta poscentibus nullus tribuendus est affectus, sic et legitima et justa desiderantium non est differenda petitio. Eapropter dilecte in Domino fili Herberte abbas tuis justis postulationibus clementer annuimus, et monasterium de Tavistoch quod in honore beatæ Mariæ et sancti Rumoni confessoris ædificatum esse dinoscitur, sub ejusdem beatæ Mariæ et sancti Rumoni confessoris et sacrosanctæ Romanæ ecclesiæ, cujus juris existit, tutela et proprietate tantum manere censemus, et præsentis scripti privilegio communimus. Statuentes ut quascumque possessiones quæcumque bona tam ecclesiastica quam mundana idem monasterium in præsentia- rum justè et canonicè possidet, aut in futurum concessionem pontificum, largitione regum vel principum, oblatione fidelium, seu aliis justis modis Deo propicio poterit adipisci, firma tibi tuisque successoribus et illibata permaneant. In quibus hæc propriis duximus exprimenda vocabulis. Ecclesiam beatæ Mariæ et sancti Rumoni confessoris de Tavistok in qua sedes abbatiae existit, cum eadem villa et mercato ejusdem villæ et capellis et omnibus aliis pertinentiis suis. Middelton et ecclesiam sancti Constantini confessoris in eadem villa constructam, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis. Hatherlegam cum ecclesia sancti Johannis Baptistæ in eadem villa fundata et omnibus pertinentiis suis. Boryngton cum ecclesia sanctæ Trinitatis in eadem villa sita. Lega et Abbedysham cum ecclesia sanctæ Helenæ ibidem constructa. Werdegete, Ordleg, Auri, Tornebury, Ruaburga, et unam domum in civitate Exoniæ, Devenebury, et ecclesiam beatæ Mariæ ibidem fundatam. Wella, Daggecumba, Plymstok, Raddon, Hundetorre, Odattrew, Savyok, et ecclesiam beatæ Mariæ ibidem fundatam. Anton cum ecclesiis ibidem fundatis et pertinentiis suis, Rame, Tregrenon, Penhangar, Talcar, Wulrynton, cum matrice ecclesia sancti Paterni et capellis ejusdem villæ et omnibus ad eam spectantibus. Oskereville, Pourton cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus suis vobis rationabiliter collatis. Infra insulas etiam de Sully, insulam sancti Nicholai, insulam sancti Sampsonis, insulam sancti Elidii, insulam sanctæ Theonæ virginis, et insulam quæ Nutho vocatur, cum appendiciis suis, et omnes ecclesias et oratoria per omnes insulas de Sully constructa cum decimis et obventionibus et aliis pertinentiis suis. Et duas boscatas terræ in insula de Aganas, et tres boscatas terræ in insula de Ennor. Ecclesiam quoque sancti Michaelis de Rocta cum terris et redditibus suis, ecclesiam de Lamberton cum omnibus pertinentiis suis à domino fundi W. Giffard in puram et perpetuam elemosinam vobis et mo-

nasterio vestro collatam, et à bonæ memoriæ B. Exoniensi episcopo confirmatam, et de vobis ad mandatum de tribus pauperibus cotidie pascendis et ad alia pietatis opera exequenda J. quondam Exoniensis episcopi assensu assignatam. Ecclesiam quoque sancti Petri de Montocranhton, cum terra de Nordecumba et aliis pertinentiis suis.

Obeunte verò te Herberto nunc ejusdem loci abbate vel tuorum quolibet successorum, nullus ibi qualibet surreptionis astutia vel violentia præponatur nisi quem fratres communi consilio vel pars consilii sanioris secundum timorem Dei et sancti Benedicti regulam absque ullius contradictione decreverint abbatem eligendum. Custodiam eciam domus vestræ, et rerum et possessionumstrarum dispositionem in manibus vestris donec vestræ provideatur ecclesiæ manere censemus. Sepulturam quoque ipsius loci liberam esse decernimus ut eorum devotioni et extremæ voluntati qui se illic sepeliri deliberaverint nisi fortè excommunicati vel interdicti sint nullus obsistat. Salva tamen illarum ecclesiarum canonica justitia à quibus mortuorum corpora assumuntur. Indulgemus etiam ut liceat vobis ecclesias vestras cum vacaverint in hospitalitatis usum in domo vestra jugiter observandæ convertere, idoneos ad eas eligendo capellanos, qui diocesano episcopo præsentati eidem de spiritualibus vobis verò de temporalibus debeant respondere. Ita quidem quod episcopus illos repellendi qui sibi fuerint præsentati nullam prorsus habeat sine causa rationabili potestatem.

Sane novalium vestrorum et eorum quæ propriis manibus aut sumptibus excolitis sive animalium vestrorum nullus à vobis decimas exigere aut extorquere præsumat, sed potius vobis reservatæ in usus hospitalitatis convertantur. Decernimus ergo ut nulli omnino hominum nec episcopo fas sit præfatum cœnobium temerè perturbare aut ejus possessiones auferre vel ablatas retinere, minuere, seu quibuslibet vexationibus fatigare, set omnia integra conserventur eorum pro quorum gubernatione ac sustentatione concessa sunt usibus omnimodis profutura; salva sedis apostolicæ auctoritate. Si verò aliquod scriptum vel privilegium contra hanc libertatem vobis et monasterio vestro a nobis indultam et præsentis privilegii auctoritate confirmatam aliquando apparuerit, eidem libertati nulla ratione præjudicet. Ad indicium autem hujus à sede apostolica perceptæ libertatis tres aureos pro monasterio beatæ Mariæ et sancti Rumoni confessoris prælibati nobis nostrisque successoribus annis singulis exsolvetis. Si qua igitur in futurum ecclesiastica secularive persona hanc nostræ constitutionis paginam sciens contra eam temerè venire temptaverit, secundò terciòve commonita si non satisfactione congrua emendaverit, potestatis quæ honoris sui dignitate careat, ream seque divino judicio existere de perpetrata iniquitate cognoscat, et à sacratissimo corpore ac sanguine Dei et Domini redemptoris nostri Jesu Christi aliena fiat, atque in extremo examine districtæ ultioni subjaceat. Cunctis autem eidem loco justa servantibus sit pax Domini nostri Jesu Christi quatinus et hic fructum bonæ actionis percipiant, et in futuro apud districtum judicem præmia æternæ pacis inveniant. Data Laterani per manum Ægidii sancti Nicholai in carcere Tulliano diaconi cardinalis, iiij. kal. Junii ab incarnatione nativitatibus Dominicæ anno millesimo centesimo nonagesimo tertio, pontificatus domini nostri Celestini papæ tercii anno terciò.

NUM. X.

Carta Roberti de Veteri-Ponte.

[Ibid. fol. 90 a.]

NOVERINT omnes tam posteri quam præsentis quoniam ego Robertus de Veteri-Ponte consilio amicorum meorum reddidi ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ et sancti Rumoni Tavistociæ terram de Wynemerestona liberam et quietam de me et fratribus meis et omnibus hæredibus meis bona voluntate et absque omni fraude, sicut illam quam pater meus et mater postea nullo jure suo nisi sola permissione abbatum et conventus ejusdem cœnobii ad tempus tenuerunt. Et pro hoc abbas et conventus de-

derunt michi decem marcas argenti, fratribus meis et propinquis communionem beneficii et orationum ejusdem ecclesiæ concesserunt. Me verò cum voluero in monachum recipere promiserunt. Interim omni die qua præsens in villa Tavistociæ fuero et accipere voluero præbendam unius monachi secundum hoc pactum michi daturi sunt. Teste Alano de Furnell, et Guilielmo Buzone justic. domini regis. Teste eciam Henrico de Pomerie, et Drogonio episcopi dapifero.

NUM. XI.

Carta Roberti filii Baldwini, de Terra de Paseford.

[Ibid. fol. 128.]

NOVERINT universi fideles Domini nostri Jesu Christi quod ego Robertus filius Baldwini filii Gervasii divinæ correctionis evidenti virtute compulsus, reddidi Deo et monasterio Dei genitricis beatissimæ Virginis Mariæ et gloriosi confessoris Dei beati Rumoni et B. abbati Tavistochiæ et conventui terram suam de Paseford quam per potestatem et voluntatem avunculorum meorum scilicet Rogerii filii Reinfredi et magistri G. de Constantino sigillarii domini regis à præfato B. abbate Tavistochiæ obtinui. Eandemque terram cum omnibus pertinentiis suis in bosco et plano pratis et pascuis sicut egomet eam tenueram, memorato abbati et conventui Tavistochiæ resignavi, et quietam et absolutam de me et omnibus meis imperpetuum clamavi pro mea meorumque salute præsertim patris mei et matris fratrisque mei Johannis, et Agnetis, et Hawys sororum mearum necnon et prædictorum avunculorum meorum. Hiis testibus, Willielmo Giffard, H. Dalneto, G. Cofyn, Gilberto de Ferrariis, Rogero de Wycha, Fulcone Duenzport, Roberto de Crewabera, Rogero Ruby, Radulpho capellano, Ricardo Grindeham, filio Pagani, et multis aliis.

NUM. XII.

Carta Reginaldi de Ferrariis.

[Ibid. fol. 153 b.]

UNIVERSIS Christi fidelibus præsens scriptum visuris vel audituris Reginaldus de Ferrariis dominus de Ber et Isota de Ferrariis domina de Nyweton salutem in Domino sempiternam. Noverit universitas vestra nos concessisse viris religiosis abbati et conventui de Tavistok et eorum successoribus totam terram quam habuerint de dono magistri Adæ de Middleton in Cornwode, quietam ab omni districtione pro homagio, fidelitate, vel servicio aliquo de Augustino de Batonia faciendo, usque ad legitimam ætatem ejusdem Augustini, cum serviciis liberorum hominum et rusticorum, et cum omnibus aliis pertinentiis ad prædictam terram spectantibus. Ita videlicet quod prædicti viri religiosi abbas et conventus de Tavistok et eorum successores faciant nobis et hæredibus nostris vel assignatis omnia servicia debita et consueta quæ hæredes dicti magistri Adæ de carne sua procreati facere deberent si quos habuerit. In cujus rei testimonium præsentis scripto sigilla nostra duximus apponenda. Data apud Nyweton in vigilia nativitatibus beatæ Mariæ anno gratiæ millesimo ducentesimo octogesimo.

NUM. XIII.

Carta Willielmi de Ferrariis.

[Ibid. fol. 155 a.]

PATEAT universis per præsentis quod ego Willielmus de Ferrariis recepi una cum executoribus domini Reginaldi patris, de religioso viro Roberto permissione divina abbate de Tavistok, quinquaginta et septem marcas et dimidiam quas idem dominus R. abbas de bonis prædicti regis patris mei in custodia sua habuit, et quod de cætero dictum abbatem nec aliquem de suis de aliquibus bonis dicti patris nullo modo calumpniare potero in posterum. In cujus, &c. Data apud Tavistok die Sabbati proxima post festum Translationis sancti Thomæ martyris anno regni regis Edw. tricesimo quinto.

NUM. XIV.

Carta de Plympton. Plymstoke.

[Ibid. fol. 158 b.]

SCIANT omnes filii fideles sanctæ matris ecclesiæ quod hæc conventio et specialis fraternitas constituta est per Walterum abbatem Tavistochiæ et totum ejusdem ecclesiæ conventum et per Ricardum priorem Plimpton et ejusdem ecclesiæ conventum inter ecclesiam de Tavistok et ecclesiam de Plympton, ut omnis lis et contentio et calumpnia removeatur inter eas imperpetuum super capella de Plymstocha. Ita quod ipsa capella libera et quieta et sine omni calumpnia remaneat imperpetuum ecclesiæ de Plimpton. Ecclesia de Plimpton debet facere plenarium servicium pro abbate de Tavistoke defuncto, sicut constitutum est pro priore ejusdem ecclesiæ defuncto, et pro monachis defunctis sicut pro suis canonicis professis defunctis. Abbas debet habere plenariam præbendam in refectorio Plimpton per totum primum annum obitus sui, et monachi in prima die annunciationis obitus sui. Simili modo prior de Plympton plenariam habebit præbendam in refectorio Tavistochiæ per totum annum obitus sui primum, et canonici prima die annunciationis obitus sui. Cum monachi de Tavistochia venerint hospitari ad Plimpton debent honorificè sicut fratres familiares suscipi in choro, in refectorio, in dormitorio, cum omni diligentia et competenti famulatu. Simili modo canonici de Plimpton ad Tavistochiam. Si autem dominus abbas et conventus Tavistochiæ necesse habuerint vocare priorem vel aliquos fratrum Plimpton ad capitulum suum, prior vel fratres vocati venire debent ad vocationem suam. Si autem aliqua causa pro defendendo jure ecclesiæ de Tavistochia pro aliquo alio magno negotio dominus abbas et conventus ejus præsentiam prioris vel alicujus fratris canonici desideraverit, prior Plimpton vel canonicus ille cum domno abbate vel priore Tavistochiæ per omnem episcopatum Exoniæ in equis et sumptibus ipsius prioris perget. Si autem necesse fuerit extra episcopatum Exoniæ negotium domus Tavistochiæ prosequi, prior vel canonicus ejus qui vocatus fuerit, in equis prioris et in sumptibus abbatis cum abbate vel priore ejus ibit. Cum autem capellanus ponendus fuerit in capellariam de Plimstocha, dominus prior Plimpton pro reverentia domni abbatis et conventus ejus in quorum fundo est sita supradicta capella, ducet eum ad Tavistociam coram abbate et conventu, et debet eis promittere dominus prior et capellanus suus pro eo honorabile servicium Deo et ipsis, et salubre hominibus suis. Et si capellanus ille aliquid fecerit quod sit corrigendum, dompnus prior Plimpton debet illud corrigere: si autem capellanus incorrigibilis fuerit priori, consilio abbatis et prioris corrigatur vel removeatur. Cum venerit aliquis monachorum ad Plimstoch, capellanus prioris administrabit eis liberum introitum in capellam et candelam ad coenam et ad matutinas et ad servicium in capella.

NUM. XV.

Recognitio Prioris de Plimpton Domui de Tavistoke.

[Ibid.]

IN Dei nomine, Amen. Anno gratiæ ejusdem secundum cursum ecclesiæ Anglicanæ mccc. quarto, indictione iiij. die Veneris proxima post festum sancti Clementis papæ in quodam clauso juxta curiam rectoris ecclesiæ de Bikeleghe in parte boriali ejusdem curiæ, in præsentia mei notarii et testium infra scriptorum ad hoc specialiter rogatorum, religiosus vir Johannes prior de Plympton ordinis sancti Augustini, Exoniensis diocesis, quamdam confessionem pure, sponte, et absolute emisit sub eo qui sequitur tenore verborum. Ego Johannes prior de Plimpton pro me et successoribus meis ex certis et legitimis causis pro utilitate prioratus mei antedicti, fateor me teneri, meque successores meos futuris temporibus velle obligari religioso viro Roberto Dei gratia abbati monasterii de Tavistok ordinis sancti Benedicti dictæ diocesis ejusque successoribus, ad quamcumque

vocationem dicti abbatis suorumque successorum per totam diocesim Exoniensem antedictam venire et sumptibus prioratus mei de Plympton patrocinium consilium et auxilium quod scivero et potero eidem abbati et suis successoribus impendere, extra verò dictam diocesim ubicumque sumptibus dicti abbatis competentibus et equis meis propriis hoc idem facere promitto. Præterea in quocumque adventu dicti abbatis suorumque successorum ad manerium suum de Plymstoke teneor et teneri volo pro me et successoribus meis eidem abbati suisque successoribus in sex panibus albis, duabus lagenis vini et quinque candelis ceræ ex causis ut præmittitur legitimis. Insuper quandocumque humanitus contigerit de abbate de Tavistok, unoque de monachis dictæ domus in abbatem electo aut aliunde postulato, teneor et teneri volo invenire eidem electo unum palefredum decentem cum garcione ad opus dicti electi per omnes curias et loca in quibus idem electus pro confirmatione sua habenda negociari habet, usque in diem installationis suæ canonicæ. Item fateor me teneri præsentare idoneum capellanum ad ecclesiam de Plymstoke religioso viro abbati de Tavistok ejusque successoribus singulis annis in festo sancti Michaelis apud Tavistok. Quæ omnia et singula idem abbas et sui prædecessores a tempore quo non extat memoria canonice possidebant. Propter quorum per aliqua tempora subtractionem ego Johannes prior antedictus viginti dolia vini eidem abbati vadiavi, de quibus idem abbas ex gratia sua quinque dolia vini remisit. Ita quod de quindecim doleis vini eidem abbati pro libito voluntatis suæ satisfacere teneor. Emissa fuit ista confessio anno indictione die et loco supradictis, præsentibus Petro Dei gratia abbate Buffestrensi et Galfrido eadem gratia abbate Boklondie ordinis Cisterciensis. Dominis Reginaldo de Ferrariis et Andrea de Trelosk militibus, Johanne de Bytelesgate, Johanne de la Torre, Willielmo de Niweton, magistris Johanne de Colepitte et Roberto de la Pytte, Willielmo de Bokelandia, Johanne de Oskereswille et Johanne de Pennenten testibus, ut præmittitur, ad hoc vocatis et rogatis.

Et ego Robertus de Polhorman clericus, Exoniensis diocesis antedictæ, emissioni dictæ confessionis una cum testibus antedictis interfui, omniaque et singula prænotata fieri vidi et audivi, meoque signo consueto signavi rogatus ut notarius sacrosancti Romani imperii auctoritate autenticus.

NUM. XVI.

Relaxatio Willielmi Eggecumbe de Terra in Parco de Inislegh.

[Ibid. fol. 181 b.]

SCIANT præsentis et futuri quod ego Willielmus Eggecumbe de Cotehele dedi, concessi, remisi, relaxavi, et omnino pro me et hæredibus meis aut assignatis imperpetuum quietum clamavi Stephano abbati monasterii Tavistochiæ et ejusdem loci conventui totam terram meam jacentem infra parcum prædictorum abbatis et conventus de Inneslegh in manerio prædictorum abbatis et conventus de Midelton cum fossatis et pertinentiis suis. Habendum et tenendum totam prædictam terram cum fossatis et pertinentiis prædictis abbati et conventui et successoribus suis imperpetuum. Ita quod nec ego prædictus Willielmus Eggecumbe nec hæredes mei nec assignati nec aliquis nomine nostro aliquod jus vel claimium juris in prædicta terra aut in fossatis seu in pertinentiis suis habere, exigere, aut vendicare poterimus imposterum. Et ego vero prædictus Willielmus Eggecumbe et hæredes mei totam prædictam terram cum fossatis et pertinentiis suis præfatis abbati et conventui et successoribus suis contra omnes gentes tenemur warrantizare, acquietare, et defendere imperpetuum. In cujus rei testimonium huic præsentī cartæ sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus, Roberto Langebroke, Willielmo Maynard, Roberto Stephene, Johanne Vantard, Henrico atte Combe, et aliis. Data apud Cotehele die Lunæ proxima ante festum sancti Clementis papæ anno regni regis Ricardo secundi post Conquestum Angliæ secundo.

NUM. XVII.

Donatio facta Abbati de Tavystock de Wyke-D'abernon.

[Ibid. fol. 220 a.]

SCIANT præsentēs et futuri quod ego Johannes D'abernon de Bradeford dedi, concessi, et hac præsentī cartā meā confirmavi Deo, Ricardo abbati monasterii sancti Rumoni de Tavystok et monachis ididem Deo servientibus totum manerium meum de Wyke juxta Brentatorre, ut in mesuagiis, columbariis, molendinis, terris, pratis, boscis, communijs, pasturis, estoveriis bosci, redditibus, et omnibus servijs omnium tenentium meorum ibidem, tam liberorum quam villanorum, cum reversionibus omnium terrarum quæ de me tenentur in manerio prædicto in feodo talliato vel ad terminum vitæ, una cum redditu in toto servicio Laurencii de Holywille, cum omnibus terris et tenementis quæ de me tenet in Holywille, unâ cum reversione eorundem tenementorum cum acciderit, et cum omnibus aliis suis libertatibus, juribus, et pertinentiis suis. Habendum et tenendum totum manerium prædictum, cum omnibus suis pertinentiis prænominatis, cum redditibus, servijs, reversionibus, communijs, pasturis, estoveriis bosci, et omnibus aliis pertinentiis suis Deo, præfatis abbati et monachis, et eorum successoribus in liberam, puram, et perpetuam elemosinam imperpetuum. Et ego prædictus Johannes D'abernon et hæredes mei totum manerium prædictum, cum omnibus suis pertinentiis, redditibus, servijs, reversionibus, communijs, pasturis, estoveriis bosci, et omnibus pertinentiis suis Deo, præfatis abbati et monachis et eorum successoribus contra omnes gentes warantizare tenemur imperpetuum. In cujus rei testimonium huic præsentī cartæ meæ sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus, Johanne de Ferrers, Waltero Wodlond, Johanne de Kelly, militibus, Rogero Pyperel, Ricardo Mewy, et aliis. Data apud Wyke vicesimo octavo die Maii, anno regni regis Edwardi tertii, a Conquestu Angliæ vicesimo sexto, et Franciæ terciodecimo.

NUM. XVIII.

Carta Regis Henrici de Insulis de Sullya.

[Ibid. fol. 3 a.]

HENRICUS rex Anglorum Willielmo episcopo Excestriæ et Ricardo filio Baldwini, et justiciæ suæ de Devenesira et Cornegallia, salutem. Sciatis me dedisse in perpetuam elemosinam Osberto abbati et ecclesiæ de Tavystok, et Tuoldo monacho suo omnes ecclesias de Sullye cum pertinentiis suis, et terram, sicut unquam monachi aut heremitæ melius eam tenuerunt tempore regis Edwardi, et Burgaldi episcopi Cornegalliæ. Et volo et præcipio quod ipse Tuoldus et omnes monachi de Sully sicut proprii præbendarii mei habeant firmam pacem cum omnibus quæ ad eos pertinent. Et prohibeo ne aliquis ullo modo eis noceat aut ullam injuriam faciat. Quod si quis præsumperit, corporis sui membrorumque suorum dampnum sustineat. Testibus, Radulpho archiepiscopo Cantuariæ et Turstano archiepiscopo Eboraci, et Willielmo episcopo Wyntonæ, et Roberto episcopo Lincolnæ, et Ricardo episcopo Londonii, et Ranulpho cancellario, et Roberto comite de Mellent, et Nigello de Albineio, apud Bornam in transitu.

NUM. XIX.

Confirmatio Reginaldi filii Regis Comitis Cornubiæ, de eodem et de Wrecco.

[Ibid.]

REGINALDUS regis filius comes Cornubiæ omnibus baronibus suis et ballivis suis Cornubiæ et Sully salutem. Sciatis me pro anima Henrici regis patris mei et mea, et pro cartâ ipsius quam vidi, concessisse et confirmasse in liberam et perpetuam elemosinam monachis de Sully sicut propriis præbendariis patris mei omne wrec quod in insulis quas ipsi totas tenent advenerit præter cœtum et navem integram, hoc est, in Rentemen et Nurcho et

insula sancti Elidii et sancti Sampsonis et sanctæ Teonæ. Et prohibeo super forisfactum meum sicut prohibuit pater meus per cartam suam, ne quis eis aliquam injuriam faciat aut molestiam. Quoniam nolo ut de aliquo tenemento suo in Sully aut libertate vel consuetudine quam eis concessi alicui amodo intendant nisi michi et abbati Tavystochiæ. Teste, Radulpho de Bosco-Roardi, apud Dorecestriam.

NUM. XX.

Confirmatio B. Episcopi Exoniæ de Decimis de Sully.

[Ibid. fol. 14.]

OMNIBUS fidelibus ad quos præsens scriptura pervenerit B. divina miseratione dictus episcopus Exoniæ salutem in Domino. Noverit universitas vestra me vidisse et legisse cartam Ricardi de Wicha in qua confitetur se concessisse et in liberam ac perpetuam elemosinam dedisse omnes decimas suas de Sully, et nominatim de cuniculis quas injustè aliquamdiu detinuerat, eo quod de rebus hujusmodi decimas dandas esse non putavit, abbati et conventui Tavistochiæ et fratribus monasterii beati confessoris Nicholai de Sully, pro salute animæ suæ et parentum suorum necnon et Reginaldi quondam comitis Cornubiæ domini sui, et hanc donationem super altare beati Rumoni Tavistochiæ per librum evangeliorum manu propria obtulisse in præsentia B. abbatis et conventus ejusdem loci et multorum aliorum. Quoniam autem tam monasterium Tavistochiæ quam tota terra prædicti Ricardi de Sully ad meam pertinet diocesim, ego sicut episcopus diocesanus prænotatam ipsius Ricardi donationem auctoritate episcopali præsentī scripto, et sigilli mei, sicut eam quam gratam et ratam habeo, appositione confirmo. Hiis testibus, B. archidiacono Cornubiensi, M. priore Plympton, Roberto de Anc. Petro filio Ricardi, Johanne Tavistoch, Petro Pic. Willielmo Lumb. Johanne Walenci, Radulfo de Eisse, Waltero de Camera, et Radulpho, et multis aliis.

NUM. XXI.

Literæ Protectionis pro Priore S. Nicholai infra Insulam de Sully.

[Ibid. fol. 11 a.]

EDWARDUS, Dei gratia, rex Angliæ, dominus Hiberniæ et Aquitanniæ, universis et singulis ducibus, comitibus, baronibus, admirallis, militibus, majoribus, vicecomitibus, magistris et marinariis navium, ballivis, ministris, ac aliis amicis et fidelibus et subditis suis quibuscunque ad quos præsentēs literæ pervenerint, ac constabulario castri in insula de Enmour in Sully qui nunc est vel qui pro tempore fuerit, salutem. Monstravit nobis dilectus nobis in Christo prior prioratus sancti Nicholai in insula de Sully qui per progenitores nostros quondam reges Angliæ fundatus et de patronatu nostro existit, ac de possessionibus pro sustentatione sua et monachorum ac capellanorum secularium ibidem Deo deservientium, et pro animabus ipsorum progenitorum nostrorum, et salubri statu nostro ac hæredum nostrorum dum vixerimus, et pro animabus nostris, cum ab hac luce migraverimus preces assiduas Deo fundendo dotatus fuisset, et prioratus prædictus per frequentes accessus marinariorum navium universarum regionum per ipsam insulam transeuntium defectu tuitionis in tantum destructus et depauperatus existat, quod dictus prior rationabilia onera eidem prioratui incumbencia supportare non sufficit, et suas preces et devotiones ac alia pietatis opera quæ pro nobis et dictis progenitoribus et hæredibus nostris ibidem fieri solebant in multum subtrahuntur et plus subtrahi formidatur, nisi sibi de alio remedio per nos provideatur. Unde nobis supplicavit ut dictum prioratum contra hujusmodi malefactores tueri velimus et defendere. Nos supplicationi prædictæ annuentes gratiosè suscepimus ipsos priorem, prioratum, monachos, capellanos, ac homines, servientes, possessiones, et res suos quoscunque in protectionem et defensionem nostras speciales. Et ideo vobis fidelibus et subditis nostris

mandamus vobisque amicis, quatinus ipsos priorem, priorem, monachos, capellanos, homines, servientes, possessiones et res suos quoscumque sicut prædictum est manuteneatis, protegatis, et defendatis. Non inferentes eis vel ab aliis inferri permittentes injuriam, molestiam, dampnum, inquietationem, impedimentum aliquod, seu gravamen. Et si quid eis forisfactum fuerit vel injuriatum, id eis sine dilatione debitè reformari faciat et emendari. Et tu præfata constabulariæ eisdem priori, monachis, capellanis, hominibus et servientibus super reformatione quarumcumque injuriarum sibi de cætero in hac parte inferendarum, posse tuo auxilians sis et intendens, eosque similiter manuteneas et protegas in forma prædicta. In cujus rei testimonium has literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste me ipso, apud Westmonasterium xxviij. die Octobris anno regni nostri quadragesimo primo.

NUM. XXII.

Placita de Quo Waranto coram Salomone de Roff. et sociis suis Justiciariis itinerant. apud Exon. in octab. S. Martini, 9 & 10 Edw. I. ro. 35 d.

[Ex orig. in domo Capitulari Westmon. asservato.]

ABBAS de Tavistock summonitus fuit ad respondendum domino regi de placito quo waranto clamat habere furcas, visum franci plegii, emendas assisæ panis et cervisiæ fractæ in Worlinton et Hatherlegg sine licentia &c. Et abbas venit et dicit quod prædictæ villæ de Worlinton et Hatherlegh sunt infra procinctum hundredi Walteri de Waniford de Torington ubi nichil accrescere potest domino regi: et petit judicium si dominus rex actionem habeat ad prædictas libertates petendas quæ sunt in alieno hundredo et si hoc non sufficiet dicet aliud.

Et Willielmus de Giselham qui sequitur &c. dicit quod hujusmodi libertates specialiter pertinent ad coronam et dignitatem domini regis in quocumque hundredo fuerint. Et desicut nullum warantum inde ostendit petit judicium. Dies datus est ei a die Paschæ in unum mensem coram domino rege ubicumque &c. de audito judicio suo &c.

NUM. XXIII.

Placita de quo Waranto coram iisdem Justiciariis, 9 & 10 Edw. I. ro. 39.

[Ibid.]

ABBAS de Tavistok summonitus fuit ad respondendum domino regi quo waranto tenet hundredum de Tavistok quod pertinet ad coronam domini regis et quo waranto clamat habere visum franci plegii, furcas, tumberellum, pillorium, emendas assisæ panis et cervisiæ fractæ, mercatum, et nundinas in Tavistok sine licentia domini regis vel predecessorum suorum regum Angliæ &c.

Et abbas venit et quoad hundredum dicit quod hundredum illud est annexum baroniæ suæ quam tenet de domino rege et de pertinentiis ejusdem baroniæ. Et eo waranto illud tenet.

Et Willielmus de Gyselham qui sequitur pro domino rege dicit quod hundredum est quoddam speciale annexum coronæ et dignitati domini regis quod nullus habere potest nisi ex speciali dono domini regis et petit judicium desicut prædictus abbas nullum speciale warantum ostendit. Dies datus est ei coram domino rege a die Paschæ in unum mensem ubicumque &c. de audito judicio suo &c.

Et quoad visum franci plegii, furcas, tumberellum, pillorium, et emendas assisæ panis et cervisiæ, dicit quod hujusmodi libertates pertinent ad hundredum et desicut ipsemet tenet prædictum hundredum petit judicium. Dies datus est ei de audito judicio suo ut supra.

Et quoad mercatum et nundinas dicit quod ipse et omnes prædecessores sui Abbates ejusdem loci habuerunt prædictum mercatum et nundinas in manerio de

Tavistok a tempore quo non extat memoria. Et hoc petit quod inquiratur per patriam. Et Willielmus de Gyselham similiter judicio inquiratur.

Et juratores dicunt super sacramentum suum quod prædictus abbas et omnes prædecessores sui a tempore a quo non extat memoria semper usi sunt prædictis mercato et nundinis apud Tavistok. Dies datus est a die Paschæ in unum mensem coram domino rege ubicumque &c. de audiendo judicio &c.

NUM. XXIV.

Placita de Quo Waranto coram Joh. de Berewyk et aliis Justiciariis itinerantibus apud Lanceneton in Com. Cornub. in octab. S. Mich. anno regni Regis Edw. fil. Henr. tricesimo.

[Ibid.]

ABBAS de Tavistok summonitus fuit ad respondendum domino regi de placito quo waranto clamat habere wreccum maris in omnibus insulis suis de Sulleye &c. Et abbas venit et dicit quod ipse et omnes prædecessores sui a tempore quo non extat hucusque usi sunt habendi wreccum maris sine aliqua interruptione: et hoc petit quod inquiratur per patriam.

Et Johannes de Mutford qui sequitur pro rege similiter. Ideo inquiratur. Juratores dicunt super sacramentum suum quod prædictus abbas et omnes prædecessores sui habuerunt wreccum maris in omnibus insulis prædictis præterquam aurum, balenam, pannos de scarleto et irmino, cum acciderint, a tempore quo non extat memoria &c. Et juratores requisiti si prædictus abbas aut prædecessores sui prædictum wreccum de prædictis auro, balena, scarleto, et irmino unquam occupaverant, dicunt quod non. Ideo prædictus abbas inde sine die salvo &c.

NUM. XXV.

Pro Abbate de Tavystoke.

[Pat. 36 Hen. VI. p. 2, m. 4.]

REX omnibus ad quos &c. salutem. Sciatis quod nos de gratia nostra speciali concessimus et licentiam dedimus pro nobis et hæredibus nostris, quantum in nobis est, Johanni Denyngton abbati domus et ecclesiæ beatæ Mariæ sanctique Rumoni de Tavystoke quod ipse penes dominum summum Pontificem modernum Papam prosequi possit et habere licentiam utendi Mitra, Sandaliis, et aliis insignibus pontificalibus, et benedicendi in missarum solempniis et gratiis dicendis eisdem auctoritate et modis quibus aliquis episcopus utitur, quodque idem Abbas quascunque alias provisiones materiam illam concernentes penes Pontificem prædictum similiter prosequi possit ac eis gaudere sibi et successoribus suis imperpetuum. Et ulterius de uberiori gratia nostra concessimus, et licentiam dedimus eidem abbati quod ipse Litteras et Bullas Apostolicas de provisionibus prædictis accipere, ac omnia et singula in eisdem contenta exequi et exercere, legere, et legi facere, ac eis et earum qualibet libere et integre, quiete, pacifice et impune juxta vim, formam, et effectum eorundem litterarum et bullarum et cujuslibet earum uti et gaudere valeat. Nolentes quod idem abbas aut ejus procuratores, fautores, consules, auxiliares et eidem adhærentes in hac parte, aut quicumque alii sollicitatores, lectores, aut publicatores litterarum et bullarum prædictarum vel alicujus earundem per nos vel hæredes nostros impetantur, inquietentur, perturbentur, molestentur in aliquo, seu graventur, nec eorum aliquis impetatur, inquietetur, perturbetur, molestetur in aliquo seu gravetur, statutis de provisoribus et quibuscunque aliis Statutis, ordinationibus, provisionibus, sive actibus in contrarium factis, aut aliis rebus, causis, et materiis quibuscunque quæ pro nobis in hac parte dici, allegari, aut proponi poterint in aliquo non obstantibus. In cuius &c. Teste rege apud Westmonasterium tertio die Februarij.

NUM. XXVI.

Quod Abbas de Tavystoke sit unus de Spiritualibus Dominis Parlamento.

[Pat. 5 Hen. VIII. p. 2, m. 22.]

REX omnibus ad quos, &c. salutem. Sciatis quod certis considerationibus nos specialiter moventibus; et ob specialem devotionem quam ad beatam Virginem Mariam matrem Christi, sanctumque Rumonem, in quorum honore abbatia de Tavystoke, quæ de fundatione nobilium progenitorum nostrorum, quondam regum Angliæ et nostro patronatu, dedicata existit, gerimus et habemus. Hinc est, quod de gratia nostra speciali, ac ex certa scientia et mero motu nostris, volumus eandem abbatiam sive monasterium nostrum gaudere honore, privilegio, ac libertatibus spiritualium dominorum parliamenti nostri, hæredum et successorum nostrorum. Ideo concessimus, et per præsentem concedimus, pro nobis, hæredibus, et successoribus nostris, quantum in nobis est, dilecto nobis in Christo Ricardo Banham abbati de Tavystoke prædicto, et successoribus suis, ut eorum quilibet, qui pro tempore ibidem fuerit abbas, sit et erit unus de spiritualibus et religiosis dominis parliamenti nostri, hæredum et successorum nostrorum, gaudendo honore, privilegiis, ac libertatibus ejusdem. Et insuper de uberiori gratia nostra, affectans utilitatem dicti monasterii nostri, considerando ejus distanciam, ita quod si contingat aliquem abbatem, qui pro tempore fuerit, fore vel esse absentem propter prædicti monasterii utilitatem in non veniendo ad parlamentum prædictum, hæredum vel successorum nostrorum, istam quidem absenciam eidem abbati pardonavimus per præsentem: ita tamen quod tunc solvet pro hujusmodi absentia cujuslibet parliamenti integri in nostro scaccario, suum per attornatum, quinque marcas nobis, hæredibus, sive successoribus nostris, totiens quotiens hoc in futurum contigerit. In cujus &c. Teste rege, apud Westm. xxiiij. Januarii.

NUM. XXVII.

Grant from the Abbot and Convent of Tavistock to Sir Henry Courtenay, Knight, of an Annual Pension of Five Marks.

[Cart. Antiq. Offic. Augment. R. 62.]

OMNIBUS Christi fidelibus ad quos præsentem litteræ pervenerint, Johannes, permissione divina, abbas exempti monasterij beatæ Mariæ sancti Rumoni de Tavystok et ejusdem loci conventus, ordinis sancti Benedicti, Exon. dioceseos, salutem. Sciatis nos antedictum Johannem abbatem et conventum unanimi assensu et consensu nostris, dedisse, concessisse, et confirmasse, et per præsentem damus, concedimus, et confirmamus clarissimo viro domino Henrico Courtenay, militi ac domino de Devon. pro suo bono consilio nobis impenso, et imposterum impendendo in causis et negotijs nostris,

nos domum nostram ac ecclesiæ nostræ utilitatem tangentibus, unam annualem pensionem quinque marcarum legalis monetæ Angliæ, solvendam eidem domino Henrico aut suo certo attornato, in festo Paschæ, et in festo sancti Michaelis archangeli, annuatim durante ejus vita naturali, per equales portiones. Et si contingat prædictam annualem pensionem quinque marcarum a retro fore per unum mensem integrum, post aliquem terminum quo solvi debeat non solutam, tunc bene licebit præfato domino Henrico aut assignatis suis, in manerio nostro de Hurdewyke, distringere et districtiones sic captas penes se retinere quousque de dicta pensione, sic a retro existente ei fuerit satisfactum. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum commune præsentibus est appensum. Data in domo nostro capitulari, ultimo die mensis Junij, anno regni regis Henrici octavi quintodecimo.

NUM. XXVIII.

[In a Book of Pensions remaining in the Augmentation Office.]

Tavystock.

HERAFTER ensuythe the namys of the late abbot and covente of Tavystoke the countye of Devon withe the annuall pençõns assigned unto them by vertue of the kyngs highnes coñmission. the therde daye of Marche in the xxx^{ti}. yere of the reigne of o^r. soūeigne lorde Kynge Henry the viijth. the furst payment of the saide pençõns and evy of them to begyn at the feaste of the Annunciacõn of o^r. Blessed Lady next comyng for one quarters pençõn and so from thensforthe to be paide from halfe yere to halfe yere duryng ther liffs.

That is to saye,

John Pyn abbott	c ^{li} .
Robt Walshe p ^{or}	x ^{li} .
John Carter p ^{or} of the cell of Cowyke	vij ^{li} .
John Harrys	vij ^{li} .
John Puxeley	vj ^{li} . xiijs. iiij ^d .
John Axworthe	vj ^{li} . xiijs. iiij ^d .
Willm Growdon	vj ^{li} .
Stephen Kemell	vj ^{li} .
Willm Chester	vj ^{li} . xiijs. iiij ^d .
Willm Pke	vj ^{li} .
Richarde Gregory	vj ^{li} .
Willm Willms	vj ^{li} .
Richarde Wakeh ^{me}	vj ^{li} .
Willm Lechedon	cvjs. viij ^d .
Edmonde Pyn	cvjs. viij ^d .
John Abrah ^{me}	cvjs. viij ^d .
John Benett	cvjs. viij ^d .
Nicholas Buckefaste	cvjs. viij ^d .
John Wele	xl ^s .
Richarde Peke	xl ^s .
Richarde Bonyfote	n ^l .

Tho^{ms} Crumwell.

Jo. TREGONWELL.
WYLLYAM PETRE.
JOHN SMYTH.

VALOR ECCLESIASTICUS TEMP. HEN. VIII.

(Abstract of Return, 26 Hen. VIII. First Fruits Office.)

TAVYSTOCK ABBATIA MONASTERII.

JOHANNES ABBAS IBIDEM.

Com' Devon'		£.	s.	d.
Hurdewyk cum Hundred' et Membris suis . .	Redd' Assis' tam liberorum quam			
	Custum' et Convenc' Tenen', &c.	217	8	6 di' q'

Com' Devon'		£.	s.	d.
Hurdewyk cum Hundred' et Membris suis . .	Fin' Terr' cum Perquis' Cur', &c. .	16	6	10
Tavystock	Burgus cum Redd'	7	19	5½
Hatherlegh	Manerium	30	13	11½
- - - - -	Burgus	8	12	3
Boryngton	Manerium	18	14	9½
Denby	Manerium	23	5	10½
- - - - -	Burgus	5	6	9½
Plymstock	Manerium	43	4	3½
Crystenstawe	Manerium	18	2	10
Cornewode	Manerium	2	8	4
Woryngton	Manerium	141	17	11 di' q'
Morwal cum Morelham	Bertona	15	7	3
Leghz	Bertona	16	0	0
Hurdewyk	Bertona	34	0	0
Tavystock	Prat' et Gardin' prope Monasterium	4	0	0
Bere infra Civitatem Exon'	Hospitium	6	6	8
Halstock, Inwardley, et Chaggeford . . .	Redd' Assis'	1	17	10
Couwyk cum Membris	Manerium	78	17	7½
Tamer	Piscaria	5	0	0

Spiritualia.

Tavistock	Vicaria	49	5	2
Brentor	Capella	3	2	10
Mylton	Rectoria	13	15	8
Lamerton	Rectoria	11	0	0
Whitchurch	Rectoria	14	0	0
Petherwyn	Rectoria	20	0	0
Hatherlegh	Rectoria	11	0	0
Boryngton	Rectoria	11	0	0
Sanct' Atton	Rectoria	19	0	0
Couwyk	Rectoria	2	4	5
Cristensawe	Rectoria	8	0	0
Sprayton	Rectoria	7	0	0
Wyrgenstaw	Pencio de Rectoria	0	2	0
Sydenham	Pencio	0	1	6
Shevyock	Pencio	0	3	0
Rame	Pencio	0	2	2
S. Joh. Baptist'	Pencio de Rectoria	0	1	0
Whymple	Pencio	1	6	8
Okehampton	Pencio	1	0	0
Methe	Pencio	0	2	0
Summa omnium Possess' Temporal' pred' Abbatis		697	3	10 ob'di'q'
Summa omnium Possess' Spiritualium pred' Abbatis.		172	6	5

TAVYSTOCK PRIORAT' MONASTERII.

ROBERTUS PRIOR IBIDEM.

Abbottysham	Manerium	14	5	2
Roughburgh	Manerium	2	19	0
Nuton	Manerium	6	3	2
Tavistock	Villa	8	12	4½
- - - - -	Terr' Priorat'	2	14	9

Spiritualia.

Abbottisham	Rectoria	9	13	4
Okehampton	Rectoria	9	6	8

Com' Devon'		£.	s.	d.
Woryngton	Pencio de Ecclia S̄ci Martini . .	2	10	0
Northbrent cum orientali Parte de Tavistock .	Decim' Garb' in Northbrent . . .	3	18	4
- - - - -	Decim' Garb' in orientali Parte de Tavystock	5	15	4
Summa omnium Possess' Temporal' pred' Prior' et Convent'		34	14	5½
Summa omnium Possess' Spiritualium pred' Prior' et Convent' . . .		27	5	4

COMPUT' MINISTRORUM DOMINI REGIS TEMP. HEN. VIII.

(Abstract of Roll, 33 Hen. VIII. Augmentation Office.)

MONASTERIUM DE TAVESTOCKE.

Com' Devon'		£.	s.	d.
Tavestocke	Firm' Scit' Monaster', &c.	284	5	0
Hatherley Maner'	Redd' lib' Ten'	6	3	0½
- - - - -	Redd' cust' Ten'	11	8	7¾
- - - - -	Redd' Terr' Barton	6	10	4½
- - - - -	Exit' Nund'	0	7	0
Hatherley Burg'	Redd' lib' Ten'	5	13	0½
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'	1	5	6¾
Hatherley Bedell'	Perquis' Cur'	1	18	9
Exon'	Firm' Terr' et Ten'	7	6	8
Halstocke, Inwardley, et Chagforde	Redd' Terr'	1	17	0
Abbotishm̄ Maner' cum cert' Terr' in Rough-				
borow	Redd' Assis'	48	7	2¼
Roughborowe	Redd' cust' Ten'	8	2	0
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'	0	19	6¼
Capell' de Brentto'	Firm' Capell'	3	2	10
Rector' de Wymple, Rector' de Virginstawe,				
Rector' de Sydenh̄m	Pencion'	1	10	2
Hatherley Rectoria	Firm' Rectorie	11	0	0
Abbotishm̄ Rectoria	Firm' Rectorie	9	13	4

Rumsey Nunnery,

IN

HAMPSHIRE.



ISHOP Tanner says, King Edward the elder,^a or Ethelwold, a Saxon nobleman,^b built a monastery here, wherein King Edgar, A.D. 967, placed Benedictine nuns, under the government of the abbess MERWENNA.^c It was dedicated to the Blessed Virgin and St. Elfleda, sometime a nun and abbess here, daughter of the said Ethelwold.^d

Considering that the nunnery of Rumsey continued for so long a series of years in high esteem, it is remarkable that our details of its history should be so few and scanty.

From the Saxon Chronicle we learn that, in 1085, Christina the sister of Edgar Atheling took the veil here.^e

In 1086, the Domesday Survey presents us with the sum of its endowments as they were then returned to the king's commissioners.

In *Hampshire*, the nuns held the vill of Rumsey, in which the abbey was situated. The manor paid geld in King Edward the Confessor's time for fourteen hides: in the Conqueror's time for ten only. In Winchester, fourteen burgesses paid twenty-five shillings. The nuns also held a separate hide of land at Rumsey, with a mill. In Stoeche, the land for which they had paid geld as for eight hides in the Confessor's time, in the Conqueror's was rated at six only. At Sidemanestone they held seven hides and a half, which had been rated in the Confessor's time at ten hides. In Dodintune one hide: and one hide in Sueia. In *Wiltshire*, they held thirty hides at Edendone, and forty at Aistone.

In Hampshire, the value of the lands belonging to the monastery had increased considerably within a few years after the Conquest. Their rents in the time of Edward the Confessor had yielded 38*l.* 10*s.*: at the time of the formation of the Survey they had risen to 48*l.* 10*s.* In the returns for Wiltshire the comparative produce does not appear: sixty pounds, however, are put down as the gross produce of rent arising to the nuns in that county.^f

Matilda, daughter to the king of Scots, and after-

wards queen of Henry the First, was partly educated in her younger years at Rumsey.^g Mary, the daughter of King Stephen, as will hereafter be more particularly mentioned, was also first a nun, and afterwards abbess here.

In the 7th year of King John the nuns had a grant of lands and common of pasture in Tidolveshide.^h

The letters patent of King Henry the Third, in the 47th year of his reign, confirming the right of the abbesses to set up a gallows and try criminals, according to the grant of privileges made to the nuns by King Edward, will be found in the Appendix;ⁱ as well as the confirmation by King Edward the First, in the eighth year of his reign, of a previous grant of the wood of Northwod, in Hampshire.^k

In the 56th of Henry the Third, the abbess obtained a Charter for a fair at Rumsey.^l

Madox, in the *Formulare Anglicanum*, has given a release to the abbey of Rumsey, dated in the 7th of Edw. II., of a right which the releasor, Sir John le Rous, Knight, had claimed to present two nuns to be veiled in the abbey, with a valet to be likewise maintained there: and a release of his right in the manor of Edindone, and of his right to distrain the abbey by pretext of the premises.^m

In the 10th of Edward II. the church of Itchen-Stoke was appropriated to this nunnery.ⁿ

In the 43d, 44th, and 45th of Edw. III. Charters of free warren at Rumsey, and at Ashton and Edington in Wiltshire, were likewise granted.^o

A confirmation of privileges also occurs upon the Patent Roll of the 25th of Henry the Sixth.^p

Sir Robert Atkyns, in his *History of Gloucestershire*, in the account of the parish of Coats, says, "The abbey of Romsey had the advowson of a chapel, and was possesst of lands in this place, 36 Hen. VI."^q In another part of his *History*, tithes in Torlton, in the parish of Rodmarton, with a chapel lately belonging to Rumsey nunnery, are said to have been granted in the 34th of Hen. VIII. to Giles Pool.^r

The following list of the

ABBESSES of RUMSEY,

where other authorities are not quoted, has been obtained from Browne Willis's communication relating to

^a Compare Sim. Dunelm. Script. X. Twysd. col. 158; and the extract from Hoved. in the Appendix of Instr. Num. I. See also Leland, Collect. tom. i. p. 26, who, by mistake, in the same volume, p. 325, names King Edwy (the brother, not grandfather, to King Edgar) as the founder.

^b Capgrave, in vita S. Elfledæ.

^c It is singular that "Merwenna abbatissa de Rumsege" should witness King Edgar's Charter to Croyland abbey in 966. See Ingulphus, Script. post Bedam, foll. 501 b, 502.

^d Hen. Sulgrave MS. See Tann.

^e "An. MLXXXV. Cristina, Clitonis soror, intravit monasterium de Rumesia, et suscepit sanctimonialis vestem." Chron. Sax. edit. Gibs. p. 130. See also Annal. Winton. Anglia Sacra, tom. i. p. 295. Stow, Ann. edit. 1592, p. 160.

^f See Num. II.

^g "Uxor regis ex antiqua et illustri regum stirpe descendit Matildis, filia regis Scottorum, à teneris annis inter sanctimoniales apud Wiltoniam (al. Wintoniam) et Rumesium educata, literis quoque fœmineum pectus exercuit." Will. Malmesb. de Henr. primo, lib. v. Script. post Bedam, fol. 92 b.

^h Cart. 7 Joan. n. 26. See Tann. Notit. Mon.

ⁱ Num. IV.

^k Num. V.

^l Cart. 56 Hen. III. m. 5.

^m See Num. VII.

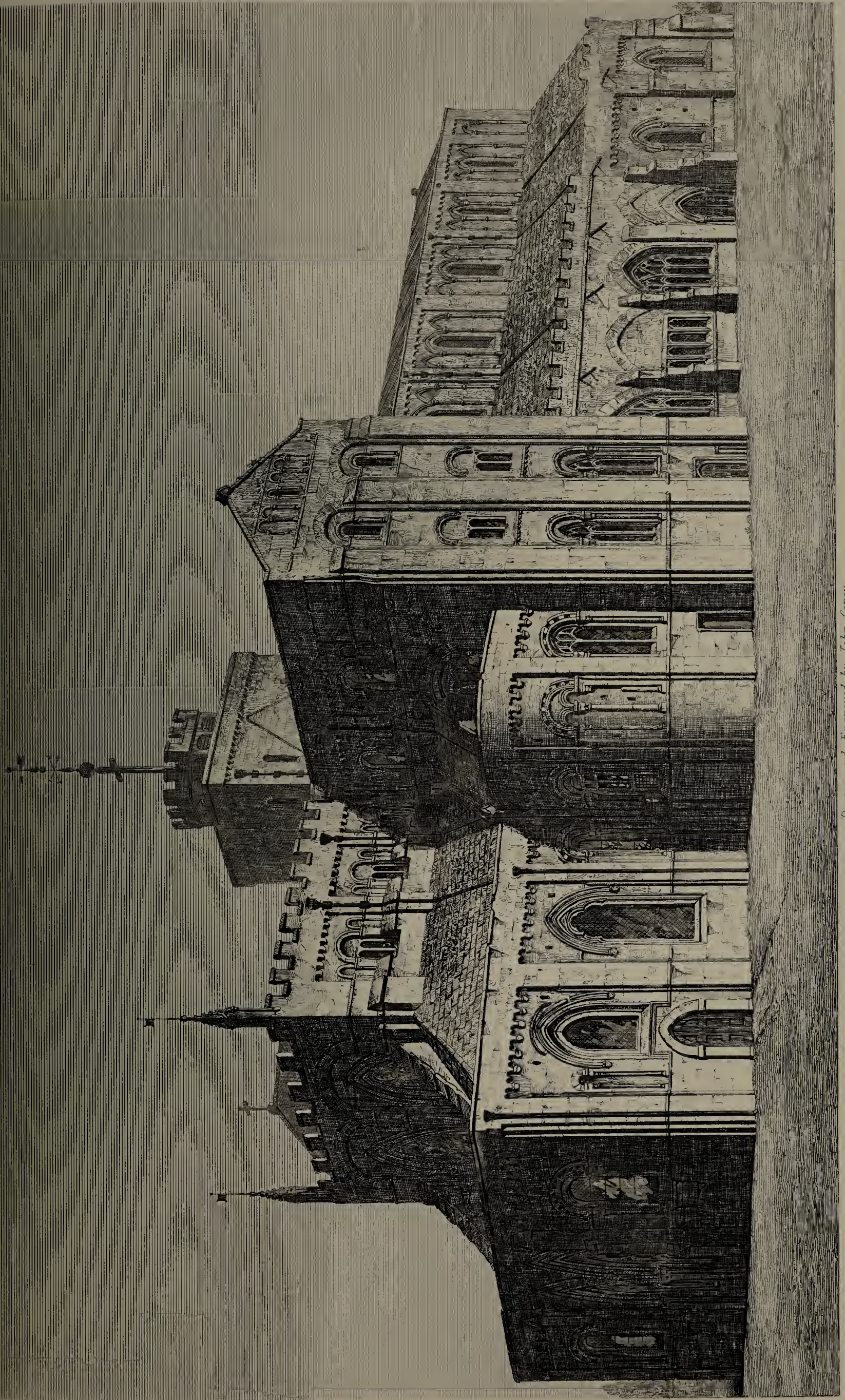
ⁿ Pat. 10 Edw. II. p. 2, m. 17.

^o Cart. 43, 44, 45 Edw. III. m. 17. A market and fair are also mentioned at Asheton, Cart. 11, 12, 13 Ric. II. m. 2.

^p Pat. 25 Hen. VI. p. 1, m. 4.

^q Atkyns's Hist. Glouc. p. 362.

^r Ibid. p. 630.



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Russell Priory, Hampshire, 1818.

the principals of religious houses made to Mr. Tanner when editing the second edition of his brother's *Notitia Monastica* in 1743.

MERWINNA, or MERWENNA, has been already noticed as the first abbess. Willis calls her St. MARVENNE, A.D. 967.

ELWINA.

ELFLEDA, daughter of Ethelwold.

HAEDEWIS, about 1130.^a

MATILDA, A.D. 1155.

MARY, daughter of King Stephen, A.D. 1160. "Mary," says Sandford, "younger, but only daughter living of King Stephen, first became nun and Abbess of the nunnery of Rumsey in Hampshire; and after being secretly taken from thence, was married to Matthew of Flanders, the younger son of Theodorick of Alsatia, earl of Flanders; who, after the death of William her brother, was countess of Boulogne and Mortaigne, and bare to her said husband two daughters, Ida and Maud. Which Mary, the countess, having professed chastity, by the censure of the church, was separated from her said husband, and remitted back into her monastery: yet her children were legitimated by parliament, an. 1189, and she left the earldom of Boulogne to her daughters."^b

JULIANA, abbess of Rumsey, died in the month of February, A.D. 1199.^c She was succeeded, on the 3d of the nones of June following, by

MATILDA, the sister of Walter Walerand.^d Another

MATILDA, elected A.D. 1219. Probably the same with MATILDA PARIA, mentioned in the patent of the 47th of Hen. III.^e

AMICIA occurs in 1262.^f

ALICIA WALBOND, A.D. 1290. So Willis: but, more probably,

ALICIA DE WYNTRESHULL; who died of a forced inebriation here, while abbess, in the 8th of Edw. II.^g

CLEMENTIA DE GUILDFORD, A.D. 1307.

JOAN JACKE, elected in 1333.

JOAN JERVASE, elected in 1349.^h

ISABEL DE CAMEYS, elected in 1352.

LUCIA EVERARD, elected in 1396.

FELICIA occurs A.D. 1417. In the Harleian manuscript 6962, she is called FELICIA AAS. A licence for a fresh election, upon her death, was granted Oct. 25th, 7 Hen. V.ⁱ

JOAN BRIGGS, elected A.D. 1462. Willis mentions

ELIZABETH BROOKE, elected A.D. 1472; and ELIZABETH BROKE, her successor, elected A.D. 1478. These were probably the same person. According to better authority we find that

ELIZABETH BROKE had the temporalities of the monastery restored to her June 22d, 1473.^k

GUNDELA or JOYCE ROWE received the temporalities June 17th, 1502:^l upon whose resignation,

ANNE WESTBROOKE was elected abbess. She received the temporalities Oct. 9th, 1516.^m

ELIZABETH RYPROSE, the last abbess, was elected, according to Willis, in 1523.ⁿ

This abbey was rated, in the 26th of Henry the Eighth, according to Dugdale, at 393*l.* 10*s.* 10½*d.*: according to Speed, at 528*l.* 10*s.* 10½*d.* The site was granted, in the 35th of Hen. VIII. to the inhabitants of the town: and afterwards, in the 38th of the same king, to John Bellow and R. Bigot.^o

No REGISTER of Rumsey nunnery has hitherto fallen under the inspection of the present Editors of the *Monasticon*. From an entry in Bishop Tanner's *Notitia Monastica*, it might be supposed that a Register is preserved among the manuscripts formerly in the collection of the Marquis of Lansdowne. The manuscript so designated is now num. 436 of the Lansdowne collection in the British Museum: it is chiefly filled with Latin Lives of English Saints. The mistake seems to have arisen from the following inscription on the first leaf: "Iste Liber est de Librario Ecclesie Sanctae Mariae et Sanctae Ethelfledae Virginis de Romesey."

References to a few detached Instruments relating to this monastery will be found in the Note.^p

The SEAL of this monastery, as used by abbess Hadewis in the fourteenth century, is described by Madox. It was oval, bearing the impression on one side only, and representing in the area the figure of an abbess, with a staff in her right hand, and holding in her left a book put to her breast. The inscription, sigil. s'. MARIE ROMES'.^q

But few of the nunnery buildings are now standing, except the CONVENTUAL CHURCH. The other parts are chiefly confined to some fragments of walls.

The conventual church is spacious, and, for the most part, of Norman architecture, built in the form of a cross, with a low tower rising from the intersection of the nave and transept.

drewes per annum xxvj^{s.} viij^{d.} Johannis Lame per annum xxvj^{s.} viij^{d.} Johannis Foster per annum vij^{l.} xij^{s.} Willielmi Powell per annum xl^{l.} Henrici Warner per annum xj^{l.} viij^{s.} viij^{d.}"

^o Tann. Notit. Mon.

^p Rot. Orig. 5 Edw. III. ro. 46. "Abbatissa de Romeseye finem fecit per lx^{s.} pro adquir. &c. quasdam terras et tenem. cum pertinentiis in Romeseye ad inveniend. quendam capellanum divina in ecclesia conventuali ejusdem abbatissae celebraturum imperpetuum."

Inquis. ad quod damnum, 9 Edw. III. n. 45. "Emma quae fuit uxor. Nich. de Braisfeld dedit abbatissae de Romsey sex messuagia et certas terras in Romesey ad inveniend. unum capellanum in abbatia praedicta ad celebrand. divina."

Ibid. 24 Edw. III. n. 58. "Rogerus Haywode dedit abbatissae de Romesey sex messuag. et quasdam acras terrae ibidem."

Ibid. 24 Edw. III. n. 59. "Johannes de Edington dedit abbatissae de Romesey duo messuagia et quasdam terras in Edyngdon com. Wiltes."

In the Register of Peccheham, archbishop of Canterbury, foll. 231 a, 231 b, are copies of the ordinances made in his time for the regulation of the convent. There is also "Mandatum archiepiscopi abbatissae de Romeseye directum contra Will. Schyrlock prebendar. de Romeseye per villam de Romeseye et alibi inhoneste devagantem, ut nec claustrum nec ecclesiam dictae abbatissae intrare audeat durante suspicione probabili contra ipsum. Et inhibitio monialibus ne cum dicto Will. colloquium in domo vel alibi habere praesumant. Dat. in castro nostro de Saltwode 3 id. Aug. A.D. 1286," fol. 122 a; and "Consimile mandatum directum magistro Henrico officiali Wynton. contra Will. dictum Schyrlock moniales de Romeseye perturbantem, et vitam inhonestam et dissolutam trahentem. Dat. ut supra," foll. 122 b. See Ducarel's Extr. from the Lambeth Registers, MS. Brit. Mus. tom. ii. pp. 527, 528.

Warton, Hist. of Engl. Poetr. vol. iii. p. 324, says, in the Register of Wodeloke, bishop of Winchester, the following is an article among the Injunctions given to the nuns of the convent, in consequence of an episcopal visitation, under the year 1310. "Item prohibemus, ne cubent in dormitorio pueri masculi cum monialibus, vel foemellae, nec per moniales ducantur in chorum, dum ibidem divinum officium celebratur." fol. 134. In the same Register these Injunctions follow in a literal French translation for the convenience of the nuns.

^q Formul. Anglic. p. 242.

^a See a grant of a Corrody by her, Num. III.

^b Sandford's Genealog. Hist. edit. 1707, p. 44. Rad. de Diceto, Ymag. Hist. Script. X. Twysd. col. 532, only says, "Maria abbatissa de Rumesie, filia regis Stephani nupsit comiti Matheo, ex quo sustulit duas filias." Matt. Paris, edit. 1684, p. 81; sub an. 1160, says, "Eodem anno Maria abbatissa de Rumesia, filia regis Stephani, nupsit Matheo comiti Bononiae, ex quo sustulit duas filias, propter quod peccatum, Thomas regis cancellarius, qui contrarius fuit huic contractui illicito, ad instar beati Johannis Baptistae, multas passus est comitis insidias."

^c Angl. Sacr. tom. i. p. 304.

^d Ibid. See also the Abbrev. Placitorum, p. 310, 3 Edw. II.

^e Num. IV. Although from the Abbrev. Rot. Orig. tom. i. p. 17, a vacancy must have occurred in the abbey two years before: "45 Hen. III. R. commisit Willielmo de Axemuth abbatiam de Romes. vacante custod. quamdiu R. placuerit." ro. 6.

^f See Num. IV.

^g See Num. VIII. She was probably the Alicia noticed in Madox's *Formulare Anglic.* p. 225.

^h To one of these two abbesses Mr. Gough ascribes a grey stone on the floor of the nave of Romsey church, bearing the figure of a female, having a dog at her feet under a cross which lies upon her, with this mutilated inscription round the ledge: JOHANNA . HIC . JACET . HVMATA . IPSIVS . ANIME . CRISTVS . DET . PREMI"

ⁱ Harl. MS. ut supr. fol. 148.

^k MS. Lansd. 963, p. 46. Ex rotulis de restit. Temporal.

^l Ibid. p. 55.

^m Ibid. p. 58.

ⁿ No List of the Pensions granted at the dissolution of this house is at present to be found in the Augmentation Office: the following are recorded in the Roll so often quoted, as still payable in 2 & 3 Phil. and Mar.:

"ROMSEY nuper Mon. Feod. Willielmi Marchionis Winton. capitalis seneschalli ibidem per annum vj^{l.} Johannis Foster rec. omnium possessionum ibidem per literas paten. nuper abbatiss. ibidem per annum xx^{l.} iij^{s.} iij^{d.} Annuit. Thomae Sampson per annum lxvj^{s.} viij^{d.} Christoferi Shorte per annum lxvj^{s.} viij^{d.} Johannis Foster per annum xxij^{l.} vj^{s.} viij^{d.} Edwardi Smyth per annum xxvj^{s.} viij^{d.} Willielmi An-

On the outer wall of the south transept is a remarkable piece of sculpture, in basso relievo, representing our Saviour on the cross. It is engraved in Carter's *Specimens of Ancient Sculpture and Painting*.

Two Letters upon some ancient Sculptures and Inscriptions on the capitals of two pillars in this church, one by Dr. Latham, the other by Sir H. C. Englefield, Bart. are given in the XIVth volume of the *Archaeologia*

of the Society of Antiquaries, pp. 136, 141; and a third Letter, by William Latham, Esq. in the XVth volume, p. 306. In this last communication, the sculptures in question are conjectured to represent the victory obtained by King Alfred over the Danes at Eddington in Wiltshire, A.D. 878, near a hundred years before the foundation of the abbey. The conjectures in the two former Letters are even less plausible than this.

Cartae ad Rumesiense Coenobium in agro Hantoniensi spectantes.

NUM. I.

[W. Malmesb. fol. 140 b, n. 20.]

APUD RUMESIAM, quod coenobium præcellentissimus rex Edgarus instituit, novi jacere duarum virginum corpora, Merewinnæ et Elfredæ, quarum gesta, quod nescio, non tam prætereo, quàm ad maiorem scribendi diligentiam reservo, si fortè cognovero.

[R. Hoved. fol. 244 b.]

ANNO DCCCXVij. Rex. Angl. Edgarus in monasterio Rumesiæ (quod avus suus rex Edward. senior construxerat) sanctimoniales collocavit, sanctamque Merwinam super eas abbatissam constituit.

NUM. II.

Prædia ad Ecclesiam S. Mariæ de Romesy spectantia, tempore Regis Willielmi Conquestoris.

[Ex Libro Censuali vocato *Domesday Book*, in domo Capitulari Westm. asservato.]

Hantesc. fol. 43 b.

TERRA ÆCCLESIAE DE ROMESYG. Abbatia de Romesy tenet totam villam in qua sedet ipsa æcclesia. Tempore Regis Edwardi se defendebat pro XIII. hid. Modo pro x. hid. Terra est XVIII. car. In dominio sunt II^æ. car. et XXXIX. villani et LIII. bord. cum XVI. car. Ibi II^o. servi et III. molini de XXV. sol. et quingentæ XXXVI. acr. prati. Silva de XL. porc. In WINTONIA XIII. burgenses XXV. solid. reddentes. De hac terra tenet Hungerus I. hid. et unam virgatam, et III. alii liberi homines ten. II^{as}. hid. dimid. virg. minus. Ibi sunt in dominio IIII. car. et XIII. bord. et II. servi. Totum tempore Regis Edwardi valebat XIX. lib. et post similiter. Modo XX^{ti}. IIII. lib. quod abbatissa tenet. Quod homines XL. sol.

Ipsa abbatia tenet et tenuit unam hidam ubi sunt IIII. villani cum I. car. et molinum de x. sol. Valet et valuit xx. sol.

In Mantesberg Hund. Ipsa abbatia tenet STOCH. Semper tenuit. Tempore regis Edwardi se defend. pro VIII. hid. Modo pro VI. hid. Terra est VI. car. In dominio sunt III. car. et VIII. villani et VIII. bord. cum VII. car. Ibi II^o. servi et molinum et dimid. de XXII. solid. et VI. den. et x. acr. prati. Tempore Regis Edwardi et post valebat VII. lib. Modo IX. lib.

In Clere Hund. Ipsa abbatia tenet SIDEMANESTONE. Semper tenuit. Tempore Regis Edwardi se defend. pro x. hid. Modo pro VII. hid. et dimid. Terra est XI. car. In dominio sunt II. car. et XVII. villani et XI. bord. cum IX. car. Ibi unus servus et IIII. acr. prati. Silva de v. porc. de pasnag. Tempore regis Edwardi valebat VII. lib. et post. VIIII. lib. Modo x. lib.

In Rodbrige Hund. In DODINTUNE tenet et tenuit unam hidam eadem Abbatia. et pro una hida se defend.

Terra est III. car. Ibi sunt VIII. villani et VII. bord. cum III. car. et molinum de x. sol. et Salina de x. sol. et XXX. acr. prati. Valet et valuit LXX. solid.

In Bovere Hund. Ipsa abbatia tenet unam hidam et tenuit semper in SVEIA. Tempore regis Edwardi se defend. pro una hida. modo pro III. virg. et una virgata est in foresta. Terra est I. car. Ibi sunt II. villani cum II. car. et una acra prati. Valet et valuit XX^{ti}. sol.

Wiltescire, fol. 68.

TERRA ÆCCLESIAE ROMESIENSIS. Ecclesia S. Mariæ Romesiensis tenet EDENDONE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro XXX. hid. Terra est XXXV. car. et dimid. De hac terra sunt in dominio II. hidæ et dimid. et ibi VII. car. et x. servi. Ibi XXI. villani et XXIII. bord. et x. coliberti cum xv. car. Ibi II. molini redd. XIX. sol. et c. acr. prati. Pastura una leu long. et dim. leu lat. Silva x. quarent. long. et v. lat.

De eadem terra tenet Willielmus IIII. hid. et dim. Osmundus IIII. hid. Herveus II. hid. Angli v. hid. et unam virgat. terræ. Qui tenebant tempore Regis Edwardi has xv. hid. et III. virgat. non poterant separari ab æcclesia. Ibi sunt XII. car. et dimid. Dominium æcclesiæ valet XXX. lib. Quod homines ten. XVIII. lib.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet AISTONE. Tempore regis Edwardi geldabat pro XL. hid. Terra est XXXVII. car. De hac terra sunt in dominio x. hidæ. et ibi IX. car. et VIII. servi. Ibi XL. villani et XXX. bord. cum XX. car. Ibi III. molini redd. XXXII. sol. et VI. den. et c. acr. prati. Pastura XIX. quarent. long. et una quarent. lat. Silva II. leu long. et dimid. leu lat. De eadem terra tenet Eduuardus III. hid. Willielmus I. hid. Angli IIII. hid. Qui tenebant tempore Regis Edwardi non poterant ab æcclesia separari. Dominium æcclesiæ valet XXX. lib. Hominum vero VI. lib. et XIII. sol.

NUM. III.

Carta Hadewidis Abbatissæ de uno Corrodio.

[Cart. Antiq. Offic. Augment. Y. 16.]

UNIVERSIS sanctæ ecclesiæ Dei, tam prælatis quam subditis, Hadewidis abbatissa Romesiensis ecclesiæ et conventus, ei a Domino commissus, salutem et orationum fidelia in Christo. Quod pie fecimus, pie quoque præsentis cartulæ inscriptionem memoriæ commendavimus, nos videlicet concessisse in elemosinam perpetuam, canonicis sancti Dionisij juxta Hantonam, fratribus nostris, et beneficiorum nostrorum participibus, unam procuracionem plenariam in cibo et potu, sicut uni sanctimonialium ecclesiæ nostræ pro salute vivorum et requie defunctorum in Christo, omnium conditore et redemptore, cui est honor et gloria sempiterna, cum sempiterno Patre et Spiritu Sancto. Testibus Berengario et Rodberto.

NUM. IV.

Literæ Regis Patentes dictæ.

[Pat. 47 Hen. III. memb. 4, num. 10.]

REX omnibus &c. salutem. Quia accepimus per inquisitionem quam per dilectum et fidelem nostrum Nicholaum de Turri, et socios suos justiciarios nostros ultimò itinerantes in comitatu Suthampton fieri fecimus, quod abbatissæ de Romeseye habuerunt furcas in manerio suo de Romeseye, et habere consueverunt à tempore Edgari, quondam regis Angliæ, qui abbaciam de Rumeseye fundavit, usque ad decessum Matill. Paric. quondam abbatissæ de Rumeseye, quæ anno tercio regni nostri obiit, ut dicitur, ex concessione ipsius regis Edgari et successorum suorum prædecessorum nostrorum regum Angliæ, illis usæ sunt, et quod post mortem ejusdem Matill. furcis illis usæ non fuerint, et quod nullus postea fuit dampnatus in eodem manerio, propter quod deciderunt furcæ prædictæ, ita quod postmodum ausæ non fuerunt furcas illas sine licencia nostra relevare. Nos Amiciæ nunc abbatissæ de Romeseye et monialibus ejusdem loci super hoc gratiam facere volentes specialem, concessimus illis quod furcas illas in manerio suo prædicto possint levare, et eis uti sicut eisdem temporibus dicti regis Edgari et successorum suorum progenitorum nostrorum regum Angliæ usæ fuerunt. In cujus, &c. Teste rege apud Westmon. xxij. die Augusti.

NUM. V.

Confirmatio Literarum præcedentium.

[Pat. 8 Edw. I. memb. 27.]

REX omnibus, &c. salutem. Sciatis nos inspexisse cartam quam bonæ memoriæ dominus H. rex proavus noster fecit ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ de Romeseye in hæc verba. H. rex Angliæ et dux Norman. et Aquitan. et comes Andegav. episcopo Wynton. et justitiariis, et vicecomitibus, et baronibus, et ministris, et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Hamptescire salutem. Sciatis me concessisse ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ de Romeseye totum boscum suum de Northwod, sicut rex Edwardus eis dedit et carta sua confirmavit. Et prohibeo ne ministri mei se inde quicquam intromittant nisi per abbatissam ejusdem ecclesiæ de Romeseye. Testibus Thoma Cantuar. archiepiscopo, et R. Eborum archiepisc. et R. Lincoln. episcopo, et Th. cancellario, et magistro Alvero et R. comite Legrec. et W. filio Hamonis, et Hamone Boter. apud Sarum. Et hoc vobis tenore præsentium significamus. In cujus, &c. T. R. apud Wynton. iiij. die Januarii.

NUM. VI.

Placita de Quo Waranto, Com. Suthampt. coram Salom. de Roff. et Sociis suis, Justic. itinerant. ap. Winton. in octab. S. Martini, anno Regis Edwardi I. octavo, incipiente nono.

[Ex Record. in domo Capitulari Westmonast. asservato.]

ABBATISSA de Romeseye summonita fuit ad ostend. regi quo waranto capit emendas assisæ panis et cervisiæ fractæ in Romeseye quæ ad coronam pertinent, sine voluntate, &c. et prædecess. domini regis, &c.

Et abbatissa per attornatum suum venit et dicit quod ipsa habet liberum mercatum in eadem per cartam domini Henrici regis patris domini regis nunc, quæ testatur quod idem dominus Henricus rex concessit abbatissæ de Romeseye et successoribus suis liberum mercatum in eadem villa. Et dicit quod ratione illius mercati capit ipsa emendas assisæ panis et cervisiæ, &c. Et ideo cons. est quod prædicta abbatissa quoad hoc sine die, salvo, &c. Rot. 37.

NUM. VII.

Carta Johannis le Rous Militis.

[Madox, Formulæ Anglic. p. 385.]

OMNIBUS Christi fidelibus præsens scriptum visuris vel auditoris, Johannes le Rous miles de comitatu Wilteshiræ, salutem in Domino. Noveritis quod cum

ego, intelligens me habere jus præsentandi ac nominandi abbatissæ et conventui de Romesye duas mulieres quas dicti abbatissa et conventus ad præsentationem seu nominationem meam et hæredum meorum admittere, et in monialibus velare, et suo perpetuo cum uno vallecto per me nominato ad serviendum eisdem monialibus, sustentare tenerentur, post quarum monialium et prædicti vallecti ac cujuslibet eorum obitum, alias moniales velare et alium vallectum sustinere, ad præsentationem seu nominationem meam vel hæredum meorum, tenerentur, ut intellexi, Clementiam dicti loci Abbatissam, in Brawethorn et Beyndone infra manerium suum de Edindone, quæ loca dicti abbatissa et conventus habent de dono antecessorum meorum, pro prædictis monialibus faciendis et sustentandis in formâ prædicta, ut similiter intellexi, distrinxissem pro prædictis monialibus velandis, ac cum dicto vallecto suo perpetuo sustentando; tandem per inspectionem munimentorum dictæ domus Romesye informatus, et ductus sano consilio discretorum, remisi et omnino quietum clamavi pro me et hæredibus meis imperpetuum prædictæ Clementiæ abbatissæ et ejusdem loci conventui et successoribus earundem, totum jus et clamium quod habui vel aliquo modo habere potui in præsentatione seu nominatione talium duarum mulierum per prædictos abbatissam et conventum admittendarum vel velandarum, seu cum uno vallecto ut prædicitur sustinendarum; et volo, et pro me et hæredibus meis imperpetuum concedo quod prædicti abbatissa et conventus et successores sui, ad prædictam admissionem, velationem, et sustentationem faciendam, ad præsentationem seu nominationem meam vel hæredum meorum de cætero non teneantur. Remisi etiam et quietum clamavi, pro me et hæredibus meis, prædictis abbatissæ et conventui et successoribus earundem, totum jus et clamium quod habui vel aliquo modo habere potui in Brawethorn et Beindone, et in omni particulâ manerii sui de Edindone, et in serviitiis quibuscumque michi et hæredibus meis de dictis locis vel aliis quibuscumque particulis dicti manerii, si quæ sint, debitis. Et etiam remisi et quietum clamavi eisdem quodlibet dominium distringendi easdem in locis prædictis, seu alicubi alibi infra prædictum manerium suum de Edindone, causis supradictis vel aliquâ alia de causâ imperpetuum. In cujus rei testimonium, huic scripto sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus, magistro Gilberto de Middeltone præbendario ecclesiæ de Edindone, dominis Waltero de Pavely, et Petro filio Warini militibus; Johanne de Tinhyde et Ricardo de Bosco de comitatu Wilteshiræ, dominis Simone de Farham thesaurario de Wolvesye, et Willelmo de Staunford rectore ecclesiæ de Westemue, dominis Jacobo de Northtone, Johanne de Tichchebourne, militibus; Johanne de Herierd, Ricardo de Tystede, Andreâ Payn, Adam de Kynbrigge, et Mathæo Pulein de comitatu Suthamptesiræ, et aliis. Datum apud Romesye die Sabbati in festo Nativitatis Beatæ Mariæ Virginis, anno regni regis Edwardi filii regis Edwardi septimo.

NUM. VIII.

De Inquirendo de morte Abbatissæ de Romsey.

[Pat. 8 Edw. II. m. 10.]

REX dilectis et fidelibus suis Henrico le Scroop, Johanni Daubernoun, et Johanni Bluet, salutem. Sciatis quod assignavimus vos et duos vestrum, quorum vos præfate Henrice unum esse volumus, Justiciarios nostros ad inquirendum per sacramentum, &c. qui malefactores, et pacis nostræ perturbatores, propriæque salutis suæ immemores mortem Aliciæ de Wyntreshull nuper abbatissæ de Romesye machinantes ipsam Aliciam apud Romesey quæ est in confinio comitat. prædictorum nequiter intoxicarunt quo casu, qualiter, et quomodo, et ad cujus vel ad quorum procuracionem intoxicatio illa facta fuit; et quis vel qui dictos malefactores postmodum scienter receptavit vel receptaverunt, et de omnibus aliis articulis et circumstantiis mortem illam qualitercunque contingentibus plenius veritatem, et ad feloniam illam audiend. et terminand. secundum Legem, &c. Et ideo vobis mandamus quod ad certos, &c. quos vos vel duo vestrum quorum vos præfate Henrice alterum

esse volumus ad hoc provideritis, inquisitionem illam faciatis et feloniam illam audiatís et terminetis in forma prædicta facturi, &c. salvis, &c. Mandavimus enim vicecomitibus nostris comitat. prædictorum quod ad certos, &c. quos vos vel duo vestrum quorum, &c. eis scire facietis venire faciant coram vobis vel duobus vestrum quorum, &c. tot, &c. de com. prædictis per quos, &c. In cujus, &c. Teste rege apud Westmonast. vicesimo octavo die Maij.
Per ipsum Regem.

NUM. IX.

Carta de septuaginta sex Marcis Alberto de Castellione solutis per Procuratores Abbatissæ et Conventus de Rumesey.

[Cart. Antiq. Offic. Augment. X. 14.]

In nomine Domini, Amen. Anno ejusdem millesimo ducentesimo quinquaginta et octo, indictione decima tertia, xiiij^o. kalend. Julij, pontificatus domini Alexandri papæ quarti anno quarto. In præsentia magistri Leonardi notarij et testium subscriptorum, ad hoc specialiter vocatorum et rogatorum, dominus Albertus de Castellione domini papæ capellanus, cancellarius Me-

diolani, fuit confessus et contentus se recepisse et habuisse a magistris Thoma et Johanne procuratoribus abbatissæ et conventus de Rumesey Winton. dioceseos, dantibus et solventibus nomine et vice dictarum abbatissæ et conventûs, septuaginta sex marcas bonorum stelligorum in quibus dictæ abbatissa et conventus eidem cancellario per venerabilem patrem dominum J. tituli sancti Laurencij in Lucin. presbiterum cardinalem condempatæ existunt, prout in ipsius domini cardinalis sententia a me infrascripto notario conscripta plenius continetur; de quibus septuaginta sex marcis prædictus dominus cancellarius fecit eisdem procuratoribus recognitionem se nomine et vice prædictarum abbatissæ et conventûs et per ipsos ipsas abbatissæ et conventui finem perpetuam et generalem refutationem et pactum de non ulterius petendo. Item jus quod idem dominus cancellarius habet contra prædictam abbatissam et conventum prædictarum septuaginta marcarum, occasione alicui promisit quod non dedit nec cessit, quod si appareret promisit jamdictis procuratoribus recipientibus nomine et vice prædictarum abbatissæ et conventus promissionem ipsas abbatissam et conventum indempnes omni tempore conservare. Et in hijs omnibus renunciavit, &c. Præsentibus, &c.

VALOR ECCLESIASTICUS 26 HEN. VIII.

DIOC. WINTON. COM. SOUTHAMPTON. DECANAT. SOMBORN.

ABBATIA ROMSEY MONIALIUM ORDINIS SANCTI BENEDICTI
JURISDICTIONE EPISCOPI.

ELIZABETH RYPROSE MODO ABBATISSA.

	ℓ.	s.	d.
Valet in firma Terrarum unacum alijs Redditibus, tam Spiritualibus quam Temporalibus, ut patet per quaternum manibus Commissariorum Domini Regis signatum	528	8	10 ob'
Reprisæ in Elemosinis, Feodis, et alijs resolutis, ut patet per dictum quaternum	134	18	0
Et valet ultra	393	10	10 ob'
Decima inde	39	7	1 q'

COMPUT' MINISTRORUM DOMINI REGIS TEMP. HEN. VIII.

(Abstract of Roll, 32 Hen. VIII. Augmentation Office.)

MONASTERIUM DE ROMSEY.

Com' Southt'	ℓ.	s.	d.
Romsey Maner'	15	12	10
- - - - -	60	3	2
- - - - -	42	15	0
- - - - -	26	13	4
- - - - -	1	0	0
- - - - -	1	10	0
- - - - -	3	18	2
- - - - -	5	2	0
- - - - -	41	4	5½
- - - - -	0	12	8
- - - - -	0	8	0
More Abbas et More Malwyn	22	12	0
Ichynstoke cum Rectoria			nult
Sivey	0	12	0
- - - - -			nult
Sydmanton			nult
Hunlacy cum Torleton juxta Cotes	6	13	4
Bardolfeston infra Pochiam de Pudell	2	0	0

Monastery of Horton,

IN

DORSETSHIRE;

Afterwards a Cell to Sherbourne Monastery.



HERE is a trifling difference in the testimonies respecting the foundation of this monastery. Bishop Tanner, from William of Malmesbury, says it was originally built by Ordgar, earl of Devonshire, before the year 970.^a Others, according to Hutchins, ascribe the foundation to Ordulph, the son of Ordgar, the same who is stated to

have finished Tavistock abbey.^b

From the Domesday Survey it appears that in 1086, in *Dorsetshire*, the church of Horton held the village in which it was situated, the lands of which were rated at seven hides: two of the best of these hides, however, in the forest of Winburne, the king held. A little church, or chapel, in Wimbourn belonged to the monastery, with a site for two houses; a church and five houses in Wareham, the latter producing a rent of sixty-five pence; and one house in Dorchester. The church in Wareham was that dedicated to the Holy Trinity. In *Devonshire*, this abbey held half a hide at Liteham; a hide and a half at Carsvelle; half a hide at Flueta; and half a hide at Bera. The total annual revenue of the house, from both counties, amounting to no more than 12*l.* 16*s.* 5*d.*^c

Sihtricus abbat of Tavistock, according to Malmesbury, burnt the church here.

Roger bishop of Salisbury is said to have obtained a grant from King Henry the First for the annexation of the remains of this abbey, together with its possessions, to the monastery of Sherbourne.^d

The Cotton MS. Faustina A. ii., as well as the Annals of Margan, date this union in 1122: but William of Malmesbury places it in the fourth year of King Stephen, A. D. 1139.^e

Certain it is, that from that period Horton became a Cell subordinate to Sherbourne; the buildings being reinstated, and some monk of the latter monastery being usually deputed to preside over it.

HENRY TREW occurs prior of Horton in the 38th of Henry VI.^f

JOHN DORCHESTER occurs in 1504.^g

After the Dissolution, the manor of Horton, together with the cell, or priory, and the rectory and advowson of the vicarage, were granted in the first of Edward VI. to Edward duke of Somerset, and, after his attainder in the 7th of Edward VI., to the earl of Pembroke.

No traces whatever of the buildings of Horton priory now exist. The parish church of the village, before it was rebuilt, about 1720, is said to have been a part of the priory church. It was dedicated to St. Wolfride, or Wilfrid, the mother to St. Editha, abbess of Wilton.^h

Cartae ad Hortonense Coenobium in agro Dorsetensi spectantes.

NUM. I.

[W. Malmesb. fol. 146 a.]

Est præterea in Dorseta nemus juxta Hortunam, quæ modò destructa, tunc ejus (Ordgari scilicet, comitis Devonixæ, qui sub Edgaro rege floruit, et mortem obiit anno dcccclxxj.) liberalitate inter abbatias numeraba-

tur. Ibi mirandæ fortitudinis dabat spectaculum, si quando remissis curis venerat in ocium. Rivulus juxta saltum venationis feracem labitur, ab una ripa ad alteram decem pedem spatio. Ille divaricatis pedibus utramque continuabat, parvoque cultro ferarum ad se actarum capita levibus et penè irritis ictibus decutiebat in amnem; sed enim tantus talisque adhuc ætatis calore perfervidus

^a Compare Num. I.

^b Hist. of Dors. edit. Gough, vol. ii. p. 505.

^c See Num. II.

^d Lel. Collect. edit. 1770, tom. i. p. 82. See Num. I.

^e See before, vol. i. p. 333.

^f Ibid.

^g Ibid.

^h Hist. Dors. ut supr. vol. ii. p. 503.

cessit morti, jussitque se apud Hortunam sepeliri; veruntamen quia secum quædam ecclesiæ danda demandaverat, prævenit abbatis Sietritii violentia, datorem et data pariter transferens in sua. Sithtricius postea sub rege Williellmo piraticam aggressus, religionem polluit, ecclesiam inflammavit.

Horton Cella de Shirburne.

[Lelandi Collectan. vol. i. p. 78.]

ORGARUS, comes Devonix, primus fundator. Postea quidam Rogerus, episcopus de Shirburne, obtinuit ab Henrico primo, ut possessiones monasterii de Horton transferret ad monasterium de Shirburne.

NUM. II.

Prædia ad Abbatiam de Hortune spectantia, tempore Willielmi Regis Conquestoris.

[Ex Libro Censuali vocato *Domesday Book*, in domo Capitul. Westmonast. asservato.]

Dorsete, fol. 78 b.

TERRA ABBATIX HORTUNENSIS. Ecclesia Hortunensis tenet HORTVNE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro VII. hid. Terra est VII. car. De ea sunt in dominio II. hidæ. et ibi II. car. et III. servi. et III. villani. et X. bord. cum I. car. Ibi II. molini redd. XV. solid. et VI. acr. prati. Pastura II. leu long. et lat. Silva I. leu long. et dim. leu. lat. Valet III. lib. Duas meliores hidas de his VII. tenet rex in foresta de Winburne. Ad hanc æcclesiam pertinet ecclesiola una in WINBURNE. et terra duabus domibus. et in WARHAM una æcclesia et V. domus redd. LXV. denar. et in DORECESTRE una domus.

Devenescire, fol. 104.

TERRA AECCLIESIÆ DE HORTONE. Ecclesia Hortunensis tenet LITEHAM. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro dim. hida. Terra est VIII. car. In dominio est una virg. terræ et XV. villani et XX. bord. cum VIII. car. Ibi VI. acr. prati et V. acr. silvæ minutæ. Pastura VI. quarent. in long. et lat. Valet LX. solid.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet CARSVELLE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro I. hida et dimid. Terra est VIII. car. in dominio sunt II. car. et II. servi. et X. villani et IX. bord. cum III. car. Ibi XII. acr. prati. Pastura V. quarent. in long. et XXX. acr. in lat. Silvæ XII. quarent. inter long. et lat. Valet XL. solid.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet FLVETA. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro dimidia hida. Terra est VI. car. In dominio est I. car. et II. servi. et VI. villani et XIX. bord. cum III. car. Ibi VIII. acr. prati. et Pastura V. quarent. in long. et tantundem in lat. et XI. salinæ redd. XI. den. per annum. Valet XI. solid.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet BERA. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro dimidia hida. Terra est VII. car. In dominio est I. car. et II. servi. et VI. villani. et XX. bord. cum V. car. Ibi VII. acr. prati. Pastura I. leu. long. et dim. leu. lat. Valet LX. solid.

De hoc Manerio ablat. un. ferling terræ. et IIII. salinæ. Drogo ten. de Comite Moriton.

Comput. Ministrorum, 32 HEN. VIII.

HORTON nuper Cella cum Rectoria ibidem.

Computus Thomæ Darby Firmarij ibidem per tempus prædictum.

ARRERAGIA

Summa . . xxij^{li}. vij^s. vij^d. q̄

REDDITUS ASSISI

Et respondet de xvij^{li}. vij^s. vj^d. de toto redditu assiso omnium customariorum tenencium ibidem per annum, solvendis ad quatuor anni terminos principales, equis portionibus, prout patet per diversa computa, inde de diversis annis præcedentibus super hunc computum ostensa et examinata.

Summa . . xvij^{li}. vij^s. vj^d.

FIRMA TERRARUM ibidem

Et de cx^s. de firma omnium terrarum, tenementorum, pratorum, pascuarum, et pasturarum, communum, et subboscorum, operum customariorum tenencium, reddituum, et serviciorum, cum omnibus revencionibus et commoditatibus quibuscunque eidem firmæ pertinentibus, cum uno orto vocato West Garden, uno tenemento vocato Farmeryes Place, cum suis pertinentijs, viz. cum omnibus terris arrabilibus in campis ibidem, omnibus pratis jacentibus in Brode Meade, Balardham, et Goseham, cum omnibus pasturis vocatis les Frith et Inne More, cum duabus clausis vocatis Tylers Close et Grange Close, uno horreo, et uno stabulo vocatis Nether Barne et Nether Stable, cum omnibus alijs suis pertinentijs quæ Thomas Welsted nuper habuit, sic dimissa Johanni Dacombe et Johannæ uxori suæ, pro termino xxx^{ta}. annorum, per indenturam datam iij^{to}. die Septembris, anno regni regis Henrici vij^{vi}. solvendis ad festa Annunciationis Beatæ Mariæ Virginis et sancti Michaelis Archangeli equis portionibus, reparationibus omnium domuum, lapidum, et tegularum cooperturarum, ad onus nuper abbatis et successorum suorum, alijs vero reparationibus ad onus dictor. firmariorum, habentes liberam communiam et pannagium in boscis ibidem, absque aliquo inde reddendo omnibus extrahuris ibidem provenientibus et accidentibus abati et successoribus suis reservatis, prout in indentura prædicta plenius continetur. Et de vij^s. de firma scitûs nuper collegij ibidem, cum ortis, pomarijs, gardinis, et uno clauso vocato Inne Meade, continente per estimationem unam acram, cum omnibus eorum pertinentijs, per annum solvendis, ad quatuor anni terminos principales equaliter.

Summa . . cxvij^s.

FIRMA RECTORIÆ

Et de ix^{li}. vij^s. x^d. de firma omnium decimarum garbarum, lanæ, agnellorum, et aliarum minutarum decimarum eidem rectoriæ pertinentium, communibus annis solvendis, ad festa Annunciationis Beatæ Mariæ Virginis et sancti Michaelis archangeli equaliter.

Summa . . ix^{li}. vij^s. x^d.

Summa totalis receptæ cum arreragijs . liij^{li}. xix^s. xj^d. q̄

EAST.

a. a. a. The three Western entrances

b. — Bishop Grandison's Chapel.

c. — Spiritual Court.

d. — Font.

e. e. e. Nave and Side aisles.

f. — North Porch.

g. g. — Transept.

h. h. h. Choir and Side aisles.

i. — Pulpit.

k. — Bishop's Throne.

l. — St. John's Chapel.

m. — St. Paul's Chapel.

n. — Monumental Chapel of W^m. Sylke.

o. — St. Andrew's Chapel now the Canons Vestry.

p. — St. Mary Magdalen's Chapel.

q. — Lady Chapel.

r. — Chapel of St. Gabriel.

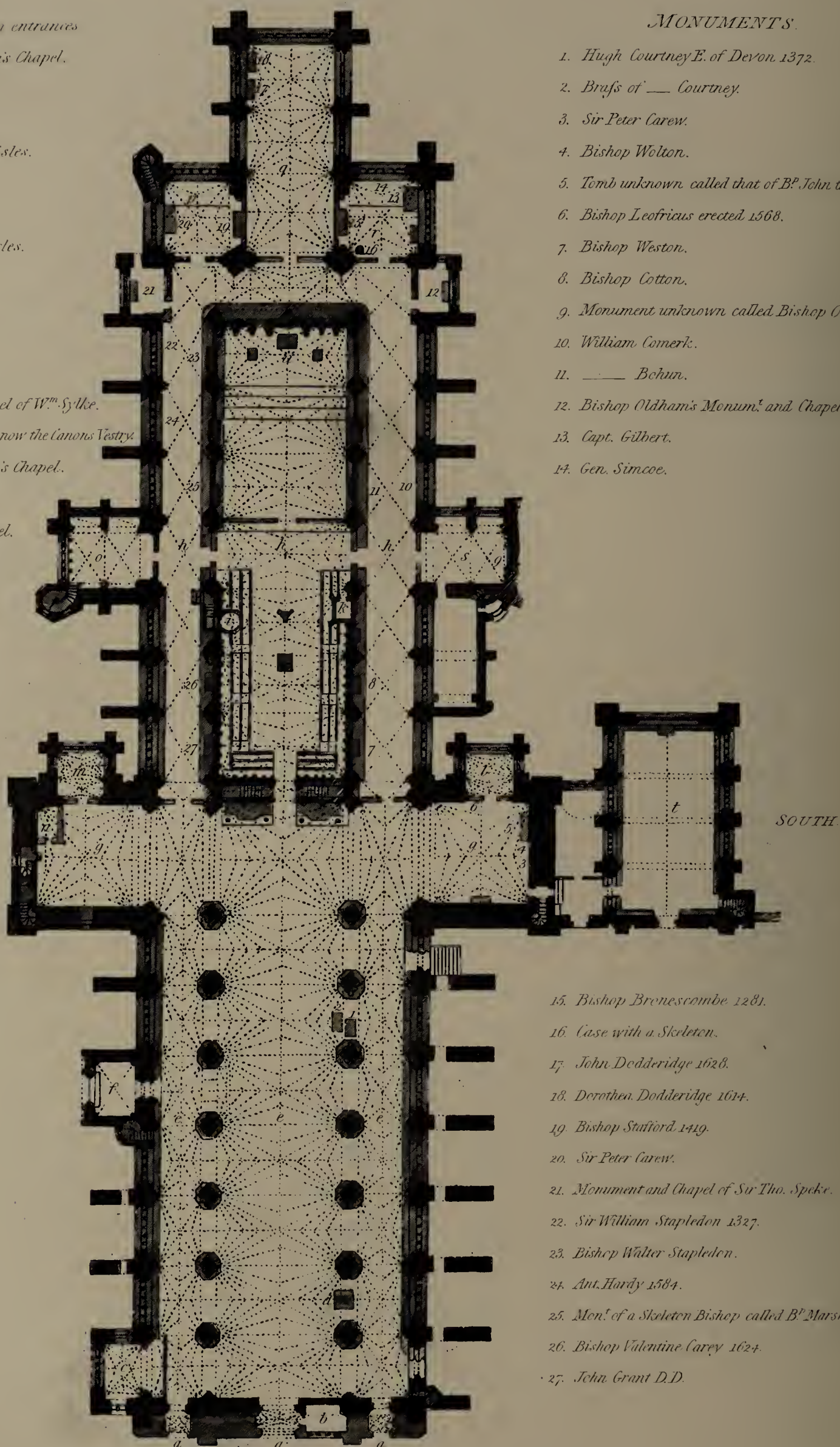
s. — St. James's Chapel.

t. — Chapter House

u. — Altar.

MONUMENTS.

1. Hugh Courtney E. of Devon 1372.
2. Brags of — Courtney.
3. Sir Peter Carew.
4. Bishop Wolton.
5. Tomb unknown called that of B^p John the Chanter.
6. Bishop Leofricus erected 1568.
7. Bishop Weston.
8. Bishop Cotton.
9. Monument unknown called Bishop Osbert's.
10. William Comerck.
11. — Behun.
12. Bishop Oldham's Monum^t and Chapel 1523.
13. Capt. Gilbert.
14. Gen. Simcoe.



SOUTH.

15. Bishop Bronescombe 1281.
16. Case with a Skeleton.
17. John Dodderidge 1628.
18. Dorothea Dodderidge 1614.
19. Bishop Stafford 1419.
20. Sir Peter Carew.
21. Monument and Chapel of Sir Tho. Speke.
22. Sir William Stapledon 1327.
23. Bishop Walter Stapledon.
24. Ant. Hardy 1584.
25. Mon^t of a Skeleton Bishop called B^p Marshalls.
26. Bishop Valentine Carey 1624.
27. John Grant D.D.

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WEST.

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Ground Plan of Exeter Cathedral.

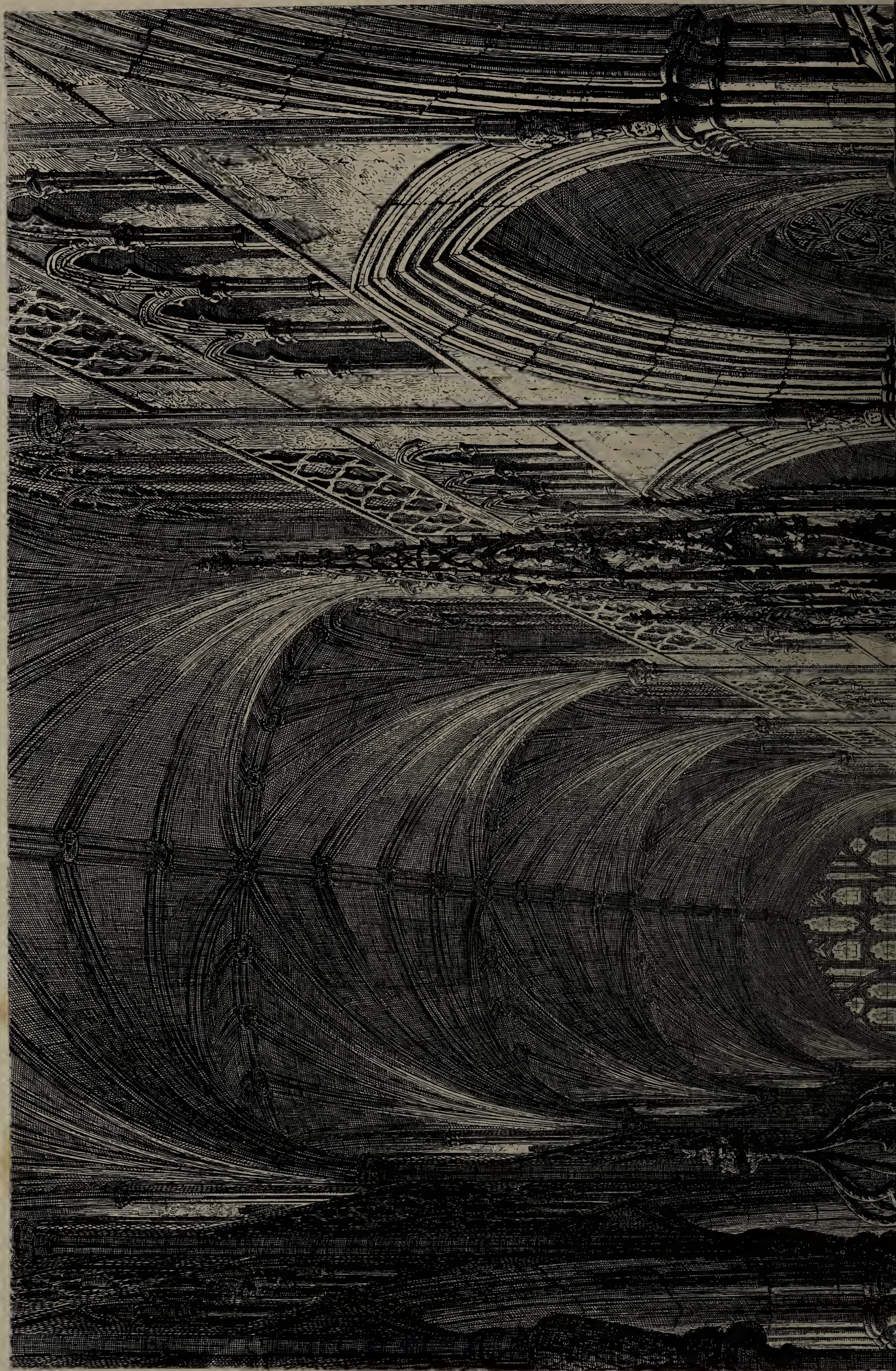


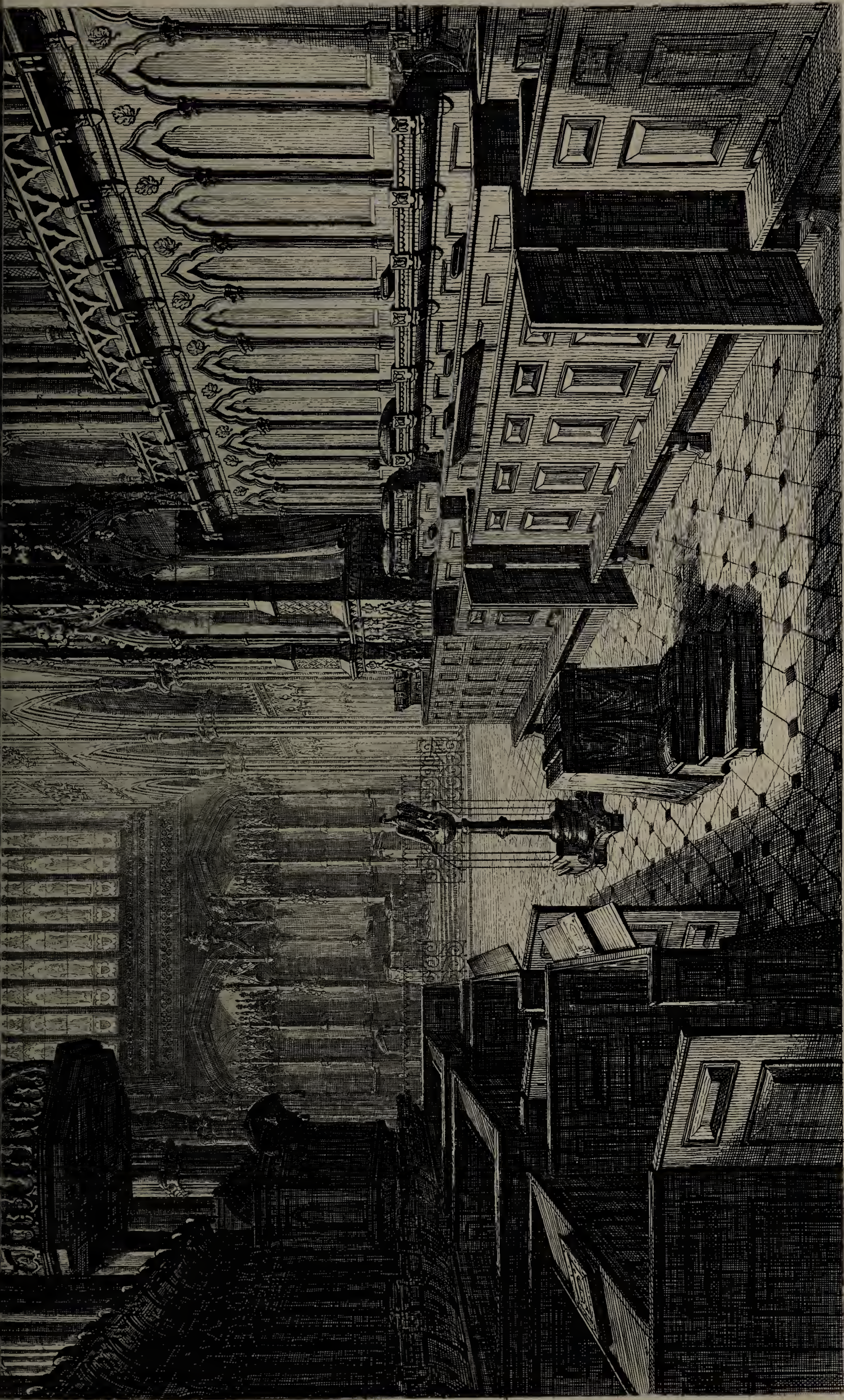
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St. Peter's Church, York.





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Exeter Cathedral. The Choir.

Benedictine Monastery and Cathedral of Exeter,

IN

DEVONSHIRE.



EXETER Monastery and Cathedral are thus accounted for by Bishop Tanner: "This city is said by the Saxons to have been called Monketon,^a from the great number of monks in it; yet the account of the old religious houses here is but imperfect, by reason of the silence of our historians. There is no question but

in a city so famous as this was in the Roman, British, and Saxon times, here were, early after their conversion to Christianity, congregations and societies of holy men and women; yet it is not certain whether this was the famous monastery of Adestancester,^b wherein St. Boniface the apostle of the Germans, who was born at Crediton in this county, had his education under abbat Wolfhard, about A. D. 690. The industrious Mr. Jo. Hooker, alias Vowell, the first restorer of the antiquities of this city, of which he was chamberlain, saith,^c 'that in ancient times, within the precincts of the close, were three religious houses; the first was a nunnery which is now the dean's house,' or as Mr. Risdon will have it^d the Kalendar Hay, 'the other was a house of monks, reported to have been built by King Ethelred, A. D. 868:^e the third was a monastery founded by King Æthelstan, A. D. 932.' For this last there is pretty good authority, and that it was dedicated to the blessed Virgin and St. Peter, and endowed by the munificence of that king with twenty-six villages, and filled with Benedictine monks, who not long after forsook the same for fear of the Danes: but King Edgar, that great restorer of monasteries, A. D. 968,^f replaced the religious here, who were again forced to fly upon the devastation of this city and country by the Danes under Swein, A. D. 1003. After this, King Canute encouraged the monks once more to settle here, confirming their lands and privileges, A. D. 1019. But upon the union of the episcopal sees of St. Germans and Crediton, and their translation hither, A. D. 1050, the eight monks remaining here were sent to West-

minster abbey, and some secular canons placed in their stead by Bishop Leofric. However, the chapter of this cathedral was not fixed to a Dean and twenty-four Prebendaries till Bishop Brewer's time, A. D. 1225."^g

In the *CATHEDRAL OF EXETER* the sees of CORNWALL and DEVONSHIRE finally became united.

St. Petroc's at Bodmin, and St. Germans, appear both to have been seats of the BISHOPRICK OF CORNWALL. It has been already mentioned, that Mr. Whitaker supposes the see to have commenced at the latter place as early as the year 614: a supposition too wild to need a refutation. "The see of ATHELSTAN the bishoppe of Cornewal" (says Bishop Godwin) "was for a while Saint Petrockes in Bodmyn, and afterwards St. Germanes." The successors, he adds, of Athelstan^h in the diocese of Cornwall (as I find) were these:

CONANUS.

RUYDOCUS.

ALDREDUS.

BRITWYN.

ATHELSTAN (the second). He lived in the year 966.

WOLFI.

WORONUS.

WOLOCUS.

STIDIO.

ADELREDUS.

BURWOLDUS.¹

The following is Bishop Godwin's list of the BISHOPS OF DEVONSHIRE:

WERSTANUS, called by some ADULPHUS, the first bishop of Devonshire, was consecrated A. D. 905, and had his see at Bishops Tawton. He died A. D. 906.

PUTTA succeeded Werstanus: after the murder of whom by Uffa the king's lieutenant, the see is stated to have been removed to Crediton.

EADULPHUS, brother to Alsius duke of Devonshire and Cornwall, was installed bishop at Crediton, A. D. 910.^k He died A. D. 932, and was buried in his own church. In his time K. Edward the elder gave to the bishop of Crediton three manors, Polton, Cœling, and Lanwithan; "ut inde, singulis annis, visitaret gentem

^a Camd. et Magn. Britan. Antiq. et Nov. p. 477.

^b So father Cressy will have it, in his Church Hist. of Great Britain, p. 558.

^c In his History of this Cathedral Church.

^d Hist. of Devon, vol. i. p. 16.

^e See Lel. Collect. edit. 1770, tom. i. p. 80. "This king is said to have been also the founder of the Nunnery. *Quære*, whether this account is not grounded upon the Charter of the latter King Ethelred" (printed in the Append. to the present Account, Num. IX.) "or rather, whether that Charter was not framed, and the king and date mistaken, from this tradition of the elder K. Ethelred's foundation here. N. B. The rattling preambles and conclusions of both Ethelred's and Canute's Charters are almost verbatim the same." Tann.

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^f Compare the Append. Num. I.

^g Tann. Notit. Mon.

^h Ralph de Diceto gives 909 as the year of his consecration. Script. X. Twysd. col. 452.

ⁱ Godw. Cat. of the Bishops of England, 4to. Lond. 1615, pp. 389, 390. Malmesbury's remark in relation to the bishops of Cornwall has been already quoted, p. 459, Note ^d. Le Neve, in his Fasti Ecclesiæ Anglicanæ, p. 79, makes a quære respecting the second ATHELSTAN: "for in an ancient manuscript in the church of Exeter he is not named." WOLOCUS, he adds, is omitted in the same manuscript. Canute's Charter to BURHWOLD, A. D. 1018, of four cassates of land at Landerhtun and Tinieltun, and after his death to St. Germans, will be found in the Appendix of Instruments, Num. II.

^k Ralph de Diceto says in 909. Script. X. Twysd. ut supr.

Cornubiensem ad exprimendos eorum errores: nam antea in quantum potuerunt Veritati resistebant, et non decretis apostolicis obediebant.”^a

ETHELGAR, or ETHELGARUS, was bishop from A. D. 932 to A. D. 942, in which latter year

ALGARUS succeeded. He died about A. D. 952.

ALFWOLDUS, according to Matthew of Westminster, was consecrated, by the advice of Dunstan, in the same year. He died A. D. 972, and was buried in his own church.

ALWOLFUS sate nine years.

SYDEMAN, who is called abbat of St. Peters, was the next bishop. If he died in 977, Alwolfus could hardly have sate so long as is stated. In the text of Richardson's Latin edition of Godwin, his death is placed under the year 990.^b

ALFREDUS, or ALFRICUS, abbat of Malmesbury, was the next bishop of Crediton. He died A. D. 999.^c

ALWOLFUS, or ALFWOLDUS, succeeded.^d Malmesbury and Florence of Worcester here add the name of

EADNOTHUS.^e

LIVINGUS, abbat of Tavistock, was consecrated bishop of Crediton A. D. 1032. He was the nephew of BRITHWOLD, or BURWOLD, bishop of Cornwall; upon whose death he procured the county of Cornwall to be added to the diocese of Crediton.^f He afterwards became bishop of Worcester.

LEOFRIC, or LEURIC, the last bishop of Crediton, obtained permission from King Edward the Confessor, as has been already noticed, to transfer the seat of his diocese to EXETER, A. D. 1050.^g This prelate is said to have been by birth a Burgundian. King Edward the Confessor and his queen are stated to have enthroned Leofric in person in his new cathedral. William of Malmesbury is minute upon the subject of the change which Leofric made when he ejected the monks and substituted secular canons here.^h Leofric died on Feb. 10th, 1073; and was buried, according to Hooker and Godwin, in the cemetery of his church, under a plain stone, in a spot which, by the subsequent enlargement of the cathedral, is now within the south tower, where, in 1568, a new monument was erected to his memory at the charges of the dean and chapter.ⁱ The fact, however, is disputed. The manuscript history of the church now remaining in the Bodleian library says he was interred in the crypt: “Sepultus est in cripta ecclesiæ.”^k The lands, books, ornaments, &c. bestowed by Leofric upon the church of Exeter will be found enumerated in the Appendix.^l

BISHOPS OF EXETER subsequent to LEOFRIC.

OSBERT, or OSBERN, a Norman, was consecrated bishop of Exeter March 28th, 1074.^m He was bishop

at the time of the formation of the Domesday Survey; when the following appears to have been the endowment of the See.

In *Sussex*, the church of Boseham, with sixty-five hides of land: at Halstede five hides and a half: three hides at Presteton: and six at Levitone. The whole of these possessions in Sussex appear originally to have been given to the church of Boseham. In *Surry*, Bishop Osbern held eight hides at Wochinges, and one hide at Tetinges. In *Hampshire*, five hides at Ferendone. In *Berkshire*, the bishop claimed land which paid geld at the time of the Survey for eight hides at BOCHELAND, but which, though placed under his name, was referred for trial at law. In *Devonshire*, one church in Exeter and forty-seven houses are entered, with the sites of two houses which had been burnt, and two acres and a half of land: at Critetone fifteen hides: at Niwetone three hides: at Berie a single virgate: eighteen hides at Tanton: seven hides at Dovles: two at Ide: two hides and a half at Sovretone: two virgates of land “ad ecclesiam S. Mariæ:” two virgates at Havstone: one virgate at Botintone: twelve hides at Tavtone: five hides at Cylmestoch: one hide at Stoch: seven hides at Talentone: five hides at Sideberie: three hides at Selcome: one hide at Bedricestan: twenty hides at Peintone: six hides at Essebreton: half a hide at Chenistetone: three hides at Nimetone: five hides at Branchescome: three at Didasham: and six at Sladone. In *Cornwall*, one hide and a half at Trewel: a hide and a half at Matele: twelve hides at Tregel: at Pavtone forty-four hides: two hides at Bernerh: at the church of St. Germans twenty-four hides; of which twelve belonged to the canons of that church, and paid no geld; at Lanherwey three hides: at Thinten one hide; eleven hides at Langvitetone: a hide and a half at Landicle: and one hide at Sanwinvec. In *Oxfordshire*, six hides at Bentone. In *Gloucestershire*, two hides at Aldelande: and five hides at Tidrentone. In *Norfolk*, one carucate at Benham: one in Wica: thirty-two acres at Hindringeham: thirty acres in Taseburc: and thirty in Foneseta.

The various manors belonging to the See in Sussex, Surrey, and Hampshire, appear to have been rated in the time of King Edward the Confessor at a greater extent and value than the returns of the commissioners made them in the time of the Conqueror. Under Critetone, *i. e.* Crediton, in Devonshire, it is expressly stated that Bishop Osbern produced Charters to substantiate the rights of his church. The manors of Dovles, Ide, Sovretone, St. Mary's Church, and Branchescome, in the same county, are noted as having been appropriated to the particular support of the canons of Bishop Osbern's cathedral. Havstone and Botintone are said to have been given to the bishop by the earl of Moretaine “pro excambio castelli de Cornualia.” At Matele, in Cornwall, the earl of Moretaine, at the time of the Sur-

^a From the History of the Church of Winchester.

^b His death certainly occurs in the Saxon Chronicle under the year 977. “Hoc anno fuit magna ista synodus apud Kyntlingtune post Pascha, et ibi obiit SIDEMANNUS episcopus morte repentina, ii. kal. Maii. Is fuit Devoniensium episcopus, et in votis habuit ut corpus sepeliretur apud Cridiantune, episcopalem sedem suam.”

^c Other accounts place his death as early as 988. See Richardson's edit. of Godwin, p. 399, Note 2.

^d The Cotton manuscript Tib. B. v. of considerable age, gives the following only as the names of the bishops of Crediton:

I. EADULF.
II. ÆDELGAR.
III. ALFWOLD.
IV. SIDEMAN.
V. ÆLFRIC.
VI. ALFWOLD.

^e According to Godwin's Cat. ut supr. p. 395, Alwolfus, or Alfwoldus, died about the year 1030. In Richardson's edition the date of 1004 is placed against the name of Eadnothus.

^f Will. Malmesb. de Gestis Pontif. lib. ij. edit. 1596, p. 145.

^g “Anno Domini millesimo quinquagesimo pontificatus sancti Leonis papæ noni secundo, imperii vero Henrici secundi undecimo, necnon regni sanctissimi regis et confessoris Edwardi tercii nono, in dictione tertiâ, sub Leofrico tunc Criditonensi antistite auctoritate summi pontificis ac regis, episcopalis cathedra de Criditon ad hanc ecclesiam translata est.” Chron. Brev. Exoniensis Ecclesiæ, in Bibl. Bodl. MS. Laud. 627, fol. 93 b. Compare also Num. III.

^h “Huic (*i. e.* Livingo) tempore Regis Edwardi successit Lefricus apud Lotharingos altus et doctus, qui sedem episcopatus transtulit in civitatem, quæ propter fluvium Exam, qui muros lapsu suo allambit, vocatur Excestre.—Hic Lefricus ejectis sanctimonialibus a sancti Petri monasterio episcopatum et canonicos statuit, qui contra morem Anglorum ad formam Lotharingorum uno triclinio comederent, uno cubiculo cubitarent. Transmissa est hujusmodi regula ad posteros, quamvis pro luxu temporum nonnullâ jam ex parte deciderit; habentque clerici œconomum ab episcopo constitutum, qui eis diatim necessaria victui, annuatim amictui commoda suggerat.” Malmesb. de Gestis Pontif. lib. ij. edit. 1596, fol. 145 b.

ⁱ Godw. edit. 1615, p. 396.

^k See Num. III.

^l See Num. IV.

^m The following is Malmesbury's account of Osbert: “Successit Lefrico Osbernus regis Willielmi tempore, natione Normannus, frater Willielmi præcellentissimi comitis, in Anglia sub Edwardo rege liberaliter et domesticè (*al. modesticè*) conversatus: quippe qui cognationem regiam vicino attingeret gradu. Unde in victualibus et cæteris rebus ad Anglicos mores pronior parum Normannorum pompam suspiciebat, [*f. suscipiebat*] consuetudines domini sui regis Edwardi efferens, et cum per alios exhiberentur cum assidentibus manu et gestu aggaudens. Ita pro more antiquorum præsulorum veteribus contentus ædificiis, liberalis animo et castus habebatur corpore. Vixit ad quartum annum regis Henrici imminente senio non paucis annis lumine captus.” De Gest. Pontif. fol. 145 b, 146.

vey, was possessed of a market, the profits of which had belonged to the bishoprick in the time of King Edward the Confessor. A Sunday market at St. Germans still belonged to the bishop, but had been reduced in its profits by the proximity of another market belonging to the earl of Moretaine.^a

Bishop Osbert died A. D. 1103, and was buried in his own church.^b

WILLIAM WARLEWAST was the next bishop. Le Neve, from what are called the Old Annals of Exeter, places his consecration in the year 1112: but the generality of authorities, and no doubt with greater accuracy, name the year 1107.^c Diceto expressly says he was consecrated on the 4th of the ides of August that year. He also was a Norman by birth, had been chaplain both to the Conqueror and to his two immediate successors, and had been much employed in embassies.

In the Chronicle of Exeter cathedral preserved among Archbishop Laud's manuscripts at Oxford, already referred to, we have this entry:

"Anno Domini m^o. centesimo xij^o. primo fundata est Exon. ecclesia."

This passage unquestionably supplies us with the date when Bishop Warlewast began to enlarge the cathedral. The original church belonging to the abbey, to which Leofric had removed his see, was in all probability but a mean structure: its site is supposed to be occupied by what is now called the Lady-chapel. Osbert, who governed the see so long, made no alteration whatever in the way of building. Malmesbury, it will be remembered, in a passage already quoted, describes him as "veteribus contentus ædificiis." Sir Henry Englefield, in his Observations on Bishop Lyttelton's Account of Exeter Cathedral, published by the Society of Antiquaries, ascribes not only the transept Towers to Bishop Warlewast, but an extent of building (including the site of the Lady-chapel) altogether making a length of two hundred feet; differing, with probability upon his side, both from Bishop Lyttelton and from the alleged opinion of Leland.

Godwin says, Bishop Warlewast obtained from King Henry the First the manors of Plimpton, Bampton, and St. Stephens in Exeter. Bampton he gave to the canons of his church, and they afterwards allotted it to the deanery; St. Stephens he reserved to himself and his successors in the see; and Plympton he bestowed upon the monastery which he founded there for Austin canons in 1121.^d

Bishop Warlewast, having lost his sight in his latter days, died, according to the Laud manuscript, in 1127.^e Matthew Paris places his death in 1136.^f Godwin says that previous to his death he resigned his see and became a canon in his own monastery at Plympton.

ROBERT CHICHESTER, dean of Salisbury, was consecrated bishop of Exeter, according to Godwin, in 1127. From the Continuation of Florence of Worcester, however, we have a corroboration of the date of 1136, as assigned to the death of Bishop Warlewast. The continuator expressly says, under the year 1138, "Rex Anglorum Stephanus, in octavis Paschæ, quod erat 4 idus Aprilis, tenuit concilium Northamptoniæ, cui præsidebant Eboracensis archiepiscopus Turstanus, episcopi, abbates,

comites, barones, nobiles quique per Angliam. In quo etiam concilio quorundam electione, Exoniensi ecclesiæ jam pastoralis cura destitutæ, de medio facti præsulis Gulielmi de Warawast, archidiaconus nomine Robertus pastoralis curæ præficitur."^g

Previous to this, in 1136, during the siege of Exeter by King Stephen, as we are informed by Hooker, who (as before observed) was chamberlain of Exeter in the time of Queen Elizabeth, the cathedral had been materially injured: the goods of the church were plundered, and the labours of Warlewast almost destroyed.^h This is confirmed, Bishop Lyttelton says, by a grant of the said king, recited in a vellum ledger, compiled temp. Hen. VI., among the dean and chapter's muniments; whereby the said king grants to the church of St. Peter in Exon a yearly rent of seven pounds ten shillings, issuing out of his manor of Colyton, in Devon, together with the profits of the hundred of Colyton, "pro restauratione dampnorum quæ feceram eidem ecclesiæ in obsidione."ⁱ

Bishop Chichester is stated to have gone very frequently abroad in pilgrimage, sometimes to Rome, and sometimes to other places: "and ever," says Godwin, "would bring with him some one relic or other." He is also said to have expended much money in the repairs and recovery of the fabric of his church. Godwin and Le Neve, from the Old Annals before quoted, place his death in the year 1150. The generality of our historians, however, place it in 1155.^k

ROBERT WARLEWAST, OR WAREWAST, nephew of the former bishop of that name, was consecrated bishop of Exeter June 5th, 1155;^l having previously, like his immediate predecessor, held the deanery of Salisbury. He died in 1159, and was buried at Plympton. This bishop, as well as his two successors, continued the repairs of the cathedral.

BARTHOLOMEW ISCANUS, OR OF EXETER, was consecrated bishop in 1161.^m He was a great adversary of Archbishop Beckett. He died Dec. 15th, 1184. Bishop Tanner, in his Bibliotheca Britannico-Hibernica, gives an account of his works.ⁿ

JOHN THE CHANTOR, OR *Præcentor* of the cathedral, and sub-dean of Salisbury, was elected bishop in 1186.^o He died, according to Matthew of Westminster, in 1191.^p

HENRY MARSHALL, OR MARESCHALL, archdeacon of Stafford and dean of York, brother to William Mareschall, earl of Pembroke, was consecrated bishop in 1194. Godwin says, "he finished the building of his church according to the plat and foundation which his predecessors had laid; and that done, he purchased the patronage and lordship of Wodbery of one Albemarle, which he gave and impropriated unto the vicars choral of his church."^q He died in October, 1206;^r and was buried on the north side of the presbytery of his church.

SIMON DE APULIA, dean of York, was consecrated, according to Godwin, in 1206: but from various entries upon the Patent Rolls it should appear that the see of Exeter, after Bishop Mareschall's death, remained vacant for several years. Simon de Apulia, in reality, was not consecrated till the month of October, 1214.^s In his time, according to the Laud manuscript, the city of Exeter was divided into parishes.^t The register of

^a Compare the extracts from Domesday in the Append. Num. VII.

^b Chron. brev. Exon. Eccl.

^c See Matt. Westm. edit. Francof. 1601, p. 238. Flor. Wigorn. ibid. p. 653. Eadmeri Hist. Nov. p. 92. Simeon Dunelm. Script. X. Twysd. Col. 230. Abbrev. Chron. R. de Diceto, Ibid. col. 500.

^d Compare Godw. ut supr. p. 397.

^e "Anno Domini m^o. c^o. vicesimo septimo obiit Willelmus hujus ecclesiæ episcopus tertius." Chron. brev. Exon. Eccl.

^f Hist. Maj. edit. 1684, p. 63. A Martyrology of the church of Exeter quoted by Bishop Kennett in his manuscript Diptycha places his death on the 5th of the kal. of October, 1137.

^g Contin. ad Florent. edit. Francof. 1601, p. 668.

^h See Hooker.

ⁱ Bishop Lyttelton's Remarks on the Found. and Construct. of Exeter Cathedral, publ. by Soc. of Antiq. p. 3.

^k "Anno 1155, obiit Robertus Exon. episcopus et successit Robertus decanus Sarum." Annal. Vet. Exon. See also Matt. Westm., Annal. Winton. Rad. de Diceto, &c.

^l "MCLV. Theobaldus Cantuariensis archiepiscopus totius Angliæ primas et apostolicæ sedis legatus non. Junii sacrauit Robertum Exoniensem electum ante altare Christi Cantuariæ, astantibus et cooperantibus Hilario Cicestrensi, Jocelino Saresbiriensi, Nigello Heliensi, Walterio Roffensi." Chronicon. Gervas. Script. X. Twysd. col. 1378.

^m Ymag. Hist. Rad. de Diceto, Script. X. Twysd. col. 532.

ⁿ See also Fabricii Bibl. Lat. med. et inf. ætatis, tom. i. p. 178.

^o Bishop Kennett, in his Diptycha Eccl. Angl. gives the following from the Annal. Cestr. MS. "MCLXXXVI. Facta est congregatio apud Northampton. et cl. fuit ibi coram Henrico rege et Baldewino archiepiscopo Cant. feria iii. i. kal. Jul. Godefrei de Lucy in episcopum Exoniensem, sed eodem Godefrei de Luci renuntiantem suum episcopatum subdecanus Salesberie pro eo in ecclesia Exoniæ subrogatus."

^p So also the Martyrol. Eccl. Exon.

^q Godw. ut. supr. p. 398.

^r Le Neve, Fasti Eccl. Anglic. p. 81.

^s See the Notes to Richardson's edit. of Godwin de Præsul. p. 404.

^t "Anno Domini m^o. cc. xij^o. limitatæ sunt parochiæ civitatis Exon."

Plympton monastery places his death in 1223: other authorities say 1224.^a

WILLIAM DE BRIWERE, or BREWER, was consecrated, according to Godwin, on Easter-day, 1224. The Chron. Brev. Exon. says, "Successit Willelmus nepos Willelmi Bruere senioris, qui consecratus est in episcopum Exon. Romæ ab Honorio papa die Paschæ anno Domini m.cc.xxiiij^o." He was of the privy-council to King Henry the Third, and much in favour with that monarch. In 1235, he went to Germany, to conduct the Lady Isabel, the king's sister, upon her marriage with Frederick the emperor. He afterwards attended the emperor to the Holy Land. "Being returned home," says Godwin, "and minding, as his predecessors had done, to leave some good memorial behind him, he made a DEAN, and constituted twenty-four prebendaries within his church."^b The deed by which the office of dean, however, was established, bears date in 1225,^c the year after his consecration. He died on the 9th of the kalends of November, 1244,^d and was buried in the presbytery. This inscription was engraved upon his tomb:

"Hic jacet Willelmus Brewer quondam hujus ecclesiæ cathedralis episcopus. Fundator quatuor principalium ejusdem ecclesiæ dignitatum."^e

RICHARD BLONDY, who had before been chancellor of the diocese, was consecrated Dec. 1st, 1245.^f Godwin says, "this Richard was a man of a mild spirit, but very stout against such as in his time did offer any injury to the church. In his old years being but a weak man, he was much carried and ruled by such as were about him. They taking the opportunity of time, used all the means they might to enrich themselves. His chiefest officers were one Lodosewell his chancellor, Sutton his register, Fitzherbert his official, and Erneston the keeper of his seal: these, with other of the household, compacted amongst themselves, whilst the bishop was yet living (who then lay sick and very weak in his bed), to make unto themselves conveyances of such livelihoods as then lay in the bishop's disposition; and accordingly made out advowsons and other such grants, as to them seemed best: all which were forthwith sealed and delivered according to the orders among them concluded. These their subtle dealings were not so closely conveyed, but that the next bishop following bouted and found the same out; and did not onely reverse all their doings, but also excommunicate them; neither were they absolved until they had done penance for the same at Saint Peter's church openly upon Palme Sunday being the 19th day of March 1267."^g Bishop Blondy died on St. Stephen's day, A. D. 1257,^h and was buried in his cathedral.

WALTER BRONESCOMB was consecrated March 10, 1257. Godwin says, "he was born in the city of Exeter

of very poor and very mean parentage. At the time of his election he was not priest, and therefore not capable of any such dignity: but immediately he took that order upon him, and forthwith was consecrated bishop: all which was done within fifteen days."ⁱ

He founded the college of Penryn, alias Glaseney, in the parish of Gluvias in Cornwall, about the year 1270: and gave the Barton of Rokesdone and Clist, which he had purchased, to the hospital of St. John within the East-gate of Exeter.

Godwin says, "he instituted in his own church the feast called Gabriel's feast; and gave a piece of land for the maintenance thereof. He also did by a policy purchase the lordship and house of Clist Sachfield, and enlarged the Barton thereof by gaining of Cornish wood from his Dean and Chapter fraudulently; building then a very fair and sumptuous house there. He called it Bishop's-Clist; and left the same to his successors. Likewise he got the patronage of Clist Fomesone, now called Sowton, and annexed the same to his new lordship." This latter patronage, Godwin adds, he by power wrested from its true owner.^k

Bishop Bronescomb died on the 11th of the kalends of August, A. D. 1280.^l His tomb, beneath an arch in the south wall at the entrance of the Lady chapel, has the following inscription:

"Olim sincerus pater, omni dignus amore
Primus Walterus magno jacet hic in honore.
Edidit hic plura dignissima laude statuta,
Quæ tanquam jura servant hic omnia tuta.
Atque hoc Collegium quod Glaseney plebs vocat omnis
Condidit egregium, pro voce data sibi somnis.
Quot loca construxit, pietatis quot bona fecit,
Quam sanctam duxit vitam, vox dicere quæ scit?
Laudibus immensis jubilet gens Exoniensis,
Et chorus et turbæ, quod natus in hac fuit urbe.
Plus si scire velis, festum statuit Gabrielis.
Gaudeat in cœlis igitur pater iste fidelis."

PETER QUIVIL, canon of Exeter, was consecrated bishop of the see, according to Godwin, in 1281. Bishop Kennett's manuscript Diptycha says, on the 4th of the ides of November, 1280.

Godwin informs us that Bishop Quivil "first instituted a chanter and subdean in this church. To the one he impropriated Painton and Chidleigh, and to the other the rectory of Eglosheyl in Cornwall." Godwin likewise adds, that "he first began to enlarge and increase his church from the chancel downwards, and layed the foundation thereof:"^m a point which has been disputed with considerable labour by Bishop Lyttelton. Sir Henry Englefield, however, in his observations on the bishop's account, remarks, that "Godwin's assertion, that Quivil founded the transept, which Lyttelton so severely censures, is undoubtedly true; for he joined the two towers by arches on each side of the nave, and

^a So the Chron. brev. Exon. MS. Laud.

^b See Godw. p. 398; who adds, "To the one he impropriated Brampton and Colyton Rawleigh; for the others he purchased so much land, as out whereof he assigned to every prebendary four pounds by the year."

^c See Append. Num. IX. So the Chron. brev. Exon. "Anno Domini m.cc.xxv^o. Dominica tertia adventus Domini Serlo tunc archidiaconus Exon. per ipsum dominum Willelmum episcopum Decanus primus in hac ecclesia Exon. creatus est." MS. Laud.

^d Chron. brev. Exon.

^e Richardson's edit. of Godwin, p. 404, Note^h.

^f Matt. Westm.

^g Godw. edit. 1615, p. 399.

^h Registr. Bronescomb Episc. Exon.

ⁱ Godw. ut supr. p. 400.

^k Ibid. p. 401.

^l Chron. brev. Exon. Prynn, in his Papal Usurpations, vol. iii. p. 170, has preserved the following writ, issued upon Bishop Bronescomb's complaint, in the 3d of Edward the First, to preserve the rights of the church of Exeter from the encroachments of the Earl of Cornwall. "Rex dilectis et fidelibus suis Henr. de Monteforti et S. de Roffa salutem. Monstravit nobis venerabilis pater W. Exon. episcopus, quod cum ipse sit verus patronus abbatie de Herthylandd et ipse et predecessores sui episcopi ejusdem loci in omnibus et singulis vacationibus ejusdem domus semper custodiam ejusdem abbatie habere consueverunt, tanquam veri patroni ejusdem loci; ac Oliverus de Dinaunt jam

termino elapso dum prædictus episcopus nobiscum in partibus Vascon. in servitio nostro, quo tempore eundem episcopum, homines, terras, res, redditus, et omnes possessiones suas suscepimus in protectionem et defensionem nostram specialem: et dum officiales et ballivi ejusdem episcopi per ballivos com. Cornub. occasione contentionis inter ipsos episcopum et comitem mota detenti fuerant in prisona, custodiam abbatie prædictæ super episcopum prædictum occupabit, et bona domus illius ac si ad ipsum pertinuisent vi, et contra voluntatem canonicorum et aliorum hominum ejusdem loci cepit, et consumpsit, et pecuniam non modicam perindebitas distractiones ab eis extorsit, ut per easdem extorsionem et occupationem patronatum ejusdem domus posset in futuris vacationibus suis sibi et hæredibus suis attrahere, et seisinam inde vendicare, in prædicti episcopi et ecclesiæ suæ Exon. præjudicium et exhæredationem manifestam. Et quia manifeste liquet, quod prædicto episcopo et ecclesiæ suæ prædictæ poterit ex hoc dispendium non modicum suboriri, nisi citius remedium ad hoc opponi faciamus; volentes quod partibus inde justitia celeriter fiat in hac parte, assignavimus vos ad inquirendum persacramentum proborum et legalium hominum de com. Devon. per quos rei veritas melius sciri poterit, veritatem præmissorum, et ad easdem transgressionem, tam de dicta occupatione quam de extorsionibus et dampnis prædictis audiend. et terminand. secundum legem et consuetudinem regni nostri. Et ideo vobis mandamus, quod ad certos diem et locum quos ad hoc provideritis inquisitionem, &c. et easdem transgressionem, &c. audiat, salvis &c. Mandatum est vicecomiti Devon. quod venire faciat, &c. ad certos &c. tot et tales &c. In cujus &c. Teste rege, &c. iiij. die Novembris."

^m Godw. p. 402.

cut away the interior walls of each tower, turning great arches in them, as appears by the roll quoted by Lyttelton; besides which, it appears from the same roll, that he broke out the two great windows which light the transept, in the opposite walls of the towers: he therefore formed the transept, although he did not build all the walls of it from the ground. A building of the dimensions of this cathedral could scarcely be erected in the life of one bishop: we accordingly find, that during the time of Quivil's successor, Bytton, great sums were in different years expended on the work; and the choir does not appear to have been finished till the year 1318, in the episcopate of Stapledon, when eighty-six pounds were expended upon the altar-piece. "It is probable," Sir Henry Englefield adds, "that when Quivil thus undertook to rebuild the church, he would, as long as possible, preserve the old choir for the celebration of divine service; and, when the new nave was completed, form that into a temporary church while the choir was rebuilding. Hence it appears that the choir and altar were among the last works of the new church."^a

Pleadings in Quo Waranto, defended by Bishop Quivil and the dean and chapter of his time, in the 8th and 9th of Edw. I. will be found in the Appendix of Instruments.^b They relate to the bishop's manor of Flekeston, his rights in the hundred of Crediton, and his privileges in Asperton, Bishops Tauton, Crediton, &c.; also to the property of the dean and chapter in the advowson of Culmestoke, their privileges in Mydebyry and Doulis, in the hundred of Buddelegh, and at Saltcumbe.

In the 14th of Edward the First a licence was granted to the bishop, dean, and chapter, to enclose their churchyard with a wall, gates, and posterns.^c

Bishop Quivil died suddenly on the 2d of the nones of October, 1291.

THOMAS BUTTON, BYTTON, BURTON, OR DE BINTONE, was the next bishop. The temporalities of the see were restored to him Dec. 2d, 1292. Little is related of him, but that he continued the building of the church.

From the pleadings in Quo Waranto we learn, that, in the 30th of Edward the First, he was summoned to show the proof of the privileges claimed by him in his manors of Wictone, St. Germans, Poltone, Tragaer, and Penryn; which was accordingly shown.^d

He died Sept. 21st, 1307; and was buried before the high altar of his cathedral.^e

WALTER STAPLEDON, a man of good family and great learning, was consecrated bishop of Exeter on the feast of St. Edward the Confessor, A. D. 1308.^f

"Bishop Stapledon," says Lyttelton, "who sat in this see during the whole of the reign of King Edward

II., was so noble a benefactor, both in the building as well as in adorning the fabric of his cathedral, that, in an authentic record of the church, he is said to have made the choir, "Quod postmodum per W. Stapylton, Exon. episcopum, qui *chorum ecclesie* et novas imagines Petri et Pauli fieri fecit." But this expression must be taken with some restrictions; for it is very certain he did not build the choir, but vaulted the presbytery, or chancel part of it, as Leland positively asserts; who adds farther, that this generous bishop made the rich front of stone work at the high altar (probably removed anno 1639, when the present painting was given by archdeacon Hellyar), and likewise the rich silver table in the middle of it.^g The Fabric Rolls, Lyttelton adds, are an undoubted record, to prove what vast sums were expended on the church during all Bishop Stapledon's time: and for some years before, and many years after. Anno 1299, under Bishop Bytton's pontificate (who was Stapledon's immediate predecessor), "summa totius cunstus novi operis" (as expressed on the Roll), amounted to 170*l.* 6*s.* 2*d.*; and anno 1306, the last year of the same bishop, the sum of 156*l.* 19*s.* 1*d.*; but in 1310, the third year of bishop Stapledon, the whole fabric expence amounts to no less than 383*l.* 18*s.* 8*d.*; and in 1318, the sum of 179*l.* 16*s.* 5*d.*; of which 86*l.* 4*s.* 5*d.* was expended in "tablaturâ magni altaris," which was the rich front of stone work, I suppose, that Leland mentions. Towards raising the yearly sum necessary for carrying on the said buildings, the several dignitaries of the church paid every year the following sums, viz. "6*l.* 7*s.* 4*d.* de dignitate decani; 3*l.* de dignitate precentoris; 38 sol. de cancellar.; 64 sol. de thesaurar," &c. as they are entered on the Rolls. All the clergy of the diocese, too, were taxed by Bishop Stapledon towards this work;^h and the several religious houses throughout the diocese granted a participation of their prayers, &c. to all such who would contribute to the fabric of the cathedral."ⁱ

After an enumeration of benefits so munificently bestowed upon his cathedral, it may seem singular to state that Bishop Stapledon was chiefly engaged in political life. He was chosen one of the privy council to Edward II., appointed lord treasurer, and employed in embassies and other weighty affairs of state. He was likewise the founder of Exeter college and of Hart hall in Oxford. He finally fell a sacrifice to popular fury Oct. 15th, 1326, for his attachment to the cause of his unfortunate sovereign, by whom he had been made guardian of the city of London. He was beheaded, together with his brother, Sir Richard Stapledon, near the north door of St. Paul's cathedral. Godwin informs us that the populace buried the bishop in a heap of sand at the back of his house, without Temple-Bar:^k Walsingham says, they threw it into the river: but the

^a Account of the Cath. Church of Exeter, publ. by the Soc. of Antiq. p. 14. Bishop Quivil's alterations and new buildings must have been of very considerable extent. In the Chron. brev. Exon. under the year 1288, we read, "Fundata est hæc nova ecclesia a ven. patre Petro hujus ecclesie episcopo in honore beati Petri principis apostolorum."

^b Numm. XI. XII. XIII. XIV. XV. XVI. XVII.

During Bishop Quivil's time the precentorship of the cathedral appears to have been increased.—"Ecclesiam de Peynton perpetuo duximus annectendam statuantes ut ipsa ecclesia una cum ecclesia de Chuddelegh unicum beneficium censeatur ad dignitatem pertinens memoratam—volentes ut tam is qui eam impresentiarum obtinet, quam qui deinceps obtinebunt juramento se obstringant de faciendi in dicta Exon. ecclesia per ii. partes anni continue vel interpolatim residentia personali. Dat. 8 id. Jul. 1282. Rex confirmat pro fine xl. marcarum, 28 Jan." Pat. 8 Edw. II. p. 1.

^c Pat. 14 Edw. I. m. 24. See Prynne's Papal Usurpations, vol. iii. p. 357.

^d See Num. XVIII.

^e Polwhele, in his History of Devonshire, fol. Exeter, 1797, p. 284, informs us that the remains of Bishop Bytton, which were buried in the middle of the choir, were dug up a few years since, when the choir was new paved. On opening his coffin the body was found entire, and the hair of great length. There were also found enclosed with it a ring, a silver chalice, and a crozier.

^f Chron. brev. Exon. Godwin says, "The Inthronization or installation of bishops was a ceremony of great solemnity in those days; the particularity whereof it shall not be amiss, once for all, to describe in this man. At East-gate he alighted from his horse, and went on foot to St. Peter's church: all the way where he should pass being laid and covered with black cloth. On each hand he was conducted by a gentleman of great worship, Sir Hugh Courtney (who claimed to be steward of his feast) going next before him. At Broad-gate he was received by

his chapter and quier in their ornaments, with Te Deum, and so carried into the church. The usual ceremonies being performed there, at his palace a great feast was prepared, for the entertainment of such noblemen and other personages of account as repaired hither at that time. It is incredible how many oxen, tunns of ale, and wine, are said to have been usually spent at this kind of solemnity." Cat. of Bishops, edit. 1615, p. 404.

^g "Bishop Stapledon made also the riche front of stone worke at the high altare in the cathedrale chirch of Exeter: and also made the riche silver table in the middle of it. Yet sum say that Bishop Lacye made this sylver table; but ther is no lykelyhod yn it." Lel. Itin. edit. Oxf. 1770, tom. iii. p. 66.

^h Book of Statutes pen. Dec. et Cap. pag. 35 et seq.

ⁱ Among the D. and Chap. Archives. See the Account of the Cath. Church of Exeter, ut supr. pp. 6, 7. The church appears to have been new glazed, or at least great part, about the year 1317: and both the plain and coloured glass brought from Roan in Normandy. Ibid. p. 10.

^k Newcourt, in his Repert. Ecclesiasticum, fol. 1708, vol. i. p. 589, tells us, that soon after the dissolution of the Knights Templars, the advowson of the church of St. Clements Danes without London, which had belonged to them, came to the canons-regular of the church of the Holy Sepulchre, in Warwick, who had likewise, in the same parish, five mesuages, one carucate of land, and x*l.* yearly rent. "These premises the prior and canons of the Holy Sepulchre exchanged away unto Walter Stapledon bishop of Exeter, to the use of his bishoprick, for eight acres of land in Snitfield, in the county of Warwick, and the advowson of the church there, in the 17th of Edw. II. This being done, the right of advowson of this church of S. Clement became invested thereby in the bishops of Exeter, as did also the rest of the premises, which the said Bishop Stapledon converted to a house for himself and successors, bishops of Exeter, whence it was for many

former account seems the true one; not only (as Mr. Chalmers observes in his History of Oxford) because most consistent with popular malevolence and contempt, but because the queen soon after ordered the body of the murdered bishop to be removed, and interred, with that of his brother, in Exeter cathedral; which she probably could not have done had it been thrown into the river.^a His monument, on the north side of Exeter cathedral, was erected by the rector and fellows of his college in Oxford.

Polwhele says, there is an account amongst the muniments of the dean and chapter of Exeter, of the administration of this bishop's goods, by Richard Braylegh, dean of Exeter, and one of his executors; by which it appears he left a great many legacies to poor scholars, several sums of money, from twenty to sixty shillings, for the repairing of bridges in the county of Devon, &c.^b

JAMES DE BERKELE, or BERCLEYE, of the noble family of that name, was consecrated March 22, 1326:^c and died in the month of June following.^d Godwin says, after the death of Berkele, the Chapter of Exeter, authorised by the king's congè d'elire, proceeded to an election, and made choice of one *John Godley*, a canon of their church, who was also dean of Wells; which election was confirmed by the king's royal assent. "Howbeit," he proceeds,

"JOHN GRANDESSON being in Italy with Pope John the Twenty-second, his friends found means to have a stay made of the consecration of Godley, till they might deal with the pope for disannulling of the same; as also for conferring the bishoprick by way of provision upon the said Grandesson, the which thing they effected, and caused him to be consecrate at Rome October 18th, 1327."

Bishop Grandesson, or Grandison, was descended of the house of the Grandessons dukes of Burgundy. Godwin enlarges on his appointments to foreign embassies: noticing also his foundation of the college of St. Mary Otery. He adds, that he was a liberal benefactor to the vicars choral of his cathedral,^e as also to the college of Glaseney in Peryn. Leland says, "Joannes de Grandisono bisshop of Exeter enlargid the west part of the chirch, making vij. archis wher afore the plot was made but of v. This Joannes," he adds, "voltid the body of the cathedrale chirch of Excester."^f "Sequestering himself," saith Hooker, "from all idle persons, he kept no more about him than were absolutely necessary, in order to compass the charge of such mighty works: likewise assembling his whole clergy, he persuaded them to bequeath all their goods, &c. to the building the mother church of the diocese; and he also prevailed on sundry temporal men to give of their

store; as namely, Hugh Courtney, earl of Devon, from whom he got two hundred marks."^g

Bishop Grandison enriched his church also with plate and other ornaments: building for his successors a fair house at Bishops Teinton, to which he appropriated the church of Radway.^h He died July 16th, 1369.ⁱ

THOMAS DE BRENTINGHAM was consecrated March 31st, 1370. He was afterwards appointed treasurer of England. Bishop Lyttelton says, in his time the paving of the body of the cathedral was completed, and the cloisters finished, which were begun so early as Bishop Quivil's time. Anno 1390, towards the end of Bishop Brentingham's pontificate, the sum of one hundred marks were given by Henry Blackborne, a canon of this church, for the repair, or rather the entire new-making the great window above the high altar in the choir.^k Bishop Brentingham died Dec. 3d, 1394, at Bishops Clyst.^l

EDMUND STAFFORD, brother to Ralph earl of Stafford, was consecrated June 20th, 1395. Godwin speaks only of his benefactions to what was then called Stapledon's Inn, the name of which was by him changed to that of Exeter College, in Oxford.

Bishop Lyttelton informs us, that in 1410, the sixteenth year of Bishop Stafford, letters of indulgence were directed to the four archdeacons of the diocese of Exeter, for the raising of money to the use of the fabric of the cathedral. By an entry on the Fabric Roll of that year, it should seem that the pavement of the church was not then finished, for the sum of viij^s. viij^d. is charged "pro mxxxii. petris pro pavimento ecclesie."^m

Bishop Stafford died Sept. 4th, 1419. He was interred beneath a tomb of alabaster on the north side of the entrance to the Lady chapel.ⁿ

JOHN CATRICK, or KETERICH, was translated from the see of Lichfield to Exeter, having been previously bishop of St. Davids. The royal assent to his election was given Dec. 1, 1419. His translation was farther confirmed by a bull from Pope Martin the Fifth, dated at Florence Dec. 20th following.^o He died within a short time after, while at the papal court: and was buried in the church of the brethren of the Holy Cross at Florence.^p

JAMES CARY, bishop of Lichfield and Coventry, is reckoned by Godwin as the successor of Catrick, and, as Le Neve says, might be so designed by the pope; but certainly never took possession of the see.^q He also died at Florence.

EDMUND LACY, bishop of Hereford, was translated to this see by papal provision on the 5th of the nones of July, 1420; had the temporalities restored Oct. 31;

years after called Exeter House; since that Paget House, because William lord Paget enlarged and possessed it; then Leicester House, from Robert Dudley earl of Leicester, who new builded there; and, at last, Essex House, of the earl of Essex his lodging there; but of late, pulled down and built into streets and tenements." Compare also Dugd. Hist. Warw. 1st edit. p. 364.

^a "A. D. 1327, 28 Mar. Corpus Walteri episcopi Exoniæ solenni traditur sepulturæ." Chron. Brev. Exon.

^b Hist. Devonshire, p. 284. Bishop Kennett has the following entry in his Diptycha: "Walt. Stapledon episcopus Exon. in testamento suo legavit successoribus suis in perpetuum centum boves ea conditione ut die obitus sui in capella vel aula sua, ubicunque forent, obitum suum cum Placebo, et Dirige facient sollemniter celebrari et centum pauperes pascant." Reg. Brentingham.

Bishop Tanner says that in the 5th Edw. III. Richard Stapleton obtained the king's licence to build A HOUSE for CARTHUSIAN MONKS upon his own ground, any where within the diocese of Exeter, and to endow the same with rents and advowsons of churches to the yearly value of one hundred marks, for the soul's health of Walter Stapleton bishop of Exeter. But in a Note adds, Quære, whether this design evèr took effect. Notit. Mon. Devonsh. xx.

^c Reg. Drokenesford Episc. Exon.

^d Godw. ut supr. p. 406.

^e So Leland, Itin. vol. iii. p. 65. "This Johannes Grandisonus turnid an old almose house of xij. poore menne, and as many women, to whom nomination was given *fratres calendarum*, to the use of the logging of the vicares chorales in the cathedrale chirch of Excester."

^f Ibid.

^g Account of the Cath. of Exeter, p. 7.

^h Godw. p. 408.

ⁱ Collect. Will. Worcestre. Some of the service books of the church of Exeter, as well as a Martyrologium, appear to have been compiled by his order. See Tann. Bibl. Brit. Hib. p. 338. Leland,

Itin. vol. iii. p. 66, says, "Joannes de Grandisono collectid the legendes as they be now redde in divine services in the diocese of Exeter." Compare Nasmith's Catalogue of the MSS. in Benet college library Cambridge, num. xciii., and the Catal. MSS. Angliæ et Hiberniæ, tom. ii. pp. 55, 56, where the following books are mentioned: 1. "Ordinale a Decano et Capitulo approbatum, A. D. 1337," folio. 2. "Liber Obitalis Eccl. Cath. Exon." 3. "Legenda Joannis Grandisoni in usum Ecclesiæ Cathedralis Exon. in tribus voluminibus," folio.

^k "xx. die Apr. anno Domini m.ccc. nonagesimo, in domo capitul. Exon. dominus Henr. Blackburn canonic. dictæ ecclesiæ ad honorem Dei et S. Mart. et apost. Petri et Pauli, promisit centum marcas ex dono suo, reparationi sive emendationi magnæ fenestræ in capite ecclesiæ retro magnum altare." Book of Chapter Acts, intitled Primæ quæ acta fuere, fol. lxii. "Memorand. quod die vii. Marci anno supradicto facta fuit hæc conventio inter canonicos et Rob. Lyen glasyer civem Exon. videl. quod idem Robertus vitriabit magnam fenestram in capite ecclesiæ retro summum altare de novo fact. et percipiet pro quolibet pede novi vitri xx^d. et pro antiquo vitro dictæ fenestræ faciend. percipiet qualibet septimana iij^s. iij^d. dum occupatur circa idem, et similiter famulus suus ij^s. et idem Robertus omnia necessaria vi-triationi pertinentia suis sumptibus et expensis inveniet quantum ad novum vitrum et quantum ad antiquum vitrum capitulum necessaria inveniet." Ibid. fol. lxxij. See the Account of the Cathedral of Exeter, p. 7.

^l Chron. Brev. Eccl. Exon.

^m Account of the Cathedral of Exeter, ut supr.

ⁿ See his epitaph, Lel. Itin. edit. Oxf. 1770, fol. iii. p. 56. Bishop Kennett, in his Diptycha, from the Register of Exeter, says, he died on Sept. 3, 1419, at his manor of Clyst.

^o Kennett, ut supr.

^p Godw. Richardson's edit. p. 412, Note ^b.

^q Fasti Eccl. Anglic. p. 82.

and made his profession of obedience Nov. 4th following.

Leland says, "Bishop Neville, as I hard say, made the chapitre house as it is now at Excester. Syns I hard that Edmund Lacy begun the chapter house, and Neville performed it."^a Godwin also ascribes the chapter-house to Lacy. Lyttelton says, anno 1439, in Bishop Lacy's time, the nodi, or finishment of the pillars in the nave or body of the church, were adorned with painting at the expence of the vicars choral; for in the roll of that year we have the following entry: "Solut. Joh. Badde, peyntor de Exon, pro pictura lvii. nodorum in australi ambulatoria ecclesie cath. Exon. videl. lxx. sol. de dono vicariorum de choro ibidem pro pictura cujus-libet nodi iii. sol." ^b

Bishop Lacy died Sept. 18th, 1455.^c Le Neve says,

JOHN HALS was then provided to this see by the pope, but he refused it.^d

GEORGE NEVILL, son of Richard Nevill earl of Warwick, was consecrated Nov. 26th, 1455.^e He was made lord chancellor in 1460: and in 1465 was translated to the see of York.

JOHN BOTHE, or BOOTHE, was consecrated Feb. 22d, 1465. The episcopal chair or throne, in the choir of Exeter cathedral, one of the finest pieces of Gothic wood-work in the kingdom, was erected by him. He died April 1st, 1478, at his house at Horsleigh in Hampshire; and was buried at London in the church of St. Clements Danes.^f

PETER COURTNEY, archdeacon of Exeter, was consecrated bishop Nov. 8th, 1478. He was translated to the see of Winchester Jan. 29th, 1486. Godwin speaking of him as bishop of Winchester, says, "At Exeter he bestowed much money in finishing the north

tower, unto which he gave a goodly bell, called after his name Peter bell."^g

RICHARD FOX, LL. D. had the temporalities of the see restored to him April 2d, 1487. He was translated to the bishoprick of Bath and Wells Feb. 8th, 1491; and subsequently became bishop of Winchester.^h

OLIVER KING, appointed by papal provision Oct. 1, 1492, was consecrated in February, and had the temporalities restored to him May 5th following. He also was translated to the see of Bath and Wells.ⁱ

RICHARD REDMAN, D. D., was translated from St. Asaph to Exeter, the temporalities of which he received Jan. 7th, 1495-6. He was translated to Ely in 1501.^k

JOHN ARUNDELL, bishop of Lichfield and Coventry, was translated to Exeter June 29th, 1502, and had the temporalities restored July 5th following. He died March 15th, 1503.^l

HUGH OLDHAM, appointed by papal provision Nov. 27th, 1504, had the temporalities restored Jan. 6th following. He died June 25th, 1519.^m

JOHN VEYSEY, or VOYSEY, *alias* HARMAN, appointed by papal provision Aug. 31, 1519, had the temporalities restored Nov. 4th, and was consecrated on Nov. 6th following. He was also lord president of Wales, and had the government of the lady Mary, the king's daughter. Godwin says, "Of all the bishops in the land he was accounted the best courtier, and although he were well reported of for his learning, yet better liked for his courtlike behaviour, which in the end turned not so much to his credit, as to the utter ruin and spoil of the church. For of two and twenty lordships and manors which his predecessors had left unto him of a goodly yearly revenue, he left but seven or eight, and them also leased out:"ⁿ and where he

^a Lel. Itin. vol. iii. p. 66.

^b Acc. of the Cath. of Exeter, p. 8.

^c Bishop Kennett, in his MS. Diptycha, gives the following memoranda from the Register of Salisbury, relating to an office for St. Raphael compiled by Bishop Lacy.

"Edmundus Lacy Exon. episcopus propriam quandam historiam novem lectionum cum Antiphonis, Responsoriis, Collectis, Versiculis, et Capitulis correspondentibus cum plena Missa et Orationibus ad hoc aptatis ex sacris codicibus probatæ lectionis collectam, cum plano cantu et tonis ac notis et notulis juxta morem ecclesiasticum ad hoc debite applicatis in unum contextum redegit. Quod officium celebratum fuit in festo S. Raphaelis 5 Oct." Reg. Beauchamp Episc. Sarum.

"Eugenius papa historiam S. Raphaelis archangeli ab Edmundo Lacy episcopo Exon. conscriptam Johanni Snetysam cancellario ecclesie Exon. examinandam commisit 1443. Ab isto auctoritate papali approbatum est officium ab episcopo compositum, et decretum est ut festum sancti Raphaelis 5 die Octob. in singulis ecclesiis ubi illud acceptum fuerit celebraretur. Dat. 14 Jun. 1444." Reg. Sarum ibid.

^d Fasti Eccl. Anglic. p. 82.

^e Godw. edit. 1615, p. 410. The notes to Richardson's edition say,—“Penultimo Novembris 1458 data est licentia consecrandi Georgio Nevill artium magistro. Registr. Eccl. Cant. Provisus est et confirmatus A. 1455; et dispensatum est eià papa quod proficua episcopalia reciperet etsi xxij. ætatis annum non attigerit, sed consecrari nequit ante xxvii. annum. Tho. Gasc. in Dict. Theol. MS. Lewis. Presbyter factus est per episcopum Eliensem 21 Dec. 1454. Registr. Elien.”

^f Compare Weever, Fun. Mon. p. 445. Bishop Lyttelton, p. 11, has given a copious extract from a Commemoration Roll, or form of “bidding prayer,” of Bishop Boothe's time, for the founders of and benefactors to the cathedral.

^g Cat. of the Bishops of Engl. edit. 1615, p. 244. Bishop Lyttelton says, “if the tradition at Landaff may be depended upon, it was brought from thence to Exeter, in the time of Bishop Courtney, in exchange for five other bells, being styled the Peter bell before its removal to Exeter. This bell, which weighs sixty hundred, and is reckoned the third largest in England, was recast anno 1676, when these words were inscribed upon it, viz. ‘Ex dono Petri Courtney, episc. Exon. anno D’ni 1484.’” Account of the Cath. of Exeter, p. 5. Compare also Willis's Hist of Landaff Cathedral, p. 4.

^h Le Neve, p. 82.

ⁱ Ibid.

^k Ibid. p. 83.

^l Ibid.

^m Ibid. Godwin says, Bishop Oldham “was careful in the saving and defending of his liberties, for which continual suits were between him and the abbat of Tavistock. He was also liberal to the vicars choral of his church: and reduced them to the keeping of commons: towards the maintenance whereof he gave them certain revenues, and impropriated unto them the rectory of Cornwood.” “He chanced to die,” he adds, “excommunicate at the suite of the abbat of Tavistocke, and might not be buried until an absolution was procured from Rome. He lieth in a chapel of his own building, cast out of the uppermost end

of the south wall of the church, where he hath a sumptuous and fair monument.” pp. 411, 412.

ⁿ This charge is also repeated by Bishop Burnet, Hist. of the Reform. edit. 1683, Part ii. p. 166; but Dr. Henry Wharton defends Veysey. He says, “The memory of Veysey suffers upon this account on all hands. The case of his bishoprick indeed was very deplorable, which from one of the richest in his time, became the poorest of all the old English bishopricks. But had any bishop of England sate at Exeter at that time, he must have done the same thing, or have been immediately deprived. For Veysey alienated no possessions of his see, but upon express command of the king, directed to him under the privy seal in favour of certain noblemen and courtiers. All the bishops at that time were subjected to a like calamity. Even Cranmer was forced to part with the better half of the possessions of his see, and Ridley, soon after his entry into London, was forced to give away the four best manors of his see for ever in one day. These two were the greatest favourites among all the bishops in that reign. Others were yet more severely dealt with. The common pretence was to exchange some lands of their bishopricks with others of religious houses remaining in the king's hands since their suppression. Even then it was such an exchange as Diomedes made with Glaucus. But to Veysey no other recompence was made, than the promise of the king's good-will and favour, assured to him in the conclusion of all those mandates, in cases of compliance with them; the effect of which promises was, that after he had complied with them to the ruin of his see, he was forced to resign it, ‘per metum et terrorem,’ as himself afterwards alledged. All he could do was to enregister at length all those privy-seals for the vindication of himself to his successors for ever; which he hath carefully done.” Specimen of Errors and Defects in B^p. Burnet's Hist. of the Reform. (publ. under the name of Anthony Harmer) 8vo. Lond. 1693, p. 100.

Bishop Kennett, in his manuscript Diptycha, has preserved the following memoranda from the Exeter Registers respecting the leases and alienations granted by Bishop Veysey. These bear Wharton out in his defence of the bishop.

“1 Dec. 20 Hen. VIII. Joh. episcopus Exon. manerium suum de Horsley Hen. marchioni Exon. dimisit ad terminum 60 annorum. Capitulum confirmat dimissionem, 30 Jan. 1528.”

“28 Hen. VIII. 4 Jul. Joh. episcopus Manerium de Esthorsey in com. Surr. Henrico marchioni Exon. ad terminum 99 annorum dimisit, reservato annuo redditu 7l. 13s. 4d.”

“29 Hen. VIII. 26 Jul. Joh. episcopus Exon. concessit Johanni Killigrew et hæredibus suis terras suas in parochia Sancti Budoci in Cornub. et alibi existentes reservato successoribus suis annuo redditu 4l. 3s. 4d.”

“31 Hen. VIII. 7 Aug. Joh. episcopus Exon. constituit Johannem baronem Russell capitalem seneschallum omnium terrarum suarum.”

“34 Hen. VIII. 20 Jul. Joh. episcopus Exon. concessit parcom suum de Credinton Tho. Denys militi pro 100 marcis.”

“35 Hen. VIII. 12 Sept. concessit Willielmo Fysher gen. (ad instantiam Regis) burgum suum de Penryn, reservato annuo redditu 10l. pro 60 annis.”

found fourteen houses well furnished, he left only one house bare and without furniture, and yet charged with sundry fees and annuities."^a In the reign of Edw. VI. a commotion in the diocese of Exeter, which arose on account of the change of religion, being in some degree imputed to the negligence of the bishop, who resided at a distance from his see, he resigned it into the king's hands in 1551: living, Godwin says, "by the rents of the temporality of the bishoprick, which, when he alienated, he did reserve unto himself for the term of his own life."^b

MILES COVERDALE, a pious and learned man, who had the honour of editing the first English Bible allowed by royal authority, and the first translation of the whole Bible printed in our language, was the next bishop of Exeter. He was nominated to the see Aug. 14th, 1551; consecrated at Croydon on August 30th; and installed in his cathedral Sept. 11th following.^c The Instrument of his collocation states him to have been promoted on account of his extraordinary knowledge in divinity, and his unblemished character.^d

Mr. Chalmers, in his *Life of Coverdale*, says, when Lord Russell was sent down to quell the rebellion in the west of England in 1549, he was attended by Coverdale to preach among them; and it was probably the influence of his preaching in composing the religious differences in that quarter, which pointed him out as a fit person to succeed Harman; to whom, some time before, he had been appointed coadjutor, an office not uncommon in those days. On his appointment to this bishoprick, Mr. Chalmers adds, Coverdale was so poor as to be unable to pay the first fruits, which, therefore, the king, at the solicitation of Archbishop Cranmer, excused.^e

On the accession of Queen Mary, Coverdale was ejected from his see and thrown into prison: ^f when, on Sept. 28th, 1553,

Bishop VEYSEY was reinstated. This second enjoyment of his bishoprick, however, was not of long duration. He died October 23d, 1554, at his manor of Moreplace, in the parish of Sutton Colefield in Warwickshire, and was there buried.^g

JAMES TURBERVILLE was consecrated Sept. 8th 1555, and had the temporalities restored on the 21st of the same month. He was deprived about the beginning of January, 1559. The commission to the guardian of the spiritualities was issued on the 22d of that month.^h Godwin says, "He was very careful to recover some part of the lands of his bishoprick which his predecessor wasted; and did obtain of Queen Mary, to him and his successors, the fee-farm of the manor of Crediton."ⁱ

WILLIAM ALLEY, D. D., was consecrated July 14th, 1560. The temporalities of the see were restored to him on August 26th following.^k He afterwards held the

rectory of Newton Ferrers, in his own diocese, in commendam.^l He was concerned in what is called Bishop Parker's Translation of the Bible; his share in which appears to have been the Pentateuch.^m He died early in the month of April, 1570;ⁿ and was buried on the south side of the presbytery of his cathedral.

WILLIAM BRADBRIDGE, D. D., and dean of Salisbury, was elected March 1st, and consecrated at Lambeth March 18th, 1571. He held with his bishoprick the rectories of Lazante, in Cornwall, and of Newton Ferrers, in Devon:^o dying at the latter place, suddenly, June 27th, 1578. He was buried on the north side of the high altar of his cathedral, near Bishop Lacy.^p

JOHN WALTON, WOLTON, or WOOLTON, D. D., was elected July 2d, 1579, confirmed the 24th of the same month, and consecrated August the 2d following.^q He was admitted to the rectory of Lazante before mentioned Oct. 2d, 1583.^r He died March 13th, 1593; and was buried toward the south side of the presbytery of his church.

GERVASE BABINGTON, D. D., was translated from Llandaff to the see of Exeter Feb. 4th, 1594, confirmed March 11th, and installed in his cathedral March 22d. He was translated to Worcester October 4th, 1597.^s

WILLIAM COTTON, or COTON, D. D., was elected Sept. 6th, 1598, confirmed Nov. 11th, and consecrated the next day. He died at Silverton, in Devonshire, August 26th, 1621, and was buried in the cathedral.^t

VALENTINE CARY, D. D., was elected Sept. 27th, 1621, confirmed Nov. 17th, and consecrated next day. He died June 10th, 1626.^u

JOSEPH HALL, D. D., dean of Worcester, was elected Nov. 25th, 1627, confirmed Dec. 15th, and consecrated the 23d of the same month. He was translated in 1641 to the see of Norwich.^x

RALPH BROWNRIGG, D. D., was elected March 31st, 1642.^y Richardson says he was consecrated May 15th. He died December 7th, 1659.

JOHN GAUDEN, D. D., was elected Nov. 3d, 1660, confirmed Nov. 17th, and consecrated the next day.^z He was translated in 1661, to Worcester.

SETH WARD, D. D., was elected July 8th, 1662, and consecrated July 20th. He was translated Sept. 12th, 1667, to the see of Salisbury.

ANTHONY SPARROW, D. D., was elected Oct. 14th, 1667, and consecrated Nov. 3d. He was translated to the bishoprick of Norwich in the month of September, 1676.

THOMAS LAMPLUGH, D. D., was elected Octob. 3d, 1676, and consecrated on the twelfth of the same month.^a Bishop Kennett, in his MS. Diptycha, says, "The prince of Orange landing at Torbay 5 Nov. 1688, Bishop Lamplugh immediately quitted Exeter, and fled to London;

^a 37 Hen. VIII. 27 Apr. Joh. episcopus Exon. Manerium de Faryndon in com. Southton. Regi transcripsit."

^b 37 Hen. VIII. 9 Nov. Manerium de Peyngton Tho. Speke militi pro termino 99 annorum reservato annuo redditu 146l. 4s. 11d."

^c 37 Hen. VIII. 9 Jan. Manerium de Crediton Thomæ Darcey mil. mandato Regis sibi directo, pro termino 80 annorum."

^d 37 Hen. VIII. 13 Feb. Maneria de Bishops Clist et Bishops Towton Johanni Russel custodi privati sigilli, mandato Regis."

^e 37 Hen. VIII. 8 Mar. Maneria de Radwey et Teyngton episcopi Edwardo comiti Hertf. pro termino 60 annorum."

^f 37 Hen. VIII. 1 Apr. Manerium de la Whaddon in com. Cornub. Johanni Ailworth armigero, mandato Regis pro 60 annis."

^g 38 Hen. VIII. 24 Jan. Manerium de Pawton in Cornubia Anthonio Denny militi pro 80 annis."

^h 38 Hen. VIII. 1 Jan. Manerium de Gurgol in Cornubia Clementi Throgmorton arm. reginæ a poculis pro 80 annis."

ⁱ Leland, Itin. vol. iii. p. 105, says, "The bisshop of Excestre hath an auncient maner place a mile above Berstaple-Bridg caullid Tawton on the est part of the haven. Bisshop Veysey of late made this house sumwhat lesse then it was but more handsum."

^j The Instrument of provision for him will be found in the Appendix, Num. XII.

^k Kennett, MS. Diptycha.

^l General Biogr. Dict. vol. x. p. 341.

^m Mr. Chalmers, speaking of the intercession for him on this account made by the king of Denmark, and of the letters which his Majesty wrote to Queen Mary, says, "By one of these, dated April 25th, 1554, it would appear that Coverdale was imprisoned in consequence of being concerned in an insurrection against the queen; but this is not

laid to his charge in the queen's answer, who only pretended that he was indebted to her concerning his bishoprick. As the first fruits had been forgiven by Edw. VI. this must be supposed to allude to his tenths; and Coverdale's plea, as appears by the king of Denmark's second letter, was that he had not enjoyed the bishoprick long enough to be enabled to pay the queen." General Biogr. Dict. ut supr. p. 343. On Queen Elizabeth's accession, Coverdale, who had been an exile in Germany, received an offer of, but refused, the bishoprick of Llandaff. He was afterwards collated to the rectory of St. Magnus London-bridge. The date of his death is differently, and in both instances erroneously stated by Richards in his Notes on Godwin, and by Neal. The parish Register of St. Bartholomew behind the Exchange, where he was interred, proves him to have been buried Feb. 19th, 1568.

ⁿ Le Neve, Fasti Eccl. Anglic. p. 83. See much more of him, and more particularly of his benefactions to Sutton Colefield, in Dugd. Hist. Warw. edit. 1656, p. 667, where he is stated to have died at the age of 103. The patent of the 5th of Edw. VI., however, makes his age, by his own statement, 87 in 1551. See Num. XXII.

^o Ibid. Compare Rym. Fœd. tom. xv. p. 425.

^p Godw. edit. 1615, p. 414.

^q Le Neve, ut supr.

^r See Burn. Hist. Ref. P. ii. p. 406.

^s "Spiritualia post mortem ejus seisita ab archiepiscopo. 10 Apr. 1570." Reg. Parker archiep. Cantuar.

^t Reg. Parker.

^u Reg. Grindal archiep. Cantuar.

^v Le Neve, Fasti Eccl. Anglic. p. 83.

^w Ibid.

^x Ibid.

^y Ibid.

^z Godw. p. 414.

^a Reg. Whitgift.

^b Ibid.

^c Ibid. p. 84.

^d Ibid.

^e Le Neve, ut supr.

for which King James nominated him to the see of York:"^a in which he continued till his death, A. D. 1691.

JONATHAN TRELAWNEY, D. D., Bart., and bishop of Bristol, was translated to this see April 13th, 1689, and installed on the 27th of the same month. He was translated to Winchester in the year 1707.^b

OFFSPRING BLACKHALL, D. D., was elected Jan. 23d, and consecrated Feb. 8th, 1707. He died Nov. 29th, 1716, and was buried in his cathedral.^c

LANCELOT BLACKBOURN was consecrated Feb. 24th, 1717. He was translated to the see of York in the month of November, 1724.

STEPHEN WESTON, D. D., was elected Dec. 8th, and consecrated Dec. 28th, 1724.

NICHOLAS CLAGGETT, D. D., was translated to Exeter from the bishoprick of St. David's July 24th, 1742. Upon whose death, the congè d'elire for the election of

GEORGE LAVINGTON, LL. D., passed the great seal Dec. 16th, 1746. Upon Bishop Lavington's death,

The *Hon.* and *Rev.* FREDERICK KEPPEL succeeded, afterwards D. D. The congè d'elire for whose election passed Oct. 16th, 1762. Upon his death,

^a So Richardson, in his Continuation of Godwin de Præsul. p. 421. "Anno 1688 cum Gulielmus princeps Auriacus jam ad terram appulisset, et cum exercitu ad oras Danmoniorum contenderet, ille Clerum oratione composita hortabatur, ut Jacobi regis partes tuerentur; qua de causa archiepiscopatum Eboracensem, jam tum vacantem, a rege tanquam meritum mercedem aliquam est adeptus."

^b Le Neve, ut supr.

^c Godw. edit. Richards, ut supr.

^d Tann. Notit. Mon.

^e Ibid. A MS. Valor, formerly in Bishop Tanner's possession, gave the revenues as follow. "Summa totalis, tam spiritualium quam temporalium ecclesiæ cathedralis Exon. mccc^{li}. xij^s. viij^d. resolut. clxxⁱⁱ. vj^s. iv^d. remanet clxxxⁱⁱ. vj^s. iij^d."

^f The following have been the DEANS of Exeter.

SERLO, whose appointment by Bishop Briwere, or Brewer, in 1225, has been already noticed, p. 516. He died on the 12th kal. August, 1231.

ROGER DE WINKALEGH, or WYNKELEY, succeeded in 1231. He died Aug. 13, 1252.

WILLIAM DE STANEWAY occurs dean in 1254. He died in 1268.

ROGER DE TORIZ occurs in Bishop Branscomb's Register A. D. 1270. He died in 1274.

JOHN NOBILIS was collated Sept. 20th, 1274.

JOHN PYCOT was confirmed in the deanery about the beginning of September, 1281.

ANDREW DE KILKENNI was both elected and installed March 13th, 1284. He died in 1302.

HENRY DE SOMERSETE was elected in 1303.

THOMAS DE LETTECHLADE, or LECHELADE, chancellor of Exeter, occurs dean in 1307. He died in 1309.

BARTHOLOMEW DE SANCTO LAURENTIO was confirmed in the deanery June 3d, 1311. He died in the month of November, 1326.

RICHARD DE COLATON, or COLETON, occurs in 1328.

RICHARD DE BRAYLEGH was elected in the month of September, and confirmed on Oct. 2d, 1335. "1343, 7 kal. Feb. Ordinum fuit per Ric. de Braylegh decan. et capit. Exon. de consensu magistri Thomæ de Nassyngton archidiaconi Exon. ad quem spectat providere virum idoneum et bene literatum ad regendum scholas grammaticales Exon. ut dictus magister scholarum habeat domum pro scholis et alias domos inter dictas scholas et capellam de Christchyrche pro habitatione, sumptibus dicti domini Ricardi decani in solo spectante ad ecclesiam cathedralem Exon. constructas, reddendo inde annuatim xxiv^s. ad celebrandum obitum domini Ricardi decani in ecclesia Exon." Reg. Eccl. Exon. Kennett, MS. Diptycha. He occurs in 1344. "Ricardus de Braylegh decanus sub anno 1344 construi fecit altam scolam." Reg. Exon. Ibid.

REGINALD DE BUGWELL occurs in 1354.

ROBERT SUMPTER, LL. D., was dean in 1366. He occurs again in the 47th of Edw. III.

THOMAS WALKINTON occurs in 1380, and again in 1383.

RALPH TREGRESSIOW, LL. D., occurs dean June 14th, 1384. Le Neve calls him *Ralph Tregrision*. He died in 1415. Bishop Kennett gives the following abstract of his will from Reg. Stafford. "Testamentum Radulfi Tregrisiow decani Exon. fact. 16 Jun. 1411, prob. 26 Jul. 1415. *Legat fabricæ ecclesiæ Exon. 100 sol. fabricæ ecclesiæ Cridinton 100 sol. fabricæ ecclesiæ S. Cridæ in Cornub. ubi natus est 50 sol. eidem ecclesiæ cupam argenteam. Ecclesiæ de Dulo 100 sol. Item ad distribuend. pauperibus die sepulturæ meæ 40 libr. Item vicariis ecclesiæ Exon. ad orandum pro anima mea et avunculi ac magistri mei Stephani Pempell decani Well. &c. Item singulis canonicis Exon. presentibus in die sepulturæ meæ 6s. 8d. Item singulis vicariis presentibus 3s. 4d.*"

STEPHEN PAYNE was elected Sept. 28th, and confirmed Oct. 4th, 1415. He died May 17th, 1419."

JOHN ROSS, D. D., was consecrated bishop. The congè d'elire for his election passed Jan. 6th, 1778. Bishop Ross died . . . 1792.

WILLIAM BULLER, D. D., succeeded Sept. 11th, 1792. Upon his death,

The *Hon.* and *Rev.* HENRY REGINALD COURTENAY, D. D., was translated from the see of Bristol Feb. 14th, 1797. Bishop Courtenay died . . . 1803.

JOHN FISHER, D. D., was made bishop of Exeter June 25th, 1803; whence he was translated to the see of Salisbury in 1807.

GEORGE PELHAM, D. D., is the present bishop. The congè d'elire for his election was dated July 11th, 1807.

The revenues of this bishoprick were valued, in the 26th of Henry the Eighth, at 1566l. 14s. 6d. per annum: but so much was shortly after taken from it, that they have long been rated at 500l. only.^d

Besides the separate corps, the common revenues of the Dean and Chapter are rated at 1132l. 18s. 11½d. per annum.^e

There are now belonging to this cathedral a bishop, dean,^f and twenty-four prebendaries, whereof nine are residentiaries; viz. the dean, precentor, chancellor, trea-

ROGER BOLTER, precentor of the church, was elected dean June 28th, 1419, but renounced his election July 22d following.

JOHN COBETHORN was elected August 18th, and confirmed Sept. 2d. 1419. He was still possessed of the deanery Feb. 4th, 1452.

JOHN HALS occurs in 1457. He was promoted to the see of Lichfield and Coventry in 1459.

HENRY WEBBER was elected Dec. 26th, and confirmed Jan. 2d, 1459. He died Feb. 13th, 1476.

PETER COURTENAY, LL. D., was confirmed April 27th, 1477. He was the next year promoted to the see of Exeter.

LIONEL WIDEVILL, or WOODVILLE, occurs in 1480.

JOHN ARUNDELL occurs dean in 1483. In 1496 he was made bishop of Lichfield and Coventry.

EDWARD WILLOUGHBY occurs in 1500. He died Nov. 23, 1508.

THOMAS HOBBS, or HOWIS, was elected Feb. 5th, and confirmed Feb. 7th, 1508-9. He died in Sept. 1509.

JOHN VESEY, VEYSY, or VOYSEY, was elected dean Oct. 28, 1509. He was made bishop of the see in 1519.

RICHARD TAIFF, or TAITT, occurs dean 1522.

RICHARD PAGE was elected some time after the middle of the year 1522. He resigned his deanery July 8th, 1527.

REGINALD POLE was elected Aug. 12, 1527, and confirmed Sept. 23d. He appears to have been deprived in or about 1537.

SIMON HEYNES, D. D., was elected July 23d, and confirmed July 28th, 1537. He held numerous preferments. He died in 1552.

JOHN MOREMAN, D. D., died possessed of this deanery in 1554.

THOMAS RAYNOLDS, D. D., warden of Merton college, Oxford, succeeded Moreman. He died Nov. 24th, 1559.

GREGORY DODDS, B. D., chaplain to Queen Elizabeth, was elected in the month of February, 1559. He died in 1570.

GEORGE CAREW, D. D., was confirmed Jan. 12th, and installed Feb. 12th, 1570. He died in the month of June, 1583, and was buried in the church of St. Giles in the Fields, Middlesex.

STEPHEN TOWNSENDE was promoted to this deanery Oct. 5th, 1583. He died in the month of September, 1588.

MATTHEW SUTCLIFFE, LL. D., was confirmed Oct. 22, 1588, and died in 1629.

WILLIAM PETERSON, D. D., was elected July 18th, 1629, and died in 1661.

SETH WARD, D. D., was elected Dec. 26th, 1661, and confirmed Jan. 13th following. In the next year he became bishop of Exeter.

EDWARD YOUNG, D. D., was elected Aug. 21, 1662.

GEORGE CAREY, D. D., was elected and installed Sept. 10th, 1663.

RICHARD ANNESLEY, D. D., son of Arthur earl of Anglesey, was elected and installed April 7th, 1681. He died Nov. 19th, 1701, and was buried in Westminster abbey.

WILLIAM WAKE, D. D., was nominated by the king's letters patent December 4th, 1701. He was elected and installed Dec. 16th. In 1705 he was promoted to the bishoprick of Lincoln.

LANCELOT BLACKBOURN was elected and installed Nov. 3d, 1705. He became bishop of Exeter in 1717.

EDWARD TRELAWNEY, M. A., was the next dean.

JOHN GILBERT, D. D., succeeded early in the year 1727. He was promoted to the see of Llandaff in 1740.

ALURED CLARKE, D. D., was advanced to the deanery of Exeter May 12th, 1740. He died May 31, 1742.

WILLIAM HOLMES, D. D., was nominated June 4th, 1742. Upon his death,

CHARLES LYTTTELTON, D. D., was nominated dean May 15th, 1748. He was the third son of Sir Thomas, and brother to George Lord Lyttelton. He was consecrated bishop of Carlisle March 21st, 1762. He died Dec. 22, 1768.

JEREMIAH MILLES, D. D., was nominated dean March 27th, 1762, and succeeded Dr. Lyttelton not only in the deanery of Exeter, but afterwards as president of the Society of Antiquaries. He died Feb. 13th, 1784.

suror, and five others; four archdeacons, four priests vicars, eight lay vicars (whereof one is organist), five secondaries, ten choristers, beside vergers, sextons, and other officers.^a

Leland, both in his *Itinerary* and his *Collectanea*, gives short lists of the books which he saw in the LIBRARY OF EXETER CATHEDRAL.^b A catalogue of the manuscripts preserved there will also be found in

WILLIAM BULLER, D. D., succeeded Feb. 21, 1784. He resigned in 1790. In 1792, he became bishop of Exeter.

CHARLES HARWARD, D. D., was nominated June 26th, 1790.

CHARLES TALBOT, D. D., was the next dean. Upon his resignation,

GEORGE GORDON, B. D., was nominated March 25th, 1809. Upon his resignation,

JOHN GARNETT, M. A., afterwards D. D., was nominated Feb. 10th, 1810.

WHITTINGTON LONDON, D. D., provost of Worcester college, Oxford, succeeded in the month of April, 1813.

^a The body of ecclesiastics anciently belonging to the cathedral, exclusive of the bishop, consisted of a dean, twenty-four canons, twenty-four vicars, an indefinite number of anniversaries, or annivellaries, twelve secondaries, four custors, or keepers, and fourteen choir-boys; besides other inferior officers and servants. The anniversaries were chantry priests, appointed to celebrate, during the course of the year, the obit of some deceased person, with a certain stipend of marks or pounds, and other profits.

Bishop William Alley, or Alleigh, with the unanimous consent of the dean and chapter, and under the royal authority, by a statute of 22d February, 1560, limited the number of canons residentiary to nine, of whom the dignitaries were to be four; and amongst these the revenues of the church were thenceforth to be shared.

In consequence of complaints made to Charles the First by the rest of the prebendaries (forso the non-residentiaries then were, as they still are styled), of the exility of their stipends, the king had determined to increase them; but his purpose was prevented by the breaking out of the civil war. But, on the restoration of Charles the Second, Bishop Seth Ward, with the like consent of the dean and chapter, and under the royal authority, by a statute of 28th March, 1663, decreed, that the number of canons residentiary ought never to exceed nine; that the small stipends of the rest of the prebendaries should be extended to the sum of twenty pounds each annually; and defined and prescribed their future duties in the cathedral choir, consisting merely of the attendance of two of them at the time of the assizes and quarter sessions of the peace, and the weekly preaching of the Sunday afternoon sermon or divinity lecture, on the penalty, for neglecting to preach the sermon, of twenty shillings, to be converted to the use of the cathedral library. See Mr. Jones's "Account of the Ancient Constitution, Discipline, and Usages of the Cathedral Church of Exeter," printed in the XVIIIth volume of the *Archæologia* of the Society of Antiquaries, p. 413.

^b See *Lel. Itin.* edit. 1769, vol. iii. p. 61; *Collectan.* edit. 1770, tom. iv. p. 151.

^c The only manuscripts which bear relation to the history of the church, or its bishops, in this collection, exclusive of those already noticed in the account of Bishop Grandison, are,

1. Statuta Ecclesiæ Crucis per Tho. Button Exon. episcopum.—Statuta Joannis Grandisoni.—Statuta Edmundi Lacey pro Ecclesia de Crediton.

2. Constitutiones Synodales factæ anno 1287 per Petrum de Quivel Exon. episcopum; cum instrumento Confirmationis per Archiepiscopum, 8vo.

3. Liber Obitalis Ecclesiæ Cathedralis Exon.

4. Concessio de Stoke per Regem Adelstanum, caractere Saxonico et Latino. Membran.

5. Ordinationes Walteri Exon. episcopi super statu Scholarium de Stapylton Hall in Univ. Oxon. per eundem episcopum factæ et per eosdem Scholares approbatæ, A. D. 1316, fol.

6. Statuta et Consuetudines Ecclesiæ Exon. cum Calendario veteri, fol.

7. Miscellanea Leofrici caractere Saxonico, fol.

8. *A Transcript of DOMESDAY BOOK for the three Counties of Cornwall, Devonshire, and Somersetshire*, fol.

9. Inventarium Jocalium omnium, Bonorum, et Librorum Ecclesiæ Cathedralis Exon. A. D. 1506, per Ricardum Norton et Joannem Nans per Decanum et Capitulum ad hoc electos, fol.

10. Pontificale Edm. Lacy episcopi Exon. fol.

Of these manuscripts, the eighth article is erroneously described. It is, in fact, the volume which has been since published by the Commissioners on the public Records, under the title of the EXON DOMESDAY.

Its main body presents a description of the western parts of the kingdom, comprising the counties of Wilts, Dorset, Somerset, Devon, and Cornwall; and it is supposed, so far as it extends, to contain an exact transcript of the original Rolls or Returns made by the Conqueror's commissioners at the time of forming the General Survey, from which the Great Domesday itself was compiled in a form somewhat more compressed. It is written on vellum, in the manner of a book, of the small folio size: containing five hundred and thirty-two double pages.

the second volume of the "Catalogus Librorum Manuscriptorum Angliæ et Hiberniæ," fol. Oxon. 1697.^c

Wanley, in the Catalogue of Saxon manuscripts which forms the second volume of Dr. Hickes's *Thesaurus*, has minutely described a Collection of Poems, chiefly on religious subjects, on a few leaves; at the beginning of which, certain Instruments, relating chiefly to the possessions of the church, appear to have been entered in different hands.^d

The opening of the manuscript preserves the *Inquisitio Geldi*, or Taxation of the Hundreds for the five counties already mentioned. The Geld or Tax here alluded to was that of six shillings upon every hide, noticed by most of our historians, but expressly stated by Matthew Paris and Matthew of Westminster to have been an immediate consequence of the Great Survey. Then follow the Returns of property above described.

The most striking feature of difference between the Exon manuscript and the Domesday Survey in the Exchequer, is in the former giving the enumeration of the live stock upon every estate, exactly as it occurs in the second volume of the Exchequer Survey, in the counties of Essex, Norfolk, and Suffolk: but which was omitted when the Returns which form the first volume were breviated.

The manuscript is supposed to have been deposited at Exeter, as in the metropolis of the western counties. No more ample details occur in it of the bishop's lands than of those belonging to the other tenants in capite.

See the "Introduction to the Supplementary Records of Domesday," fol. Lond. 1817, p. ix. et seqq.

^d They are,

1. Narratio eorum quibus Ecclesiæ suæ Exoniensi benefecit Leofricus episcopus, fol. 1. (See the Appendix to the present Account, Num. IV.)

2. Index Vasorum, Reliquiarum, &c. quas Ecclesiæ Exoniensi contulit Leowinus presbyter et canonicus, pro anima Osberti episcopi, et sua, &c. Latinè, fol. 26.

3. Apographum Libelli quam conscribi fecit Leofricus episcopus, de Terris quas violentorum tyrannide ablatas Ecclesiæ Exoniensi restituerit, de iis quoque quas de proprio addidit, Latinè, fol. 3.

4. Testificatio Capituli S. Petri Exoniensis facta A. D. 1143, de Edrico filio Leowini de Alfontona, quem cum liberis suis ab omni vinculo servitutis emancipavit Rand. Avenel coram justitiar. Regis in Hundred. civium Exon. Latinè, fol. 3 b.

5. Conventio facta A. D. 1150, coram Roberto episcopo et aliis, inter Willielmum Britonem et Algarum Palmarum de quadam Terra in Magno Vico (forte in Exonia) quæ est contra domum Willielmi filii Dirlinge, Latinè, fol. 3 b.

6. Testificatio de Terris quas ab omni querela Willelmo nepoti suo legavit Rotberdus de Poldraham, Normanno-Saxonice, fol. 4.

7. Testificatio de Terris quas ab omni querela immunes legaverunt Alurico cognomento Rufo et proli suæ, Oterus et filius ejus, Saxonice, fol. 4.

8. Testificatio de Terris quas ab omni querela immunes legavit Galfridus cognomento Foliot Semero Aluredi consanguineo et omni proli suæ, Saxonice, fol. 4.

9. Testificatio de Terris in Alfontune quas ab omni querela immunes Hrodolfo Sewii filio legavit Athelicia soror Ricardi vicecomitis, fol. 9.

10. Testificatio de manumissione Athelwii in Monasterio S. Petri per Waltherum Wulfoordi filium, Saxonice, fol. 4 b.

11. Testificatio de emptione Gidithæ Edwigi filiæ, x. solidis, per Gesfrægum Feali filium, Saxonice, fol. 4 b.

12. Testificatio de Querela injusta Huberdi de Clist, contra Editam Livegeri uxorem, quam antea emancipaverat Livegerus coram Gosfreigo episcopo, tali modo sicuti à viro fœminam emancipari docuit, Saxonice, fol. 4 b.

13. Testificatio de Terris quas tam intra quam extra vicum ab omni querela immunes Wulwardo textori legavit Willelmus de la Bruyere, Saxonice, fol. 4 b.

14. Scriptum Capituli beati Petri Exoniæ, quo testificatur absolutionem Edwardi Spileman ab omni servitute; quæ quidem absolutio facta fuit coram Willielmo episcopo et aliis per Willielmum Dobuz, consensu uxoris et Johannis filii ejus, Latinè, fol. 5.

15. Scriptum Osborni Exoniensis episcopi, quo libertatem concedit Monachis Monasterii S. Nicholai pulsandi campanas suas quo tempore libuerint, exceptâ nocte sequente diem Incarnationis Domini, vigiliâ diei Paschalis, et festo SS. Petri et Pauli, Normanno-Saxonice, fol. 5.

16. Alia Testificatio, Saxonice scripta, cujus pars prior ab aliqua nefaria manu excinditur, fol. 5 b.

17. Testificatio de Terris in Teigtun, quas ab omni querela immunes Wulfrico cognomento Pig legavit Willelmus Exoniensis episcopus, Normanno-Saxonice, fol. 5 b.

18. Testificatio de Rotingo quem à Colewyno et Leofa liberum, et à sagittarum gestatione immunem emit Bruningus Colæ filius, Saxonice, fol. 6.

19. Testificatio de Ælwardo cognomento Stamera et Edwino fratre suo, quos a Coluwino vii. mancusi emit Teollingus, Saxonice, fol. 6.

20. Testificatio de Ælfilda, quam lxiv. denariis ex Tobia emit Leowinus Londoniensis et Ealdgitha uxor ejus, Saxonice, fol. 6.

21. Testificatio de Leoueda quam ex Hierdingo Eadnothi filio v. solidis emit Wulwordus, Saxonice, fol. 6.

He also gives the titles of no fewer than thirteen CHARTERS of Anglo-Saxon kings, preserved among the cathedral archives.^a

Other RECORDS, STATUTES, and REGISTERS, which still remain, are the following:

1. "Chronicon breve Exoniensis Ecclesiæ." MS. Laud. 627, in Bibl. Bodl.

22. Testificatio de Alfitho quem à Regenoldo monacho apud Cucum v. solidis emit Regenerus, Saxonice, fol. 6.

23. Testificatio de Sewino cognomento Pinca, qui x. solidis seipsum ex Willelmo emerat, Saxonice, fol. 6.

24. Testificatio de Agelwino quem cum prole sua manumisit Polcardus quo tempore porticum S. Mariæ consecravat Osbernus Exoniensis episcopus, Saxonice, fol. 6.

25. Testificatio de quadam fœmina nomine Editha, Godrici Cocracæ filia, quam xxx. denariis acceptis, emancipavit cum prole sua Livegerus pistor Exoniensis, coram Gosfreigo episcopo, Saxonice, fol. 6.

26. Testificatio de Huscarlo qui xl. denariis seipsum liberavit, Saxonice, fol. 6 b.

27. Testificatio de Leowino Fealæ filio, qui seipsum cum prole emerat in Ecclesia S. Jacobi, ex Wulfwordo Alfrici filio, pretio dimidiatæ libræ, Saxonice, fol. 6 b.

28. Testificatio de Editha Leofrici filia, quæ seipsam cum prole emit ex Hel . . . xxiv. denariis, Saxonice, fol. 6 b.

29. Nomina Testium quibus præsentibus, ex Frewini vidua Terras quasdam in S. Pauli vico jacentes emit Alfricus cognomento Paz, Saxonice, fol. 6 b.

30. Nomina Testium, quibus præsentibus Alfricus in S. Jacobi Ecclesia, Terras quasdam ex Ailwordo sive Wulwordo emit, fol. 6 b.

31. Instituta Sodalitii religiosi quod cogeatur apud Wudebirig, præsidente Osberno episcopo Exoniensi, Saxonice, fol. 7.

32. De alio Sodalitio religioso in Wudebiriglande, Saxonice, fol. 7.

33. Nomina sociorum Sodalitii in Colatune. Una cum Testificatione (aliena manu scripta) de Leofilda quam ex Toppeshamlande, xxiv. denariis acceptis, emancipavit consanguineus ejus Gedmerus Spærægli filius, Saxonice, fol. 7.

34. Sequuntur Nomina sociorum qui Sodalitia religiosa conficiabant in Cliftune, in Wudebirig apud Alwinum, in Bridaford, in Cliftwike, in Lega, in Hnutwille, in Colatune, in Sidemutha, in Halsworda, in Hwitastane, et in Arnmutha, fol. 7.

* "Cartæ quorundam Regum Anglo-Saxonorum, quæ etiamnum in Archivis Eccles. Exoniensis adservantur.

1. Donatio unius perticæ Terræ (Saxonice anpe gýpde lanber) id est, Hýpler ealblanð, fideli suo vassallo Ælfsigo in perpetuam hæreditatem, per Eadwardum Regem Anglorum Saxonum. Acta anno dcccc.lxxvi. indict. v. concurrent. vi. epact. xvii. Anno viii^o. Ciclei decennovalis, ejusque imperii ii. in villa quæ nuncupatur Wýðelan. Termini describuntur Saxonice. (Hac in Carta, nulla crucis signa cernuntur.) Forte, Carta mendosissime et vitiosissime scripta, à Rege rejecta fuit.

2. Donatio unius Mansæ ubi ruricolæ vocitant Clýrtþicon, fideli homini Æðelnoðo in perpetuam hæreditatem, per Eadgarum Regem totius Bryttannicæ insulæ, A. D. dcccc.li. Termini scribuntur Saxonice.

3. Donatio ix. Cassatorum in loco ubi dicitur Tþæpnhel, et duarum Mansarum quo vocitatur Bodeuban, fideli ministro vocabulo Eanulf, per Eadgarum Regem, A. D. dcccc.lx. Indict. iii. Hac in Carta termini describuntur Saxonice.

4. Carta Commentitia Æthelstani Regis totius Bryttanniæ insulæ, qua donasse dicitur anno Dominicæ incarnationis dc.lxx. Indict. xi. (cum ipse diem suum ohierit A. D. dcccc.xl.) unum Cassatum in loco ubi ab incolis vocitatur Nþanþune, Deo et Sancto Petro, ad Monasterium ejusdem sancti. (Termini describuntur Saxonice, *Carta autem post Normannorum adventum a Monachis conficta videtur.*)

5. Concessio septem Mansorum Terræ in privatus locis, hoc est apud Bemtun, et Eston, et Ceomanyg, ac Holacvm fidelisuo Leofrico episcopo et Ecclesiæ Sancti Petri apostoli in Exonia, per Wilhelmum victoriosum Anglorum Basileum, A. D. mlxix. Termini describuntur Saxonice, immò Carta scripta est more Anglo-Saxonico, crucibus insignita, nec sigillo adpendente munita.

6. Donatio unius Mansæ quæ nuncupantur vocabulo Stoc, suo fideli ministro Hunawino, per Cnvtvm Anglorum cæterarumque gentium in circuitu triviatim persistentium Basileum. Anno ab incarnatione Domini m.xxxi. Termini scribuntur Saxonice. Notandum insuper hac in Carta nulla crucis signa inveniri, quæ testium nominibus adponi solebant.

7. Carta Commentitia Æthelstani Regis Anglorum, facta, si falsariis Monachis fidem adhibere possumus, A. D. d.lxx. Indict. xi. quâ Regem donasse dicunt v. Cassatos ubi incolæ vocitant Columþrocc, Deo et Sanctæ Mariæ necnon et Sancto Petro principi apostolorum ad Monasterium quod ab incolis nominatur Exancearþep. (Termini scribuntur Saxonice. Carta etiam conficta videtur post Normannorum adventum, scripta à manu vetustiorum Cartarum imitatrice.)

8. Donatio cujusdam Telluris partis in Cornubia sitæ, id est, Tþerupabo. 7 Tþerualoc. Tþerþpueð. 7 Tþerþepiþ, cuidam fideli episcopo nomine Aldredo, per Eadwardum Regem Anglorum eorumque confinium. Acta A. D. m.lxx. Indict. xii. epact. xv. (Termini scribuntur Saxonice. Notandum etiam hac in Carta, nomen regium solum signo crucis roboratum.) In dorso istius Cartæ, habetur Exemplum Cartæ donationis quarundam ruris particularum in diversis locis positarum, id est, Tþerþpupabo. et Tþerþpaloc. Tþerþpueð. et Tþerþ-

2. "A Collection of Statutes, Charters, &c. relating to the Bishops and Cathedral of Exeter." MS. Wood. empt. 9, in Bibl. Bodl.^b

3. "Liber Statutorum et Consuetudinum Ecclesiæ Cathedralis Exon." MS. Harl. Mus. Brit. num. 1027.^c

Beside these, a few detached Instruments will be found scattered in different manuscripts belonging to

deþiþ suo fideli comiti nomine Æðelþeapð per Eadwardum Regem Anglorum cæterarumque circumquaque nationum. Acta anno ab incarnatione Dom. dcccc.lxxvii. indict. v. concurrent. vi. epact. xxviii. Anno xvii. cycli decennovalis, suique imperii ii. Termini scribuntur Saxonice.

9. Carta, ut videtur, commentitia Eadgari Regis Anglorum telluris gubernatoris et rectoris, facta, ut dicitur, suo fideli vasallo nomine Wulfnoth Rumuncant, qua concedit illi iii. mansas in loco ubi vulgariter vocitatur Lerþanoc et Pennarð. A. D. dcccc.lxxvii. sui imperii vii. Termini scribuntur Saxonice. Dorso istius Cartæ, habetur et alia Carta apographa (seu potius commentitia) ejusdem Eadgari Regis Anglorum cæterarumque gentium in circuitu persistentium gubernatoris et rectoris, qua dedisse dicitur cuidam suo homini vocitato nomine Ælfeah Gerent et uxori suæ vocabulo Moruurei, duas mansas et unam perticam in discretis locis ubi dicitur Lannmopen et alibi ubi appellatur Tþerþeþeð. Anno Domini dcccc.lxxix. indict. xii. Termini scribuntur Saxonice. Hæ Cartæ videntur scriptæ temporibus Wilhelmi I. Regis Angliæ, ubique fere sine crucibus.

10. Donatio Cnuti regis subthronizati Angligenum quatuor Cassatorum in duobus locis, ubi ab incolis dicitur Landerhtun et Tinieltun, cuidam suo fidelissimo episcopo Burhwold, ut habeat quamdiu vixerit, et post obitum ejus, terram Landerhtun commendet pro anima ejus et regis sancto Germano in perpetuum libertatem, et ut de Tinieltun faciat quod sibi visum fuerit. A. D. m.xviii. Termini describuntur Saxonice.

11. Donatio cujusdam ruris in villa quæ ab incolis regionis illius vocitatur Doflise, scilicet vii. mans. suo idoneo capellano Leofrico, per Eadwardum possidentem totius monarchiam Anglicæ nec ne et Britan. telluris. Anno Domini mxliv. indict. xii. epact. xviii. concurrent. vii. bissextili an. Termini scribuntur Saxonice.

12. Carta sive Privilegium Eadwardi regis, qua papæ domini Leonis adtestatione confirmat, quod Cornubiensem diœcesim, quæ olim in beati Germani memoria atque Petroci veneratione episcopali solio assignata fuerat, ipsam cum omnibus sibi adjacentibus parrochiis, terris, villis, opibus, beneficiis, sancto Petro in Exonia civitate tradit; scilicet ut una sit sedes episcopalis, unumque pontificium, et una ecclesiastica regula. Hoc est, ut Cornubia cum suis ecclesiis et Devenonia cum suis simul in uno episcopatu sint, et ab uno episcopo regantur; Leofrico à rege per dextrum brachium ducto, et a regina Eadgytha per sinistrum in cathedra episcopali concesso, &c. A. D. ml. indict. iii. epact. xxv. concurr. vii. Latine.

13. Carta commentitia Æthelstani regis Anglorum, anno dclxx. indict. xi. ut dicitur, conficta; qua donavit sex perticas ubi incolis vocitatur Hpocaproc, Deo et sanctæ Mariæ ad monasterium quod incolis vocitatur Exaceaster. Termini etiam describuntur Saxonice.

Transcripts of the third, fourth, fifth, sixth, eighth, and tenth of the above charters are preserved in one of Bishop Kennet's volumes, now in the Lansdowne collection of manuscripts in the British Museum, num. 966, fol. 80-87.

^b Partly from this manuscript, and partly from the statutes dispersed among the Registers of the different bishops, Mr. Jones compiled his "Account of the ancient Constitution, Discipline, and Usages of the Cathedral Church of Exeter," printed in the Archaeologia of the Society of Antiquaries, vol. xviii. p. 386-416.

^c The following is Wanley's analysis of the contents of this manuscript:

In rejectaneis folijs ad frontem Codicis.

1. Quando, in collegijs standum est majori parti, et quando non. fol. 1.

2. Juramentum pro ministris ecclesiæ, fol. 2.

3. Memorandum. Quod hic liber statutorum et consuetudinum Exoniensis ecclesiæ, erat exhibitus per Thomam Wise canonicum residenciarium ibidem, nomine decani et capituli Johanni Exoniensi [f. Joanni Arundel] pro statutis et consuetudinibus juratis dictæ ecclesiæ, &c. ibid.

4. Quod episcopus in statutis et constitutionibus condendis, tenetur requirere vel sequi consilium capituli sui, fol. 3.

5. Quod canonici [sine episcopo] possunt facere statuta, dummodo alias sunt licita, fol. 3 b.

6. Quod cavere debeant decanus et capitulum de alienatione perpetua, fol. 3 b.

7. An. capitulum, vel singuli de capitulo sint judices, vel conjudices, ibid.

Sequuntur ipsa Statuta quorum pleraque notis marginalibus illustrantur.

8. Statutum Wilhelmi [f. Warlewast] de non alienandis, fol. 4.

9. Carta Henrici [f. Marescalli] episcopi de præbenda canonicorum post mortem, per annum habenda, fol. 4 b.

10. Pœna Firmariorum non solvencium statutis terminis; et quod episcopus eos debet punire.

i. e. Constitutio de reddendis firmis canonicorum tam de terris quam de ecclesijs, facta in capitulo auctoritate B[artholomæi Iscani] ejusdem ecclesiæ episcopi, et assensu capituli tunc præsentis, A. D. 1161, fol. 5.

11. Confirmacio Octoboni super primo statuto Walteri [Brones-

the Harleian Collection.^a Two or three articles are likewise preserved in the manuscript library at Benet college, Cambridge.^b

The episcopal Registers of the see begin with the death of Bishop Blondy, which happened on the feast

of St. Stephen the protomartyr, A.D. 1257. Bishop Bytton's, from the year 1292 to 1306, is unfortunately lost; but the acts of the other bishops of this diocese, until the Reformation, are for the most part complete, and in the highest state of preservation.^c

comb] episcopi, dat. Cantuariæ, 6 idus Julij, pontificatus d'ni Clementis IV. papæ, anno 4, i. e. anno Dom. 1268, fol. 6.

12. Secundum statutum d'ni Walteri [Bronescumb] episcopi, dat. 17 kal. Decemb. A. D. 1275, fol. 12.

13. Tercium statutum Walteri Primi [i. e. Bronescumb], dat. 2 idus Febr. A. D. 1276, fol. 15 b.

14. Statutum d'ni Petri [f. Petri Quivil Exoniensis episcopi] dat. 15 kalendas Maij, consecrationis suæ anno primo, fol. 21 b.

15. Ordinacio [Walteri Stapildone episcopi Exoniensis] pro majori refectione, dat. die Mercurij proxima post festum sancti Jacobi apostoli, A. D. 1315, fol. 25 h.

16. Statutum Petri Quivil Exoniensis episcopi, dat. 8 idus Augusti, A. D. 1283, fol. 28.

17. Statutum Thomæ [f. de Buttone, Exoniensis episcopi] de modo residendi per dignitates ecclesiæ Exoniensis, fol. 30 b.

18. Statutum W. Stapildon ad subveniendam fabricam ecclesiæ Exoniensis, dat. 8 die mensis Maij, A. D. 1310, fol. 31 b.

19. Tercium statutum d'ni Walteri [Stapildon] episcopi, dat. die Mercurij proxima post festum B. Matbæi apostoli, A. D. 1310, fol. 35.

20. Statuta episcopi Johannis, sive statutum primum Johannis de Grandisone episcopi Exoniensis, dat. 14 kalendas Januarij, A. D. 1328, fol. 41.

21. Ultima visitacio Johannis de Grandisone Exoniensis episcopi, sive statutum secundum ejusdem, dat. 4 die Januarij, A. D. 1337-8, fol. 44 b.

22. Decretum secundi Johannis episcopi [i. e. Joan. de Grandisone] contra non solventes, datum 12 die Sept. A. D. 1351, fol. 49.

23. Statutum Johannis de Grandisone episcopi Exoniensis, super non solventes pensiones, dat. 15 die Decembris, A. D. 1354, fol. 51 b.

24. Visitacio, sive statutum quintum Johannis de Grandisone Exoniensis episcopi, dat. 10 die Novembris, A. D. 1358, fol. 54.

25. Statutum Johannis de Grandisone episcopi Exoniensis, de firmis, pro Sydebury, dat. 15 die mensis Septembris, A. D. 1363, fol. 58 b.

26. Ultimatum statutum pro firmis in communi hahendis, sive statutum primum Thomæ Brynthyngam episcopi Exoniensis, dat. 10 die mensis Septembris, A. D. 1382, fol. 60.

27. Statutum secundum Thomæ Brynthyngam episcopi Exoniensis, dat. 20 die mensis Septembris, A. D. 1387, fol. 65.

28. Statutum Edmundi Lacy episcopi Exoniensis, dat. 29 die mensis Maij, A. D. 1451, aliena manu scriptum, fol. 73 b.

Sequuntur, folijs in fine rejecticijs.

29. Adnotationes, de statutis quibus cautum fuit ne distributiones quotidianæ, non personaliter residentibus, elargirentur, fol. 76.

^a MS. Harl. 220, fol. 4. Constitutiones Petri Quivil episcopi Exoniensis, cum tabula et adnotationibus: fol. 49. Summula sinodi Exoniensis diœceseos. MS. Harl. 862, fol. 192 b. Instrumenta super visitatione ecclesiæ cathedralis Exon. per Willelmum Courteney archiepiscopum Cantuariensem, A. D. 1383. Thoma de Brentingham tunc episcopo Exoniæ. Ibid. fol. 4. Libellus decani et capituli Exoniensis proprietariorum ecclesiæ parochialis S^{ti}. Pierani in Cornubia, in causa decimarum, contra dominum Ricardum Palmer perpetuum ejusdem vicarium, A. D. 1406. MS. Harl. 3300. Formulæ Instrumentorum in curia Exoniensis episcopi usitatorum; cum Indice præfixo. Sæc. xv.

The Cotton MS. Vitell. D. vii., referred to by Bishop Tanner, was so injured in the fire at Westminster in 1731 as to be now totally useless.

^b See Nasmith's Catalogue, num. LIX. art. 35. Carta Cnuthonis regis de immunitatibus monasterii de Exencestre. Art. 36. Carta de translatione sedis cathedralis de Crideton in Exon. anno 1050. Num. cxi. art. 117. Carta confirmationis ecclesiæ cathedralis Exon. in qua citantur per Inspeximus cartæ Athelredi, Cnuti, et beati Edwardi regum, per Edwardum I.

^c See Mr. Jones's Account of the ancient Constitution, &c. of the Cath. ut supr. p. 386, note ^a.

The following are among the more important of Bishop Tanner's references in the Notitia Monastica to public records relating to the bishoprick:

Claus. 15 Joh. m. 3, pro mercat. apud Exon. Cart. 18 Joh. n. 9, pro decima de firma stanni in com. Devon. et Cornub.

Plac. coram rege 14 Hen. III. rot. 11, pro eccl. de Lerky. Cart. 15 Hen. III. m. 6, de libertat. et m. 9, pro merc. et feria apud Crediton. Cart. 28 Hen. III. m. 4, de capellania de Boseham. Cart. 43 Hen. III. m. 4, de duobus feodis milit. in Wollavinton. Ibid. m. ult. pro mercat. et feria apud Penryn. Cart. 54 Hen. III. m. 12, pro mercat. et feria apud Teynton.

Pat. 18 Edw. I. m. 3, pro kernellatione mansi apud Exon. Cart. 19 Edw. I. n. 28, pro mercat. et feria apud Sydehury. Cart. 23 Edw. I. n. 13, pro mercat. et feria apud Peinton, Devon. et pro mercat. et feria apud Newport juxta Barnstaple.

Pat. 3 Edw. II. m. 26, de advocacione S. Melani in Karryer. Cart. 3 Edw. II. n. 21, pro mercatis et feriis apud Asperton, Chudleigh, et Clyst, et pro mercat. et duabus feriis apud Crediton. Pat. 4 Edw. II. p. 2, m. 3, de mesuagiis et terris in Kelly, Dynnegb, &c. Ibid. m. 12, de mesuagiis et terris in Whaddon, Flokeston, Morecester, &c. Cart. 5 Edw. II. n. 41, pro mercat. et feriis apud Ponton, Lawinton, Caer-

gaull, S. Germani, et Penryn, in Cornw. Pat. 5 Edw. II. p. 1, m. 24, de libertatibus in maner. de Kaergaule. Cart. 7 Edw. II. n. 33, pro mercat. apud Ashberton. Cart. 8 Edw. II. n. 18, pro decima omnium craspesiorum quæ venerunt in episcopatum. Pat. 8 Edw. II. p. 2, m. 15; ibid. m. 29, de maner. de Taunton. Pat. 9 Edw. II. p. 1, m. 3 vel 4; ibid. m. 9, de terris in Cornish, Hegh, Charlemore in Clist episcopi. Cart. 12 Edw. II. n. 9, m. 16, pro terra voc. le Bere in maner. de Taunton. Pat. 13 Edw. II. m. 10, de ten. infra libertatem portus de Dover. Cart. 14 Edw. II. n. 24, pro libertat. in feodis episcopatus in com. Devon. et Cornw. Ibid. n. 25, pro eisdem in capellania de Boseham. Pat. 14 Edw. II. p. 2, m. 13 vel 14; ibid. m. 18, de ten. in London. Claus. 14 Edw. II. m. 15, de feodo pertin. capellæ de Boseham. Pat. 15 Edw. II. p. 2, m. 2 vel 3, pro kernellatione palatii Exon. Ibid. m. 12, de mess. et terris in Penkeheth et Yaricomb. Pat. 16 Edw. II. p. 1, m. 14. Pat. 17 Edw. II. p. 2, m. 14, pro terris et redd. in Est Thorney juxta Chudeham.

Pat. 12 Edw. III. pro dimissione ten. juxta eccl. S. Clementis London. Joanni de S. Paulo. Ibid. m. . . pro appropriatione eccl. de Teyngton. Pat. 15 Edw. III. p. 1, m. 22. Exemplificat. libertatum in maneriis suis in com. Devon. etc. Cart. 36 Edw. III. n. 16, pro maner. de Tormerton cum advoc. eccl. pro eccl. de Cosham, pro pastura xvi. boum, &c. in pasturis regis, et aliis libertatibus.

Cart. 1 Ric. II. n. 17, pro libertat. infra maner. de Berneyr Cornub. Pat. 1 Ric. II. p. 3, m. 34, 35, pro ecclesiis de Honington et Escock Som. Pat. 3 Ric. II. p. 1, m. 36 vel 37, pro fortalio faciendo apud Chidele vel alias terras episcopatus: p. 2, m. ult. pro mercato et feria apud Penryn: p. 3, m. 12, pro eccl. de Bridestow approprianda. Cart. 21 &c. Ric. II. n. 10, pro feria apud Taunton episcopi com. Dev.

Cart. 3 et 4 Hen. IV. n. 3, pro maner. de Chedeham, com. Suss. Horsleigh, Surr. &c.

Pat. 9 Hen. V. p. 1, m. 27 vel 28; p. 2, m. 24, pro eccl. de Cornwoode approprianda.

Pat. 19 Hen. VI. p. 2, m. 6, pro maner. de Winterborn West, Brockhampton, et Swanwich. Cart. 21 &c. Hen. VI. n. 1, pro libertatibus in feodo S. Stephani in Exon. et aliis feodis episcopi et decani et capituli.

Pat. 3 & 4 Phil. et Mar. p. 2, m. . 18 Jul. pro maner. et burgo de Crediton.

The following Records relate exclusively to the possessions of the dean and chapter:

Cart. 27 Hen. III. m. 12, pro mercat. et feria apud Teignemuth.

Pat. 14 Edw. I. Liceat includendi cœmeterium ecclesiæ cathedralis muro lapideo. Pat. 26 Edw. I. m. . . pro advoc. eccl. de S. Uvelo Cornub. ex dono Thomæ episc. Exon.

Pat. 8 Edw. II. p. 1, m. 5, de eccl. de Penyton approprianda Præcentori. Ibid. m. 6, de eccl. S. Newelinæ et Stock Gabriel appropriandis Cancellario ecclesiæ. Cart. 14 Edw. II. n. 1, pro mercat. et feria apud S. Probum Cornub. concess. Thesaurario. Pat. 15 Edw. II. p. 2, m. 8, de terris thesaurarii in Merkeshull.

Pat. 9 Edw. III. p. 1, m. 18 vel 19, pro maner. de Ottery S. Mariæ. Pat. 12 Edw. III. p. 2, m. 29 vel 30, pro eccl. S. Mariæ Cornub. approprianda pro anniversar. Joannis episc. Exon. Pat. 25 Edw. III. p. 2, m. 19, de ecclesiis de Bridestow et Bretton donatis a Joanne Grandisone episcopo. Pat. 28 Edw. III. p. 2, m. . . pro messuagiis in Exon. ad anniversarium Will. Meryet nuper Cancellarii. Pat. 40 Edw. III. p. 1, m. . dorso, pro protectione contra insurrectiones civium Exon. Pat. 51 Edw. III. m. . dorso de residentibus.

Pat. 1 Ric. II. p. 2, m. 36, de residentariis in eccl. cath. Exon. vide etiam MS. Lansd. Mus. Brit. num. 294, p. 99.

Cart. 21 &c. Hen. VI. ut supr.

Pat. 1 Edw. IV. p. 5, m. 11 vel 12. Confirm. cujusdam statuti in Parl. 15 Hen. VI. pro decano Exon.

These Instruments, relating to Exeter, are printed in Wilkins's Concilia. Tom. i. p. 378, "Paschalis papæ II. epistola Osberno Exon. episcopo, de sepultura monachorum." Tom. ii. p. 129, "Synodus Exoniensis diœcesis a Petro Quivil, ejusdem episcopo Exonii congregata die incerta quoad initium; sed finita (ut patet in calce) xvi. cal. Maii A. D. mclxxxvii. id est regis Edw. I. xv." Ibid. p. 548, "Mandatum archiepiscopi Cantuar. pro concilio provinciali in ecclesia S. Pauli London. die Veneris prox. post Convers. S. Pauli. Ex Reg. Exon. Grandison. A. fol. 105." Ibid. p. 549, "Gravamina proponenda in concilio. Ex Reg. Exon. ut supr." Ibid. "Episcopi Exon. epistola privata missa domino Cantuar. ib." Ibid. p. 551, "Episcopi Exon. epistola missa dominis episcopo Lond. et aliis ad excusand. absentiam ejus a concilio provinciali. Ex Reg. Grandison ut supr." Tom. iii. p. 149, "Mandatum episcopi Exon. contra non residentes, A. D. 1380. Ex Reg. Exon. Brentingham, A. fol. 86." Ibid. p. 249, "Contestatio litis inter episcopum Exon. et archiepiscopum Cant. de probatione testamentorum. Ex Reg. Exon. Stafford A. fol. 40." Ibid. p. 844, "Injunctions given by John bishop of Exeter, A. D. 1538. Regist. Voysey Exon. fol. 74." Ibid. p. 846, "The bishop of Exeter's admonition against the superstitious observance of days, A. D. 1539. Ex Reg. Exon. Voysey, fol. 83." Tom. iv. p. 200, "De cantionibus matutinalibus in ecclesia Exon. A. D. 1559. Ex Reg. dec. et cap. Exon. lib. iii. fol. 145." Ibid. p. 202, "Literæ reginæ de decano Exon. cum responso capituli Exon. et aliis ad electionem decani spectantibus, A. D.

There is a valuation of the possessions belonging to the see of Exeter in the Augmentation Office, stated to have been made in the second year of the translation of Bishop Richard Redman, consequently in the year 1496. This valuation is unfortunately very imperfect in some of its parts, particularly in the heading of the Returns, so that the names cannot always be collected; and the premises are only to be ascertained by conjecture.

The following list of estates, with their gross annual values at that period, has however been with some difficulty extracted.

Devon.		£.	s.	d.
Bishop Tawton	Manor	151	1	8
Crediton	Manor	135	4	2½
Chudleigh Foreign	Manor	47	17	10½
Chudleigh	Borough	16	3	5
Chudleigh	Chalk Pit	13	6	8
Bishop Teyngton	Manor	53	14	2
Ashburton	Borough	27	7	3½
Ashburton Foreign	Manor	34	11	9
West Teyngmouth	Manor	19	14	4½
Radwey	Manor	32	3	0
Morchard	Manor	13	14	2½
St. Molan	Tithe Corn	10	0	0
Westleigh	Tithe Corn ?	8	0	0
Faryngdon	Pension of the Church	2	0	0
Exeter Palace	Rents of Assize, &c. .	7	14	3
Petisheyes	Manor	10	0	0
Peyngton	Manor	193	17	2

Cornwall.				
Penryn Foreign	Manor	54	1	9
Penryn	Borough	14	5	2

The EDIFICE of Exeter cathedral consists of a

nave, with two side aisles; two short transepts formed by towers; a chapter-house, a choir, with side aisles; and ten chapels, or oratories: with a room called the consistory court. The roof of the nave is supported by fourteen clustered columns, from which spring sixteen pointed arches: above these are two tiers of small open arches. The towers, which form the transepts, though similar in their shape and general character, differ externally in their ornamental embellishments. The elevation of the west front of the cathedral presents a magnificent screen, or portal, in the centre of which is the chief entrance. The windows of the cathedral are large, and many of them enriched with painted glass; more especially the great east and west windows.

The following are the dimensions of the building as given by Mr. Dallaway:

Length of nave 180 feet; of choir 132 feet; breadth across the transept 32 feet; length of Lady-chapel 65 feet: making a total of 409 feet.

Breadth of nave 40 feet; of choir 34 feet; of aisles 20 feet; of Lady-chapel 35 feet.

Length of transept 140 feet. Length of one aisle 148 feet; of the other 132 feet.

Heighth of nave, choir, and transepts 68 feet. Height of aisles 35 feet. Height of Lady-chapel 40 feet. Height of towers 145 feet.

The editors of the Beauties of England and Wales give a different account of the dimensions. They state the nave to measure 76 feet in width within the walls, and 175 feet in length from the western door to the organ screen. The choir, as of the same width with the nave, and 128 feet in length. St. Mary's chapel 51 feet in length. The whole cathedral 408 feet from east to west, including the walls; the height of the roof, or vaulting, 69 feet; and of the Norman towers, to the top of the battlements, 130 feet.^a

Cartae ad Ecclesiam Cathedralem Exon. in agro

Devoniensi spectantes.

NUM. I.

[Annal. de Winchcombe, in Bibl. Cottoniana.]

ANNO Domini DCCCCLXVIII. rex Anglorum, Edgarus, monachos in Exaceastre collocavit.

NUM. II.

Carta Cnuti Regis Burhwoldo Episcopo, A. D. 1018.

[MS. Lansd. 966, fol. 86.]

In nomine sanctæ Trinitatis cum mundi cursus vario ut cotidie cernimus incertoque discrimine tendat ad calcem, cuique mortalium opus est ut sic caducam peragat vitam ut quandoque possit Dei ad intus possidere

perpetuam, et quamdiu vitæ istius utitur aura cuncta quæ justo statuuntur examine certis apicum lineis inserere ne subsequentibus veniant in oblivionem, et sic a junioribus parvi pendatui institutio seniorum. Quapropter ego Cnut rex subthronizatus Angligenum cui-dam meo fidelissimo episcopo qui noto vocitamine nuncupatur Burhwold condono in æterne jus hæreditatis quandam telluris particulam, cassatas scilicet quatuor in duobus locis divisas ubi ab incolis dicitur Landerhtun, et terra aliud Tinieltun, ut habeat quamdiu vitalis spiritus in hac ærumnosa vita fragile corpus aluerit, et post obitum ejus terram Landerhtun commendat pro anima ejus et regis sancto Germano in perpetuam libertatem, et Tinieltun faciat episcopus quod sibi visum fuerit. Maneatque prout jam prædixerim donum istud ab omni

1559. Ibid. p. 412, "Actus ad procedend. contra clericos non ob-servantes formam libri communium precum in diœc. Exon. A. D. 1605. Ex Reg. Bancroft, fol. 190 a."

^a The following are the dimensions of this cathedral as given in William of Worcester's Itinerary, edit. Nasm. p. 93:

"Longitudo navis 100 steppys } 190 gradus.
Longitudo chori 90 steppys }
Longitudo brachiorum ecclesiæ 90 steppys.

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Spacium inter columnas 10 steppys.
Longitudo claustrum continet 66 steppys ex parte orientali.
Longitudo de le new chapter-howse a nova orientali fenestra facta per Georgium Nevyle episcopum 30 steppys.
Item quælibet fenestra in le ovyrhistory continet 5 vel 6 pagettas Anglice panys, et quælibet fenestra in le elis ecclesiæ continet 5 pagettas pulchras.
Et tota ecclesiæ desuper est archuata, pulcherrimo modo."

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sæculari servitio exinanitum, cum omnibus ad se rite pertinentibus, campis, silvis, pascuis, pratis, excepto expeditione tantum si necessitas coegerit, et captio furorum libertatem teneat ut superius titulatur. Hanc vero meam donationem, quod opto, absit a fidelium mentibus minuendis atque fragentibus; fiat pars illorum cum illis de quibus a contra fatur, Discedite a me maledicti in ignem æternum, et cætera, nisi hic prius satisfaciat ante mortem.

Istis terminibus prædicta terra hinc inde gyratur, &c. Anno Dominicæ incarnationis millesimo octodecimo scripta est hujus munificentiae singrapha his testibus consentientibus quorum nomina inferius caraxata esse videntur. ✠ Ego Cnut totius Bryttanniæ monarchus meæ largitatis donum agiæ crucis taumate roboravi. ✠ Ego Livingus Dorobornensis ecclesiæ episcopus consensi et subscripsi. ✠ Ego Wlfstan Eboracensis ecclesiæ archiepiscopus signo sanctæ crucis subscripsi. ✠ Ego Ælfgyfa regina humillima adjuvi. ✠ Ego Ælfsinus episcopus non renui. ✠ Ego Brihtwold episcopus adquievi. ✠ Ego Æthelwine episcopus confirmavi. ✠ Ego Brihtwine episcopus consilium dedi. ✠ Ego Eadnoth episcopus consolidavi. ✠ Ego Burhwold episcopus conclusi. ✠ Thurul dux. ✠ Yrric dux. ✠ Egilaf dux. ✠ Ranig dux. ✠ Æthelweard dux. ✠ Godwine dux. ✠ Brihtrig abb. ✠ Æthelsige abb. ✠ Brihtmær abb. ✠ Ælfsige abb. ✠ Ælvere abb. ✠ Æthelwold abb. ✠ Thored min. ✠ Aslac min. ✠ Tobi min. ✠ Ælfgar min. ✠ Odda min. ✠ Ælfgar min.

NUM. III.

De Sede Episcopali Exon.

[Ex vetusto MS. in Bibl. Bodleiana, MS. Bodl. 579.]

ANNO illo quo transacti sunt à nativitate Domini nostri Jesu Christi anni dccccv. misit Formosus, pontifex apostolicus Romanæ ecclesiæ, in terram Anglorum ad regem Eaduardum, filium Alfridi, motus cum magna iracundia ac devocione, et mandavit ei cum suis omnibus maledictionem contra benedictionem quam beatus papa Gregorius per sanctum virum Augustinum genti Anglorum antea misit, nisi cum episcopis instituisset destitutas parochias episcoporum secundum antiquam traditionem quæ tradita est genti Anglorum à sede sancti Petri; nam per septem annos plenè destituta est regio Jeuissorum, vel Uest-Saxonum, ab omni episcopo. Quo facto, congregavit Eaduardus rex synodum senatorum gentis Anglorum, in quo præsidebat Plegmundus archiepiscopus, regi recitans et disputans districta verba apostolicæ legationis quam misit beatus papa Formosus. Tunc sibi rex cum suis, et Plegmundus archiepiscopus salubre consilium invenerunt, assumentes sibi dominicam sententiam, Messis quidem multa est, operarii verò pauci; singulisque tribubus Jeuissorum (vel Uest-Saxonum) singulos constituere episcopos, et singulis episcopia constituere, et quod dudum duo habuerunt in quinque diviserunt. Acto illo consilio, cum honorificis muneribus Plegmundus archiepiscopus Romam rediit, apostolicum Formosum cum magna humilitate placavit, regis decreta et seniorum regionis enuntiavit, quod et apostolico maximè placuit. Rediens ad patriam, in urbe Dorobernia, VII. episcopos VII. ecclesiis in uno die ordinavit: Frythestanum ad ecclesiam Uentaniensem, Æthelstanum ad ecclesiam Corvinensem, Wærstanum ad ecclesiam Sciraburnensem, Æthilhelmum ad ecclesiam Fontaniensem, Eadulfum ad ecclesiam Cridionensem. Insuper addiderunt illi tres villas in Cornubia, quorum nomina Polltun, Caelling, Landuithan, ut inde singulis annis visitaret gentem Cornubiensem ad exprimendos eorum errores: nam antea, in quantum potuerant, veritati resistebant, et non decretis apostolicis obediebant; sed et aliis provinciis constituit duos, Australibus-Saxonibus virum idoneum Beornh ordinavit, et Mercionibus Coenuulfum ad civitatem quæ dicitur Dorceceaster: hoc Sic papa apostolicus in synodis ecclesiæ sancti Petri conclusit, ut dampnaretur imperpetuum qui hoc salubre mutaret consilium.

Anno verò Dominicæ incarnationis mliij. loco xj. post Eduardum prædictum, filium scilicet Alfridi regis, imperium totius Anglorum regni suscepit Eduardus, filius Athelredi regis, die Dominico Pascae id est iij. non. Aprilis cum magno gaudio totius gentis Anglicæ, in Uintonia civitate consecratus. Tertio autem anno imperii sui, id est anno mxlvj. Dominicæ incarnationis, dedit episcopatum Cridionensis ecclesiæ, atque Cornubiensis provinciæ, capellano suo Leofrico, vita moribusque modesto; qui vir venerabilis accepto pontificatus honore diocesim suam perlustrans, populo sibi commisso verbum Dei studiosè prædicabat, clericos doctrina informabat, ecclesias non paucas construebat, et cætera quæ officii sui erant strenuè amministrabat; cernens verò utramque provinciam diocesis suæ, id est Devenoniam et Cornubiam piratarum barbarica infestatione sæpiùs devastari, cœpit, divina, ut credimus, inspiratione, diligenter meditari qualiter episcopalem cathedram Cridionensis loci ad urbem Exonicam transferre posset. Et quia sagaci animo prospexit hoc absque Romanæ ecclesiæ auctoritate fieri non posse; misso illuc idoneo legato, id est Landberto presbitero suo, ad sanctissimum papam Leonem, humiliter postulavit, quatinus, directis paternitatis suæ literis regem Eduardum rogaret, ut de Cridionensi villa ad urbem Exoniensem episcopalem sedem transmigrare concederet; ubi, ab hostilitatis incursu liber, tutius ecclesiastica officia disponere posset. Apostolicus verò pontifex libenter rationabili ejus petitioni annuens, hujusmodi literas regi Eduardo direxit.

Leo episcopus servus servorum Dei, Eduardo, Anglorum regi salutem karissimam cum benedictione apostolica. Si bene habes et bene vales, inde non modicas domino Jesu Christo referimus gratias, et hoc optamus ut ita luculenter possideas regni gubernacula, ut in æterna maneat tabernacula. Et quia audivimus te circa Dei ecclesias et ecclesiasticos viros studiosum et religiosum esse, inde multum gaudemus, et hoc ammonemus atque benignè rogamus, ut ita in Dei opere perseverare studeas, quatenus regi regum Deo placere valeas, atque cum illo in cœlesti regno permanes. Notum itaque est nostræ pietati qualiter Leofricus episcopus sine civitate sedem pontificalem tenet, unde multum miramur, non de illo solo, sed et de omnibus illis episcopis qui talia agunt. Cum verò ad vos nostrum miserimus legatum, de aliis dicemus, nunc autem de nostro fratre jam dicto Leofrico præcipimus atque rogamus, ut propter domini et nostri amoris causam adiutorium præbeas, ut à Cridionensi villula ad civitatem Exoniam sedem episcopalem possit mutare. Hæc et alia bona opera ita agere studeas, ut a Christo Domino æternum regnum acquirere valeas. Vale karissime semper in Domino.

His rex litteris cum magna devotione assensum præbens, ilico dedit prædicto episcopo monasterium sanctæ Mariæ et sancti Petri apostoli in civitate Exonia, ut ibi episcopale solium construeret, et post aliquot menses illuc veniens rex ipse gloriosus, per brachium dextrum episcopum ducens, et nobilissima regina Edgitha per sinistram, in cathedram pontificalem in præfato monasterio constituerunt, præsentibus ducibus, multisque Angliæ proceribus.

Sicque venerabilis vir Leofricus, anno Dominicæ incarnationis ml. indict. iij. cum magna gloria inthronizatus, primus episcopus factus est Exoniensis ecclesiæ, jussuque regis canonicos ibi constituit. Et quia locus ille terris, libris, omnibusque ornamentis ecclesiasticis pene despoliatus erat, (nam ex xxvj. terris quas rex religiosus Æthelstanus illuc dedit vix una vilissima remansit, et tres codices, feretrumque reliquiarum) præsul ipse de suis propriis multo tempore congregationem pavit, et cum maximo studio, quantum potuit, locum illum restauravit et emendavit, datisque illuc tribus proprietatis suæ terris augmentavit. Anno autem Dominicæ incarnationis mxxj. episcopatus verò sui anno xxvj. die quarto idus Februarii, ex hac erumnosa vita subtractus, sepultus est in cripta ejusdem ecclesiæ, pro cujus animæ requie, pie lector non omittas orare.

NUM. IV.

De Terris, Ornamentis, Vestimentis, atque Libris huic Ecclesiae à Leofrico Loci Episcopo datis.

[Ex veteri MS. in Bibl. Bodleiana, Auct. D. 2, 16, fol. 1 a.]

Heri sprutelap on þýrre Cýrter bec hþæt Leofric B. hæfþ zedon innto rancte Petre minjtre on Exan-ceartre ðær hir byceop-rtol iſ. þ iſ þ he hæfþ zemnod þ ær zeutod pær ðurh Godeſ fultum. and ðurh hir fo-nejrræce. 7 ðurh hir zærruma. þ iſ æroſt þ land æt Culmjtoke. and þ land æt Branceſcumbe. and æt Seal- cumbe. 7 þ land æt rancte Maria cýrcean. and þ land æt Stofordtune. and æt Spearstan pille. and þ land æt Morceſhulle. and Sidefullan hýrre. 7 þ land æt Bruh- tuceſtane. and þ land æt Toppeſhame. ðeah ðe Harolb hit mid unlage ut nam. 7 þ land æt Stoce. 7 þ land æt Sýdebýrþ. 7 þ land æt Nýrantune. 7 æt Norðtune. 7 þ lande æt Clift þe píd hæfde.

Ðonne ýſ þýr je eaca on landum þ he hæfð of þýr azenum þ mýnjter mid zegodod for þýr hlaforða ſap- lum 7 for þýr azenne. þam Godeſ þeopum to bygleoſan þe for heora ſaplum þingian ſceolan. þ iſ æroſt þ land æt Bemtune. 7 æt Eſttune. 7 æt Ceommenige. 7 þ land æt Doſlyſe. 7 æt Holacumbe. 7 æt Sudpuda. 7 he ne funde þa he to þam mýnjtre ſeng nan mape landeſ ðe ðider ýnn zepýlde pære ðonne tpa hída landeſ æt Ide. and ðæron næſ oſſeýnneſ nan mape buton vij. hru- þeru.

Ðonne ýſ þýr ſeo onenapennýr þe he hæfþ God mid zeenapen 7 ſanctum Petrum into þam halgan mýnjtre on cýrcheum niadmum. þ iſ. þ he hæfþ þider ýnn zedon ii. B. roða. 7 ii. mýcele zebonede roða. butan oþrum hælum ſýlſennum ſpurn roðum. 7 ii. mýcele Cýrter bec zebonede. 7 iii. zebonede ſerýn. 7 i. zeboned altare. 7 v. ſýlſene caliceaſ. 7 iii. corþonaleſ. 7 i. ſýlſen pipe. 7 v. fulle mæſſerepaſ. 7 ii. dalmatica. 7 iii. pýtel roe- caſ. 7 iii. ſubdiaconeſ handlin. 7 iii. cantercæppa. 7 iii. canter ſtaſaſ. 7 v. pællene peoþod ſceataſ. 7 vii. of brædelſaſ. 7 ii. tæppedu. 7 iii. beſa ſcin. 7 vii. ſetl hþægel. 7 iii. ſicg-hþægel. 7 ii. paſſaſ. 7 vi. mæſene ſceala. 7 ii. zebonede hþæppaſ. 7 iii. hoſnaſ. 7 ii. mý- cele zebonede candelyccan. 7 vi. læſſan candelyccan zebonede. 7 i. ſýlſen ſtor-cýlle mid ſýlſennum ſtor- ſciccan. 7 viii. læſlaſ. 7 ii. zupſana. 7 i. meſe.^a 7 vi. mid ſeca.^b 7 i. ſpýðæn. 7 i. cýſte. 7 þær næron ær buton vii. upp-hangene bella. 7 nu þær ſýnd xiii. upp-hangene. 7 xii. hand-bella. 7 ii. fulle mæſſe bec. 7 i. collectaneum. 7 ii. pýtel bec. 7 ii. fulle ſang bec. 7 i. niht ſang. 7 i. ad teleuau. 7 i. tpoſene. 7 ii. ſal- tenaſ. 7 je þýddan ſalteſe ſpa man ſýngþ on Rome. 7 ii. ýmneſaſ. 7 i. deoſpýrðe bletýng boc. 7 iii. oðre. 7 i. Englyſe Cýrter boc. 7 ii. ſumern þædýng bec. 7 i. pýnter þædýng boc. 7 ſeſula canonicorum. 7 maſtýr- loſium. 7 i. canon on leden. 7 i. ſeſeþt boc on Englyſe. 7 i. full ſpel boc pýnter 7 ſumereſ. 7 Boetier boc on Englyſe. 7 i. mýcel Englyſe boc þe zehpýcum þýngum on leoðþýan zepoſht. and he ne funde on ðam mýnjtre ða he to ſeng boca na ma buton ane capitulaſe. 7 i. ſeſealðodne niht-ſang. 7 i. pýtel boc. 7 ii. ſeſealðode þædýng bec ſpýðe pake. and i. pac mæſſerepaſ.

And ður ſela leden boca he beſet inn to ðam mýn- tre. libeſ paſtopaliſ. 7 libeſ dialogorum. 7 libu iii. ppoſhetarum. 7 libeſ Boeti de conſolatione. 7 ýſagoze Poppuſu. 7 i. paſſionalſ. 7 libeſ Ppoſpeſu. 7 libeſ Ppu- denti de maſtýrþuþ. 7 libeſ Ezechielſ ppoſhetæ. 7 Cantica canticorum. 7 libeſ Iſaia ppoſhetæ on ſun- dýon. 7 libeſ Iſidoſu eþimologiaſum. 7 paſſioneſ apoſ- tolorum. 7 expoſitio Bedæ ſupeſ apocalýpſum. 7 expo- ſitio Bedæ ſupeſ vii. eþýtolaf canonicaf. 7 libeſ Iſi- doſu de Nouo et Veteri Teſtamento. 7 libeſ Iſidoſu de miraculiſ Chýrý. 7 libeſ Oſeſu. 7 libeſ Machabeorum. 7 gloſe ſtatu. 7 libeſ oſſicialiſ Amalaſu.

7 oſeſ þýr ðæg he ann þýr capellam ðider binnan forð mid him ſýlſum on eallum ðam ðýngum þe he

ſýlſ ðide mid Godeſ þenýnge. on þ zepað þ þa Godeſ þeo- paſ þe þeſ binnan beoð æſne þýr ſaple zemunon. mid heora zebedum and mæſſe-ſangum to Cýrte. and to rancte Petre. and to eallum þam halgum þe þ halze minjter iſ ſeþe zehalgod. þ þýr ſaple beo Gode þe an- ſengne. 7 je ðe ðaſ zýſu 7 þýne unnan pille Gode 7 rancte Petre ætþeðan. 7 him heoſena pice ætþeðen. and 7i he ecelice zemþeþod into helle pite.

Idem Latine Versum.

Hic ostenditur in hoc Christi codice, quid Leofricus episcopus contulerit sancti Petri monasterio Excestrensi, ubi sedes ejus episcopalis est. Scilicet, quod ea recupe- ravit quæ antea alienabantur, Dei auxilio et suâ advoca- tione ac thesauro. Id est, primò fundum illum apud Culmstocam, et fundum illum apud Brancescumbam, et apud Sealcumbam, et fundum illum apud S. Mariæ ec- clesiam, et fundum illum apud Stofordtunam, et apud Sweartæ fontem,^c et fundum illum apud Morceshillam, et Sidefullæ familiam, et fundum illum ad Brihtrici lapi- dem, et fundum illum apud Toppeshamme, quamvis eum Haraldus postea injustè ademerit, et fundum illum apud Stocam, et fundum illum apud Sydeberiam, et fundum illum apud Niwantunam, et apud Northtunam, et fundum illum apud Clistam quem Wido habuit.

Hæc autem est augmentatio terrarum, quâ de pro- prio monasterium illud ampliavit, pro domini ipsius ani- mæ, et suâ; ad victum Deo servientium qui pro ipsorum animabus intercederent. Id est, primò, fundus ille apud Bæmtunam, et apud Estunam, et apud Ceomeneiam, et fundus ille apud Doſſicam, et apud Holacumbam, et apud Suthwudam. Ipse autem quando monasterium suscepit [regendum] non invenit fundi quid eidem loco subjecti plus duabus hidis apud Idam, et inibi haud plura erant pecora quàm septem boves.

Hæc autem est remuneratio, quâ Deum agnovit (i. e. honoravit) et sanctum Petrum apud sanctum illud cœno- bium in ecclesiasticis thesauris. Videlicet, quod illuc introduxit duas cruces episcopales, et duas magnas cru- ces osseas [vel, osse, ebore fortè, paratas] præter alias parvas cruces collares argenteas, et duos magnos Christi libros osseos,^d [vel, ebore ornatos] et tria feretra [vel, scrinia] ossea, et unum altare osseum, et quinque calices argenteos, et quatuor corporalia [quibusdam, pulvinaria sacrosancta, quibus scilicet panem imponunt consecra- tum] et unam fistulam argenteam, et quinque completa ad usum missæ vestimenta [al. vestes sacerdotales] et duas dalmaticas, et tres tunicas epistolares [ab epistolas sc. legentibus gestari solitas] et quatuor suddiaconorum mantilia [vulgò, manutergia, et manipulos] et tres can- torum pileos, et tres cantorum baculos [vel, virgas] et quinque altaris pallia, et septem stragulas, et duo tapeta, et tria coria ursina, et septem scamnorum [vel sedilium] tegmina [vulgò, bancalia] et tria dorsalia [aulæa, scil. à tergo mensæ dominicæ suspensa] et duo vela [vel, cortinas] et sex conchas fagineas, et duos calices os- seos, quatuor cornua, et duo magna candelabra ossea, et sex minora candelabra ossea, et unum thuribulum ar- genteum, cum thuriaria ferula [vel, virgula] argentea, et octo aquiminaria [vasa sc. lustralia] et duo labara [vel, vexilla sacra] et unam mensam, et sex arcas, et unum plastrum viaticum, et unam cistam. Erant autem an- tea nisi septem campanæ suspensæ, nunc sunt tredecim suspensæ, præter duodecim tintinnabula. Item duo [sunt] completa missalia [divinor. scil. officiorum libri] et unum collectaneneum [collectarum sc. ecclesiasticarum liber] et duo epistolarum libri, et duo completi cantio- num libri, et unus cantionis nocturnalis [vulgò, comple- torii] liber et unus [liber] Ad te levavi [dictus] et unum troparium, et duo psalteria, et tertium psalterium secundum Romanum cantandi modum, et duo hymno- rum codices [al. antiphonaria] et unus pretiosus bene- dicendi codex, et tres alii, et unus Anglicus Christi liber, et duo æstivales lectionum libri, [vulgò, legendæ] et

^a Fortè meſe.

^b Fortè mibeſca.

^c Fortè nigrum fontem.

^d Quales erant hi, mihi satis est incertum: id autem eò magis quod hic inter sacra utensilia et ornamentalium locum sint sortiti, ubi librorum nulla

quidem mentio, qui per se postea recensentur; ubi inter alios, talis no- minis liber: qualis autem vel ibi intelligendus, (cum nusquam antea de eo legerim) plane nescio: judicent alii. Fortè de Passione, vel Mira- culis Christi: nisi quis malit, Evangelium ipsum. Obstat interim idem huic scripturæ, ut in ejus initio, nomen datum. Doctiores adi.

unus hyemalis, et regula canonicorum, et martyrologium, et unus canon Latinus, et unum confessionale [vel, confessionum formula] Anglicum, et unus completus homiliarum codex hyemalis et æstivalis, et Boetii liber Anglicus, et unus magnus liber Anglicus omnino metricè descriptus. Porro, non invenit in illo monasterio, quando id [regendum] suscepit libros plures quàm unum capitulare, et unum pervetustum cantionis nocturnalis [vulgò, completorii] codicem, et unum epistolarum librum, et duas pervetustas legendas vilissimas, et unum ad usum sacrorum vile vestimentum [vel, vestem sacerdotalem]. Tot autem libros Latinos impetravit huic monasterio, [quorum nomina hic sequuntur] Liber. (sc.) Pastoralis et Liber Dialogorum, et Liber Quatuor Prophetarum, et Liber Boetii de Consolatione, et Isagoge Porphyrii, et Unus Passionilis, et Liber Prosperi, et Liber Prudentii de Martyribus, et Liber Ezechielis Prophetæ, et Cantica Canticorum, et Liber Isaiaæ Prophetæ, seorsim, et Liber Isidori Etymologiarum, et Passiones Apostolorum, et Expositio Bedæ super Apocalypsin, et Expositio Bedæ super septem Epistolas Canonicas, et Liber Isidori de Miraculis Christi, et Liber Oserii,^a et Liber Machabeorum, et Glossæ Statii, et Liber Officialis Amalarii. Et post dies suos [vel, obitum ejus] concessit suam capellam, simul cum seipso eò transferendam, et omnibus ad Dei servitium pertinentibus quorum ipse author [vel, donator] erat, eà lege ut servi Dei inibi existentes, semper in suis orationibus et missis animæ ejus sint memores, apud Christum, et apud sanctum Petrum, et apud omnes sanctos illos quibus sacrum illud monasterium consecratur, ut anima ejus Deo sit acceptior.^b Et qui hæc dona, et hanc concessionem Deo et sancto Petro abstulerit, auferatur ei regnum cœlorum, et ad inferni cruciatus sit in æternum depulsus.

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De Reliquiis ab Æthelstano Rege collatis.

[Ibid.]

Hēr pputelað on ðiŕum zeppute be ðam halzum reliquium þe Æpelŕta je purþfulla kýningz gear into rancta Marian and rancte Petreŕ mýnŕtne on Exanceŕtne. Gode to lofe. for hŕj raple alŕfedniŕre eallum þam þe þa halzan ŕtope zerecaþ and zepurþiaþ to eceŕe hæle.

Witodlice je ilca kýningz Æpelŕta þa þa he æfter hŕj fæder Eðpanðe cýneŕice onfenz. 7 þurh Godeŕ zŕfe ana zepeold ealleŕ Englalandeŕ þe ær him maneze cýningaz betrix heom hæfdon. þa com he on ŕumne jæl hider to. Exanceŕtne. jpa jpa hit of ŕoðfæŕtŕa manna ŕage zefýrn zefæd þæŕ. 7 he onzan jmeagan 7 þeahŕian hpæt him jælort þæne to zeforþienne of hŕj cýnelicum madmum Gode to lofe and him jŕfsum and hŕj þeode to eceŕe peapŕe.

Ðe Ælmihtiza God. þa þe eallum þam þe pel þencap ŕimle 7 fultum and fupþuend. zefende þam Godan cýningze þone zefanc on þ he mid þam zepŕtendlicum madmum þa unateoruendlican madmaŕ bezitan jceolde. he jende þa ofeŕ jæ zetŕipe men and zefceadŕŕe and hŕz fepdon jpa riðe landeŕ jpa hŕz fapan mihton. and mid þam madmum bezeaton þa ðeoppurþeŕtan madmaŕ þe æfpe ofeŕ eorþan bezitene mihton beon. þ þæŕ halizdom je mæŕta of zehpŕicum ŕtopum pýðan and jýðan zezaderod. and hŕz þone þam fopeŕæðan cýningz bŕoliton. and je cýningze mid micelne blýŕre Gode þæŕ ðancode.

He behead þa þ man hēr on Exanceŕtne. þær þær him ær God ðone nýttŕiþan zedanc on berende. mýnŕteŕ aŕæpan jceolde. Gode to purþminte. and ðæŕe heopenlican epene ranctam Marian Cŕŕteŕ medeŕ. and rancte Petre þæra apoŕtola ealðne. þone je ilca cýningz him to mundboran zecopen hæfde. and he gear þideŕ inn jix and tpenŕiz cotelŕa. and þone þŕýððan dæl þæŕ fopeŕæðan halizdoneŕ þýðeŕ inn let don. hŕj raple to eceŕe alýŕedniŕre. and eallum þam to hýlpe þe þa halzan ŕtoppe þe je halizdom on 7 mid zeleaŕan zerecaþ and purþiaþ.

Nu pille þe eop jezcan butan ælceŕe leaŕunze hpæt je halizdom 7 þe hēr on þŕum halzan mýnŕtne 7. and zepŕtu forþ mid ðe zepŕuteliaþ butan ælceŕe tpeonunze hpæt anna zehpŕle ðeŕa halizdoma beo.

Epoŕt. of ðam jýlŕan ðeoppýrþan tpeope þæne halzan roðe ðe Cŕŕt on þŕopode and 7 ealle þær on of þæŕ ðeopleŕ anpalðe alýlðe.

Of ðŕihteneŕ býŕzene.

Of þam zýŕlan þe 7ne ðŕihten jŕf on him hæfde þa þa hēr on populðe betrix mannum þæŕ.

Of þæne býnne þe 7ne ðŕihten on læz þa þa he þæŕ of rancta Marian acenneð.

Of Iorðane þe 7ne ðŕihten þæŕ ongefulloð.

Of þam jŕepe þe 7neŕ ðŕihteneŕ halize jýð þæŕ mid zecopenoð on þeŕe roðe.

Of þam beode þe je hælenð onuppan hine zereopðode mid hŕj tpeŕ apoŕtolum.

Of þæne ðune jýnaŕ þær þær God anuppan atŕðe þam halzan Moýŕe and him þær ða ealðan æ zepŕute-loðe.

Of ðam þorne-þŕele þe pundoŕlice baŕn 7 ðeah ungeŕemmed þæŕ jŕam ælceŕe bæŕningze ða ða God jŕf of þæne ilcan ðýŕnan jŕŕæc riþ ðone halzan Moýŕen.

Of ðæne ðune þe 7ne ðŕihten on uppan þæŕðe.

Of ðæne candeŕe ðe Godeŕ engel on tenðe mid heoŕenlicum leohŕe æt 7neŕ ðŕihteneŕ jepulchŕe on Eaŕteŕ æfen.

Of ðam altæpe þe 7ne ðŕihten jŕf zehalzode.

Of þæne jtoppe þe 7ne ðŕihten þæŕ onzeacnoð.

Of Olueŕeŕ ðune uppan þæne je hælenð hine zebæð zebŕgedum cneoppum to hŕj heopenlican fæder ær hŕj ðŕopunze 7 eft of þæne ilcan ðune to heopenum aŕtah.

Of þam zŕŕlan ðæne heopenlican hlæŕðian ranctam Marian.

Of ðam heafod claþe ðæne ilcan Godeŕ modeŕ 7 of hŕe feaxe.

Of jumeŕe halizniŕre þe je heali engel Michahel on eorþan zepŕutelode.

Of ranctur Iohanneŕ lichaman þæŕ fulluhteneŕ 7 of hŕj zepæðum.

Of ranctur Petruŕ apoŕtoleŕ beŕðe.

Of ranctur Petreŕ fece. of ranctur Petruŕ zŕŕlan.

Of ranctur Pauluŕ apoŕtoleŕ jŕurbane 7 of hŕj claþon. of ranctur Andŕeas ŕtafe ðæŕ apoŕtoleŕ.

Of ranctur Johanneŕ claþon þæŕ apoŕtoleŕ 7 God-jpelleŕeŕ þe 7ne ðŕihten to þon jŕiþe lufoðe þ he æt hŕj zereopðe uppan hŕj bŕeoŕt hlimode. 7 ða ða he on ðæne roðe for 7 ðŕopode ða betæhte he þam ilcan Iohanne hŕj ðýŕlingze ranctam Marian hŕj leofon modop þ he hŕe beziman jceolde.

Eac hēr 7 of ðam heopenlican mete ðe þæŕ fundene on Iohanneŕ býŕzene þæŕ apoŕtoleŕ. of ranctur Baŕþolomeuŕ heafðe þæŕ apoŕtoleŕ. of ranctur Iacobeŕ reliquion þæŕ apoŕtoleŕ.

Of ranctur Steafneŕ heafðe þæŕ forman Cŕŕteŕ maŕtýŕeŕ. 7 of hŕj halzan bloðe. and of ðam jŕtane þe he þæŕ mid oftoŕfoð.

Of rancto Ofŕlamno þam maŕtýŕe ðe þæŕ Petruŕ mæz ðæŕ apoŕtoleŕ.

Of ranctur Laurentiuŕ reliquion ðæŕ æþelan maŕtýŕeŕ. 7 of ðam zŕædon þe he þæŕ mid for Cŕŕteŕ naman zehŕæðð.

Of rancto Uincenŕio ðam ðýacone and maŕtýŕe. of ranctur Geoŕgieŕ banum þæŕ mæŕan Cŕŕteŕ cempan 7 maŕtýŕeŕ. Of rancte Sebaŕtiane ðam maŕtýŕe manez ban.

Of reliquion þæra tpeŕna bŕoþŕa 7 maŕtýŕa Týburtiuŕ 7 Ualeŕianeŕ.

Of rancto Uŕbane ðam papan 7 maŕtýŕe. Of rancto Apollonaŕe ðam B. 7 maŕtýŕe. Of rancte Canðideŕ banum ðæŕ m. of ranctur Mauŕitiuŕ reliquion þæŕ m. of rancto Quintino þam m. of ðam maŕtýŕum Luciane 7 Maximize. of S. Quŕino m.

Of S. Copnelio ðam papan 7 m. of S. Marcella. of S. Petre ðam m. of rancto Iuliane ðam m. of reliquion S. Cýŕiaceŕ þæŕ purþfullan ðaconeŕ 7 maŕtýŕeŕ.

^a f. Orosii.

^b Al. boni sit capacioŕ.

Of reliquion Cyprianes ðæs m. 7 Dapian ðæs mædeneſ. of ſancto Geruamie ðam m. of ſancto Chriſtopore ðam m. of ſancte Conomeſ lichaman ðæs m. of S. Uite ðam m. of ðam deopſſiſum martýrum Cypſine 7 Cypſimane. of ſanctur Nicafes reliquion ðæs m. of ſancte Iuuenaleſ reliquion 7 of hiſ earme. of S. Tiburtio ðam m. of S. Uuianeſ blode ðæs m. of þam martýne Eneſie. of S. Benizneſ banon þæs m. of S. Pancratio þam æþelan m. of ſancto Dejiderio ðam m. of S. Iuſto ðam m. 7 of ſancte Ladio. of S. Felce ðam papan. of S. Ceſariuſ banum ðæs martýneſ 7 of hiſ claþon. of S. Eufachie ðam m.

Of ſanctur Eadpardeſ nel. ðæs cýningeſ þe þæs unſceþſiſ acpealð. ac hine riþþan Cuiſt purþode mid mænizſealðum tacnum.

Eac heſ beoþ manezna martýna nel. þe on Hieruſalem for Cuiſteſ naman þæron zemartýrode. of ſancto Uitale ðam unofeſſiſiþoðan martýne. 7e þæs 7pa cucu for Cuiſteſ naman on eorþan bedolfeſ 7 ðær mid eorþan 7 7tanum to deaþe ofhroren. ac he hiſaþ nu mid bliſſe on ðam heofenlican roðene. 7 eallum ðam ðe heſ on eorþan mid zelean to him clýþiaþ to Cuiſte þingaf þeþillendlice.

Heſ iſ eac ſanctur Maupieſ toþ ðæs eadiȝan martýneſ þe under Maximiane ðam caſere for Cuiſteſ naman þroðode. 7 7ix þuſend 7 7ix and 7ixtiȝ martýna forþ mid him ðroðodon. þæze ealle þurh hiſ tȝhtunȝe to ðam pulðorbeaze martýrdomeſ becomon.

Þiſ 7ind eac þa reliquiar þæna halȝna confeſſo- rum. þ iſ Cuiſteſ andettepa. þæze forreȝon þaſ 7pico- lan poſulð and mid 7taþpe ðrohtnunȝe þ heofenlice rice zeapnoðon.

Eroſt of S. Martýneſ reliquion þæs pulðorfullan B. 7e þe heſ on hiſe betriȝ manezum oþrum tacnum þu men of deaþe to hiſe apærde mid hiſ zebedum.

Of ſancto Silueſtre ðam purþfullan papan. Of S. Greȝorie.

Of S. Hieronime þam æþelan laſeoſe. 7e þe betriȝ oþrum mænizſealðum bocum ðe he zedihte þa mýcelan biþhoþeacan. on ðære beoþ 7pa 7 hund 7eoſentiȝ bōca. of Ebſeſſice 7 of Greccice to Ledene æþelice apende.

Of reliquion S. Auguſtineſ þæs 7iſan 7 þæs 7note- pan B. 7e zedihte an þuſend boca Cuiſte to loſe 7 ealpe Cuiſteſ zelaþunȝe to eceſe nýttſiſþuſſe.

Of ſancte Germane þam apoſtolican peſe. þe on ðiſum lande 7 eac on oþrum landum zehþær maneze pundra þurh God zepoſhte.

Of S. Baſiluiſ toþe 7 of hiſ hiſcopſtaſe.

Of S. Euſtacieſ lichaman þæs B. ðam atipe dex- teſa Dei. þ iſ Godeſ 7riþne. þa þa he mæſſode 7 þa ofþrunȝe mid heofenlice bleȝunȝe zebleȝode.

Of S. Audoneſ nel. of S. Medarðeſ banum þæs B. of ſancto Cuiſpino. of ſancte Maupie þam B. of S. Galle þam B. of ſancto Lupo þam B. of S. Bene- dicte þam halȝan abbode. of S. Remiȝieſ nel. þæs deop- riþþan B. þe ealle Francice to Cuiſteſ zelean ze- biȝde. 7 of hiſ keppan. 7 of hiſ tunecan. 7 of hiſ hæpan þe he peðode.

Of S. Annianeſ lichaman þæs halȝan B. of S. Maximineſ lichaman C.

Of ſanctur Wulſſamneſ nel. ðæs B. of ſancto Cuiſpo.

Of S. Nicholauſ nel. þæs aſſeſtan 7 ðæs bentý- þan B. þe ðurh Godeſ mihte maneze zoðniȝa zehþær kȝþ on 7æ 7 on lande þam þe him muſeðlice mid ze- lean on Godeſ naman to clýþiaþ.

Of S. Petroceſ banum. 7 of hiſ ſexe. 7 of hiſ claðon.

Of S. Winpaloe þam abbode. of S. Winarðe ðam B. of S. Weſnoco. of S. Wiȝenoce. of S. Tuȝeſ hæpon þæs B. of S. Odoneſ nel. ðæs mæpan B.

Of S. Iuuenaleſ eapm þæs B. of S. Dýoneſeſ eapme ðæs B. of S. Ipoſemieſ eapme Cuiſteſ andettepeſ. of S. Concanieſ heafde 7 of hiſ eapme. of S. Deȝignateſ nel. of S. Auſteſ riþb ðæs B. of S. Melanieſ banon ðæs B. of S. Wiþenoceſ lichaman ðæs B. of Ualeſi- aneſ nel. of S. Tuðuale. of S. Simioneſ repulchro. of þam 7tane þe S. Silumuiſ bæſ ðiȝpa to Rome. of S. Siluineſ claþon. of S. Maioc. 7 S. Eſmelane. of S.

Liudzeſ þam B. of S. Siȝebſane. of S. Marcelle þam deopriþþan Cuiſteſ halȝan 7 of S. Uuiane.

Of S. Wulmaſe þam halȝan abbode. of S. Petruſ reliquion þæs halȝan dýaconeſ. þe þæs S. Greȝorieſ leornunȝ enȝlit þæs æþelan papan þe uſ Engliſcum mannum Cuiſtendom 7 fulluht hiȝdeſ to lande aȝende.

Eac heſ beoþ reliquie of manezum halȝum ſæm- num 7 of þam halȝum Cuiſteſ mædenum þæze þurh Godeſ ȝiſe þone ealðan deoſol 7 ealle ſæſelice unluſ- taſ ofeſſiſiþon. 7 7ume þurh halȝeſ hiſe ðrohtnunȝe. 7ume þurh 7izeſæſtne martýrdom þam heofnlican bſið- zuman Cuiſte beoþ zeþeodde.

Eroſt of ſancta Maria Maȝdalene 7iȝerliþe. 7eo þe heſ on hiſe uſeſ ðrohteneſ ſet mid hiſe teapum aþpoſ. þæze uſe ðrohten to þon 7riþe luðode. 7 purþode þ he hiſe 7iſmeſt atipan polde þa þa he of deaþe aſaſ.

Of S. Elizabeth. of S. Aȝaþa nel. of hiſe toþon 7ume iii. 7 of hiſe halȝneſte. Of S. Iuliana þam hal- ȝan mædene þe on þam zeſinne hiſe martýrdomeſ 7pa 7riþe þæs þurh þa zoðcundan ȝiſe zeȝtanȝoð þ heo þone deoſol band 7 7panȝ þe hiſe on þam cſeſteſne to com.

Of S. Cecilia þam æþelan mædene. of S. Agneſe. of S. Praxide þam mædene. of S. Eugenia. S. Felcula riþb þæs halȝan mædeneſ. of S. Maȝareta. of S. Lu- cia. of S. Mamilla. of S. Balſilbe þæne halȝan cſene. of S. Leonilla. of S. Geſeþſude ðam æþelan mædene. of S. Genouefa nel. of S. Moſenna. of S. Alȝua þæne halȝan Cuiſteſ ðinene. 7eo polde dæȝhpamlice hiſe an- deſtſiſſe don æſ heo into cýſean eode.

Of S. Satiuola þam bileſitan mædene. 7eo þæs un- ſceþſiȝlice acpealð ſſam hiſe ſædeſ mæð-mannum. 7 God Ælmihtiz riþþan æt hiſe biſgene zeſputelode mæ- nizſealde pundra.

Of S. Siȝeburȝa. of S. Wæſburȝa. of S. Bȝuȝida hleorþane ðæs deopriþþan mædeneſ ðe manize pundra heſ on hiſe ðurh God zepoſhte 7 maneȝna manna heoſ- tan onlihte ðurh ða biſne hiſe halȝan ðrohtnunȝe.

Id est,

Hic ostenditur in hoc scripto de sacris reliquiis quas Æthelstanus inclutus rex dedit sanctæ Mariæ, et sancti Petri cœnobio apud Exceſtriam, ad Dei laudem, animæque suæ redemptionem, omniumque eorum qui sacrum illum requirerent et honorarent locum ad æter- nam salutem.

Scilicet, idem rex Æthelstanus, quando post patrem Edwardum regnum ipse capessebat, et Dei gratiâ totius Angliæ monarchiam, quam ante eum nonnulli reges in- ter se divisam habuerant, quodam tempore huc Exces- triam (quod et veracium hominum fuerat super eo vati- cinium:) accessit, et meditari, ac consilium inire cœpit, quid sibi maximè conveniens, quod, de thesauris suis regalibus ad Dei laudem et populi sui æternam utilita- tem, erogaret.

Deus omnipotens, qui omnibus bene proponentibus semper est adiutor, et promotor, illam regi immisit co- gitationem, quâ gazis ipse transitoriis indeficientes im- petrare valeret thesauros. Ipse autem ultra mare viros misit fideles et discretos, qui quam latè poterant terram peragrarunt, et gazis illis pretiosissimos acquisiverunt thesauros, qui, ullo tempore usquam terrarum acquiri possint, id est, reliquias præstantissimas ex omni loco longè lateque collectas, easque dicto regi attulerunt; rex autem multâ cum lætitia Deo propterea gratias egit.

Deinde præcepit, ut hic Exceſtriæ, ubi Deus illam salubrem ei immisit cogitationem, monasterium extrue- rent, in honorem Dei, et celestis reginæ divæ Mariæ, Christi genitricis, et S. Petri apostolorum principis, quem idem rex sibi in patronum elegerat, et eò contulit viginti (et) sex villas, item tertiam prædictarum reliquiarum partem illuc inferri fecit, in æternam animæ suæ re- demptionem et eorum omnium auxilium qui sacrum illum locum quo reliquie illæ insunt, in fide requirerent et honorarent.

Nunc vobis edicere planè volumus, cujusmodi sint

reliquiæ quæ hîc hoc sancto insunt monasterio, et scriptum simul indubitanter ostendet cujusmodi fuerint reliquiarum singulæ.

Primò, de ipso pretioso sanctæ crucis ligno in qua Christus passus est, et nos omnes in ea à diaboli liberavit potestate.

De sepulchro Dominico.

De vestimento quo Dominus ipse noster indutus est, quando hîc in mundo inter homines erat.

De præsepi ubi Dominus noster jacebat quando natus erat de sancta Maria.

De Jordane ubi Dominus noster erat baptizatus.

De lancea quâ Domini nostri sacrum latus aperiebatur in cruce.

De mensa ad quam Salvator seipsum cibavit cum duodecim apostolis.

De Monte Sinai, cujus in vertice Deus apparuit sancto Moisi, et ipsi veterem ibidem manifestavit legem.

De rubo qui miraculosè conflagravit, minimè tamen ab igne læsus erat, quando Deus ex eopse rubo sancto Moisi loquutus est.

De monte unde Dominus noster ascendit.

De candelâ ab angelo Dei cœlesti lumine accensâ apud Domini nostri sepulchrum in vigilia Paschæ.

De altari quod Dominus nostre ipse sacravit.

De loco ubi Dominus noster natus fuit.

De Montis Oliveti vertice, ubi Salvator ad patrem suum cœlestem flexis genibus oravit ante passionem, et unde post in cœlum ascendit.

De vestimento cœlestis dominæ, sanctæ Mariæ.

De capitali [vel velamine] ejusdem Deiparæ, et de capillis ejus.

De re quadam sacra quam Michael archangelus in terra manifestavit.

De sancti Johannis Baptistæ corpore et vestimento.

De sancti Petri apostoli barba.

De sancti Petri capillis. De sancti Petri vestimento.

De sancti Pauli apostoli collo,^a et de ipsius veste. De sancti Andreæ apostoli baculo.

De veste sancti Johannis apostoli et euangelistæ, quem Dominus noster adeo amavit, ut inter cœnandum in pectus ejus discubuerit; et quando in cruce pro nobis passus est, eidem Johanni corculo suo sanctæ Mariæ, matris suæ dilectæ, curam commendavit.

Item hîc est cœlestis cibi [quid] in sepulchro Johannis apostoli reperti. Sancti [etiam] Bartholomæi apostoli capitis. Sancti [etiam] Jacobi apostoli reliquiæ quædam.

Capitis etiam sancti Stephani protomartyris Christi, et sacri ipsius sanguinis, lapidum etiam quibus fuit lapidatus.

Sancti [etiam] Oflamni martyris, Petri apostoli cognati.

Sancti [etiam] Laurentii nobilis martyris reliquiarum pars, carbonum etiam quibus pro Christi nomine torrefactus fuit.

Sancti etiam Vincentii diaconi et martyris. Divi Georgii illustris Christi militis et martyris ossium pars. Sancti Sebastiani martyris ossa quamplurima.

Reliquiarum [etiam] duorum fratrum et martyrum, Tiburtii et Valeriani.

Sancti Urbani papæ et martyris. Sancti Apolinaris episcopi et martyris.

Ossium [etiam] sancti Candidi martyris. Reliquiarum [etiam] sancti Mauricii martyris. Sancti Quintini martyris. Luciani et Maximiani martyrum. Sancti Quirini martyris.

Sancti Cornelii papæ et martyris. Sancti Marcelli. Sancti Petri martyris. Sancti Juliani martyris. Reliquiarum [etiam] pars] sancti Cyriaci insignis diaconi et martyris.

Reliquiarum [etiam] quædam] Crisantis martyris, et Dariæ virginis. Sancti Gervasii martyris. Sancti Christophori martyris. Sancti Vitæ martyris. Pretiosorum martyrum Crispini et Crispiani. Sancti Nicasti martyris reliquiæ [quædam]. S. Juvenalis reliquiæ, et brachii ejus quid. Sancti Tiburtii martyris. Sancti Viviani

martyris sanguinis quid. Sancti Eresii martyris. Sancti Benigni martyris ossa quædam. Sancti Pancratii nobilis martyris ossium et vestium pars. Sancti Eustachii martyris.

Sancti Eadwardi regis reliquiæ quædam, qui injustè occisus fuit; Christus autem eum postea signis multiplicibus honoravit.

Item hîc multorum martyrum sunt reliquiæ qui Hierosolymæ pro Christi nomine martyrium passi sunt: S. (scil.) Vitalis martyris invicti, qui vivus pro Christi nomine, terrâ fuit infossus, ibique terra et lapidibus obrutus; veruntamen in cœlesti firmamento lætus nunc vivit, et pro omnibus eum hîc in terrâ ex fide invocantibus apud Christum intercedit benevolè.

Hîc est etiam sancti Mauricii beati martyris dens, qui sub Maximiano imperatore pro Christi nomine passus est, et sex mille et sexaginta sex martyres simul cum eo passi sunt, quorum singuli suasu ipsius martyrii coronidem adepti sunt.

Hæ sunt etiam reliquiæ sanctorum Christi confessorum, qui huic fallaci mundo renunciarunt, et austera conversatione regnum cœleste promeruerunt.

Primò, sancti Martini gloriosi episcopi reliquiæ, qui dum vixit, inter alia signa quamplurima, tres homines de morte ad vitam orationibus suis suscitavit.

Sancti Silvestri venerabilis papæ. Sancti Gregorii.

Sancti Hieronymi insignis doctoris, qui, inter multiplices alios quos composuit libros, magnam Bibliam, in qua septuaginta duo continentur libri, de Hebraico et Græco in Latinum eximiè transtulit.

Reliquiæ quædam sancti Augustini sapientis et prudentis episcopi; scripsit ille mille libros, ad laudem Christi, et ad universæ Christi ecclesiæ utilitatem æternam.

Sancti Germani, viri apostolici, qui in hac, et aliis terris passim, multa Dei auxilio fecit miracula.

Dentis sancti Basilii, et baculi ejus pastoralis.

Corporis sancti Euurtii episcopi, cui dextra Dei quando missam celebravit apparuit, et oblationi [vulgò, offertorio] cœlesti benedixit benedictione.

Sancti Audoeni reliquiæ quædam. Sancti Medardi episcopi ossa quædam. Sancti Crispini. Sancti Mauricii episcopi. Sancta Galli episcopi. Sancti Lupi episcopi. Sancti Benedicti abbatis pii. Sancti Remigii pretiosi episcopi, qui universam Francorum gentem ad fidem convertit Christianam, reliquiæ, quin et pilei ejus, tunicæ, et cilicii quo fuerit indutus.

Sancti Anniani episcopi pii corporis quid. Sancti Maximini corporis quid C. Sancti Wulframni episcopi reliquiæ quædam. Sancti [etiam] Crispi.

Sancti Nicholai, pii et orandi facultate præstantis episcopi, reliquiæ quædam, qui Dei adjutorio [vel, virtute,] plurima ubique terra marique contulit beneficia eum internè ex fide in Dei nomine invocantibus.

Ossium capillorum et vestium S. Petroci.

Sancti Winwalci abbatis. Sancti Winardi episcopi. Sancti Wernoci. Sancti Wigenoci. Cilicii (quid) sancti Tuti episcopi. Sancti Odonis insignis episcopi reliquiæ quædam. Brachii sancti Juvenalis episcopi. Brachii sancti Dyoneti episcopi. Capitis et brachii sancti Conocani. Sancti Designati reliquiæ. Sancti Avitis episcopi costa. Sancti Melanii episcopi ossa quædam. S. Withenoci episcopi corporis quid. Sancti Valeriani reliquiæ quædam. Sancti Tuduali. S. Simeonis sepulchri quid. Lapidis quid à sancto Silvino Romam ter delati. Sancti Salvini vestimenta quædam. Sancti Majoci et sancti Ermelani. Sancti Luidgeri episcopi. Sancti Sigebрани. Sancti Marcelli, pretiosorum Christi sanctorum, et sancti Viviani.

Divi Wulmari sancti abbatis. Divi Petri sancti diaconi reliquiæ quædam, Gregorii scilicet papæ magnifici (qui nobis Anglis Christianismum et baptismum in hanc terram transmisit) discipulus.

Hîc sunt etiam quamplurimum sanctarum foeminarum, et sanctarum Christi virginum reliquiæ, quæ Dei gratiâ veterem diabolum, et omnes carnales subjugarunt libidines; quarum quædam pia vitæ conversatione, quæ-

^a Sax. *colli osse*, spinæ scilicet spondylis collum constituentibus.

dam autem glorioso martyrio, cœlesti sponso, Christo conjunguntur.

Primò sanctæ Mariæ Magdalænæ digitus, quæ vivens Domini nostri pedes lacrymis suis lavavit, quam Dominus noster adeo amavit, et honoravit, ut ipsi primum apparere voluerit, quando de morte surrexit.

De sancta Elizabetha. Sanctæ Agathæ reliquiæ dentium (scilicet) suorum quatuor, et veli sui sacrosancti quid.

De diva Juliana, virgine sancta, quæ in martyrii certamine Dei gratiâ adeo erat roborata, ut diabolum ad eam carcerem inclusam accedentem ligaret et verberaret.

De sancta Cecilia nobili virgine. De sancta Agnete. De sancta Praxide virgine. De sancta Eugenia. Divæ Feliculæ sanctæ virginis costa. De sancta Margareta. De sancta Lucia. De sancta Mamilla. De sancta Balhilda pia regina. De sancta Leonilla. De sancta Gere-thruda nobili virgine. Sanctæ Genovefæ reliquiæ. De sancta Morenna. De sancta Algiva, pia Christi famula, quæ quotidie suam absolvere curavit confessionem antequam ecclesiam intraret.

De sancta Sativola mansueta virgine, quæ insons occisa fuit à patris sui mercenariis: Deus autem omnipotens postea apud ejus sepulchrum multiplicia ostendit miracula.

De sancta Sigeburga. De sancta Werburga. Sanctæ Brigidæ pretiosæ virginis maxilla, quæ quamplurima miracula dum vixit Dei auxilio fecit, et multorum hominum corda sanctæ suæ conversationis illuminavit exemplo.

NUM. VI.

Carta Willielmi I. Regis.

[MS. Lansd. 966, fol. 82, ex Cart. orig. num. 5, penes Dec. et Capit. Ecclesiæ Exon.]

P MUNDO accrescentia mala minantur etiam mundi appropinquare excidia, et beatius est hominem mortalem illuc mentis passibus tendere ubi post finem hujus vitæ beatis datur perenniter vivere. Hoc enim vivere beatissimum oportet regem Christianum omni mentis conamine sibi alacriter emere, quia miserabile est regem hoc sæculo coronari et in futuro æternis poenis mancipari. Hæc vero vigili mente intuens bis quoque ne succumbam præcavens Ego Willhelmus victoriosus Anglorum basileus concessi fidelem meum Leofricum episcopum septem mansos terræ in privatis locis, hoc est apud Bemtune et Estune et Ceommanyg ac Holacumb ecclesiæ sancti Petri apostoli in Exonia, ubi ejus episcopalis sedes est, donare, et canonicorum ejusdem ecclesiæ victum ampliare, hæreditario jure tam in magnis quam in modicis rebus, ad se rite pertinentibus, videlicet agris, silvis, pratis, pascuis, cultis et incultis, exitibus et redditibus, eo tenore ac concessu ut præfata terra ab omni censu sit libera, excepta expeditione, pontis ac urbis constructione et restauratione. Si quis autem, quod absit, diabolo instigante, meum regalem concessum præsumat evertere, et beneficia prædictæ ecclesiæ et canonicis data detrahare vel in aliquo minuere, nisi conversus reddendo et dupliciter restituendo sanctæ Dei ecclesiæ satisfaciatur, in resurrectione beatorum divina voce damnatus, fiat socius omnium dæmoniorum. Anno Domini cæ incarnationis millesimo lxxviii. consentiente Willhelmo rege data est hæc terra ecclesiæ sancti Petri apostoli in Exonia civitate a venerabili præsule Leofrico sub testimonio eorum qui subscripti sunt.

Ðij rýnb þa landgemæpo þær lander þe Eadpiz cýning azeap þam halgan Pepe æt bemtune, &c.

✠ Ego Willhelmus Dei gratia rex Anglorum hanc donationem perpetuæ memoriæ mandavi. ✠ Ego Mathilda regina adjuvi. ✠ Ego Stigandus archiepiscopus Christi ecclesiæ confirmavi. ✠ Ego Odo episcopus consolidavi. ✠ Ego Herimannus episcopus corroboraui. ✠ Ego Leofricus episcopus concessi et subscripsi. ✠ Ego Gosfredus episcopus consensi. ✠ Ego Gyso episcopus assensum præbui. ✠ Ego Willhelmus episcopus confortavi. ✠ Ego Baldwinus abbas dignum duxi. ✠ Ego Rodbertus comes. ✠ Ego Willhelmus

comes. ✠ Ego Brient comes. ✠ Ego Edwinus comes. ✠ Ego Morkerinus comes. ✠ Ego Raulfus comes. ✠ Ego Arfastus cancellarius. ✠ Ego Ingelricus presbiter. ✠ Ego Willhelmus vicecomes. ✠ Ego Rodbertus vicecomes. ✠ Ego Roegerius vicecomes. ✠ Ego Leofnodus minister. ✠ Ego Ricardus minister. ✠ Ego Folco minister. ✠ Ego Hugo minister. Ego Raulfus minister.

Inscribitur in tergo,—Ðij rý dæpa rýx hýða landboe on Oxenapondreýne æt Bemtune 7 æt Eýctune 7 æt Ceommanige &c.

Ex alia parte,—Confirmatio regis Willielmi de vi. hidis de Bemtune et de Estun et de Ceommanig et de una hida et virgata et dimidia in Devoniam ad Holecumb de terra de Dofflige.

NUM. VII.

Prædia ad Ecclesiam Cathedralē Exon. spectantia, tempore Regis Willielmi Conquestoris.

Ex Libro Censuali vocato *Domesday Book*, in domo Capitulari Westm. asservato.]

Sadsexe. fol. 17.

TERRA OSBERNI EPISCOPI. Osbernus episcopus tenet de rege æcclesiam de BOSEHAM. et de rege Edwardo tenuit. Huic æcclesiæ pertinebant cxii. hidæ. modo sunt foris xlvii. Hugo filius Rannulfi tenet xxx. hid. et Radulfus de Caisned xvii. hid. Quando Osbernus recepit se defend. æcclesia pro lxxv. hid. et modo similiter. Terra est In dominio sunt ii. car. et xxi. vill. cum xviii. bord. habent viii. car. Ibi iii. molini de xiiii. sol. et xii. acr. prati et una salina de ii. sol. et una haga de viii. den. Malgerus tenet de terra hujus æcclesiæ xii. hid. pro uno manerio TORNEI vocat. et geldat pro viii. hid. Ibi habet xxxii. villanos cum viii. car. De eadem terra ecclesiæ habet Radulfus i. hidam. Quidam clericus i. hid. et iii. clerici i. hid. communiter. Ipsi habent iii. car. in dominio et iii. villani et x. bord. habentes unam car. et dimid. et æcclesia et presbiter ibi. et ii. servi. et i. haga de viii. denar. Totum tempore Regis Edwardi valebat ccc. lib. et post l. lib. Modo xvi. lib. et x. sol. quod episcopus tenet et tamen habet de firma xx. solid. plus. Quod Malgerus tenet vi. lib. val. et tamen habet l. solid. plus. Quod alii tenent iii. lib. et xv. solid. val. Decimam æcclesiæ clerici tenent et val. xl. solid. Tempore Regis Edwardi pertinebat huic Manerio una hida in ICENORE. Modo tenet Warinus homo Rogerii comitis.

In Hamesford Hund. Ipse episcopus tenet HALESTEDE. et de rege Edwardo tenuit et tunc pro xiii. hid. se defend. modo pro v. hid. et dimid. Terra est. In dominio sunt ii. car. et vii. villani cum xiiii. bord. habent ii. car. Ibi ii. servi et unum molinum de iii. sol. et æcclesia ibi. Silva x. porc. Herbagium de vii. porc. i. De hoc manerio tenet Ricardus i. hidam. Osbernus clericus dim. hid. Radulfus presbiter i. hidam quæ pertinet ad æcclesiam. Totum manerium tempore Regis Edwardi, et post, et modo val. xv. lib.

In Silletone Hund. Durandus tenet de episcopo PRESTETON. Tempore Regis Edwardi et modo se defend. pro iii. hid. Terra est In dominio una car. et dimid. et iii. villani cum iii. bord. habent dimid. car. Ibi vi. acr. prati et parva silva ad clausuram. Tempore regis Edwardi valebat iii. lib. et post et modo iii. lib.

In Redrebrige Hund. Ricardus tenet de episcopo LEVITONE. Goduinus presbiter tenuit de rege Edwardo in elemosina et tunc se defendebat pro vi. hid. Terra est In dominio sunt ii. car. et xi. villani cum vii. bord. habent iii. car. Ibi æcclesia et in Ciestre una haga de iii. den. et xii. acr. prati. Silva x. porc. et de vii. porc. unum. Tempore regis Edwardi valebat x. lib. et post vi. lib. Modo x. lib.

Omnes hæ terræ pertinuerunt et pertinent æcclesiæ de Boseham in elemosyna.

Sudrie. fol. 31.

TERRA OSBERNI EPISCOPI. In Wochinges hund. Osbernus episcopus tenet WOCHINGES. Ipse tenuit tem-

pore Regis Edwardi et tunc se defend. pro viii. hid. Modo pro iii. hid. et dim. Terra est ix. car. et dim. In dominio una car. et dim. et xx. villani et vi. bord. cum viii. car. et dim. Ibi iii. servi et unum molinum de xxx. denar. et xiiii. acr. prati. Silva xxviii. porc. Istud Manerium habet et habuit consuetudinem in silva regis de Wochinges. hoc est quod dominus villæ hujus potest habere in ipsa silva cxx. porc. sine pasnagio. Hoc Manerium tenent ii. homines de episcopo. Ansgotus et Godefridus. quisque iiii. hid. Totum tempore Regis Edwardi et post valuit x. lib. Modo ix. lib. et x. sol.

Ipse episcopus tenet TETINGES. Elmer venator tenuit tempore Regis Edwardi. Tunc se defend. pro una hida. et modo similiter. Terra est ii. car. In dominio est una car. et unus villanus. et vi. bord. cum i. car. Tempore Regis Edwardi et post val. iii. lib. Modo xl. sol.

Homines de Hundredo testantur quod præstitum fuit istud Manerium per Vicecomitem extra firmam Regis Edwardi, et quod Osbernus episcopus non habuit hoc Manerium tempore Regis Edwardi.

Hantescire, fol. 43.

TERRA OSBERNI EPISCOPI. In Neteham Hund. Osbernus episcopus de Execestre tenet de Rege FERENDONE. Goduinus presbiter tenuit de Rege Edwardo. In æcclesia de Boseham pertin. Tunc pro x. hid. modo pro v. hid. Terra est x. car. In dominio est una car. et xi. villani et xx. bord. cum viii. car. Ibi ii. servi et xii. acr. prati. Silva de xxx. porc. Tempore Regis Edwardi valebat xv. lib. et post xii. lib. Modo xxi. lib.

Berchscire, fol. 58 b.

TERRA EPISCOPI OSBERNI. In Gamesfel Hund. Osbernus episcopus tenet in dominio BOCHELAND de episcopatu suo ut dicit. Vluric chenp tempore Regis Edwardi ibi mansit. Unde iudicium non dixerunt, sed ante regem ut iudicet dimiserunt. Tunc se defend. pro xv. hid. et dimid. modo pro viii. hid. Terra est vi. car. Ibi nil in dominio. sed ix. villani et vii. cot. cum iiii. car. Ibi æcclesia et vii. servi. et molinum de xii. sol. et vi. den. et iiii. piscariæ de xx. solid. et vi. den. et ccxx. acr. prati. et Wica de x. pensis caseorum valentes xxxii. sol. et iiii. den. Tempore Regis Edwardi valebat xvi. lib. et post xii. lib. Modo viii. lib.

Devenescire, fol. 101 b.

TERRA EPISCOPI DE EXONIA. Episcopus de EXONIA habet in civitate unam æcclesiam quæ reddit i. markam argenti et xlvii. domus redd. x. sol. et x. den. et duæ domus sunt vastatæ per ignem. Ibi ii. acr. terræ et dimid. et jacent cum terra burgensium qui ad æcclesiam pertinent.

Ipse episcopus tenet CRITETONE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro xv. hid. Terra est c. quater xxv. car. De ea sunt in dominio xi. hidæ et xiii. car. ibi. et xl. servi. et cclxiii. villani. et lxxiii. bord. cum. clxx. ii. car. Ibi xxx. porcarii reddentes cl. porcos. et molinum redd. xxx. den. Ibi quater xx. acr. prati et cc. acr. pasturæ. Silva v. leu. long. et dim. leu. lat. Olim valebat xxi. lib. Modo lxxv. lib.

Cum hoc Manerio tenet idem episcopus NIWETONE. et geld. pro iii. hid.

De hoc Manerio ostendit Osbernus episcopus cartas suas quæ testantur æcclesiam S. Petri inde fuisse saisitam antequam rex Edwardus regnaret. Insuper tempore Regis Willielmi diratiocinavit coram baronibus Regis esse suam.

Valet iii. lib. Domno tenet.

Ipse episcopus tenet BERIE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro una virgata terræ. Terra est iii. car. Ibi iiii. villani et iii. bord. habent ii. car. Ibi v. acr. prati. Valet vii. solid. et vi. denar.

Ipse episcopus tenet TANTONE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro xviii. hid. Terra est lv. car. In dominio sunt iiii. car. et xiiii. servi. et lvii. villani. et xxxvi. bord. cum li. car. Ibi x. porcarii redd. xxxv. porc. Ibi xxiiii. salinæ redd. x. solid. et x. acr. prati.

Pastura iiii. leu. long. et dim. leu. lat. Silva i. leu. long. et tantundem lat. In Execestre ix. domus redd. iii. solid. Totum Manerium valebat olim xiiii. lib. Modo xxiiii. lib.

C. Ipse episcopus tenet DOVLES. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro vii. hid. Terra est xxx. car. In dominio sunt ii. car. et iii. servi. et xxx. villani. et viii. bord. cum xxiiii. car. Ibi vi. acr. prati. et xii. acr. pasturæ. Silva minuta iii. quarent. long. et una quarent. lat. Olim vii. lib. Modo viii. lib.

C. Ipse episcopus tenet IDE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro ii. hid. Terra est vi. car. In dominio est i. car. et ii. servi et xi. villani et xi. bord. cum v. car. Ibi iii. acr. silvæ minutæ. Olim et modo valet xl. solid.

C. Ipse episcopus tenet SOVRETONE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro ii. hid. et dim. Terra est xx. car. In dominio est i. car. et ix. servi. et xx. villani et xii. bord. cum xvi. car. Ibi xii. acr. prati. et xli. acr. silvæ minutæ. et xxx. quar. pasturæ. Valet vii. lib.

C. Ipse episcopus tenet ÆCCLESIAM S. MARIE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro ii. virg. terræ. Terra est iii. car. quæ ibi sunt cum iiii. villanis et iiii. bord. Valet xv. solid.

Hæ supra notatæ quattuor villæ sunt de victu canonicorum.

Ipse episcopus tenet HAVSTONE. Ordulf tenebat tempore Regis Edwardi et geldabat pro ii. virg. terræ. Terra est v. car. Ibi vi. villani habent iii. car. et ibi ii. acr. prati et communis pastura Bratonæ. Valuit et valet xxv. solid.

Ipse episcopus tenet BOTINTONE. Ednod libere tenebat tempore Regis Edwardi et geldabat pro una virgata terræ. Terra est ii. car. Hæc est addita superiori villæ. Ibi est unus villanus et communis pastura Bratone. Valet v. solid.

Hæc ii. maneria dedit episcopo comes Moritonensis pro excambio Castelli de Cornualia.

Ipse episcopus tenet TAVTONE. Ibi sunt xii. hidæ. Tres ex his nunquam geldaverunt nisi tantum ix. Terra est cl. car. In dominio sunt vi. car. et xviii. servi. et quater xx^{ti}. villani et xi. bord. habentes c. car. Ibi xxii. porcarii redd. c. porc. et xxiiii. acr. prati. et c. acr. pasturæ. et xii. acr. silvæ minutæ. Quando recep. valebat l. lib. Modo xl. lib.

Ipse episcopus tenet CVLMESTOCHE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro v. hid. Terra est xv. car. In dominio sunt ii. car. et v. servi et xxiiii. villani et viii. bord. cum xi. car. Ibi molinum redd. v. sol. et l. acr. prati. et vii. quarent. silvæ in long. et una quarent. in lat. Pastura i. leu. long. et tantundem lat. Olim iii. lib. Modo valet vi. lib.

Ipse episcopus tenet STOCHÉ. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro una hida. Terra est vi. car. In dominio est i. car. et ii. servi et iiii. villani et viii. bord. cum vi. car. Ibi ii. molini redd. xxx. solid. et viii. acr. prati et l. acr. pasturæ. et iiii. acr. silvæ minutæ. Valet l. solid.

Robertus tenet de episcopo TALENTONE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro vii. hid. Terra est xvi. car. In dominio est i. car. et vi. servi. et xx. villani et xii. bord. cum ix. car. Ibi molinum redd. l. denar. et xx. acr. prati et cl. acr. pasturæ. et vi. acr. silvæ minutæ. Olim c. sol. modo vi. lib.

Ipse episcopus tenet SIDEBERIE. Aluvinus et Goduinus teneb. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro v. hid. Terra est xxx. car. In dominio sunt ii. car. et ii. servi. et xxxii. villani et v. bord. cum xxv. car. Ibi xii. acr. prati. et c. acr. pasturæ. et ccc. acr. silvæ. Olim et modo valet vi. lib.

Ipse episcopus tenet SELCOME. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro iii. hid. Terra est vi. car. In dominio est i. car. et ii. servi et xvi. villani et vii. bord. cum vii. car. Ibi vi. acr. prati. et xiiii. acr. silvæ. Pastura i. leu. long. et iiii. quarent. lat. Olim et modo valet lx. solid.

Ipse episcopus tenet BEDRICESTAN. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro i. hida. Terra est v. car. In dominio est i. car. et iii. villani et vi. bord. cum iii.

car. Ibi XL. acr. prati et L. acr. pasturæ. Olim et modo valet xx. solid.

Ipse episcopus tenet PEINTONE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro xx. hid. Terra est LX. car. In dominio sunt VIII. car. et XXXVI. servi et LII. villani et XL. bord. cum XLII. car. Ibi v. porcarii redd. L. porcar. Ibi salina redd. x. denar. et XVIII. acr. prati. et XL. acr. pasturæ. et XLI. acr. silvæ. Quando recep. valebat XIII. lib. Modo L. lib.

Ipse episcopus tenet ESSBREZONE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro VI. hid. Terra est xx. car. In dominio sunt II^æ. car. Ibi x. servi. et XXXIII. villani. et XVI. bord. cum XVI. car. Ibi III. acr. prati et una leu. pasturæ. et tantundem silvæ. Quando recepit valebat VIII. lib. Modo xx. lib.

Rogierius tenet de episcopo CHENISTETONE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro dimidia hida. Terra est III. car quæ ibi sunt cum III. villanis et III. servis. Ibi III. acr. prati et VI. acr. pasturæ. Olim et modo valet x. solid.

Ipse episcopus tenet NIMETONE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro. III. hid. Terra est LII. car. In dominio sunt III. car. et LVI. villani. et XXV. bord. cum XLIII. car. Ibi XVII. porcarii redd. quater xx^{ti}. et x. porcos. et ibi XIII. servi. Ibi molinum redd. XL. den. et CL. acr. prati. et CXL. acr. pasturæ. et CC. acr. silvæ. Olim VII. lib. Modo val. XVI. lib.

Ipse episcopus tenet BRANCHESCOME. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro v. hid. Terra est XVI. car. In dominio est I. car. cum I. servo. et XXII villani et v. bord. cum xv. car. Ibi II. acr. prati. et XII. acr. silvæ minutæ. Valet VI. lib. Hæc est de victu canonicorum.

Balduinus tenet de episcopo DIDASHAM. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro III. hid. Terra est XVI. car. In dominio sunt II. car. et II. servi. et XXII. villani et x. bord. cum x. car. Ibi LX. acr. pasturæ. et XL. acr. silvæ minutæ. Olim. LX. solid. Modo val. c. solid.

Balduinus tenet de episcopo SLADONE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro VI. hid. Terra est XXVI. car. In dominio sunt II. car. et VI. servi et XXVI. villani et XXI. cosce. cum XXI. car. Ibi x. acr. prati et L. acr. pasturæ. et XXXI. acr. silvæ. Olim x. lib. Modo val. XII. lib.

Cornvalge. fol. 120 b.

TERRA EPISCOPI DE EXECESTRE. Episcopus Exoniensis tenet TREVEL. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro I. hida et dimid. Terra est xx. car. In dominio sunt II. car. et III. servi et xxx. villani et III. bord. cum XII. car. Ibi pastura II. leu. long. et II. leu. lat. et LX. acr. siluæ. Olim et modo valet III. lib.

Idem episcopus tenet MATELE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro I. hida. sed tamen ibi est una hida et dim. Terra est xv. car. In dominio est I. car. et III. servi. et xv. villani et III. bord. cum VIII. car. Ibi XL. acr. pasturæ. et LX. acr. siluæ minutæ. Olim et modo val XL. solid. Forum hujus Manerii habet Comes Moriton. quod episcopus habebat tempore Regis Edwardi.

Idem episcopus tenet TREGEL. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro II. hid. sed tamen sunt ibi XII. hidæ. Terra est LX. car. In dominio sunt II. car. et VI. servi et XVIII. villani et XII. bord. cum XVI. car. Ibi pastura dim. leu. long. et tantundem lat. Silva I. leu. long. et dim. lat. Olim c. solid. Modo valet VIII. lib.

Idem episcopus tenet PAVTONE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldebat pro VIII. hid. sed tamen ibi sunt XLIII. hidæ. Terra est LX. car. In dominio sunt III. car. et VI. servi et XL. villani et XL. bord. cum XL. car. Ibi pastura VI. leu. long. et II. leu. lat. Silva II. leu. long. et una lat. Olim. x. lib. Modo valet XXIII. lib.

Idem episcopus tenet BERNERH. Tempore Regis Edwardi. et geldabat pro I. hida. Terra est XII. car. In dominio sunt II. car. et VI. servi et VIII. villani et XII. bord. cum VI. car. Ibi LX. acr. pasturæ. et x. acr. silvæ. Olim et modo ual. XL. solid.

Idem episcopus tenet Manerium quod vocatur ÆCCLESIA S. GERMANI. Ibi sunt XXIII. hidæ. Ex his XII. hidæ sunt canonicorum quæ nunquam geldaverunt.

et aliæ XII. hidæ sunt episcopi et geldab. pro II. hid. tempore Regis Edwardi. In hac parte episcopi terra est xx. car. In dominio sunt II. car. et III. servi. et xxx. villani et XII. bord. cum XVI. car. Ibi pastura III. leu. long. et II. leu. lat. Silva II. leu. long. et una leu. lat. Olim c. sol. Modo val. VIII. lib. In parte canonicorum terra est XL. car. In dominio sunt II. car. et II. servi. et XXIII. villani et xx. bord. cum XXIII. car. Ibi pastura II. leu. lat.^a et una leu. Silva III. leu. long. et II. leu. lat. Valet c. solid. canonicis.

In hoc manerio est mercatum in die dominico, sed ad nichilum redigitur pro mercato Comitum Moriton. quod ibi est proximum.

Idem episcopus tenet LANHERWEV. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro I. hida. sed tamen sunt ibi III. hidæ. Terra est x. car. In dominio est I. car. et III. servi. et VIII. villani et VI. bord. cum III. car. Ibi pastura II. leu. long. et una leu. lat. Olim. c. solid. Modo valet L. solid. Fulcardus tenet de episcopo.

Ricardus tenet de episcopo THINTEN. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro dimidia hida. Ibi tamen est I. hida. Terra est VI. car. In dominio est car. et dimid. cum I. servo. et v. villani et II. bord. cum III. car. et I. acra. siluæ. Olim et modo valet XXV. solid.

Ipse episcopus tenet LANGVITETONE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro III. hid. Ibi tamen sunt XI. hidæ. Terra est XL. car. In dominio sunt II. car. et VII. servi. et XXVII. villani et XX. bord. cum XXIX. car. Ibi VIII. acr. prati. et c. acr. pasturæ. et x. acr. siluæ minutæ. Olim VIII. lib. Modo val. XVII. lib.

Rollandus tenet de episcopo LANDICLE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro I. hida. Ibi tamen est I. hida et dimid. Terra est XII. car. In dominio est I. car. et III. servi et XIII. villani et III. bord. cum III. car. Ibi II. acr. prati. et pastura II. leu. long. et una leu. lat. Olim et modo valet III. lib.

Godefridus tenet de episcopo SANWINVEC. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro I. hida. Terra est VI. car. In dominio est I. car. et II. servi. et v. villani et VI. bord. cum II. car. Ibi pastura dim. leu. long. et tantundem lat. Silva dimid. leu. long. et una quarent. lat. Olim XL. sol. Modo valet xx. solid.

De æcclesia S. Germani ablata est I. hida terræ quæ reddebat per consuetudinem unam cupam cervisæ et xxx. denar. tempore Regis Edwardi eidem ecclesiæ.

De eadem ecclesia est ablata I. acra terræ et est terra I. car.

De eadem ecclesia est ablata I^a. virg. terræ.

Hæc erant tempore Regis Edwardi in dominio ejusdem Ecclesiæ. Modo ten. Rainaldus et Hame.

Omnes has terras tenuit Leuric episcopus tempore Regis Edwardi.

Oxenef'scire. fol. 155.

TERRA EPISCOPI DE EXECESTRE. Episcopus Exoniensis tenet de Rege VI. hid. in BENTONE. et Rotbertus episcopus de eo. Leuric episcopus tenuit. Terra est VI. car. Nunc in dominio II. car. et II. servi. et x. villani cum VII. bord. habent III. car. Ibi II. piscariæ de XXXIII. sol. et XLVIII. acr. prati. Tempore Regis Edwardi valebat III. lib. Modo VI. lib.

Glowec'scire. fol. 165.

TERRA EPISCOPI OSBERNI. In Sineshovedes Hund. Episcopus de Execestre tenet ALDELANDE. Aluui tenuit homo Comitum Herald et poterat ire quo volebat. Ibi II. hidæ. una geld. alia non. In dominio sunt II. car. et unus villanus et VI. bord. cum I. car. Ibi II. servi. et x. acr. prati. Tunc valuit III. lib. modo xx. sol.

In Bachestanes Hund. Isdem episcopus tenet TIRENTVNE. Aluui tenuit tempore Regis Edwardi. Ibi v. hidæ et II. car. sunt in dominio. et unus villanus et v. bord. et II. servi. et xx. acr. prati. Silva dimid. leuua in long. et lat. Valuit c. solid. modo XL. sol.

Norf. tom. ii. fol. 201.

TERRÆ OSBERNI EPISCOPI. Gildecros Hund. In BENHAM tenuit Aluricus liber homo tempore Regis Ed-

^a sc. long.

wardi i. car. terræ. semper iii. villani et v. bord. Tunc i. serv. et x. acr. prati. semper i. car. in dominio. et dim. car. hom. Silva de c. porc. et iii. soc. v. acr. modo i. tunc. semper iii. animal. Tunc vi. porc. modo xxvii. Tunc vi. ov. modo xxx. Tunc v. capr. modo xxx. Tunc val. xx. sol. modo xl.

In WICA tenet i. liber homo i. car. terræ tempore Regis Edwardi. Tunc et post vii. vill. modo viii. semper v. bord. et i. serv. et iii. acr. prati. Tunc et post i. car. in dominio. modo ii. semper iii. car. hom. Tunc val. xx. sol. modo xl. et x. liberi homines et dim. i. car. terræ et dim. acr. prati. semper ii. car. et val. x. sol. tota soca in Keninchala.

Hund. de Grenehoga. HINDRINGHAM ten. iii. liberi homines. tempore Regis Edwardi xxxii. acr. terræ. semper i. car. semper x. sol. val. tempore Regis Edwardi. et semper habet rex et comes. sacam. et hos tres homines quos Berardus tenet calumpniantur homines Drogonis ad feudum domini sui.

Hund. de Depewade. TASEBURC tenuit Torolf liber homo Stigandi xxx. acr. Semper i. bord. et i. car. in dominio et iii. acr. prati. viii^{va}. pars molini et vi. liberi homines x. acr. commend. tantum tempore Regis Edwardi et semper dim. car.

In FONESETA i. liber homo Stigandi xxx. acr. semper ii. bord. Tunc et post i. car. modo dim. iii. acr. prati. Tunc ii. molini. post i. modo n. et ii. liberi homines ii. acr. tunc val. xx. sol. post & modo xxx. Tota TASEBURC. habet x. quar. in longo & vii. in lato. & ix. d. de gelto.

NUM. VIII.

Carta Domini Exoniensis de Militibus et Feodis suis.

[Liber Niger Scacc. edit. Hearn. tom. i. p. 115.]

VENERABILI domino suo H. Dei gratia, illustri regi Angliæ, duci Normanniæ et Aquitanniæ, comiti Andegaviæ, B. Dei gratia Exon. dictus episcopus, salutem et fidele servitium. Præcepistis mihi quod mandarem vobis per breve meum sigillatum et aptum, non quot servitia militum vobis debeam, sed quot habeam milites fefatos de tempore regis H. avi vestri, et quot post mortem ipsius, et quot sunt super dominium. Propterea veritatem vobis inde, sicut eam diligentius inquirere potui, significo.

Robertus, filius regis, tenet de me feudum iii. militum.

Willelmus de Tracy feudum i. militis.

Eustachius de Ion feudum iii. militum.

Cecilla de Behus feudum iii. militum.

Ricardus de Raddona feudum ii. militum.

Willelmus de Botterell feudum i. militis.

Alexander de Colebroc feudum ii. militum.

Osbertus de Wadeton feudum i. militis.

Osbertus de Bekaton feudum i. militis.

Alanus de Furnell feudum i. militis.

Willelmus filius Johannis feudum i. militis.

Willelmus Hai feudum i. militis.

Radulfus de Roche feudum i. militis.

Radulfus filius Stephani feudum i. militis.

Willelmus de Egloshail feudum i. militis.

Johannes de Rothomago feudum i. militis.

Henricus de Pomeria feudum i. militis in Cornubia, et feudum dimidii militis in Devoniam, sed negat servitium illius dimidii militis et tamen fit ei.

Rogerus filius Etardi feudum i. militis.

Stephanus de Stantora feudum dimidii militis.

Rogerus de Lavonatora feudum dimidii militis.

Rogerus de Campell feudum dimidii militis.

Galfridus de Thorkangga feudum dimidii militis.

Paganus filius Reimfridi feudum i. militis excepta quinta parte.

Adam de Landechei tenet v^{ta}m. partem.

Edil de Northcote et cognata sua tenent quartam partem unius militis.

Prior de Plinton quartam partem militis.

Joel de Sancto Winnoto feudum dimidii militis super calumpniam, quia debet esse dominium.

Oseb. de Crugalain dim. milit.

Baldewinus de Pennart quartam partem militis.

Jordanus de Trearl dim. milit.

Petrus de Lameil dim. milit.

Robertus de Wenmene i. milit. excepta tertia parte. Margareta tenet illam tertiam partem.

Ricardus filius Osulfi dimidium feudum militis.

Johannes de Talunna dim. milit.

Jordanus de Menestre dim. milit.

Edwardus de Wotholca dim. milit.

Omnes prædicti sunt fefati de tempore regis H.

Radulfus de Stungga tenet tertiam partem i. militis de novo fefamento.

Johannes filius Berner. quartam partem militis.

Ivo et Osebertus de Augo quartam partem militis.

Willelmus filius Wimundi xii^{am}. partem militis.

Rogerus filius Rogeri Larcevesq. dim. feod. militis super calumpniam quia debet esse dominium. Et præter hos omnes (sicut a multis audiui) comes Gloucestriæ, et comes Hugo, et comes de Clar. debent tenere de Exoniæ episcopo, sed nullum ei servitium faciunt vel recognoscunt.

Gilebertus marescallus tenet feudum i. militis de Exoniæ episcopo.

NUM. IX.

Ordinatio Decanatus Exon.

[Ex Apographo veteri. MS. Lansd. 935, Kenn. Diptycha.]

OMNIBUS Christi fidelibus præsens scriptum inspecturis capitulum beati Petri Exon. perpetuum in Domino salutem. Noverit universitas vestra quod cum Exon. ecclesia usque ad tempora nostra decano caruerit, nos ad honorem Dei et cultum in ecclesia Christi ampliandum ad imitationem aliarum cathedralium ecclesiarum ordinarum de consensu venerabilis patris nostri W. Briwere [Exon. episcopi concessimus et providimus ut in Exon. ecclesia temporibus nostris et in perpetuum, canonicæ, a Capitulo et de capitulo unus de canonicis eligatur decanus, et solempniter instituatur. Decani autem officium in Exon. ecclesia hoc erit, ut cum ipse omnibus canonicis, vicariis, et aliis clericis de choro et de capitulo in animarum regimine et morum correctione præmineat, causas omnes spirituales eorum ad capitulum spectantes audire, et iudicio capituli teneatur terminare, excessus canonicorum et aliorum de choro corripere et delinquentium personas juxta delicti quantitatem et personarum qualitatem in capitulo et iudicio capituli debita animadversione punire. Ad eundem etiam spectabit confessiones canonicorum et aliorum de choro audire et penitencias injungere in propria persona, vel ad eum cui ipse hoc officium de consensu capituli assignaverit, ni aliquis de choro petita licentia a Decano vel ad hoc officium deputato alium confessorem petierit. Præterea canonici institutionem ab episcopo, a Decano vero possessionem præbendarum accipient. Decani erit etiam canonicis jam institutis communam ecclesiæ conferre, et eis stallum in choro, et locum in capitulo assignare. Vicarias vacantes de consensu capituli ad præsentationes canonicorum præsentium idoneo clerico conferre; absentium vero canonicorum vicariæ ordinentur per decanum et capitulum prout viderint expedire; ita tamen quod canonicus ad ecclesiam suam rediens possit pro voluntate sua vicarium admissum amovere. Præterea nullus clericorum in superiori gradu vel in secunda forma in choro admittetur nisi de licentia decani. Item omni duplici festo, absente episcopo et in prima Dominica Adventus, et in Dominica Palmarum, et in capite jejunii et in tribus diebus ante Pascha, et in vigilia Pentecostes, et in anniversariis episcoporum et decanorum ecclesiæ divinum tenetur exequi officium. Tenetur item in ecclesia Exon. residentiam facere secundum consuetudinem aliorum Decanorum in Ecclesiis ordinatis in Cant. provincia. Dignitas autem decani est ut nullus Vicariorum ecclesiæ sanguinem minuat vel a civitate recedat foris per unam noctem moram facturum ex ecclesia sancta ni licentia decani petita et optenta. Item decanus chorum vel capitulum intranti vel transitum facienti clerici omnes tenentur assurgere. Erit autem decanus contentus unica communia sicut simplex cano-

nonicus, donec communæ aliquæ aliunde de novo conferantur, ad hoc ut plenius et uberius possit et debeat ei in communâ provideri. Item nullam habebit jurisdictionem vel potestatem in ecclesia vel extra de communâ vel re aliqua temporali ad eam spectante aliam quam alius simplex canonicus. Hanc autem ordinationem decani et eorum quæ ad eam pertinent et ad capitulum futuris temporibus firmiter observandam in Exon. ecclesia providimus, et quo minus in aliqua parte mutiletur. Nos pro posse nostro procuraturos invocato Dei omnipotentis nomine promisimus et si quid contra hoc fuerit impetratum quod nullius momenti censeatur, sed irritum et vacuum habeatur; salvis dignitatibus, consuetudinibus, libertatibus, archidiaconi Exon. archidiaconi Totton. præcentoris, thesaurarii in Exon. ecclesia, quibus libertatibus, dignitatibus, et consuetudinibus, ipsi vel ipsorum prædecessores usi sunt ratione dignitatum suarum ante creationem Decani. Et ad hæc omnia fideliter observanda et ad procurandum pro posse suo ut observentur obligavit se capitulum jurejurando corporali præstito. Canonici scilicet qui hiis agendis interfuerunt videl. archid. Exon. et cæteri scilicet B. archidiaconus Totton. A. Thesaurarius, H. archid. Tanton. magister H. de Warewike, magister Ysauc, W. de Swyndon, R. Colc. A. de Limesi, Eustachius, Daniel de Longo Campo, Thomas Mandut, G. de Bisman, magister R. de Didesham per G. fratrem suum procuratorem. Acta sunt hæc anno ab incarnatione Domini mcccxxv. die sancti Andreæ apostoli, pontificatus venerab. patris W. Briwere anno secundo in Exon. ecclesia.

NUM. X.

Charta Henrici Regis Tertii, priorum Regum Chartas recensentis et confirmantis.

[Cart. de aº. 55 H. III. n.]

HENRICUS Dei gratia rex Angliæ, dominus Hiberniæ, et dux Aquitanniæ, archiepiscopis, episcopis, abbatibus, prioribus, comitibus, baronibus, justiciariis, vicecomitibus, præpositis, ministris et omnibus ballivis et fidelibus suis, salutem. Inspeximus cartam Æthelredi quondam regis Angliæ factam Deo et ecclesiæ beati Petri Exoniæ in hæc verba.

‘Rector altipolorum culmine atque architector summæ fabricæ æthereæ aulæ ex nihilo quidem cuncta creavit, cælumque scilicet et terram et omnia quæ in eis sunt; candida quidem angelica agmina, solem, lucidaque astra et cætera quæ super firmamento sunt, mundi autem fabricam inenarrabili disponens ordine, ut Genesis testatur, et hominem sexto die formavit ad similitudinem suam, Adam videlicet, quadriformi plasmatum materia; unde nunc constat genus humanum, quæ in terris moratur, et ima terra larvarica latibula, ubi et Lucifer cum decimo ordine per superbiam de cælo ruit. Sed et hoc invidet pestifer Chelidrus, protoplastum à Deo conditum intellexerat ut hoc impleret, à quo ipse miser cum satelliti illius de cælo projecti sunt. Heu quidem boni creati sunt, sed miserabiliter decepti. Ideo invidus Zabulus totis viribus homini invidet, suadet mulieri, mulier viro; per suasionem atque per inobedientiam ambo decepti sunt fraudulenter per gustum pomi ligni vetiti, atque amœnitate paradisi dejecti sunt in hoc ærumnoso seculo, et lethum sibi ac posteris suis promeruerunt, atque in tetrum abyssi demersi sunt. Sed hoc misericors et piissimus pater indoluit perire tamdiu nobilem creaturam, sui imaginem, misertus est generi humano, misit nobis in tempore, id est, post quinque millia annorum, proprium filium suum, ut mundum perditum iterum renovaret, ut sicut mulier genuit mortem in mundo, ita per mulierem enixa est nobis vita in mundo; et sicut per delictum Adæ omnes corruimus, ita per obedientiam Christi omnes surreximus: et sicut mors per lignum introivit, ita et vita per lignum sanctæ crucis venit et antiquum inimicum superavit, et fortis fortem alligavit et in imo baratro retrusit. Justè periit qui injustè decepit, atque omnes antiquas turmas à fauce pessimi leonis eripuit, et ovem perditam in humeris posuit, et ad antiquam patriam reduxit, et decimum ordinem implevit.

Unde ego Æthelredus, compunctus Dei misericordia, totius Albionis cæterarumque gentium triviatum persistentium basileus, dum plerumque cogitarem de hujus seculi caduci rebus transitoriis, quomodo superni arbitris examine, cuncta quæ videntur vana sunt, et quæ non videntur æterna, et cum transitoriis rebus perpetua præmia adquirantur. Qua de re nunc patefacio omnibus catholicis, quod cum concilio et licentia episcoporum ac principum et omnium optimatum meorum, pro amore Domini nostri Jusu Christi, atque sancti confessoris Germani, necnon et beati eximii Petroci, pro redemptione animæ meæ, et pro absolutione criminum meorum, donavi episcopium Ealdredi episcopi, id est, in provincia Cornubiæ, ut libera sit eique subjecta omnibusque posteris ejus, ut ipse gubernet atque regat suam parochiam sicuti alii episcopi qui sunt in mea ditione, locusque atque regimen sancti Petroci semper in potestate ejus sit successorumque illius. Itaque omnium regalium tributorum libera sit atque laxata, vi exactorum, operum, pœnaliū causarum, necnon et furum comprehensione, cunctaque seculi gravedine, absque sola expeditione atque libera perpetualiter permaneat.

Quicumque ergo hoc augere atque multiplicare voluerit, amplificet Deus bona illius in regione viventium, paceque nostra conglutinata vicens et florens atque inter agmina beatitudinis tripudia succedat qui nostræ donationis muneri consentiat. Si quis verò tam epilenticus philargyriæ seductus amentia, quod non optamus, hanc nostræ elemosinæ dapsilitatem ausu temerario infringere temptaverit, sit ipse alienatus à consortio sanctæ Dei ecclesiæ, necnon et à participatione sacrosancti corporis et sanguinis Jesu Christi, filii Dei, per quem totus terrarum orbis ab antiquo humani generis inimico liberatus est, et cum Juda, Christi proditore, sinistra in parte deputatus, ni prius hic digna satisfactione humilis pœnituerit quod contra sanctam Dei ecclesiam rebellis agere præsumpsit, nec in vita hac practica veniam nec in theorica requiem apostata obtineat ullam, sed æternis baratri incendiis trusus jugiter miserrimus crucietur.

Anno Dominicæ incarnationis dccccxciiij. indictione vij. scripta est hæc cartula à venerabili archiepiscopo Sigerico, Dorobernensis ecclesiæ, hujus munificentia cyrographa.

Hiis testibus consentientibus quorum inferius nomina decusatim Domino disponente caraxantur.

Ego Athelredus, Britanniæ totius Anglorum monarchus, hoc agyæ crucis taumate roboravi.

Ego Sigeric Dorobernensis ecclesiæ archiepiscopus, præfati regis benevolentia lætus, consensi. Ego Alfuh præsul, canonica subscriptione manu propria hylaris et triumphans, subscripsi. Ego Ealdred, plebis Dei famulus, jubente rege signum sanctæ crucis plaudens impressi. Ego Alfwod pontifex, agyæ crucis testitudine intepidus, hoc donum lepidissimè roboravi. Ego Ordbright legis Dei catascopus, hoc eulogium propria chyra devotus consolidavi. Ego Ælrich episcopus Wiltanæ civitatis consensi et subscripsi. Ego Wulfryc episcopus Shireburnensis ecclesiæ consensi et subscripsi.

Ego Athelwerd dux. Ego Ælfric dux. Ego Leofric dux. Ego Leofwine dux. Ego Leofric abbas. Ego Ealfred abbas. Ego Ælfric abbas. Ego Brichtelm abbas. Ego Athelwin minister. Ego Alfrie minister. Ego Alfwine minister. Ego Leofwyne minister. Ego Osulf minister.

Inspeximus etiam chartam Chnuti quondam regis Angliæ factam Deo et eidem ecclesiæ in hæc verba.

‘Rector altipolorum culmine atque architector summæ fabricæ æthereæ aulæ ex nihilo quidem cuncta creavit, cælum scilicet et terram et omnia quæ in eis sunt, candida quidem angelica agmina, solem, lunam, lucidaque astra et cætera quæ super firmamento sunt; mundi autem fabricam inenarrabili disponens ordine ut Genesis testatur, et hominem sexto die formavit ad similitudinem suam, Adam videlicet quadriformi plasmatum materia. Unde nunc constat genus humanum et ima terra larvarica latibula, ubi et Lucifer cum decimo ordine per superbiam de cælo ruit. Sed et hoc invidet pestifer Chelidrus, prothoplastum à Deo conditum intellexerat

ut hoc impleteret à quo ipse miser et satellites illius de cœlo projecti sunt. Heu quidem boni creati sunt, sed miserabiliter decepti, ideoque invidus Zabulus totis viribus homini invidet, suadet mulieri, mulier viro; per suasionem atque per inobedientiam ambo decepti sunt fraudulentè per gustum pomi ligni vetiti, atque amœnitatē paradysi dejecti sunt in hoc ærumpnoso seculo, et lethum sibi et posteris suis promeruerunt, atque in tetrum abyssi demersi sunt. Sed hoc piissimus pater indoluit perire tamdiu nobilem creaturam sui imaginem, misertus est generi humano, misit nobis in tempore, id est, post quinque millia annorum, proprium filium suum ut mundum perditum iterum renovaret, ut sicut mulier genuit mortem in mundo, ita per mulierem enixa est nobis vita in mundo. Et sicut per delictum Adæ omnes corruimus, ita per obedientiam Christi omnes surreximus; et sicut mors per lignum intravit, ita et vita per lignum sanctæ crucis venit et antiquum inimicum superavit, et fortis fortem alligavit, et in imo baratro retrusit. Justè periit qui injustè decepit; atque omnes antiquas sanctas turmas à fauce pessimi leonis eripuit, et ovem perditam in humeris posuit, et ad antiquam patriam reduxit, et decimum ordinem implevit.

Unde ego Cnhut rex Anglorum cæterarumque gentium persistentium in circuitu, patefacio omnibus hanc cartulam legentibus et auscultantibus, quod Athelredus dux revelavit mihi, quod mei præpositi in Devēna provincia imponebant jugum servitutis prædiis sanctæ ecclesiæ Dei et ejus genetricis Mariæ omniumque sanctorum quæ est in Excestria, diruto monasterio à paganis et crematis privilegiis quæ antiqui reges concesserant supradicto cœnobio. Quamobrem ego Cnhut Deo favente totius Albionis primicerius, pro petitione supradicti ducis, et pro remedio animæ meæ, mearumque culparum emendatione, atque incolumitate mei regni, hanc cartulam concedo Athelwoldo abbati, ejusque fratribus ut suis successoribus in prædicto monasterio commorantibus, ad perpetuam libertatem, et liberum permaneat ipsum monasterium cum omnibus prædiis illi concessis, et cum omnibus rebus ad eum ritè pertinentibus, id est, campis, pratis, pascuis, silvis, venationibus, piscariis, ab omni regali et seculari gravedine majori aut minori, exceptis assiduis orationibus, nisi sola expeditione, et pontis constructione. Et si aliquid pro expeditione aut pro aliquo regali tributo reddatur, detur monasterio.

Quicumque ergo hoc donum vel hanc nostram libertatem augere vel multiplicare voluerit, amplificet Deus bona illius in regione viventium, paceque nostra conglutinata vigens et florens, atque inter agmina beatitudinis tripudia succedat qui nostræ donationis muneri consentiat. Si quis verò tam epilenticus philargyriæ seductus amentia, quod non optamus, hanc nostræ elemosinæ dapsilitatem ausu temerario infringere tentaverit, sit ipse alienatus à consortio sanctæ Dei ecclesiæ, necnon et à participatione sacrosancti corporis et sanguinis Jesu Christi filii Dei per quem totus terrarum orbis ab antiquo humani generis inimico liberatus est, et cum Juda, Christi proditore, sinistra in parte deputatus, nisi priùs hîc digna satisfactione humilis pœnituerit quod contra sanctam Dei ecclesiam rebellis agere præsumpserit, nec in vita hac practica veniam, nec in theorica requiem apostata obtineat ullam, sed æternis baratri incendiis jugiter miserrimus crucietur. Anno Dominicæ incarnationis mxi. indictione secunda, scripta est hujus munificentie singrapha. Hiis testibus consentientibus quorum inferius nomina, secundum uniuscujusque dignitatem utriusque ordinis decusatum, Domino disponente, caraxantur.

✠ Ego Cnhut, Britannia Anglorum monachus hoc taumate donum agyæ crucis roboravi. ✠ Ego Lyving, Dorovernensis basilicæ primas huic regali dono assensum præbui. ✠ Ego Wilfstān, Eboracensis basilicæ archipontifex signum sanctæ crucis lætus impressi. ✠ Ego Alwig episcopus consensum præbui. ✠ Ego Godwyne episcopus consensi. ✠ Ego Edswyne episcopus adquevi. ✠ Ego Leofsige episcopus annui. ✠ Ego Ælsige episcopus assensi. ✠ Ego Brichtwolf episcopus jussi. Ego Athelstan episcopus roboravi. ✠ Ego Athel-

wine episcopus præbui. ✠ Ego Eadnod episcopus subscripsi. ✠ Ego Bruthwolf episcopus impressi. ✠ Ego Hurewild dux. ✠ Ego Hacun dux. ✠ Ego Leowine dux. ✠ Ego Hasdan dux. ✠ Ego Yric dux. ✠ Ego Æthelred dux. ✠ Ego Milaf dux. ✠ Ego Godwine dux. ✠ Ego Haram dux. ✠ Ego Syhrod dux. ✠ Ego Brithrig abbas. ✠ Ego Ælsige abbas. ✠ Ego Ælfstan abbas. ✠ Ego Ælbere abbas. ✠ Ego Leofric abbas. ✠ Ego Athelwold abbas. ✠ Ego Germanus abbas. ✠ Ego Ætheric abbas. ✠ Ego Ava abbas. ✠ Ego Athelwine abbas. ✠ Ego abbas. ✠ Ego Ælnod abbas. ✠ Ego Filnod abbas. ✠ Ego Elwine minister. ✠ Ego Haldan min. ✠ Ego Swesa min. ✠ Ego Leofric min. ✠ Ego Ælfgar minister. ✠ Ego Odda min. Ego Athig minister. ✠ Ego Ædthig min. ✠ Ego Offerd minister. ✠ Ego Leofsige minister. ✠ Ego Eadsith minister. ✠ Ego Ælfgat minister. ✠ Ego Ælfrieh minister. ✠ Adelmar minister. ✠ Eadwyne minister. ✠ Leofnod minister. ✠ Wulsighe minister. ✠ Eadwig minister. ✠ Wyne minister. ✠ Aelna minister. ✠ Atheline minister. ✠ Sewlf minister. ✠ Aelfric minister. ✠ Sodda minister. ✠ Athelnod minister. ✠ Athelmar minister ✠.

Inspeximus etiam cartam beati Edwardi quondam regis Angliæ factam prædictæ ecclesiæ in hæc verba.

‘Igitur cum universa in sapientia à Deo bene condita sint, videlicet, cœlum arum et quæ in eis continentur, dignum quippe æquumque dinoscitur fore, quamquam impossibilitas ægre humanitatis humanos actus plurimis calamitatibus conturbet, quod nos qui rectos hominum à Deo constituti dicimur, instinctu supernæ clementiæ, juxta modulum nostræ censuræ prudenter æquitatem civilis exquirere studeamus scientiæ, atque præcipuè res ecclesiasticas benignè discutiendo tractare, et ea quæ cernuntur nostris non æqua obtutibus rectius constituere, sicque sancita ad perfectum innocentie sive utriusque vitæ corroborando gubernare. Equidem gloriosum est nimiumque laudabile destructas ædes sanctorum locorum ad divinum adminiculum exposcendum reædificare, sacraque altaria venustis velis cum nitore pii cordis velare, et unamquamque nocturnam sive diurnam synaxim innovatis modulis resonare. Quapropter, ego Edwardus Dei gratia Anglorum rex, consilio imbutus bonæ voluntatis quam promissum est mihi,^a juxta quod præcipitur in divinis decretis, cathedram pontificalem consolidare Exoniæ civitatis in monasterio beati Petri apostolorum principis, quod est situm infra mœnia ejusdem urbis, auctoritate superni regis, mea meæque conjugis Eadithæ ac universorum episcoporum ducumque meorum per hoc privilegium testamenti atque cautionem chyrographi in perpetuo tempore constituo et præsulem Leofricum, ut sit ibi pontifex et post illum cæteri affuturi, ad laudem et gloriam sanctæ et individue Trinitatis, Patris et Filii et Spiritus Sancti, et ad honorem sancti Petri apostoli. Dono etiam omnes possessiones ad eundem locum pertinentes quæcumque sint, tam in ruribus quàm in pascuis, pratis, silvis, aquis, liberis, servis, ancillis, legibus, censu, pagis, Deo sanctoque Petro fratribusque canonicis ibi famulantibus, ut habeant jugiter subsidium ubertim corporis quo valeant Christo militare sine ulla molestia animi. Hoc autem notum Domino in primis Leoni facio, ipsiusque attestatione confirmo, deincepsque cunctis Anglorum magnatibus, quod Cornubiensis diocesis quæ olim in beati Germani memoria atque Petroci veneratione episcopali solio assignata fuerat, ipsam cum omnibus sibi adjacentibus parochiis, terris, villis, opibus, beneficiis, sancto Petro in Exoniensi civitate trado, scilicet ut una sit sedes episcopalis unumque pontificium et una ecclesiastica regula propter paucitatem atque devastationem bonorum et populorum quam piratici Cornubienses et Crutunenses ecclesias devastare poterant, ac per hoc in civitate Exoniæ tutiorem munitionem adversus hostes habere visum est.^b Et ideo ibi sedem esse volo, hoc est in Cornubia cum suis ecclesiis et Devenonia, cum suis simul in uno episcopatu sint et ab uno episcopo regan-

^a Ita MS.

^b Ita MS.

tur. Ita hoc privilegium ego Edwardus rex manu mea super altare sancti Petri pono, et præsulem Leofricum per dextrum brachium ducens, meaque regina Eaditha per sinistrum, in cathedra episcopali consisto, præsentibus meis ducibus et consanguineis nobilibus, necnon capellanis, et affirmantibus, laudantibusque archiepiscopis Eadfino et Alfrico, cum cæteris aliis quorum nomina describuntur in meta hujus cautionis.

‘Enimvero si quis hoc testamentum privilegii affirmare post meum vitæ transitum et bona ecclesiæ augere tuendo voluerit, augeat omnipotens Deus dies vitæ ejus atque centuplicato fructu nonodecimo coronet eum æterno præmio in gaudio æthereo. Si autem, quod absit, aliquis compilator fraudis, vel cavillator fautoris veneno fomitatus inique cupidinis hanc cautionem seu decretum hujus episcopi destituere aut permutare contemnendo præsumpserit, vel ejusdem minuere, vel detrachere substantiam tentaverit, æternis mancipatus habenis cum diabolo ejusque ministris sit separatus à Christo ipsiusque sanctis disgregationis^a perpetuæ anathematis fiat.

‘Anno igitur incarnationis Dominicæ ML. indictione tertia, epactæque xxv. et concurrentes vij. hæc cautio scripta est, edictione solida karakterata caracteribus testium, jubente piissimo rege Anglorum Edwardo, gubernante eodem feliciter totius monarchiam majoris Britanniae.

‘Ego Edwardus rex hoc donum cautione hac affirmo. Ego Eadsynus archiepiscopus Christi ecclesiæ manu mea subscripsi. Ego Ælfricus archiepiscopus Eboracensis ecclesiæ confirmavi. Ego Stigandus episcopus dignum duxi. Ego Heremannus episcopus corroboravi. Ego Robertus episcopus testis fui. Ego Ealdredus episcopus consolidavi. Ego Godwinus dux. Ego Leofricus dux. Ego Sywerdus dux. Ego Swesen dux. Ego Heraldus dux. Ego Radulfus dux. Ego Egelardus abbas adjuvavi. Ego Elfwinus abbas adjuvavi. Ego Sihricus abbas adjuvavi. Ego Ramboldus presbyter laudavi. Ego Tosti nobilis. Ego Odda nobilis. Ego Birimtricus nobilis. Ego Ordgarus minister. Ego Touinas minister. Ego Elfgarus minister. Ego Radulfus minister. Ego Dodda minister. Ego Eadulfus minister. Ego Ordulfus minister. Ego Ormanus minister. Ego Æthelredus minister.’

Inspeximus etiam chartam domini Johannis regis, patris nostri factam prædictæ ecclesiæ in hæc verba.

‘Johannes, Dei gratia, rex Angliæ, dominus Hiberniæ, dux Normanniæ, Aquitaniæ, et comes Andegaviæ, archiepiscopis, episcopis, abbatibus, comitibus, baronibus, justiciariis, vicecomitibus præpositis, et omnibus ballivis et fidelibus suis, salutem. Sciatis nos concessisse et hac carta nostra confirmasse sanctæ Mariæ et sancto Petro Exoniensis ecclesiæ et H. Exoniensi episcopo et successoribus suis has subscriptas ecclesias, videlicet, ecclesiam sancti Petroci, sancti Stephani, Pirani, Thohon, Probos. Præter hæc autem tres ecclesias in Deuonia, scilicet, ecclesiam de Plymton, ecclesiam de Braunton, et ecclesiam sancti Stephani intra ipsam civitatem Exoniæ, necnon et ecclesiam de Culynton cum omnibus terris et decimis et rebus ad eas pertinentibus, ita liberas et quietas ab omnibus geldis querelis et consuetudinibus sicut fuerunt temporibus antecessorum nostrorum H. regis, avi ac patris nostri, sicut charta ejusdem H. regis rationabiliter testatur.

‘Concessimus etiam et confirmavimus prædictis Exoniensi ecclesiæ, H. ejusdem ecclesiæ episcopo et successoribus suis capellariam de Boseham, cum terris et decimis et omnibus pertinentiis suis, cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus suis, imperpetuum tenendam et possidendam, adeo liberè, quietè, et pacificè sicut aliquis alius eam unquam meliùs et liberiùs tenuit.

‘Quare volumus et firmiter præcipimus, quod prædicta Exoniensis ecclesia, et prædictus H. ejusdem ecclesiæ episcopus et successores sui post eum habeant et teneant omnes prædictas ecclesias et prædictam capellariam de Boseham bene et in pace, liberè et quietè, integrè, plenariè et honorificè, cum omnibus libertatibus et

liberis consuetudinibus suis in omnibus locis et rebus ad eas pertinentibus. Testibus Philippo Dunelmensi episcopo. Galfrido filio Petri, comite Essex. Willielmo de Stutevill. Roberto de Turneham. Hugone Bardolf. Willielmo Brewer. Johanne Marescallo. Willielmo de Cantilupo. Roberto filio Walteri. Ricardo de Riveriis. Data per manum Simonis archidiaconi Wellensis et Johannis de Gray apud Eboracum, xxvj. die Martii anno regni nostri i.’

Nos igitur donationes et concessiones prædictas ratas habentes et gratas, eas pro nobis et hæredibus nostris, quantum in nobis est, concedimus et confirmamus. Hiis testibus, venerabilibus patribus W. Eboracensi archiepiscopo. G. Wigornensi, R. Coventrensi et Lichfeldensi episcopis. Rogero de Somery, Rogero de Leyburn, &c. Data per manum nostram apud Westmonasterium viij. die Maii, anno regni nostri lv.

NUM. XI.

Placita de Juratis et Assis. coram Salomone de Roff et Sociis suis Justic. itinerant. apud Exon. in octab. S. Martini, anno regni Regis Edwardi nono incipiente decimo.

[Ex Record. in domo Capitulari Westmon. asservato.]

WILLIELMUS de Gyselham pro domino rege petit versus decanum et capitulum Exon. advocationem ecclesiæ de Culmestoke ut jus domini regis. Et unde dicit quod Ricardus rex fuit seis. ut de feodo et jure præsentando ad prædictam ecclesiam quemdam Robertum clericum suum qui ad præsentationem suam fuit admissus et institutus tempore pacis capiando inde explec. ad valenc. &c. Et de ipso descendit jus Johanni regi ut fratri et hæredi; et de ipso Johanne, domino Henrico regi ut filio et hæredi, et de ipso Henrico rege domino regi qui nunc petit ut filius et hæres. Et quod tale sit jus domini regis nunc, inde producit sectam.

Et decanus et capitulum veniunt, et defendunt jus domini regis et seisinam prædicti Ricardi prædecessoris sui de prædicta advocatione ut de feodo et jure et totum, &c. Et ponit se in juratam patriæ loco magnæ assisæ domini regis et petit rec. fieri utrum ipsi majus jus habeant in prædicta advocatione an dominus rex nunc.

Et Willielmus de Giselham dicit quod dominus rex vult certiorari per rotulos de cancellaria vel de scaccario de advocatione prædicta, &c. Dies coram domino rege a die Paschæ in unum mensem ubicumque, &c. de audiendo judicio suo, &c. Rot. 37 d.

NUM. XII.

[Ibid.]

WILLIELMUS de Giselham pro domino rege petit versus Petrum episcopum Exon. manerium de Flekeston cum pertinentiis ut jus et eschaeta domini regis de terris Normannorum, &c. Et unde dicit quod quidam Johannes le Gras Normannus tenuit prædictum manerium de domino Henrico rege patre domini regis nunc, et postea adhæsit se ad fidem regis Francorum, per quod prædictum manerium esse debet eschaeta domini regis, &c.

Et Petrus episcopus venit per attornatum suum, et dicit quod aliquo tempore fuerunt Normanni abjudicati de terris suis et tenementis in Anglia, eo quod adhæserunt regi Francorum contra regem Angliæ; et dicit quod postquam iidem Normanni ita abjudicati fuerunt de terris suis et tenementis venit prædictus Johannes le Gras de Normannia in Angl. et perquisivit de quodam Willielmo Trebaud duas ferlingas terræ in prædicto manerio, scilicet anno regni regis Henrici patris domini regis nunc tricesimo, et residuum prædicti manerii idem Johannes recepit et tenuit de eodem Willielmo ad terminum annorum. Et dicit quod idem Johannes obiit bastardus et sine hærede de se, et ad fidem domini regis,

post ejus mortem quidam Johannes filius et hæres prædicti Willielmi Trebaud seisivit prædictum manerium in manum suam tanquam capitalis dominus, qui postea de eodem manerio feofavit Walterum episcopum Exon. prædecess. sui: et desicut prædictus Johannes le Gras obiit bastardus et sine hærede de se et ad fidem domini regis petit judicium, &c.

Et Willielmus de Gisellham qui sequitur, &c. dicit quod prædictus Johannes non perquisivit prædictum manerium tenend. ad terminum, immo in feodo. Dicit etiam quod qualitercumque prædictus episcopus dicit quod prædictus Johannes obiit bastardus et sine hærede dicit quod idem Johannes habuit hæredes in Normannia quibus prædictum manerium descendere debuit per hæreditarium qui quidem hæredes semper adhæserunt fidei regis Francorum contra regem Angliæ. Et dicit quod de eisdem hæredibus accrescere debuit jure hæreditario de prædicto Johanne hoc totum domino reg. debet ratione prædicta, &c. Dies datus est prædicto episcopo coram domino a die Paschæ in unum mensem ubicunque, &c. de audiendo judicio suo, &c. Rot. 38.

NUM. XIII.

[Ibid.]

DECANUS et capitulum Exon. summoniti fuerunt ad respondendum domino regi de placito quo waranto clam. habere visum franci plegii, emendas assisæ panis et cervisiæ fractæ, furcas, tumberellum, pillorium, et placitum de sanguine fuso hutesio levato in Mydebyr et Doulis, et liberam warennam in dominicis terris suis ibidem, sine licentia et voluntate sua vel prædecessorum suorum regum Angliæ, &c.

Et decanus et capitulum veniunt, et quo ad warennam in Midbyr' dicunt quod nullam warennam habent in Mideber' nec ibidem habere clamant. Ideo quo ad hoc, sine die.

Et quo ad warennam in Doulys quod dominus Henricus rex, pater domini regis nunc, concessit et confirmavit decano et capitulo sancti Petri Exon. quod ipsi et successores sui imperpetuum habeant liberam warennam in omnibus dominicis terris suis in Douelys. Et profuerunt cartam ejusdem domini Henrici regis quæ hoc idem testatur. Ideo quo ad hoc, sine die.

Et quo ad visum franci plegii, emendas assisæ panis et cervisiæ fractæ, furcas, tumberellum, pillorium, et placitum de sanguine fuso hutesio levato in Midebyr' et Doulis, dicunt quod ipse et omnes prædecessores sui, a tempore quo non extat memoria, habuerunt prædictas libertates in prædictis villis, et eis usi sunt tanquam pertinentes ad ecclesiam prædictam, et hoc petunt quod inquiratur per patriam. Et quod nullum aliud warantum ostendunt. Ideo ad judicium. Et datus est eis dies coram domino rege a die Paschæ in unum mensem ubicunque, &c. de audiendo judicio suo, &c. Rot. 42.

NUM. XIV.

[Ibid.]

PETRUS Exon. episcopus summonitus fuit ad respondendum domino regi de placito quo waranto clam. habere hundredum de Cridiaton, et quo waranto clam. habere placitum de namio vetito, visum franci plegii, emendas assisæ panis et cervisiæ fractæ, et furcas in Asperton, Tauton Episcopi, Cridiaton, Nymeton Episcopi, Criditon, Toynton Episcopi, Peynton, et Cheddeley, et liberam warennam in dominicis terris suis ibidem sine licentia et voluntate, &c.

Et episcopus venit, et quo ad warennam in prædictis terris suis quod dominus Henricus rex pater domini regis nunc concessit et confirmavit Waltero quondam Exon. episcopo quod ipse et successores sui imperpetuum habeant liberam warennam in omnibus dominicis terris suis in episcopatu Exon. per cartam prædicti domini Henrici regis quam profert et quæ hoc idem testatur. Ideo ipse episcopus quo ad hoc, sine die.

Et quo ad hundredum de Cridiaton dicit quod ipse tenet manerium de Crydton simul cum hundredo de domino rege in capite, et dicit quod ipse et omnes prædecessores sui a tempore quo non extat memoria tenuerunt prædictum hundredum tanquam pertinens ad warennam suam. Et quo ad placitum de namio vetito, visu franci plegii, emendas assisæ panis et cervisiæ fractæ, et furcas in prædictis villis, dicit quod ipse et omnes prædecessores sui a tempore quo non extat habuerunt prædictas libertates et eis usi sunt in maneriis prædictis tanquam pertinentes ad warennam suam prædictam. Et hoc petit quod inquiratur per patriam. Et quod nullum aliud warantum ostendit. Ideo ad judicium. Et datus est eis dies coram domino rege a die Paschæ in unum mensem ubicunque de audiendo judicio suo, &c. Rot. 42.

NUM. XV.

[Ibid.]

DECANUS et capitulum Exon. summoniti fuerunt ad respondendum domino regi de placito quod permittant homines thethingæ de Sidebery facere sectam ad hundredum suum de Buddeley quam ad illud facere debent, &c.

Et decanus et capitulum veniunt et bene cognoscunt quod quatuor homines de thethinga prædicta debent facere et faciunt sectam ad hundredum prædictum bis per annum pro tota thethinga. Et quod de cætero prædictam sectam faciant. Ideo quo ad hoc inde sine die, &c. Rot. 43.

NUM. XVI.

[Ibid.]

DECANUS et capitulum Exon. summoniti fuerunt ad respondendum domino regi de placito quod permittat homines thethingæ suæ de Saltcunbe facere sectam ad hundredum domini regis de Buddeleg de tribus septimanis in tres septimanas quam ad illud facere deb. &c.

Et decanus et capitulum veniunt, et dicunt quod homines prædictæ thethingæ sequi solebant ad hundredum prædictum cum præposito et duobus hominibus ter per annum, de qua quidem secta dominus rex modo est in seisina, et quod aliter sectam illam facere non consueverunt petit quod inquiratur per patriam. Ideo inquiratur. Et juratores dicunt super sacr. suum quod decennarius cum quatuor hominibus prædictæ thethingæ venire debent ter per annum ad hundredum de Buddeleg et taliter semper venire et sequi ibidem consueverunt de qua quidem secta dominus rex modo est in seisina. Ideo dies datus est eis coram domino rege a die Paschæ in unum mensem ubicunque, &c. de audiendo judicio suo, &c. Rot. 44 d.

NUM. XVII.

[Ibid.]

DECANUS et capitulum Exon. summoniti fuerunt ad respondendum domino regi de placito quo waranto clam. habere placitum de hutesio levato et sanguine fuso, visu franci plegii, emend. assisæ panis et cervisiæ fractæ in Saltcunbe sine licentia, &c.

Et decanus et capitulum veniunt, et dicunt quod ipse et omnes prædecessores sui habuerunt libertates prædictas a tempore quo non exstat memoria et eis usi sunt absque interruptione, et eo waranto clam. ipse habere libertates prædictas.

Et Willielmus de Gyselham qui sequitur pro domino rege dicit quod prædictæ libertates sunt annexæ coronæ et dignitati domini regis quas nullus habere poterit sine speciali waranto; et petit judicium desicut prædicti decanus et capitulum nullum warantum inde ostend. Et datus est eis dies coram domino rege a die Paschæ in unum mensem ubicunque, &c. de audiendo judicio suo, &c. Rot. 44 d.

NUM. XVIII.

Plac. de Quo Waranto coram Joh. de Berewyk et aliis Justic. itinerantibus apud Lanceneton in Com. Cornub. in octab. S. Mich. 30 Edw. I.

[Ex Record. in Domo Capitul. Westm. asservat.]

THOMAS episcopus Exon. summonitus fuit ad respondend. domino regi de placito quo waranto clamat habere infangenthef, emend. assisæ panis et cervisiæ fractæ, et estraum, et weyf in maneriis suis de la Wic-tone, de Sancto Germano, et de Poltone, et emend. assisæ panis et cervisiæ fractæ et estraum in manerio suo de Tragaer' et emend. assisæ panis et cervisiæ fractæ in manerio suo de Penryn, et liberum burgum et mercatum et quicquid ad mercatum et feriam pertinet ibidem et liberam warennam in omnibus dominicis terris suis in com. Cornub. &c.

Et episcopus per attornatum suum venit. Et quo ad mercatum, feriam, et liberam warennam dicit quod dominus Henricus rex pater domini regis nunc concessit cuidam Waltero quondam episcopo Exon. prædecessori suo libertates illas habendas sibi et successoribus suis imperpetuum per cartam ipsius domini Henrici regis quam profert, et quæ hoc idem testatur. Ideo quo ad prædictas episcopus inde sine die salvo, &c. Et quo ad alias libertates dicit quod ipse et omnes prædecessores sui libertates illas habuerunt a tempore quo non exstat memoria, et eisdem hucusque usi sunt sine interruptione, et eo waranto clamat habere easdem libertates, &c. et hoc petit quod inquiratur, &c.

Juratores dicunt super sacramentum suum quod prædictus episcopus et prædecessores sui a tempore quo non extat memoria prædictis libertatibus usi sunt sine interruptione aliqua, videlicet habendi infangenthef, emend. assisæ panis et cervisiæ fractæ, et estraum, et weyf in maneriis suis de la Wytton, &c. et de Polton, &c. et libertates prædictas quas dominus rex ab eo exig. in manerio suo de Penryn et liberum burgum ibid. et libertates ad burgum illud pertinent. sicut prædictum est, et quo ad libertates in manerio suo de Tregaer dicunt quod prædictus episcopus et omnes prædecessores sui habuerunt prædictas libertates assisæ panis et cervisiæ, &c. de quadam decena de villanis suis et liberis tenentibus suis ibidem, et hoc a tempore quo non extat memoria sine interruptione. Et juratores quæsi si prædictus episcopus libertates alias unquam super dominum regem occupavit, dicunt quod non. Idcirco prædictus episcopus inde sine die, &c. salvo, &c.

NUM. XIX.

De Cancellaria Ecclesiæ Exon.

[Pat. 8 Edw. II. p. 1.]

REX &c. Inspeximus literas patentes Petri quondam Exon. episcopi in hæc verba: 'Universis &c. Petrus miseratione divina Exon. episcopus salutem. Noveritis universitas vestra quod nos exilitatem Cancellariæ ecclesiæ Exon. intuentes quod ad continuam residentiam ad quam Cancellarium in dicta ecclesia de cætero teneri volumus non sufficiat, ecclesiam sanctæ Newelinæ in Cornubia cujus ad nos pertinet advocatio, capituli nostri Exon. consensu, eidem cancellariæ annectimus et appropriamus, ac domino Clementi de Langeford nunc cancellario dictæ ecclesiæ Exon. et successoribus suis concedimus, possidendam sicut dominus Rogerus de Sancto Constantino ultimus rector ejusdem eam possidebat, statuentes ut ipsa ecclesia Sanctæ Newelinæ una cum ecclesia de Stok Gabriel unicum beneficium censeatur, ad dignitatem pertinens memoratam. Volumus etiam quod quicumque dictam cancellariam sic augmentatam obtinuerit, in theologia vel decretis continue legat in civitate Exon. quodque nisi tali qui de una dictarum scientiarum legere noverit dicta dignitas de cætero minime conferatur. Si tamen per corporis impotentiam excusatus legere nequiverit, alium ad hoc aptum, videlicet aliquem idoneum et expertum magistrum vel bachalaurium in theologia vel decretis virum suis sumptibus inveniet. Si vero residere, et per se seu per alium

legere contempserit, reservamus nobis et successoribus nostris potestatem dictam ecclesiam Sanctæ Newelinæ in manus nostras resumendi, et eam aliis conferendi, non obstante annexione. Dat. 12 kal. Maij 1283, et consecrationis nostræ anno tertio.' Nos autem annexionem et appropriationem prædictas, ratas habemus: 30 Jan. Per finem xx. marcarum.

NUM. XX.

Carta Edwardi III. Regis.

[Cart. 36 Edw. III. m. 12, n. 16.]

Rex, archiepiscopis, episcopis, &c. salutem. Inspeximus cartam Henrici quondam regis Angliæ progenitoris nostri in hæc verba. In nomine sanctæ et individuæ Trinitatis. Ego Henricus, Willielmi Anglorum primi regis filius, totiusque Angliæ rex ac moderator; notum facio omnibus, clero simul et populo tam præsentis seculi quàm futuri, quia Dei misericordia compunctus, pro absolutione peccatorum meorum, et salute animæ meæ, reddo et restituo sanctæ Mariæ, et sancto Petro Exoniensis ecclesiæ has subscriptas ecclesias ita omnibus modis liberas et quietas sicut eas donatas esse à præclaris regibus prædecessoribus meis ipsorum chartæ testantur: ecclesiam videlicet sancti Petroci, sancti Stephani, Perani, Tohon, Probos, cum omnibus terris et rebus ad eas pertinentibus, ita liberas et quietas ab omnibus geldis querelis et consuetudinibus, sicut fuerint temporibus antecessorum meorum. Præter hæc autem tres ecclesias in Devoniam quas piæ memoriæ Willielmus rex pater meus, Willielmo episcopo Exoniæ, dum adhuc capellanus suus esset, dedit, ecclesiam scilicet de Plintona, ecclesiam de Bramtona, et ecclesiam sancti Stephani intra ipsam civitatem Exoniæ: ipsas concedo et dono sedi episcopali Exoniæ hæreditario jure imperpetuum optinendas, pro redemptione animæ meæ et patris mei, cum omnibus terris et decimis et rebus ad eas pertinentibus, ita liberas et quietas ab omnibus consuetudinibus et querelis sicut pater meus prædicto Willielmo eas dederat. Necnon et ecclesiam de Culitona, quam ego præfato Willielmo episcopo dederam similiter concedo et dono sedi episcopali Exoniæ pro remissione peccatorum meorum, cum terris et decimis et omnibus rebus ad eam justè pertinentibus. Et ut hæc ita data inviolabiliter et inconcussè sub æterno munimento permaneant, signo sanctæ crucis consignata dimitto. ✠ Ego Adelidis regina confirmo. Ego Willielmus, Cantuariensis archiepiscopus confirmo. Ego Turstinus, Eboracensis archiepiscopus confirmo. Ego Ricardus, Londoniensis episcopus confirmo. Ego Willielmus, Wintoniensis episc. confirmo. ✠ Ego Rogerius, Saresburiensis episcopus confirmo. ✠ Ego Alexander, Lincolnensis episcopus confirmo. ✠ Ego Ebrardus, Norwicensis episcopus confirmo. Ego Herveius, Eliensis episcopus confirmo. Ego Radulfus, Cicestrensis episcopus confirmo. Ego Rannulfus, Dunelmiensis episcopus confirmo. ✠ Ego Robertus, Coventrensis episcopus confirmo. Ego Teoldus, Wygornensis episcopus confirmo. Ego Bernardus, de Sancto David episcopus confirmo. Ego Ricardus, Herefordensis episcopus confirmo. Ego Godefridus, Bathoniensis episcopus confirmo. Ego Gaufridus, cancellarius confirmo. Ego Gaufridus, abbas sancti Petri Wynton. confirmo. Ego Osbertus, abbas de Tavistocha confirmo. Ego Turstinus, abbas de Sireburna confirmo. Ego Vincentius, abbas Abendonensis confirmo. Ego Safridus, abbas Glestoniensis confirmo. Ego Willielmus, abbas Cernensis confirmo. Ego Robertus comes de Glocestria consigno. Ego Willielmus, comes de Sudreia consigno. Ego David, comes de Huntendona consigno. Ego Ranulfus, comes de Cestra consigno. Ego Rogerus comes de Warwic consigno. Ego Robertus comes de Legrecestria consigno. Ego Hugo Bygotus dapifer consigno. Ego Willielmus de Albinneio consigno. Ego Nigellus de Albinneio consigno. Ego Ricardus filius Balduini consigno. Ego Balduinus de Redveriis consigno. Ego Johellus de Berdestapula consigno. Ego Guido de Toteneis consigno. Ego Robertus de Badentona consigno. Ego Willielmus filius Odo-

nis consigno. Ego Goislinus de Pomereda consigno. Ego Rainaldus de Valletorta consigno. Ego Willielmus filius Ricardi consigno. Ego Herbertus de Alneto consigno. Ego Unfridus de Bohun consigno. Ego Walterus filius Turstini consigno. (&c.)

NUM. XXI.

Pro Residentibus in Ecclesia Cathedrali Exon. contra inferentes Bullas papales in eorum præjudicium.

[Pat. 51 Edw. III. m. 36, dors.]

REX archiepiscopis, episcopis, abbatibus, prioribus, decanis, archidiaconis, præpositis, sacristis, præbendariis in ecclesiis cathedralibus sive collegiatis, officialibus, advocatis, procuratoribus, et omnibus aliis personis ac iudicibus ecclesiasticis à quacunque dignitate vel officio constitutis, necnon notariis publicis et aliis quibuscunque ad quos, &c. salutem. Dum fundata per progenitores nostros quondam reges Angliæ ecclesia cathedrali Exon. iidem progenitores nostri eandem ecclesiam de certis maneriis, terris, et tenementis dotaverint, ad finem quod illa maneria, terræ, et tenementa tanquam firmæ et temporalia dictæ ecclesiæ forent, et canonici ejusdem ecclesiæ qui ad residentiam personalem per decanum et capitulum ejusdem ecclesiæ vel præsentem prædicti capituli ex tunc canonice acceptari et ibidem residentiam personalem divina obsequia et alia pietatis opera pro nobis et eisdem progenitoribus nostris juxta ordinationes in eadem ecclesia hactenus usitatas et approbatas exercendo facere contigerit et non alii hujusmodi firmas in auxilium et supportationem residentie suæ in hac parte faciend. haberent. Sane noviter multum mirando audivimus quod Johannes Cheyne et quidam alii canonici ecclesiæ prædictæ offensionem regiam aut ordinationem patronatus nostri in hac parte non verendo sed proprium commodum anteposcentes quasdam provisiones sive collationes de quibusdam firmis ecclesiæ prædictæ a sede apostolica quandam ad sedem illam aliqua provisio inde juxta ordinationes supradictas pertinere non debeat nec aliquibus temporibus retroactis pertinuerit, impetraverunt, et insuper bullas provisionum sive collationum prædictarum quibusdam vestrum earundem provisionum sive collationum executoribus deferre et in easdem firmas colore illo per quosdam vestrum induci et eas sic tenere nituntur et intendunt. Nos attendentes quod hujusmodi provisio si permetteretur non solum in nostri et coronæ nostræ exheredationem et dictæ ecclesiæ et cantiarum in eadem pro animabus dictorum progenitorum nostrorum sic fundatarum subversionem, verum etiam in aliarum quarumcunque ecclesiarum cathedralium et domorum religiosarum de patronatu nostro in regno nostro Angliæ existentium perpetuum præjudicium cederet in eventum. Ac volentes proinde errorem illum ne ejus principium radicem capiat penitus amputare, vobis et cuilibet vestrum sub forisfactura omnium quæ nobis forisfacere poteritis injungendo mandamus ne ipsum Johannem seu aliquam aliam personam aliqua maneria, terras, vel tenementa quæ sunt de possessionibus et firmis ecclesiæ prædictæ nisi secundum consuetudines et ordinationes supradictas fuerint legitime acceptati et ibidem residentiam personalem juxta easdem consuetudines et ordinationes fecerint, dictæque firmæ sibi juxta cursum residentie suæ et consuetudines ejusdem ecclesiæ legitime acciderint per vos vel aliquem vestrum admittere, ingredi seu inde se aliquammodo intromittere vel inde disponere permittatis nec vos in talibus firmis nisi ut prædictum est, aliquo modo intromittatis, maxime cum hujusmodi possessiones mere temporales existant, et cognitio earundem ad nostram curiam regiam et non ad alterius debeat aliquammodo pertinere. Scientes pro certo quod si quicquam contra consuetudines et ordinationes supradictas per ipsum Johannem aut alios prædictos regii juris nostri in hac parte impugnatores per vestri defectum fieri permittatur non solum ad ipsos sed etiam ad vos tanquam cantiarum et jurium dictæ ecclesiæ ac obsequiorum et aliorum pietatis operum prædictorum destructores et ipsius Johannis et aliorum prædictorum fautores et mantentores juxta demerita vestra capiemus. Et si forte

aliqua bullæ, instrumenta, seu processus, firmas prædictas aliquammodo tangentia vobis vel alicui vestrum per prædictum Johannem, procuratores, vel attornatos suos aut alios quoscunque quocunque colore exhibita fuerint tunc eadem bullas, instrumenta, et processus coram nobis et consilio nostro absque dilatione deferatis ut ulterius inde fieri faciamus quod pro punitione eorum ac salvatione juris et patronatus nostrorum in hac parte ac quiete ecclesiæ prædictæ fore viderimus faciend. Teste rege apud Westmonasterium vicesimo tertio die Februarii.

NUM. XXII.

Pro nuper Episcopo Exon. de Concessione ad Vitam, A. D. 1551.

[Pat. 5 Edw. VI. p. 1, m. 34. Rym. Fœd. tom xv. p. 282.]

REX omnibus ad quos &c. salutem. Cum venerabilis pater Johannes Exoniensis episcopus, requisitus per literas nostras, ex considerationibus nos et consiliarios nostros moventibus, episcopatum suum Exon. resignare, ad quod faciendum eum, ut intelleximus, sua extrema senectus provocavit, et etiam provocat, cum non possit suum pastorale officium personaliter exequi ut velit, igitur, ex considerationibus prædictis, et aliis antehac consanguineo nostro comiti Bedfordiæ declaratis, episcopatum suum Exon. in manus nostras sursum reddidit et resignavit, significando nobis qualiter, ad specialem rogatum et requisitionem per literas nostras, et per consiliarios nostros, dederit et concesserit in feodo simplici nonnulla maneria et alios redditus episcopales diversis consiliariis, servientibus, et subditis nostris, qui, ex causis prædictis et aliis, concesserunt præfato Johanni nunc resignanti, durante vitâ suâ naturali, annuitates, prout in eorum cartis sigillis suis signatis continetur. Significavit nobis etiam quod, ultra sic in feodo simplici concessa, supersunt maneria ad firmam locata diversis servientibus nostris et aliis, qui reddunt annuatim ad festa in eorum indenturis expressa, cum quadraginta libris de maneriis de Credyngton et Morchard percipiendis per nunc resignantem durante ejus vitâ, quæ non potest esse nisi brevis, cum fuerit et sit ætatis, ut ait, octoginta septem annorum et amplius, et post ejus decessum, successoribus futuro perpetuo, et cum tresdecim libris rectoriæ de Pynho et Branford Speke sic ad firmam locatæ, et cum septem libris de redditibus et perquisitis ad Palacium Exon. pertinentibus sic in recordis nostris taxatis, communibus annis ad summam in toto de prædictis quadraginta viginti libris novemdecim solidis et undecim denariis et obolo; videlicet, pro Tregayr et Buruayre sexaginta septem libras et septemdecim denarios, et pro Cuttonbeke et Garmyn sexaginta quatuor libras duos solidos undecim denarios et obolum, et pro Lawytton sexaginta duas libras tres solidos quatuor denarios obolum et quadrantem, et pro Cargoll sexaginta libras, et pro Penryn Forum quadraginta octo libras et novem denarios, et pro Penryn Burgo duodecim libras et decem solidos, et pro Nymet Episcopi triginta septem libras septemdecim denarios et quadrantem, et de Peterhays decem libras. Significavit nobis etiam quod ultra prædicta supersunt etiam spiritualia, prout taxantur in recordis nostris communibus annis ad decimam nostram, ad summam centum quadraginta quatuor librarum duorum solidorum et octo denariorum; videlicet, de procuracionibus quadraginta libras, de sinodalibus viginti libras et duodecim solidos, de pensionibus decem libras septem solidos et octo denarios, de finibus institutionum undecim libras sex solidos et octo denarios, de finibus testamentorum et literarum administrationum triginta quatuor solidos, de decanis ruralibus sexaginta duos solidos, de consistorio septem solidos, de decima cunagii sexdecim libras duodecim solidos et quatuor denarios. Et sic de temporalibus et spiritualibus in toto, summam quingentarum sexaginta quinque librarum duorum solidorum septem denariorum et unius oboli, unde in feodis concessis officariis episcopi et aliis ad terminum vitæ ad summam septuaginta novem librarum tresdecim solidorum et quatuor denariorum; videlicet, capitali senescallo decem libras, sub-

seneschallo quatuor libras, supervisorii tresdecim libras sex solidos et octo denarios, receptori tresdecim libras sex solidos et octo denarios, auditori quadraginta solidos, attornato quadraginta solidos, ballivo pallatii et custodi convictorum octo libras, apperitori principali pro ejus officio exercendo sexaginta solidos, atque Wilhelmo Strowbridge receptori prædicto ac receptori decimæ et subsidii de clero Exon. dioc. pro collectione et solutione dictorum subsidii et decimæ apud curiam domini Regis de primis fructibus, percipienti annuatim, durante vitâ dicti resignantis, viginti libras, sic remanet de dictis Spiritualibus et Temporalibus, ultra allocationes prædictas, quadringentas octoginta quinque libras novem solidos tres denarios et unum obolum.

Nos, igitur, sufficienter informati quòd prædicta narrata fuerunt et sunt vera, considerantes ejus fidelia servitia et obsequia in diversis officiis charissimo patri nostro per viginti annos et ultra exhibita, de quibus et aliis suis condignis meritis apud nos et consiliarios nostros est fide dignorum testimonio commendatus, idcirco, ex considerationibus prædictis et aliis nos specialiter moventibus, ac ex certa scientia et mero motu nostris, volumus et ordinamus quod quilibet ejus futurus successor juramentum præstabit corporale, in prima admissione sua ad episcopatum Exon. prædictum, quod non impediet, sed pro posse suo adjuvabit præfatum resignantem, non solum percipere et habere annuitates sibi concessas, prout percepit et habuit ante resignationem suam prædictam, sed etiam omnia arreragia de clero Exon. diocesis et firmis prædictis debita tempore resignationis suæ prædictæ: mandantes consiliariis, servantibus, et subditis nostris, qui dicta annuitates et arreragia solvere tenentur, quòd ea præfato Johanni resignanti plenè et integrè solvant seu solvi faciant, sicut nostram vitare intendunt indignationem et displicentiam.

Ulterius, ex certa scientia et mero motu nostris, ordinamus et concedimus quod dictus Johannes nunc resignans possit in omnibus curiis de recordo, vel in aliis nostris curiis ad ejus libitum et magis commodum, subditos nostros quoscumque implacitare et convenire per nomen Johannis Veysey alias Harmon nuper Exon. episcopi, et quod possit licitè retinere et habere unum capellanum beneficium, vel beneficia curata habentem, qui sibi deserviens a residentia in suis beneficiis curatis, sit exoneratus, prout per præsentem exoneramus; statutis quibuscumque in contrarium editis non obstantibus.

Insuper, ex certa scientia et mero motu nostris per præsentem dicto Johanni resignanti concedimus quod habeat has literas nostras patentes, sub magno sigillo nostro Angliæ debito modo factas et sigillatas; eo quod expressa mentio de vero valore annuo aut de certitudine dictarum annuitatum, aut de aliis donis sive concessionibus per nos, vel per charissimum patrem nostrum præfato Johanni resignanti ante hæc tempora habitis, in præsentibus minimè facta existet, aliquo statuto, actu, ordinatione, provisione, sive restrictione inde in contrarium editis, ordinatis, seu provisus in aliquo non obstantibus. In cujus rei &c. Teste rege apud Westmonasterium decimo quarto die Augusti.

Per breve de privato sigillo.

NUM. XXIII.

De Concessione Episcopatus Exon.

[Pat. 5 Edw. VI. p. 1, m. 34. Rym. Fæd. tom. xv. p. 283.]

REX omnibus ad quos &c. salutem. Cum Episcopatus Exoniensis de episcopo sit vacuus, ac de pastore idoneo, per liberam resignationem Johannis nuper illius loci episcopi, jam destitutus extiterit, et ad nostram collationem et donationem de jure pertineat, nos volentes aliam idoneam personam ad episcopatum prædictum conferre, ac existimantes dilectum nobis Milonem Coverdale sacræ theologiæ professorem, propter ejus singularem sacrarum literarum doctrinam moresque probatissimos quibus præditus est, fore virum idoneum pro loco et officio prædicto, Sciatis igitur quod nos, de gratia nostra speciali ac ex certa scientia et mero motu

nostris, contulimus, dedimus, et concessimus, ac per præsentem conferimus, damus, et concedimus præfato Miloni Coverdale dictum episcopatum Exon. ac ipsum Milonem in episcopatum Exon transferimus, et eundem Milonem episcopum Exon. et diocesis Exon. nominamus, facimus, creamus, declaramus, et constituimus per præsentem, habendum, tenendum, exercendum, et gaudendum dictum episcopatum Exon. eidem Miloni durante vitâ suâ naturali, una cum omnibus dominiis, maneriis, terris, tenementis, hæreditamentis, possessionibus, et juribus, tam spiritualibus quam temporalibus, ac omnibus aliis proficuis, commoditatibus, emolumentis, officiis, dignitatibus, auctoritatibus, præeminentiis, et jurisdictionibus quibuscumque eidem episcopatu ac officio pastoralis ejusdem modo spectantibus seu incumbentibus. Ac volumus et per præsentem concedimus præfato Miloni nunc Exon. episcopo quod ipse licitè, liberè, et quietè possit et valeat, quoscumque clericos idoneos infra diocesis Exon. ubicumque oriundos, et alios in ea parte legitime dimissos et licentiatos, ad omnes etiam sacros et presbiteratos ordines legitime ordinare et promovere, præsentatosque ad beneficia ecclesiastica quaecumque infra dictam diocesis et jurisdictionem episcopatus Exon. existentia et constituta admittere, ac in et de eisdem instituere et investire, et si functione ecclesiasticâ invenerit non idoneos destituere et ab eisdem amovere, necnon quaecumque beneficia, dignitates, et promotiones ecclesiasticas, ad collationem et dispositionem dicti episcopi Exon. spectantia et pertinentia conferre et donare, testamentaque et ultimas voluntates quorumcumque defunctorum infra dictam diocesis et jurisdictionem episcopatus Exonien. atque administrationes bonorum quorumcumque ejusdem diocesis et jurisdictionis ab intestato seu per viam intestati decedentium approbare, insinuare, et committere, ac bona eorumdem decedentium, in casibus a jure permissis, sequestrare, calculumque, computum, et ratiocinium exigere et capere, et alia quaecumque in ea parte necessaria facere, atque causas, lites, et negotia quaecumque, ad forum ecclesiasticum spectantia et pertinentia ad dictum episcopum, per viam querelæ seu appellationis seu aliàs devolvenda, tam ad instantiam et petitionem partium quam ex officio mero mixto vel promoti, audire, expedire, cognoscere, et examinare, ac ea et eas cum suis incidentibus, emergentibus, dependentibus, annexis, et connexis quibuscumque discutere, decidere, terminare, et finire; ecclesiam quoque cathedrali civitatis et diocesis Exon. totumque clerum et populum earumdem, tam in capite quàm in membris, quotiens et quando opus fuerit et videbitur expediens, visitare, ac de et super quibuscumque criminibus, excessibus, et delictis ad forum ecclesiasticum spectantibus, infra dictam diocesis Exon. et jurisdictionem episcopatus Exon. prædicti, commissis et perpetratis, tam ex officio mero mixto quam promoti, inquirere, et quoscumque delinquentes sive criminosos, per censuras ecclesiasticas et alia legitima juris ecclesiastici remedia debitè corrigere, reformare, et punire, ac quoscumque officiales, commissarios, et alios ministros pro debita executione, exercitio, et expeditione præmissorum deputare et de novo præficere, cæteraque omnia et singula in præmissis seu aliquo præmissorum, ac circa ea necessaria seu quomodolibet opportuna, ac cætera quaecumque auctoritatem et potestatem et jurisdictionem ordinarias et episcopales, ac officia pastoralia quovismodo respicientia, tangentialia, et concernentia (præter et ultra ea quæ ex sacris literis divinitus commissæ esse dinoscuntur) vice, nomine, et auctoritate nostris regiis, exequi, exercere, facere, et expedire, ac executioni demandare.

Et ulterius volumus et concedimus ac licentiam damus præfato Miloni Exon. episcopo quòd ipse licitè et impunè, virtute harum literarum patentium, absque brevi de liberatione vel amoveas manum, aut restitutione temporalium, vel aliquo alio brevi seu warranto a nobis, hæredibus, vel successoribus nostris quoquo modo impetrando seu prosequendo, in omnia et singula dominia, maneria, terras, tenementa, reventiones, et possessiones dicti episcopatus Exon. ingredi et intrare, ac exitus et proficua inde capere, percipere, habere, et gau-

dere valeat et possit, absque aliqua poena seu poenaltate vel forisfactura vel denariorum summa quacumque, aut aliquo alio nobis, hæredibus, vel successoribus nostris quoquo modo perdendo vel forisfaciendo, aliquo statuto, lege, actu, ordinatione, seu provisione in contrarium inde antehac habitis, factis, editis, ordinatis, seu provisitis, aut aliquâ aliâ re, causa, vel materia quacumque non obstantibus.

Et cum post confectionem actûs parlamenti de concessione primitiarum seu primorum fructuum, ac decimæ sive annualis decimæ partis de dignitatibus, beneficiis, officiis, et promotionibus spiritualibus nobis, hæredibus, et successoribus nostris, in parlamento tento apud Westm. anno regni præcharissimi patris nostri Henrici octavi nuper regis Angliæ vicesimo sexto, editi et provisiti, dictus episcopus Exon. ac possessiones et reventiones, tam spiritualia quam temporalia ejusdem episcopatus, per commissionarios pro taxatione primitiarum seu primorum fructuum, ac decimæ seu annualis decimæ partis ejusdem episcopatus Exon. ac possessionum et reventionum inde, juxta formam et effectum actûs prædicti assignatos et appunctuatos, extendebantur ad annum valorem mille quingentarum sexaginta sex librarum quatuordecim solidorum sex denariorum et unius oboli, prætextu cujus ac vigore, virtute, et auctoritate dicti actûs parlamenti, quælibet persona quæ nominatur electa, præfecta, præsentata, seu aliquo modo appunctuata esset habere dictum episcopatum Exon. onerabitur et onerabilis sit et esset nobis, hæredibus, et successoribus nostris cum summa mille quingentarum sexaginta sex librarum quatuordecim solidorum sex denariorum et unius oboli, pro primitiis seu primis fructibus dicti episcopatus Exon. ac possessionum et reventionum ejusdem episcopatus, totiens quotiens et quodcumque episcopus ille de episcopo vacare contigisset, et alius episcopus ejusdem episcopatus electus, præfectus, nominatus, seu præsentatus fuisset, et eo prætextu episcopus Exon. pro tempore existens, ac dictus episcopus Exon. ac possessiones et reventiones ejusdem episcopatus, onerarentur et onerabiles sint et essent nobis, hæredibus, et successoribus nostris cum annuali summa centum quinquaginta sex librarum tresdecim solidorum quinque denariorum et unius oboli pro decima sive annuali decima parte dicti episcopatus Exon. ac possessionum et reventionum ejusdem episcopatus Exon. prout per certificationem dictorum commissionariorum de possessionibus et reventionibus dicti episcopatus Exon. in Curia nostra Primitiarum et Decimarum de Recordo remanentem, et per dictum actum parlamenti plenius liquet et apparet. Et cum possessiones et reventiones dicti episcopatus Exon. jam multò diminuuntur, ratione et prætextu quarundam sepecialium concessionum de diversis maneriis, terris, tenementis, rectoriis, ac aliis hæreditamentis et reventionibus parcellæ possessionum et reventionum dicti episcopatus Exon. quibusdam personis ac eorum hæredibus et assignatis in feodo simpliciter, per Johannem nuper Exon. episcopum ad requisitionem nostram, et cum licentia nostra antehac facta, ad proprium usum ipsarum personarum, hæredum, et assignatorum suorum imperpetuum, ita quod illæ possessiones et reventiones ejusdem episcopatus quæ modo remanent, et ad eundem episcopatum modo et adhuc spectant et pertinent, non excedunt clarum annum valorem quingentarum librarum ultra reprisas et annualia onera inde exeuntia aut eisdem incumbentia, et eo prætextu non sunt tanti annui valoris quanti possessiones et reventiones ejusdem episcopatus fuerunt ante confectionem dictarum sepecialium concessionum per dictum nuper episcopum dictis sepecialibus personis, ut præfertur, factarum. Nos igitur volentes, tam dictum episcopatum Exon. ac possessiones et reventiones ejusdem episcopatus Exon. quam dictum Milonem nunc episcopum Exon. et successores suos, de dicta summa mille quingentarum sexaginta sex librarum quatuordecim solidorum sex denariorum et unius oboli pro primitiis seu primis fructibus, ac de dicta annuali summa centum quinquaginta sex librarum tresdecim solidorum quinque denariorum et unius oboli pro decima parte dicti episcopatus ac possessionum et reventionum ejusdem, de cætero imperpetuum totaliter exonerari et acquietari, ac volentes

quod dictus episcopus ac possessiones et reventiones ejusdem, de cætero laxarentur ad solutionem primitiarum inde ad quingentas libras legatis monetæ Angliæ et non ultra, et quod idem episcopus Exon. ac possessiones et reventiones ejusdem de cætero laxarentur ad solutionem decimæ et annualis decimæ partis inde ad quinquaginta libras legalis monetæ Angliæ per annum et non ultra, Sciatis quod nos, in consideratione præmissorum, ac pro aliis causis et considerationibus nos ad præsens specialiter moventibus, de gratia nostra speciali, ac ex certa scientia et mero motu nostris, volumus, ac pro nobis, hæredibus, et successoribus nostris concedimus præfato Miloni Exon. episcopo et successoribus suis episcopis Exon. quod maneria, terræ, tenementa, rectoriæ, possessiones, et reventiones dicti episcopatus Exon. de cætero acceptantur fore et esse annui valoris quingentarum librarum legalis monetæ Angliæ et non ultra, ac eadem maneria, terras, tenementa, rectorias, possessiones, et reventiones ad eundem annum valorem quingentarum librarum legalis monetæ Angliæ et non ultra, ex certa scientia nostra extendimus, assessamus, ac valuamus per præsentem, absque alia inquisitione seu aliqua alia extentione de annuo valore possessionum dicti episcopatus, Exon. imposterum quoquomodo facienda.

Et volumus, ac per præsentem pro nobis, hæredibus, et successoribus nostris, ordinamus et concedimus quod episcopus Exon. pro tempore existens, ac dictus episcopus Exon. ac maneria, terræ, possessiones, et reventiones ejusdem episcopatus Exon. de cætero imperpetuum onerabuntur, et onerabilia erunt nobis, hæredibus, et successoribus nostris, cum summa quingentarum librarum legalis monetæ Angliæ et non ultra, nec cum aliqua majori pecuniæ summa pro primitiis seu primis fructibus dicti episcopatus Exon. ac terrarum, possessionum, et reventionum ejusdem episcopatus, totiens quotiens et quodcumque primitiæ et primi fructus de aut pro eodem episcopatu, ac terris, possessionibus, et reventionibus ejusdem episcopatus, nobis, hæredibus, vel successoribus nostris solvi debeant, juxta formam et effectum dicti actûs parlamenti in eo casu, ut præfertur, editum et provisum, ac totiens quotiens et quodcumque dictus episcopus Exon. de episcopo vacare contigerit, et alius episcopus in episcopum ejusdem episcopatus electus, nominatus, præfectus, translatus, præsentatus, seu constitutus fuerit.

Et volumus, ac per præsentem, pro nobis, hæredibus, et successoribus nostris, ordinamus et concedimus quod dictus nunc episcopus Exon. et successores sui episcopi Exon. ac dictus episcopus Exon. ac maneria, terræ, possessiones, et reventiones ejusdem episcopatus, de cætero imperpetuum tantum et solummodo onerabuntur, et onerabiles erunt nobis, hæredibus, et successoribus nostris, cum summa quinquaginta librarum legalis monetæ Angliæ annuatim et non ultra, nec cum aliqua alia seu majori pecuniæ summa pro decima seu annuali decima parte dicti episcopatus Exon. ac terrarum, possessionum, et reventionum ejusdem episcopatus, dicto Actu parlamenti, aut dicta certificatione et extentione annui valoris possessionum et reventionum dicti episcopatus Exon. per commissionarios prædictos in forma prædicta factas, aut aliqua alia inquisitione, actu, lege, ordinatione, seu provisione in contrarium inde antehac habitis, factis, editis, ordinatis, seu provisitis, aut imposterum fiendis, ordinandis, seu providendis, aut aliqua alia re, causa, vel materia quacumque in aliquo non obstantibus.

Et ideo sciatis ulterius quod nos, pro causis et considerationibus prædictis, de gratia nostra speciali, ac ex certa scientia et mero motu nostris, volumus, concedimus, et aggregamus, pro nobis, hæredibus, et successoribus nostris, quod nos, hæredes, et successores nostri de cætero accipiemus, acceptavimus, et de tempore in tempus percipiemus, tam de præfato moderno episcopo Exon. quam de qualibet persona et quibuslibet personis imposterum nominandis, præsentandis, seu conferendis, transferendis, vel aliquo modo appunctuandis ad dictum episcopatum Exon. quingentas libras legalis monetæ Angliæ tantum et non ultra, nec majorem pecuniæ summam pro primitiis seu primis fructibus dicti episcopatus Exon. ac omnium possessionum et reventionum ejusdem episcopatus, ac in plenam solutio-

nem et satisfactionem primitiarum seu primorum fructuum, ac omnium et singularum pecuniæ summarum et cujuslibet pecuniæ summæ pro primitiis seu primis fructibus dicti episcopatus Exon. ac omnium et singularum possessionum et reventionum ejusdem episcopatus, totiens quotiens primitiæ seu primi fructus ejusdem episcopatus, aut possessionum et reventionum inde, ratione vel prætextu hujusmodi nominationis, præsentationis, translationis, seu collationis, vel appunctuationis alicujus personæ aut aliquarum personarum ad eundem episcopatum, nobis, hæredibus, vel successoribus nostris imperpetuum, imposterum debiti fuerint, ratione et prætextu dicti actûs parliamenti de concessione primitiarum et decimarum de beneficiis, promotionibus, et dignitatibus spiritualibus et ecclesiasticis, nobis, hæredibus, et successoribus nostris in dicto parlamento, anno regni dicti præcharissimi patris nostri Henrici octavi nuper regis Angliæ vicesimo sexto, inter alia editi et provisi. Volumus tamen et per præsentem, pro nobis, hæredibus, et successoribus nostris, concedimus præfato Miloni modo Exon. episcopo et successoribus suis quòd super compositionem et aggregamentum pro primitiis seu primis fructibus dicti episcopatus Exon. idem modo episcopus Exon. et successores sui, de tempore in tempus habeant et habebunt allocationem de decima seu annuali decima parte dicti episcopatus Exon. ac possessionum et reventionum ejusdem, juxta formam actûs parliamenti, anno regni præcharissimi patris nostri Henrici octavi, nuper regis Angliæ vicesimo septimo, in hujusmodi casu editi et provisi, præsentibus literis patentibus aut aliquo in eisdem contento in contrarium inde non obstantibus.

Insuper volumus, ac pro nobis, hæredibus, et successoribus nostris per præsentem concedimus quòd dictus nunc episcopus Exon. et quælibet persona imposterum nominanda, præsentanda, seu appunctuanda ad dictum episcopatum Exon. non onerabitur nec erit onerabilis cum aliqua alia seu majori pecuniæ summa pro primitiis seu primis fructibus dicti episcopatus aut possessionum et reventionum inde, præterquam cum dicta summa quingentarum librarum tantum pro primitiis seu primis fructibus ejusdem episcopatus, ac possessionum et reventionum inde, per nos, per præsentem, ut præfertur, assignata, et appunctuata nobis, hæredibus, et successoribus nostris in forma prædicta solvenda.

Et volumus, ac pro nobis, hæredibus, et successoribus nostris per præsentem concedimus et aggregamus quod nos et successores nostri de cætero accipiemus, et de tempore in tempus imperpetuum percipiemus de præfato Milone Exon. episcopo, et successoribus suis episcopis Exon. quinquaginta libras legalis monetæ Angliæ tantum et non ultra, nec majorem pecuniæ summam annuatim pro decima seu annuali decima parte dicti episcopatus Exon. ac in plenam solutionem et satisfactionem decimæ seu annualis decimæ partis omnium et singularum denariorum summarum, et cujuslibet pecuniæ summæ pro decima seu annuali decima parte dicti episcopatus Exon. ac omnium et singularum possessionum et reventionum ejusdem episcopatus annuatim imperpetuum, nobis, hæredibus, vel successoribus nostris, per dictum Milonem Exon. episcopum et successores suos episcopos ejusdem episcopatus, imposterum quoquomodo debitarum seu debendarum, ratione et prætextu dicti actûs parliamenti de concessione primitiarum et decimarum de beneficiis, promotionibus, et dignitatibus spiritualibus et ecclesiasticis, ut præfertur, editi et provisi, aut alicujus alij actûs legis seu provisionis.

Et volumus, ac pro nobis, hæredibus, et successoribus nostris concedimus quod dictus Milo Exon. episcopus et successores sui episcopi Exon. imposterum non onerabuntur nec sint onerabiles, nec eorum aliquis imposterum onerabitur nec sit onerabilis, cum aliqua alia seu majori pecuniæ summa pro decima seu annuali decima parte dicti episcopatus Exon. ac possessionum et reventionum inde, præterquam cum dicta summa quinquaginta librarum annuatim tantum, pro decima seu annuali decima parte ejusdem episcopatus, per nos per præsentem, ut præfertur, assignata et appunctuata, nobis, hæredibus, et successoribus nostris in forma prædicta solvenda, dicto actu parliamenti, aut aliquo alio actu, lege, statuto, ordinatione, seu provisione, aut ali-

quâ inquisitione vel certificatione de valore aut certitudine possessionum et reventionum dicti episcopatus, modo factis seu imposterum fiendis, aut aliqua alia re, causa, vel materia quacumque in contrarium inde in aliquo non obstantibus.

Et pro majore securitate dicti Milonis moderni episcopi Exon. et successorum, sciatis quod nos, de ulteriori gratia nostra, ac ex certa scientia et mero motu nostris, dedimus et concessimus, pardonavimus, remisimus, et relaxavimus, et quiete clamavimus, ac per præsentem pro nobis, hæredibus, et successoribus nostris damus, concedimus, pardonamus, remittimus, relaxamus, et quiete clamamus præfato Miloni episcopo Exon. et successoribus suis imperpetuum, tam dictam summam mille quingentarum sexaginta sex librarum quatuordecim solidorum sex denariorum et unius oboli, quam totam et quancunque aliam denariorum summam et alias denariorum summas quascunque, pro primitiis seu primis fructibus dicti episcopatus Exon. ac possessionum et reventionum ejusdem episcopatus nobis, hæredibus, et successoribus nostris, ratione vel prætextu dicti actûs parliamenti, debitas seu quoquomodo imposterum debendas, præter dictam summam quingentarum librarum, tantum pro primitiis seu primis fructibus dicti episcopatus Exon. ac possessionum et reventionum ejusdem episcopatus, nobis, hæredibus, et successoribus nostris, ut præfertur, per præsentem per nos assignatam et appunctuatam, nobis, hæredibus, et successoribus nostris solvendam pro primitiis seu primis fructibus dicti episcopatus Exon. ac possessionum et reventionum ejusdem episcopatus, totiens quotiens primitiæ seu primi fructus dicti episcopatus Exon. ac possessionum et reventionum ejusdem episcopatus, nobis, hæredibus, et successoribus nostris imposterum solvi seu deberi contigerint.

Ac etiam dedimus, concessimus, pardonavimus, remisimus, relaxavimus, et quiete clamavimus, ac per præsentem, pro nobis, hæredibus, ac successoribus nostris, damus, concedimus, pardonamus, remittimus, relaxamus, et quiete clamamus præfato Miloni Exon. episcopo et successoribus suis imperpetuum, tam dictam annualem summam centum quinquaginta sex librarum tresdecim solidorum quinque denariorum et unius oboli, quam quancunque aliam pecuniæ summam et alias pecuniæ summas quascunque, pro decima seu annuali decima parte dicti episcopatus Exon. ac possessionum et reventionum ejusdem episcopatus, nobis, hæredibus, et successoribus nostris, ratione vel prætextu dicti actûs parliamenti quoquo modo imposterum debendas præter dictam annualem summam quinquaginta librarum annuatim tantum pro decima seu annuali decima parte dicti episcopatus Exon. ac possessionum et reventionum ejusdem episcopatus, nobis, hæredibus, et successoribus nostris, ut præfertur, per præsentem per nos assignatas et appunctuatas nobis, hæredibus, et successoribus nostris in forma prædicta annuatim solvendas: mandantes enim et per præsentem firmiter injungendo præcipientes, tam cancellario, et consilio curiæ nostræ primitiarum et decimarum, quam thesaurario ejusdem curiæ, ac omnibus auditoribus, receptoribus, collectoribus, et aliis officiariis et ministris nostris hæredum et successorum nostrorum quibuscunque pro tempore existentibus, quod ipsi et eorum quilibet, dictas quietantias, allocationes, et exonerationes in forma prædicta præfato Miloni Exon. episcopo et successoribus suis, faciant, et de tempore in tempus fieri causabunt, et hæc literæ nostræ patentes, aut irrotulamentum vel exemplificatio earundem, erunt annuatim et de tempore in tempus, tam dictis cancellario et consilio ac thesaurario dictæ curiæ nostræ primitiarum et decimarum, ac omnibus et singulis receptoribus, auditoribus, collectoribus, et aliis officiariis et ministris nostris hæredum et successorum nostrorum ejusdem curiæ, quam omnibus et singulis aliis officiariis et ministris nostris hæredum et successorum nostrorum quibuscunque pro tempore existentibus, sufficiens warrantum et exoneratio in hac parte; dicto Actu parliamenti, aut dicta certificatione annui valoris possessionum et reventionum dicti episcopatus Exon. aut aliquo alio actu, lege, ordinatione, provisione, seu restrictione in contrarium inde antehac habitis, factis, editis, ordinatis, seu

provisis, aut aliqua inquisitione vel certificatione de valore vel certitudine possessionum et reventionum dicti episcopatûs Exon. antehac factis seu imposterum quoquo modo fiendis, aut aliqua alia re, causâ, vel materiâ quacumque in aliquo non obstantibus. Ac ulterius sciatis quod nos, volentes et intendentes prædictum Milonem Exon. episcopum et successores suos, de omnibus et omnimodis debitis et arreragiis debitorum quorumcumque, ac de omnibus et singulis pecuniarum summis ac de qualibet pecuniæ summa nobis, aut præcharissimo patri nostro Henrico octavo, per Johannem nuper Exon. episcopum pro decimis sive annuali decima quacumque, et subsidio episcopatûs et diœcesis sui Exon. vel pro arreragiis eorundem seu alicujus inde parcellæ, in curia nostra primitiarum et decimarum, et in curia nostra scaccarii nostri apud Westm. seu alibi, modo debitis vel aretro insolutis existentibus, penitus et imperpetuum exonerari et acquietari, de gratia nostra speciali, ac ex certa scientia et mero motu nostris, pardonavimus, remisimus, relaxavimus, et imperpetuum quiete clamavimus, ac per præsentis pardonamus, remittimus, relaxamus, et imperpetuum quiete clamamus præfato Miloni nunc episcopo Exon. et successoribus suis, omnia et singula debita et arreragia debitorum quorumcumque, ac omnes et singulas pecuniarum summas et quamcumque pecuniæ summam nobis aut dicto præcharissimo patri nostro, per prædictum Johannem nuper Exon. episcopum pro decimis sive annuali decima quacumque, et subsidio dicti episcopatûs et diœcesis sui Exon. seu alicujus inde parcellæ, vel pro arreragiis inde, in prædictis curiis nostris de scaccario et primitiarum et decimarum, seu in earum aliqua aut alibi quoquomodo debitas, reddendas, vel solvendas: ac etiam pardonavimus, remisimus, relaxavimus, et imperpetuum quiete clamavimus, ac per præsentis, pro nobis, hæredibus, et successoribus nostris, ex certa scientia et mero motu nostris, pardonamus, remittimus, relaxamus, et imperpetuum quiete clamamus præfato Miloni Exon. episcopo et successoribus suis episcopis Exon. omnia et singula computa et computorum arreragia, forisfacturas, fines, amerciamenta, pœnas, pœnalitates, et denariorum summas, detentiones, actiones, sectas, impetitiones, et demandas quæcumque, ratione vel colore alicujus debiti vel arreragii debitorum quorumcumque vel alicujus pecuniæ summæ per prædictum nuper episcopum Exon. nobis, aut prædicto præcharissimo patri nostro in prædictis curiis nostris de scaccario et primitiarum et decimarum, seu in earum aliqua seu alibi quoquo modo debita, reddenda, solvenda, vel facienda, eo quod expressa mentio, &c. In cujus rei, &c. Teste rege apud Westmonasterium decimo quarto die Augusti.

Per breve de privato sigillo.

VALOR ECCLESIASTICUS TEMP. HEN. VIII.

(Abstract of Return, 26 Hen. VIII. First Fruits Office.)

ECCLESIA CATHEDRALIS BEATI PETRI EXON.

Possessiones Temporal'		£.	s.	d.
Com' Devon'				
Braunscombe	Maner'	77	0	10 ob'
Salcomb	Maner'	47	16	0
Sydbury	Maner'	94	8	7
Clisthonyton	Maner'	14	1	10
Culmestocke	Maner'	47	7	4 q'
Thron'ton cum Bolealler	Maner'	42	10	8
Stoke Canon	Maner'	27	2	0 ob'
Ide	Maner'	26	5	0
Norton	Maner'	30	13	0 ob'
Langford	Redd' Assis' custum' Tenentium	1	15	8
Feodum Sancte Satmole	Redd' Assis', &c.	10	5	1
Staverton cum Methereil	Maner'	103	8	5 q'
Est Teyngmouth cum West Teyngmouth	Burgus, &c.	5	1	4
Dawlyssh	Maner'	62	10	2
Combpaforth	Maner'	13	11	5 ob'
Paynston	Maner'	3	13	10
Colyton Northorn	Redd' Assis', &c.	5	6	9
Brodehenbury cum Churstowe	Redd' Assis', &c.	8	9	0
Exon'	Redd' Assis', &c.	28	3	11
Hundebridge	Reddit'	1	0	0
Knyghtston	Reddit'	2	0	0
Yudecote	Reddit'	1	10	0
Fremantell	Reddit'	0	8	0
Com' Oxon'				
Bampton	Redd' Assis', &c.	26	9	2
Com' Dors'				
Wynterborne Wast	Redd' Assis', &c.	13	6	8

Possessiones Spiritual'

Com' Devon'		£.	s.	d.
Braunescomb	Decim' Garb'	12	6	8
- - - - -	Decim' Minut'	0	10	8
Saltcomb	Decim' Garb'	8	0	0
- - - - -	Decim' Minut'	1	4	0
Sydbury	Decim'	18	0	0
Culmestoke	Decim'	8	0	0
Stoke Canon	Decim'	11	0	0
Clisthonyton	Decim'	11	0	0
Satmola	Decim'	6	13	4
Rokesdon	Decim'	3	0	0
Hevetre	Decim'	26	13	4
Polslo	Decim'	5	0	0
Staverton	Decim'	49	3	4
Dawlysh	Decim'	24	0	0
Combpaafford	Decim'	54	0	0
Paynston	Decim'	11	0	0
Colyton	Decim'	24	0	0
Brodehenbury	Decim'	13	6	8
Aysshberton	Decim' cum Glebeland	40	0	0
Thurberton	Decim' cum Glebeland	30	0	0
Lytilham	Decim' cum Glebeland	10	0	0
Topsam	Decim' &c.	17	0	0
Wynkelegh	Decim' &c.	15	0	0
Morthoo	Decim' &c.	22	0	0
Westansty	Decim' &c.	4	13	6
Widecomb	Decim' &c.	10	10	0
Thornerton	Decim' &c.	18	0	0
Bokerell	Decim' &c.	11	6	0
Up' Otery	Decim' &c.	12	6	8
Bokelond	Decim' &c.	3	0	0
Ide	Decim' &c.	10	13	4
Pensiones in divers' Com'		56	8	2
Com' Cornub'				
Uvele	Decim' &c.	15	10	0
Elarky	Decim' &c.	16	0	0
Eglyscreke	Decim' &c.	13	6	8
Weneppa	Decim' &c.	11	0	0
Sancrede	Decim' &c.	7	6	8
Pierans	Decim' &c.	26	13	4
Wynnowe	Decim' &c.	12	0	0
Alternon	Decim' &c.	9	0	0
St. Marine	Decim' &c.	18	0	0
Bruerede	Decim' &c.	7	0	0
Constantyne	Decim' &c.	16	0	0
Ercey	Decim' &c.	16	0	0
Pensiones Eccl' in Com' Cornub'		11	7	0
Com' Dors'				
Wynterburne Wast	Decim' Garb'	13	13	4
Com' Somers'				
Est Coker	Decim' Garb' cum Glebeland	13	6	8
Com' Oxon'				
Bampton	Decim' &c.	22	17	5
Summa totalis tam Spiritualium quam Temporalium		1350	12	7

Benedictine Abbey of Ramsey,

IN

HUNTINGDONSHIRE.



RAMSEY Abbey appears to have been founded in the year 969,^a by Ailwine, duke or earl of the East Angles, at the instigation of Oswald archbishop of York. Ednothus, who was sent by Oswald, from Worcester, to prepare the foundation, built offices for the monks, who, four years after, A.D. 972, were removed hither, twelve in number, from Westbury.

In 974, the church was dedicated, by Dunstan archbishop of Canterbury and Oswald, to St. Mary, All Holy Virgins, and St. Benedict. Oswald and Ailwine appear to have lived till 998; in which year the former died on the 2d of the kalends of March, the latter on the 8th of the kalends of May.^b Ailwine, Ethelwine, or Egelwine, the founder, was buried at Ramsey. His monument was nearly perfect till the middle of the last century.^c

A chronological list of the donations to this mo-

nastery, from A. D. 969, to A. D. 1056, together with more minute enumerations of the gifts from King Edgar, Archbishop Oswald, and Ailwin, will be found in the Appendix of Instruments, together with a copy of King Edgar's Charter of confirmation.^d Another Charter from King Edward the Confessor, likewise confirmatory of their lands, adds different privileges and immunities, and gives the monks the power not only of choosing their abbats, but establishes the right of sanctuary within the abbey-precinct.^e

The following is a statement of the possessions of Ramsey abbey as recorded in the Domesday Survey.^f In *Hertfordshire*, the abbey held ten hides and a virgate of land in Furreuuelde. In *Cambridgeshire*, one hide in Brone, two in Stov, five in Gravelei, nine hides and a virgate in Elesworde, five hides in Chenepewelle, half a hide in Brocheuuorde, three virgates in Draitone, ten hides and three virgates in Ovre, ten hides and a virgate in Bvrewelle, eight hides two virgates and a half in Gretone, in Cetriz, in the two hundreds of Ely, three hides all but a virgate. In Wisbece the abbey had eight fishermen who paid a rent of 5260 eels. In *Huntingdonshire*, at Stivecle the abbey held seven hides, in Rep-tune ten, in Broctone four, in Wistow nine hides, in

^a Bishop Tanner says, "This is the date according to Ramsey books, which hath several circumstances to support it rather than A. D. 986, according to the Worcester Annals (Angl. Sacr.) though this last agrees better with the bringing monks hither from Westbyri, if Westbury was not filled with monks before 983, as in the same Annals. Westmonast. saith, Ramsey was founded A. D. 968. Bolandus corrects Sim. Dunelmensis for saying, that Ramsey was consecrated Id. Nov. 991; and in Vita S. Oswaldi apud Acta Sanctorum, Feb. 28 vel 29, saith, Ramsey was five years in building, and dedicated 6 id. Nov. A. D. 974." Compare Simeon Dunelm. Script. X. Twysd. col. 162. Hoveden also speaks of 991 as the year of foundation, in the following passage:

"Anno 991. Sanctus Oswaldus archiepiscopus monasterium Ramese, quod ipse, et Dei amicus dux Orientalium Anglorum Ethelwinus construxerant divino adjutus auxilio, et confortatus adminiculo 6 idus Novembris, feria tertia, dedicavit. Anno 992. Sanctus Oswaldus archiepiscopus indictione quinta pridie kalendas Martii feria secunda ante pedes pauperum, ubi mandatum more solito faciebat, transiens ex hac vita, sicut ante prædixerat, regni cælestis gaudia conscendit, et Wigornia in ecclesia sanctæ Mariæ, quam ipse à fundamentis construxerat, requiescit, cui venerabilis Medeshamstundensis abbas Adulfus successit, nec diu post excessum beati patris Oswaldi egregiæ dux memoriæ Athelwini Dei amicus defunctus est, et in Ramesege honorificè sepultus." Rog. de Hoved. Script. post Bedam, edit. 1596. fol. 245 b. The ancient situation of Ramsey is described by Henry of Huntingdon, *ibid.* fol. 204.

^b Compare Num. I.

^c Mr. Gough says, "The figure of Ailwin, who founded Ramsey abbey, A. D. 969, is one of the oldest genuine sepulchral monuments among us, and almost the only remains of that rich house, where it now lies neglected in a yard. It is habited in a kind of mantle, buskins, and pileus: the right hand holds two keys and a ragged staff, the left lies on the breast: over the top of the Gothic arch over him is a representation of two angels carrying off his soul as it rises from the tomb. Ailwin is styled duke or earl of the East Angles, and alderman of all England. The title of *Aldermannus* is shewn by Spelman to be synonymous to that of *Dux* and *Comes*; and that of Alderman of all England to that of Half-King, which his father Athelstan held on account of his great influence with the king of that name. His epitaph

calls him *cousin* to king Edgar: I suppose because his mother Alswen was that prince's nurse. On his tomb was this epitaph:

"HIC REQUIESCIT AILWINUS INCLITI REGIS EDWINI COGNATUS, TOTIUS ANGLIÆ ALDERMANNUS, ET HUIUS SACRI CŒNOBII MIRACULOSUS FUNDATOR."

"The Cromwells converted the abbey-house into a mansion-house; and this figure was dug out of a pond belonging to it, in the time of Charles II., when Col. Titus owned it. The head was broken off in the frost, 1745." Sepulchr. Mon. vol. p. xcii.

Mr. Maurice Johnson, of Spalding, however, thinks it was one of the monuments made and devised in honour of great men in after times. See Gough, Sep. Mon. ut sup. p. lxxxiv. and in all probability he was right. There seems some reason to believe that it was the work of abbat William de Gomecestre, in the time of Edward the First.

An engraving of Ailwin's monument will be found in Stukeley's *Itinerarium Curiosum*, Pl. xvii. There is also a drawing of it with a pen, in one of Cole's MSS. now in the British Museum, vol. v. fol. 101, where the figure is said to have been of grey marble.

^d See Numm. II. V. VI. VII. VIII.

^e Num. IX. Malmesbury, in his Account of Edward the Confessor, mentioning royal saints, enumerates some relatives of Egbert king of Kent who were murdered; the remains of whom, in the time of K. Edgar, were removed to Ramsey. Script. post Bedam, edit. 1596, fol. 49. See also fol. 166 b.

Alword, or Ælfword, bishop of London, is noticed by Hoveden as a benefactor of books and ornaments to Ramsey in 1044.

"Anno 1044, Alwordus Lundoniensis præsul, quiet ante episcopatum, et in episcopatu abbatis jure Eoveshamnensi cœnobio præfuit, cum pontificatum administrare pro sua infirmitate minus sufficeret, et Eoveshammi residere voluit, sed fratres illius locis ad id omnino consentire noluerunt. Quapropter ablatis ex magna parte libris, et ornamentis, quæ ipse eidem loco contulerat, et quibusdam ut fertur quæ alii contulerant, ad monasterium Ramesege secessit, et omnia quæ attulit, sancto contulit Benedicto, ibique resedit, et eodem anno octavo cal. Augusti feria quarta defunctus sepelitur ibidem." Hoved. Script. post Bedam, edit. 1596, fol. 252.

^f See Num. XI. One or two farther particulars respecting Ramsey abbey will be noticed under the extracts from Domesday relating to Thorney monastery.

Vpetvne ten, in Haliewelle nine, in Slepe twenty, in Hoctune seven, in Witune seven, half a hide in Bluntesham, ten hides in Wardebosc, seven and a half in Saltrede, ten in Adelintune, two and a half in Lodintune, five hides in Ghellinge, nineteen in Emingeford, in another Emingeforde five, in Upeforde four hides, in Delinctune six, in Redinges one hide, four in Bierne, four in Breninctune, in Westune ten, in Redinges seven, and ten in Elintune. In *Bedfordshire*, ten hides in Cranfelle, eleven in Bertone, ten in Pechesdone, a virgate and a half in Wiboldestone, five hides in Bereforde, one in Clistone, ten in Sethlindone, three and a half in Holwelle, and half a hide in Standone. In *Northamptonshire*, a virgate and a half in Hala, half a hide in Luditone, half a hide in Adelintone, two hides and a half in Hemintone, six hides in Bernwelle, three in Wicetone and Dodintone, and a house in Brachefeld belonging to Wicetone with five acres of land. In *Lincolnshire*, at Corninctvne one carucate and six bovates of land; with half a carucate in Trichingham, and half a carucate of meadow at Cranewelle in Coteland. In *Norfolk*, two carucates at Hidlingeia, two carucates in Winebotesham, half a carucate in Snora, one carucate in Walsoca, three carucates in Broncestra, two in Rincteda, and half a carucate in Bruneham. In *Suffolk*, eight carucates in Lawessela. The produce of these different possessions, at the time of taking the Survey, amounted to the annual sum of 328*l.* 8*s.* 4*d.* In King Edward the Confessor's time, the rents of the different manors belonging to the abbey had been almost uniformly higher than in the time of the Conqueror.

King Henry the First's Charters to Ramsey were numerous, as will appear hereafter. His chief grants were those of the manor of Walton,^a the firm of Hirstingstan hundred,^b the fair of St. Ives,^c the liberty or privileged circuit round the monastery,^d and a general Charter of liberties.^e In his time the church of Ramsey was rebuilt: the new work being begun in 1116, and finished in 1123.

Geoffrey de Mandeville, during the wars of Stephen, appears to have done much mischief both to the abbey and its possessions. He expelled the monks, and fortified the monastery as a castle. Henry of Huntingdon states that in a skirmish before the church Geoffrey was the only person killed, being shot with an arrow by one of the meanest of the soldiery. Blood, the historian adds, flowed plentifully from the walls of the church while it was thus held, manifesting the divine wrath.^f This must have been about the year 1144.

King Henry the Second's Charters to the monastery of Ramsey were hardly less numerous than those of Henry the First. They appear chiefly, how-

ever, to have consisted in confirmations of particular grants.

Three Charters to this monastery are extant from King Richard I. one of which will be found in the Appendix.^g

King John granted to it no fewer than eight Charters; one of which constituted the market of Ramsey.^h

The Cottonian manuscript Vespasian E. ii. preserves copies of two Charters of liberties from King Henry the Third; one in the ninth, the other in the thirty-seventh year of his reign.

Three Charters of King Edward the First occur in the Cottonian manuscript Otho B. xiv.; with one of the 12th of King Edward the Third, "de catallis felonum exitibus, finibus," &c. Among Peck's manuscripts, also in the British Museum, is a copy of an Inspecimus of the 8th of Edward the Second, A. D. 1315.ⁱ

ABBATS OF RAMSEY.

ÆDNOTH, the first abbat, who had been sent from Westbury in 970, had the name of prior only, till the death of Ailwyn, the founder, in 992.^k He was then chosen abbat regularly, and received the benediction from St. Elphege. In 1008 he was made bishop of Dorchester. He was slain by the Danes in 1016 at Ashdown. The Cotton manuscript Vespasian A. xviii. speaks of two persons of the name of Ednoth, as superiors of this monastery: one, who has been already mentioned in a Note as EDNOTH *senior*, prior of the monastery; the other, EDNOTH *junior*, who was the first abbat, and afterwards bishop of Dorchester.^l

WLFIVS or WLSIVS, succeeded to the abbacy in 1008. The Register in the King's Remembrancer's Office in the Exchequer, quoted by Dugdale, represents him to have been slain at the same time with Ednoth. The Cotton Chartulary, of older date, says, "Iste apud Ely interfectus fuit a Danis in tempore Cnutonis."^m Etheric, a monk of Ramsey, who succeeded to the bishoprick of Dorchester, is said at this time to have been a considerable benefactor to the monastery. He caused the remains of St. Felix of Seham to be translated to Ramsey in 1026.

WITHMAN became abbat in 1016. In the fourth year of his abbacy he undertook a pilgrimage to Jerusalem, and, returning the next year, found Ethelstan made abbat. Ethelstan would have resigned to him, but Withman refused to permit the resignation. Withman chose a solitary life at Northeye, where he is said to have lived above twenty-six years.

^a Num. XIII.

^b Num. XIV.

^c Numm. XVI. XVII.

^d Num. XVIII. The Cotton manuscript Vespas. A. xviii. fol. 136 b, gives the following account of the boundaries of this liberty:

"De Banleuca Rames."

"Banleuca Rames. incipit apud Humbirdale et procedit usque Wistowelowe per mediam villam de Wistowe, et sic usque ad Raueleyston. Et inde usque ad Rauelesnok. Et inde usque ad Hubbemescote. Et inde usque ad Schaldemere. Et inde usque ad Assebeche. Et inde usque ad Newelode quæ ducit inter Middilmor et Kyngesdelf. Et inde usque Beurepe. Et inde Schirelnokote usque. Et inde usque Pollingiskote. Et inde usque Caldemowe hadh. Et inde usque Goltpyttislade. Et inde usque Humbirdale."

See other Instruments concerning it in the Cotton MS. Vesp. A. xviii. foll. 89 b, 92. Tanner quotes Plac. in com. Huntingdon. 14 Edw. I. de brevibus infra baleucam placitandis coram justiciariis abbatis.

^e Num. XV.

^f "Anno autem ipso consul Gaufridus de Magna Villa regem validissime vexavit, et in omnibus valdè gloriosus effulsit. Mense autem Augusti miraculum justitia sua dignum Dei splendor exhibuit. Duos namque qui, monachis avulsis, ecclesias Dei converterant in castella similiter peccantes, simili pœna multavit. Robertus namque Marmiun vir bellicosus hoc in ecclesia de Coventre perversus exegerat. Porro Gaufridus de Magna Villa (ut diximus) in ecclesia Ramesiensi scelus idempatrat. Insurgens igitur Robertus Marmiun in hostes inter ingentes suorum cuneos coram ipso monasterio solus interfectus est, et excommunicatus morte depascitur æterna. Similiter Gaufridus consul inter acies suorum confertas, à quodam vilissimo pedito solus sa-

gitta percussusest. Et ipse vulnus ridens post dies tamen ex ipso vulnere, excommunicatus, occubuit. Ecce Dei laudabilis omnibus sæculis prædicanda ejusdem sceleris eadem vindicta. Dum autem ecclesia illa pro castello teneretur, ebullivit sanguis e parietibus ecclesiæ et claustris adjacentis indignationem divinam manifestans, sceleratorum exterminationem denuncians. Quod multi quidem, et ego ipse oculis meis inspexi. Quia igitur improbi dicebant Deum dormire, excitatus est Deus, et in hoc signo, et in significato. Eodem quippe anno et Ernulfus filius consulis, qui post mortem patris ecclesiam incastellatam retinebat, captus est, et per hoc exulatus: et princeps militum suorum in hospitio suo ab equo corruens effuso cerebro expiravit: princeps autem peditum suorum Reimerus nomine, cujus officium fuerat ecclesias frangere, vel incendere, dum mare cum uxore sua transiret (ut multi perhibuerunt) navis immobilis facta est. Quod monstrum, nautis stupentibus, sorte data rei causam inquirentibus, sors cecidit super Reimerum: quod cum ille nimirum totis contradiceret nisibus, secundò et tertio sors jactata in eum devenit. Positus igitur in scapha est, et uxor ejus, et pecunia scelestissime acquisita: et statim navis cursu velocissimo, ut prius fecerat, pelagus sulcat. Scapha vero cum nequissimis subita voragine circumducta in æternum absorpta est." Henr. Huntind. Script. post Bedam, edit. 1596, foll. 225, 225 b. See also Hoved. fol. 280.

^g Num. XX.

^h Num. XXI.

ⁱ MS. Donat. Mus. Brit. 4936, fol 177.

^k See Num. XXXVIII. So the Cottonian manuscript Vesp. A. xviii. fol. 113 b. "Ednothus senior fuit præpositus, scilicet prior tempore Alwyni comitis, quia ipsemet fuit loco abbatis, nec fuit aliquis abbas Ramesiæ tempore quo vixit."

^l The Exchequer Register says that Ednoth the Second was chosen bishop of Dorchester in the time of Ethelstan, who became abbat in 1020.

^m MS. Cotton. Vesp. A. xviii. ut supr.

ETHELSTAN was made abbat in 1020, and continued till 1043; when he was slain in his church, on the eve of St. Michael, by a servant. The Exchequer Register says, "a quodam Hibernico."

AYLWYNUS, or ALFWINUS, became abbat in 1043; and was abbat thirty-six years.

AILSIUS, or EYLSINUS, was made abbat in 1080. He governed the monastery eight years. He is said to have instituted the feast of the Conception of the Virgin Mary.

HERBERT DE LOSINGA was chosen abbat in 1087; four years after which he became bishop of Thetford. Malmesbury's character of him will be found in the Note below.^a He translated his episcopal see to Norwich in 1095.^b

ALDWIN, or ELDWINUS, was promoted in 1091. He made the assize at Ramsey, and held the abbacy eleven years; when he was deposed, according to the Exchequer Register, by Archbishop Anselm. Malmesbury, and the Cotton manuscript already quoted, say by Lanfranc. Malmesbury adds, for simony.^c

BERNARD, a monk of St. Albans, was made abbat by the king in 1102. His government continued for five years: when, upon his death,

ALDWIN was restored. Upon his death, a vacancy ensued of a year; when, in 1114,

REGINALD was made abbat. He began to rebuild the abbey church, which, as has been already noticed, was completed in 1123.

WALTER became abbat, upon Reginald's death, in 1133. It was during his abbacy that the monks of Ramsey were expelled by Geoffrey de Mandeville.^d He was abbat twenty-seven years. The Cottonian manuscript Vesp. A. xviii. names

DANIEL as the immediate successor of Walter. "Daniel abbas. Iste supplantavit ipsum Walterum de abbacia sua, et confusus recessit a curia Romana." The Exchequer Register names

WILLIAM as the successor of Walter, in 1161.^e

After he had governed the monastery sixteen years, William was made abbat of Cluni,^f A. D. 1177. Ramsey abbey remained vacant, as to an abbat, for two years.

ROBERT TRIANEL, who had been prior of St. Andrew Northampton, became abbat of Ramsey in 1180, and continued abbat twenty years. In his time, A. D. 1186, Ralph prior of Ramsey became abbat of St. Benet Holm. In 1192, the bones of St. Felix, Ethelred, and Ethelbriht, were placed in shrines at Ramsey.

EUDO, prior of Peterborough, was made abbat of Ramsey, A. D. 1200.^g

ROBERT DE REDINGES, or ROBERT abbat of Reading, as he is called in the Cottonian manuscript, on the death of Eudo, became abbat of Ramsey, A. D. 1202, by the procurement of John de Grey, chancellor of England, and afterwards bishop of Norwich. He continued abbat five years, and then resigned his pastoral staff into the hands of William of Lincoln, and had for his maintenance the manor of Cranfeld. After this, King John kept the abbey in his own hands for seven years, because the monks of Ramsey refused to choose the prior of Fronton for their abbat.

RICHARD abbat of Selby became abbat of Ramsey in 1214, by the procurement of Nicholas bishop of Tusculum, cardinal and legate.

HUGH FOLIOT, prior of Ramsey, became abbat in 1216; in which year, on June 14th, the royal assent was given to his election.^h He received benediction from the bishop of Bath.

RALPH, prior of Ramsey, was chosen abbat in 1231; the royal assent being given to his election July 22d.ⁱ In his time, A. D. 1234, King Henry the Third passed four days at Ramsey. In 1239, he was made one of the king's justices at Norwich.^k

WILLIAM ACOLT had the royal assent to his election Oct. 10, 1253.^l He enjoyed the abbacy but one year. Upon his death, which happened at Brancestre, 16 kal. November, 1254,^m the custody of the abbey

^a "Post hunc diebus Willielmi minoris emit episcopatum Tetfordensem Herebertus cognomento, Losinga, quod ei ars adulationis impegnerat, ex priori Fiscanii, et ex abbate Rameseie factus episcopus, patre suo Roberto ejusdem cognominis in abbatiā Wintoniæ intruso. Fuit ergo vir ille magnus in Anglia symoniæ fomes, etiam abbatiā episcopatumque nummis aucupatus, pecunia scilicet regiam sollicitudinem inviscans, et principum favori promissiones non leves assibilians. Veruntamen erroneum impetum juventutis abolevit pœnitentia Romanæ profectus severioribus annis, ubi loci baculum symoniacum et annulum deponens, indulgentia clementissimæ sedis iterum recipere meruit. Quod Romanis sanctius et ordinatius censeant, ut ecclesiarum omnium sumptus suis potiùs serviant marsupiiis, quàm quorumlibet regum usibus militent. Ita Herebertus domum reversus sedem episcopalem transportavit ad insignem mercimoniis et populorum frequentia vicum nomine Norwic." Malmesb. de Gestis Pontif. lib. iij. edit. 1596, fol. 136. See also the Annal. Winton. in Angl. Sacr. tom. i. p. 295.

^b Rudb. Angl. Sacr. tom. i. p. 264.

^c See Malmesb. de Gestis Pontif. lib. i. edit. 1596, fol. 129 b.

^d The Cottonian manuscript says, "Iste sustinuit multas tribulationes in tempore Willielmi de Say et Galfr. de Mandevill qui apud Borewell interfecti fuerunt."

^e Fitzstephen informs us he was made abbat of Ramsey by the interest of Thomas à Becket. "Willielmus monachus S. Martini de campis qui in Gallia studuerat opera Thomæ Becket cancellarii regis fit abbas Ramesiæ." Gul. fil. Steph. Vita T. Becket.

^f The Annal. Winton. Angl. Sacr. tom. i. p. 295, says in 1178.

^g He is called Yvo in the Annal. Wint. Angl. Sacr. tom. i. p. 304.

^h Pat. 18 Joh. m. 7, n. 61.

ⁱ Pat. 15 Hen. III. m. 1.

^k The following statement of the revenues arising from the lands of the monastery during his time occurs in the Cottonian MS. Galba E. x. fol. 10 b.

"Hic fuit redditus pertinens cameræ abbatis tempore Roberti abbatis secundi.

De Suthlingdona, quater viginti libr. x. sol.

Barthona, viginti sex libr.

Cranfeld, triginta quatuor libr.

Elintone, duodecim libr.

Riptona Abbatis, quadraginta sol.

Bernewell, centum sol.

Saltrea, quadraginta sol.

Giddingge, sexdecim libr.

Ailenthona decem libr.

Stinecleia, centum sol.

Hortona, decem libr.

Hemmingford, triginta quatuor marc.

Broctona, viginti tres libr.

Chateriz, duodecim libr.

Grittona, duodecim libr.

Burewell, decem libr.

Lausell, triginta libr.

Winebodesham, Klacklose, Hundret, et Dunham, et de Marisco, sexdecim libr.

Helingeie, sexdecim libr.

Walschne, viginti libr.

Northfolch, sexaginta libr.

Summa quater centum et xiiij. libr. absque feria S. Yvonis, et absque auxiliis."

According to Matthew Paris, in this abbat's time, the church of Ramsey received a fresh dedication. A. D. 1238. "Circa idem tempus, dedicatæ sunt nobiles ecclesiæ conventuales, in diocesi Lincolnensi, in Marisco; videlicet Rameseie, Burg, et Sautereje; a venerabili episcopo Lincolnensi Roberto. Ecclesia Rameseje, decimo calend. Octobris; die scilicet sancti Mauricii sociorumque ejus." edit. 1684, p. 407.

^l Pat. 37 Hen. III. m. 2. A drawing of a fragment of a seal of William abbat of Ramsey, supposed to be abbat Acolt's, occurs in Cole's MSS. vol. xii. p. 232.

^m Mat. Par. edit. 1684, p. 769. It was in the time of this abbat that a dispute began with the king respecting the fair of St. Yve:

A. D. 1252. "Tempore quoque sub eodem, dominus rex, plus quàm decuit, aut expedit, diversis intendens emolumentis, perturbavit possessionem nundinarum de sancto Yvone abbate de Rameseia, consilio Roberti Passeleve: licet eas dictus abbas a tempore cujus non exstat memoria, sine aliqua calumnia pacificè obtinisset. Et quamvis chartas authenticas beati Edwardi, quem rex diligit specialiter, et beati Vlstani abbas memoratus pro jure suo ostendisset, non est rex veritus eas infirmare. Ipsi vero sancti omnes chartarum super liberationibus Ramesiæ (præcipuè tamen de nundinis supradictis) infractores, cum assensu multorum aliorum sanctorum episcoporum, horribiliter excommunicaverunt. Istam nempe pro se cavillationem, rex perverso fretus ostendit consilio, quòd secundum chartas abbatis, obtinendæ forent nundinæ supradictæ usque ad diem sancti Yvonis, non ultra. Item vendicavit rex iter stratæ et fluminis, licet utrumque de antiquo jure quietè obtinisset. De retardatione autem mercatorum confluentium post illam diem, non imputandum foret domino regi, sed eas voluit nundinas et earum emolumenta sine contradictione sibi retinere: quod omnino in præjudicium et jacturam abbatis, videbatur redundare. Et hoc quidem rationi et pietati donatorum consonum non videtur, ut videlicet ipsa ecclesia, dono gauderet umbratili ac mutilato. Sic igitur processum est, ut domus illa nobilis Rameseie jacturam tantam incurrit, ut mallet aliquorum maneriorum suorum subisse jacturam." Mat. Par. ut supr. p. 724.

appears to have been committed to the abbat of Pershore and Henry de Malo Lacu.^a

HUGH DE SULGRAVE, or SOLEGRAVE, was the next abbat, elected, according to the Exchequer Register, in 1254. The royal assent was given to his election Jan. 1st.^b This abbat Hugh began the refectory: he made St. Yvo's shrine, and a silver-gilt table for the high altar: he likewise purchased Gravenhurst, and assigned a pittance for the suppers of the convent. He was also a benefactor in other respects, acquiring different lands and tenements for the monastery. He governed the abbey for thirteen years and a half.

WILLIAM DE GURMECESTRE, or GOMECESTRE, was admitted abbat by the bishop of his diocese on the 5th of the nones of March, 1267.^c The Exchequer Register informs us that he received confirmation from Ottobon the legate. The good deeds of this abbat are chronicled at considerable length in the Cottonian manuscript so often quoted.^d In 1276 the convent entered their new refectory. Abbat Gurmecestre ruled the mo-

nastery more than eighteen years. In the 19th year of his abbacy, being struck with the palsy, he resigned his office: when

JOHN DE SAUTRE became abbat A. D. 1285. He went over to Gascony to be approved by the king; and, according to the Exchequer Register, paid, as a fine for the custody of his house during the vacancy, two thousand marks. King Edward is said to have obtained by extortion of him one half of all the revenues of his abbey. In 1309 Queen Isabella passed eighteen days at Ramsey abbey. Abbat Sautre is represented to have endured numerous afflictions and burthens:^e though, in spite of all, he appears to have acquired some little property for his monastery. Out of his acquirements he assigned ten pounds to the convent for hose and shoes. He ruled the monastery thirty years; but was blind during the last six.

SIMON DE EYA, or EYE, received the royal assent to his election on Dec. 9th, and had the temporalities restored Dec. 29th, 1316.^f He received the bishop of

The free possession of the fair, according to the Charters of the monastery, was not recovered, however, for near six years

A. D. 1258. "Eodem anno, per industriam abbatis Radulphi de Ramsey, readepta est ecclesia Rameseia nundinas sancti Yvonis plenarias, quas donatione regis Edgari, et aliorum antiquorum confirmatione obtinuerat. Quas etiam beatus Thomas archiepiscopus et martyr, scriptis suis autenticis roboraverat. Dedit autem idem abbas Robertus pro dictarum nundinarum recuperatione, quingentas marcas argenti, ut dictum est. Has autem nundinas non proprio perdidit ecclesia delicto, sed cavillatione aliena, ut pluribus manifestum est, falsidica." Ibid. p. 834.

^a Pat. 38 Hen. III. p. 1.

^b Pat. 39 Hen. III. m. 15.

^c Rot. Graves. episc. Linc.

^d See Num. XXXIX. The following enumeration of the inferior officers of the monastery, in the time of this abbat, as they occur in the Cottonian manuscript Galba E. x. with their privileges and rewards, deserves insertion here.

"Capellanus ipse commedet in aula; et mercedem accipiet de sacrista.

Magister janitor et famulus ejus. Ipse janitor commedet in aula; et famulus ejus accipiet novem de panibus villarum. Mercedem pro porta curiæ accipiet sex acras, duas in Westuna, et duas in Briningtuna, et duas in Bitherne. Duas pro exteriore porta accipiet in Riptuna.

Duo dispensatores commedent in aula; mercedem accipient de camera abbatis, uterque eorum decem solidos.

Duo servitores ecclesiæ, uterque eorum accipiet quatuordecim panes in pistrino, et pro mercede sua uterque eorum accipiet quatuor acras in Burewella.

Lotrix ecclesiæ et famulus ejus. Ipsa accipiet rectum monachi, in pane et compadio, et cervisia; et famulus tresdecim de panibus villarum. Pro mercede, sex acras in Upwde.

Duo servitores in infirmaria. Ipsi accipient quatuordecim panes in pistrino, et tresdecim de panibus villarum. Mercedem accipient de camera Abbatis; uterque eorum quatuor solidos.

Unus refectorarius accipiet quatuordecim panes in pistrino. Pro mercede duas acras in Brohtuna.

Lotrix refectorii; septem de panibus villarum.

Duo magistri coci monachorum; uterque accipiet quatuordecim panes in pistrino: pro mercede sua unus eorum quatuor acras in Wardebuse. Alter similiter quatuor in Bitherna. Et quatuor famuli eorum; hii accipient in ebdomada septem panes solummodo in cellario, et cribratam unam furfuris.

Scutellarius, septem de panibus villarum accipiet: pro mercede, unam acram in Wistowe.

Hostiarius coquinæ, septem panes in cellario accipiet; famulus fenestræ infirmariæ septem panes accipiet in cellario.

Unus cocus aulæ in cellario quatuordecim panes: pro mercede, quatuor acras in Riptuna.

Janitor cellarii septem de panibus villarum accipiet: pro mercede, duas acras in Gravele.

Duo lignarii in coquina. Uterque eorum accipiet quatuordecim de panibus villarum. Pro mercede uterque duas acras in Hochtuna.

Unus lignarius in aula. Ipse commedet in aula. Pro mercede duas acras in Æthelintuna.

Waita commedet in aula, mercedem accipiet de camera abbatis v. solidos.

Stabularius commedet in aula. Pro mercede duas acras in Æthelintuna.

In pistrino duo magistri; uterque eorum accipiet quatuordecim panes in pistrino. Pro mercede unus eorum quatuor acras in Wardebuse. Alter quatuor in Bitherna.

Duo bulletores; unus eorum accipiet quatuordecim de panibus villarum, et alter quatuordecim in pistrino. Pro mercede unus eorum duas acras in Æthelintuna, et alter unaquaque ebdomada cribratam unam de Bren. Et quatuor famuli, unusquisque eorum quatuordecim panes de pistrino, et sex panes ad Breiam.

Duo rosarii in pistrino, uterque eorum duodecim de panibus villarum. Pro mercede, uterque duos solidos a cellario.

In bracino duo magistri; uterque eorum accipiet quatuordecim

panes in pistrino. Pro mercede unus eorum quatuor acras in Elleswrtha, alter quatuor in Hemmingeford; et duo famuli, uterque eorum accipiet quatuordecim panes in pistrino. Et pro mercede uterque eorum tres solidos et tres denarios de firmariis, et viginti sex denarios ad luminare.

Et quinque rosarii unusquisque eorum quatuordecim de panibus villarum. Pro mercede, unusquisque eorum duos solidos a cellario.

In sartario, duo magistri. Uterque eorum accipiet quatuordecim panes in pistrino. Pro mercede, unus eorum sex acras in Brinintuna, alter sex in Westuna. Et duo famuli, uterque eorum septem de panibus villarum, mercedem accipient de magistro camerario.

In lavendario tres famuli, unusquisque eorum accipiet quatuordecim de panibus villarum. Pro mercede, duo lavendarii quatuor acras in Wist. tertius duas acras in Æthelintuna.

Septem piscatores, et septem famuli eorum cum septem naviculis suis. In unaquaque de sex naviculis viginti panes de panibus villarum. In septem viginti sex panes. Pro mercede unusquisque magister quatuor acras, unus in Wardebuse, alter in Brohtuna, tertius et quartus in Slepe, quintus in Burewelle, sextus in Haliwella, septimus de Elintuna.

Faber et famulus ejus. Ipse accipiet quatuordecim panes in pistrino, et famulus ejus septem de panibus villarum. Pro mercede quatuor acras in Burewella.

Prepositus quatuordecim de panibus villarum. Pro mercede duas acras de frumento et unam de avena in Hemmingeford.

Porcarius quatuordecim de panibus villarum. Pro mercede duas acras in Brohtuna.

Duo Vaccarii uterque eorum accipiet quatuordecim de panibus villarum. Pro mercede, unus eorum duas acras in Hochtuna, alter duas in Haliwella.

Unus cementarius quatuordecim panes in pistrino, mercedem ij. acras in Wistowe.

Mercator ovorum cum equo suo et famulus ejus. Magister accipiet quatuordecim panes in pistrino, et famulus ejus unam cribratam de Bren. Pro mercede quatuor solidos a cellario.

Vannator cum equo suo accipiet quatuordecim panes in cellario cum compadio et cervisia. Pro mercede, quatuor acras in Elleswrtha.

Duo carpentarii ecclesiæ; uterque eorum accipiet quatuordecim panes in cellario: mercedem de camera abbatis. Unus carpentarius cellarii quatuordecim panes in pistrino. Pro mercede quatuor acras in Riptuna.

In horto duo famuli, uterque eorum quatuordecim de panibus villarum. Pro mercede, duas acras in Gravele.

In virgulto duo famuli, uterque eorum quatuordecim de panibus villarum. Pro mercede, uterque eorum duas acras in Wistowe.

In vinea, Magister et sex famuli. Magister et duo famuli, unusquisque eorum quatuordecim panes in pistrino; et quinque alii famuli, unusquisque eorum quatuordecim de panibus villarum. Mercedem accipient omnes ab abbate. Magister quinque solidos, et unusquisque famulorum triginta duos denarios.

Foristarius, septem de panibus villarum. Pro mercede duas acras in Hochtuna.

Parcarius, septem panes in cellario. Mercedem accipiet duas acras in Æthelintuna.

Unus molendinarius, quatuordecim panes in pistrino. Pro mercede accipiet tres acras in Elintuna.

Custos horreorum victum et mercedem accipiet de ipsis horreis.

Bubulci similiter.

Septem præbendarii in hospitali. Unusquisque eorum septem panes in ebdomada de panibus villarum.

Quindecim Pauperes. Unusquisque eorum septem panes in cellario.

Hæc est summa de acris, centum quadraginta et una. Hæc est summa denariorum de camera abbatis, quinquaginta sex solidi et octo denarii. Exceptis duobus carpentariis ecclesiæ.

Hæc est summa denariorum de Cellario, octodecim solidi. Exceptis piscatoribus et cunctis utensilibus omnium officinarum." fol. 19.

^e "1294. Johannes de Sautre abbas Ramesey, Reginaldus de Castre prior, Michael de Gravenhyrst supprior, &c. majoris excommunicationis sententia innodati. Literæ archiep. dom. regi ad captionem. Reg. Winchelsea Cant." MS. Cole, vol. xxvii.

^f Pat. 10 Edw. II. p. 1.

Lincoln's confirmation on the 10th of the kalends of January following.^a He purchased land for the monastery in Hauker, and contributed to the new work of the church which he is said to have begun. He ruled twenty-six years.^b He was buried in the new building, on the left of the great altar. Upon his death,

ROBERT DE NASSINGTON was elected: to whom the temporalities of the monastery were restored Jan. 22d, 1342.^c He died in the month of July, 1349,^d according to the Exchequer Register, in the time of the plague. He also was buried in the new building, on the right of the altar.

RICHARD DE SHENYNGDON, or SHENYNGTON, to whom the temporalities were restored Aug. 21st, 1349,^e is stated to have been burthened with his predecessor's debts to the amount of two thousand five hundred marks, beside the ordinary charges at the time of his creation. His death was announced to the king Nov. 11th, 1379; on the 28th of which month the royal assent was given to the election of

EDMUND DE ELYNGTON.^f Of this abbat we have but few particulars. He died Sept. 18th, 1396.^g

THOMAS BUTTURWYK was the next abbat. According to the Exchequer Register, he began his abbacy in 1400: but the entry on the Patent Rolls states the temporalities of the monastery to have been restored to him Nov. 2d, 1396.^h His confirmation by the bishop of Lincoln is also noticed in the Registers of that diocese, as having been given on the eve of St. Simon and St. Jude.ⁱ

JOHN TYCHEMERSH was chosen abbat on the 8th of the kalends of November, 1419. He died on the vigil of the Assumption, 1434. The Exchequer Register says, "Iste fuit nobilis pater, renovavit lapsa, construxit et posuit nova."

JOHN CROYLAND, or CROWLAND, was elected abbat Aug. 27th, 1434. He received the bishop of Lincoln's confirmation October 3d following.^k He died on the 13th of the kalends of April, 1436.

JOHN STOWE was elected on the 4th of the kalends of April in the same year. By his industry, and at his cost, a licence was obtained from King Edward the Fourth, for the purchase of the manor of Le Moyne, with its appurtenances, in Raveley and Sautre. Having governed the monastery thirty-two years, being disabled by age and want of health, he resigned his pastoral staff. He lived three years after; when dying, he was buried before the altar of St. John Baptist, on the north side of the church.

WILLIAM WITLESEY, or WYTTLESEY, then recently made abbat, professed obedience to his diocesan Oct. 19th, 1468.^l He was succeeded in this abbacy by

JOHN WARDEBOYS, to whom the temporalities were restored Nov. 5th, 1473.

JOHN HUNTINGTON was elected abbat in 1488. The temporalities of the monastery were restored to him July 20th.^m

HENRY STEWKLEY had the temporalities restored April 16th, 1506.

JOHN WARDEBOYS, *alias* LAWRENCE, received the temporalities July 14th, 1507. Wood informs us, that in 1519 he supplicated at Oxford for the degree of bachelor of divinity. He continued abbat till the Dissolution, in 1539; when, Willis says, "he was very forward in procuring not only his own abbey to be surrendered to the king's use, but in influencing others to submit."ⁿ In the Cottonian manuscript Cleopatra E. iv. two original letters are preserved from Thomas Bedyll, one of King Henry the Eighth's commissioners, probably to Lord Cromwell, dated 13th and 15th January; which clearly show the abbat and monks to have surrendered their house more readily than many of their neighbours. A third letter follows, from Richard Cromwell to his uncle, reporting his going to Cambridge, Ely, and Ramsey, dated Oct. 15th, probably in the preceding year. The whole of these letters will be read with interest.^o Abbat Lawrence had a pension of 266*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*^p

At the Dissolution, the yearly income of this monastery was rated, according to Dugdale, to 1716*l.* 12*s.* 4*d.*: according to Speed, at 983*l.* 15*s.* 3¼*d.*^q The site (with several of the manors belonging to the monastery) was granted, in the 31st of Hen. VIII. to Sir Richard Williams, *alias* Cromwell: whose grandson, Sir Henry Cromwell, sold it to Col. Titus.

The abbey stood at the upper end of the town, towards the south, at a little distance from the present church. The only remain of importance now standing is the ruined gateway, a rich specimen of architecture in the florid Gothic style.

The manor-house of Ramsey, according to Willis, was built out of the ruins of the abbey. Mr. Gough says, it rose upon the site of the monks' hall, or abbat's parlour, and dining-room above. In 1782, he adds, a neglected abbatial chair was remaining there.^r

The abbats of Ramsey had a seat in parliament. The head of their barony being Broughton, at some distance to the south; which had annexed to it, in this shire, four knights' fees. Leland says, "Engayne had sumtyme Broughton, the barony in Huntenduneshir, of the abbate of Ramesey."^s

Of the REGISTERS of Ramsey abbey, that which remains in the office of the king's remembrancer in the Exchequer, as far as the earliest period of its history is concerned, is certainly the most curious.^t

The next, in point of importance, is the Chartulary in the Cottonian collection marked Vespasian E. ii. en-

^a Reg. Linc. Dalderby.

^b "Simon abbas de Ramsey grandis ætatis hab. lic. regis tota vita sua facere attornat. general." Pat. 16 Edw. III. p. 1, 5 Maii. Among the Records preserved in the chapter-house at Westminster is a Roll (Bag of Miscellanea for Huntingdonshire, No. 9) of the expences incurred by abbat Simon de Eye, in going to, sojourning at, and returning from London in pursuance of a royal mandate, upon a conference had there with the cardinals, in the reign of King Edward the Third. The whole of this document is too long for insertion: but a specimen of it is given in Num. XLI.

^c Pat. 16 Edw. III. p. 3. See also Reg. Linc. Beke,

^d Reg. Linc. Ginewell.

^e Pat. 23 Edw. III. p. 2.

^f Pat. 2 Ric. II. p. 1.

^g Reg. Linc. Dokyngham.

^h Pat. 20 Ric. II. p. 1.

ⁱ Reg. Linc. Dokyngham.

^k Reg. Linc. Gray.

^l Ibid. Chedworth.

^m MS. Lansd. 963.

ⁿ Mit. Ab. vol. i. p. 156.

^o See Numm. XLV. XLVI. XLVII. XLVIII.

^p See the pension list, Num. XLVIII. The following were the annuities and pensions remaining in charge in the 2d and 3d of Philip and Mary:

"RAMSEY nuper Monasterium. Annuity. Johannis Ayleworth per annum xl*s.* Oliveri Leader per annum xl*s.* Roberti Clerke per annum xl*s.* Franc. nunc. comit. Bedd. per annum viij*s.* xiiij*d.* Willielmi Butts per annum cx*s.* viij*d.* Edwardi Mountague milit. per annum lxxv*s.* viij*d.* Penc. Johannis Packey jun. per annum viij*s.* xiiij*d.* Willielmi Pricke per annum cvj*s.* viij*d.* Willielmi Irelande per annum viij*s.* xiiij*d.* Johannis Packey sen. per annum viij*s.* Willielmi Coke per annum viij*s.* Thomæ Baker per annum x*s.* Georgii Marshall per annum c*s.* Johannis Whitwell per annum cvj*s.* viij*d.* Roberti Harres

per annum cvj*s.* viij*d.* Johannis Bridgeman per annum viij*s.* Johannis Faunte per annum x*s.* Johannis Smythe per annum c*s.* Johannis Pyterde per annum c*s.* Thomæ Fylde per annum c*s.* Hugonis Philippes per annum viij*s.* Ricardi Haling per annum viij*s.* xiiij*d.*

^q Tann. Notit. Mon.

^r Addit. to Camd. edit. 1789, vol. ii. p. 160. The rents and profits arising immediately from the Isle of Ramsey, as it was called in ancient times, appear to have been appropriated chiefly to the support of the monks' table.

"Hechmundegrave et tota insula Ramesiæ pertinent ad cellarium, et ad refectorium, et ad coquinam, et ad pistrinum, et ad bracinium, et ad infirmariam ad emendum scyphos in refectorio et mappulas, et justas, et cætera utensilia. Similiter et in coquina, ad patellas et ollas, et scutellas, et cætera omnia utensilia. Similiter in cellario. Et in pistrino, et in bracino, et in infirmaria, et in cæteris officinis monachorum. Cultura autem de Hechmundegrave, et de tota insula Ramesiæ pertinent ad nutrimentum volatilium et quadrupedum monachorum." MS. Cotton. Galba E. x. fol. 18.

^s Lel. Itin. edit. Oxf. 1769, vol. iv. p. 31. The house of abbatial residence in London for the abbat of Ramsey is said to have been in White-Cross street. A valuable enumeration of the privileges, property, and liberties belonging to the abbey in the time of Edw. II. is given in the Appendix, Num. XXXVII. from Hearne's edition of Sprott's Chronicle. Stevens, in his Contin. of Dugdale, gives a translation of it.

^t Gale, in the Scriptores xv. fol. Oxon. 1691, has printed the whole of this manuscript, dividing it into chapters. Exclusive of the parts printed by Dugdale, and those which relate either to general history or the lives of particular abbats, the following titles may

titled "Registrum Cartarum Abbatiae de Ramesey transcriptarum per Robertum Dodford clericum, usque ad 30 Hen. III." It is a small quarto volume, beautifully written, upon vellum. It contains a few Deeds in a

serve as guides to the chapters which treat of early donations to the monastery.

Cap. xxii. p. 402. Inclyti regis Ædgari donaria quibus ecclesiam Ramesiam insignivit.

Cap. xxiii. p. 403. Donationes quædam sancti Oswaldi.

Cap. xxiv. p. 404. Hic annotantur donaria quibus inclytus dux Æthelwynus ecclesiam Ramesiensem dotavit.

Cap. xxvi. p. 405. Quarundam personarum commendatio, quæ plurima Ramesiensi ecclesiæ terrarum donaria, in plena corporum sospitate, facto testamento, cum cyrographis suis, provida dispensatione contulerunt.

Cap. xxvii. p. 406. Cyrographum Wlfgivæ comitissæ, quæ dedit Bramcestriam.

Cap. xxviii. p. 406. In hac scriptura continetur, quomodo Æthelgiva comitissa, pro animæ suæ salute, dedit ecclesiæ Ramesiæ Stowe, et alia quædam donaria in auro et argento, sicut Anglice scriptum invenimus.

Cap. xxix. p. 407. In hoc scripto, quod de Anglico Latinum fecimus, declaratur quomodo Æthelstanus Mauvessone in vita sua de possessionibus suis et terris disposuit, et hoc Ailwyno aldermanno, et cæteris amicis suis notum fecit et quid post ejus obitum exinde factum est.

Cap. xxx. p. 408. Chirographum Alfelmi et Affæ uxoris ejus de terra de Pottune, et de Hettenleia.

Cap. xxxi. p. 408. Quomodo villa de Hocton confertur nobis.

Cap. xxxii. p. 408. Cyrographum Alfeldæ comitissæ, uxoris Alfwoldi comitis, de Ripton, de Weninton, et Elinton, et Bitherne.

Cap. xxxiv. p. 409. Chirographum Ærnketel et Wulfrun uxoris ejus.

Cap. xli. p. 413. Donatio regis Edwardi in Broctona.

Cap. xlii. p. 413. Quomodo frater Ædnothus unam hidam terræ in Broctona, aliam in Botintunia ecclesiæ Ramesiæ adquisivit.

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different hand and of a later date than the volume, according to the title above given, might be expected to comprise.^a

Some Charters of a valuable kind will be found in

Cap. cxiv. p. 457. De maneriis de Clopham, Kembeston, Kerdington, et Craungfeld.

Cap. cxvi. p. 458. Quomodo, et sub quali conditione, abbas et fratres Ramesienses Radulpho comiti villam de Cranefeld in vita sua tenendam concesserunt.

Cap. cxvii. p. 459. De Acleia quam Ædnothus dedit Ramesiæ.

Cap. cxviii. p. 459. Chirographum ejusdem Ædnothi.

^a The following are the more important Instruments in this Chaturary. Such whose titles are omitted relate to small portions of land of a few acres, single messuages, rights in mills, essarts, &c.

1. Indiculus Cartarum, fol. 1.

2. Carta Joh. abbatis et conventus de Rameseye Gregorio de Basing rectori ecclesiæ beatæ Mariæ de Burwell de medietate unius acrae terræ, 9 Edw. II. fol. 4.

3. Privilegium Edgari regis, fol. 5.

4. Privilegium sancti Edwardi regis Angliæ, fol. 7.

5. Privilegium regis Willelmi, A. D. 1077, fol. 9.

* 6. Carta Hen. I. regis de Walton, fol. 10 b.

7. _____ de adquisitione Reginaldi abbatis, fol. 11.

8. _____ de Cranfeld, fol. 11.

* 9. _____ de Hirstingst' Hundred, fol. 11.

10. _____ de Ripton Regis, fol. 11 b.

* 11. _____ de omnibus libertatibus, fol. 11 b.

* 12. _____ de feria sancti Yuonis, fol. 12.

13. _____ de Braddenech, et una hida terræ in Gidding, fol. 12.

14. _____ de Stowe et Gretton, fol. 12 b.

15. _____ de socha et sacha, foll. 12 b, 13.

* 16. _____ de feria sancti Yuonis die Mercur. fol. 12 b.

* 17. _____ de una leugata circa Rames. fol. 12 b.

18. _____ de warena in Hirstingstan Hund. fol. 13.

19. _____ de socha et sacha in Huntedone, fol. 13.

20. _____ de litore de Reche, fol. 13.

21. _____ de theoloneo, fol. 13.

22. _____ de Ayllinton et de Wardebusc, et de ecclesiis Ricardi Vetulæ, fol. 13.

23. _____ de terra de Cranfeld, fol. 13 b.

24. _____ de Holewell, fol. 13 b.

25. _____ de Ouera, fol. 13 b.

26. Carta Henrici regis II. de omnibus terris, et decimis, et libertatibus abbatiae de Rameseye, fol. 13 b.

27. _____ de leugata terræ circa Rames. fol. 14.

28. _____ de Hundr. de Hustingstan, fol. 14.

29. _____ de protectione, fol. 14.

30. _____ de acquietantia thelon. fol. 14 b.

31. _____ de feria sancti Yuonis, fol. 14 b.

32. _____ de Walton cum suis libertatibus, fol. 14 b.

33. _____ de consuetudinibus apud Brancestr. et Rigstede, fol. 15.

34. _____ de Bradenech et una hida terræ in Gidding, fol. 15.

35. _____ de Laushull, fol. 15.

36. _____ de protectione, fol. 15.

37. _____ de Stiuecle, fol. 15 b.

38. _____ de Bradenech, fol. 15 b.

* 39. Carta regis Ricardi I. de custodia boscorum Rames. cum agistamento porcorum, fol. 15 b.

40. _____ de terris, ecclesiis, decimis, et omnibus pertin. fol. 16.

41. _____ de theoloneo, fol. 16 b.

42. Carta regis Johannis de libertatibus abbatiae, fol. 16 b.

43. _____ de franco plegio, fol. 17 b.

44. _____ de essartis et custodia boscorum, fol. 17 b.

45. _____ de essartis in Hirstingst' Hundr. et de libertatibus infra banleugam circa abbatiam, fol. 18.

46. _____ de una feria apud sanctum Yuonem ad festum S. Laur. fol. 18.

* 47. _____ de mercato habendo apud Rames. fol. 18 b.

48. _____ de protectione, et ne monachi placentur nisi coram regem, fol. 18 b.

49. _____ ne ecclesia Rames. vexetur contra car- tas suas, fol. 18 b.

50. Carta Henrici III. regis de omnibus libertatibus. Anno regni ix^o. fol. 19.

51. _____ de foresta. Anno regni ix^o. fol. 22.

52. _____ de duabus cartis præscriptis, fol. 24.

53. Carta Henrici regis II. de Ouera, fol. 24.

54. Carta Henrici III. regis de libertatibus. Anno regni xxxvij^o. fol. 25.

55. Carta Johannis abbatis de Rames. de terris Willielmi Han- nyfelde in Lanshull. 5 Hen. VI. fol. 26 b.

* 56. Carta Aldewini abbatis de Ouere, fol. 27.

57. Cartæ quinque de terra Lond. fol. 27.

58. Carta Ranulphi abbatis Reynero fil. Roberti le Rydeman de uno mesuagio in Rames. fol. 28 b.

the Cottonian manuscript Otho B. xiv. beginning at folio 253. The titles of the principal of these are given in the Note.^a

The Cottonian manuscript Vespasian A. xviii. among inquisitions, pleas of assize, grants of corrodies,

59. Carta H. abbatis, de Waltona, fol. 29.
60. ————— de Higgenheye, fol. 29.
61. ————— de tallagio, fol. 29 b.
62. Carta Ricardi abbatis, de Stiucl', fol. 30.
63. Carta Theobaldi de Lek de Bodesheye, fol. 30.
64. Carta Radulphi de Stiucl', fol. 30 b.
65. Carta Hugonis abbatis de anniversario Roberti de Triannel abbatis, fol. 30 b.
66. Carta Nich. de Stivecl. fol. 31.
67. Carta Odgari fil. Mich. de Walton, fol. 31.
68. Carta Danielis fil. Thomæ coci de Rames. fol. 31 b.
69. Carta Walteri Marescalli, fol. 32.
70. Carta alia ejusdem, fol. 32.
71. Carta Yvonis filii Johannis fabri, fol. 32.
72. Carta H. abbatis de heremitagio de Bodesheye, fol. 34 b.
73. Carta Jocelini fil. Walteri de Stivecl. fol. 35 b.
74. Carta Helewysæ de Bolebech de donatione in Walton, fol. 36 b.
75. Carti Galfridi Elyens. episcopi de Chateriz, fol. 36 b.
76. Carta Ricardi prioris et conventus Elyens. fol. 37.
77. Carta Alexandri le Moyn de ij m. allec. fol. 37 b.
78. Carta Hugonis Linc. episcopi de celerario Rames. fol. 38 b.
79. Carta sancti Hugonis Linc. episcopi de decima de Sutlingedon, fol. 39.
80. Carta sancti H. Linc. episcopi de pensionibus, fol. 39.
- * 81. Confirmationes J. Norwic. episcopi de pensionibus ecclesiarum, fol. 89.
82. Cartæ de ecclesia de Hulmo, 40, 40 b, 41.
83. De marisco de Wardeboys, 26 Hen. III. fol. 41 b.
84. Divisio marisci de Wardeboys, et de Somersham, fol. 42.
85. Confirmatio regis E. fil. regis H. super cartis, fol. 44.
86. Finalis concordia in curia Henrici regis secundi inter Robertum abbatem Rames. et Thomam de Stanton, fol. 46.
87. Finalis concordia in curia Hen. II. regis de dimidia hyda terræ in Barton, fol. 46.
88. Concordia in curia prædicta de Overe, fol. 46.
89. Concordia in curia regis Ric. I. de una bovata terræ et de crofto in Hibaudeston, fol. 46 b.
90. ————— de marisco quod pertinet ad manerium de Winbodesham, 2 Ric. I. fol. 46 b.
91. ————— de dimid. hida terræ in Gidding, 2 Ric. I. fol. 47.
92. ————— inter Robertum episcopum, et abbatem de Rames. de quinta parte bosci de Cappewell, 3 Ric. I. fol. 47 b.
93. ————— inter abbates de Rames. et Sautr. de marisco inter Wittelesmare et Vbbemare, 3 Ric. I. fol. 47 b.
94. ————— inter abbatem Rames. et Hug. de Bellocampo de v. hidis terræ et pertin. in Berkford, 5 Ric. I. fol. 48.
95. ————— inter Turstanum priorem et Remerum elemos. et Walterum de Stivecl. de v. hidis terræ cum pertin. in Berkford, 5 Ric. I. fol. 48 b.
96. Concordia facta in curia reg. Johannis de lxiiij. perticatis turbar. cum pertin. in marisco de Stowe, fol. 49.
97. ————— de iiiij. virgatis terræ cum pertin. in villa Sancti Yvonis, 1 Joh. fol. 49 b.
98. ————— de xx. acris terræ in Welles. 4 Joh. fol. 49 b.
99. ————— de xx. acris terræ in Therefeld. 6 Joh. fol. 50.
100. Concordia facta temp. R. Hen. III. de duabus carucatis terræ in Walton, 3 Hen. III. fol. 51 b.
101. ————— de lx. acris terræ cum pertin. in Walsokn. 4 Hen. III. fol. 52.
102. ————— de communa pasturæ marisco de Rames. 8 Hen. III. fol. 54.
103. ————— de una hida terræ cum pertin. in Broncton. 11 Hen. III. fol. 55.
104. ————— de lx. acris terræ in Ravel. fol. 55.
105. ————— de xxx. acris bosci cum pertin. in Elintone, 12 Hen. III. fol. 55 b.
106. ————— de cc. acris cum pertin. in Stivecl. 12 Hen. III. fol. 56 b.
107. ————— de tertia parte unius caruc. terræ, et lx. acris bosci, et iiiij. mesuag. in Higg et Wilton, 20 Hen. III. fol. 57.
108. ————— de duabus carucatis terræ in Overe cum advocacione ecclesiæ ejusdem, 21 Hen. III. fol. 57 b.
109. ————— de quinque hidis terræ cum pertin. in Berckford, 27 Hen. III. fol. 57 b.
110. ————— inter Ranulphum abbatem et Vitalem Engayn de consuetudinibus et servitiis, 28 Hen. III. fol. 58.
111. Conventio inter Hugonem abbatem et Michaellem fil. Michaelis de Walton de duabus carucatis terræ cum pertinentiis in Walton, fol. 62.

messuages, &c. also contains a few Instruments of consequence.^b

Others, principally of the thirteenth century, will be found in the Cottonian manuscript Galba E. x.^c

Of the Chronicle of Ramsey from 1341 to 1401,

112. Conventio inter Hugonem abbatem et Radulphum de Trubevill de calceta sancti Yvonis, fol. 62.
113. Conventio inter abbatem Rames. et Michaellem de Walton de manerio de Walton et Higgen, fol. 63 b.
114. Conventio inter abbates Rames. et Thorn. de mariscis, fol. 64.
115. Carta Henrici III. regis de feria Sancti Yvonis, anno regni liij. fol. 65.
- * 116. Carta Henrici III. regis de mercato apud manerium de Rames. anno regni li. fol. 65.
- * 117. Carta Johannis de Sautre abbatis Rames. celerario de Rames. concessa de manerio de Hemyngton, A. D. 1293, fol. 65 b.
118. Perambulatio facta tempore regis Henrici filii regis Johannis anno suo tertio de foresta in com. Hunt. fol. 70.
- ^a 1. Prima carta Edwardi regis de Inspeximus, 10 Jun. 8 regni dat. Nov. Castr. supr. Tynam, fol. 253.
2. Carta secunda magna Edw. regis, 10 Jun. 8 regni dat. Nov. Castr. super Tynam, fol. 256.
3. Carta tertia magna, dat. same, fol. 260 b.
4. Carta domini regis Edwardi tertii de cattallis felonum, exitibus, finibus, et aliis libertatibus, Gippesw. 8 Junii anno r. r. xii. fol. 262 b.
5. Inter memorand. anni xiii. R. Edw. III. inter recorda de termino sancti Michaelis, fol. 263.
6. Inter communia de anno xiii. R. Edw. III. (imperf.) fol. 263 b.
- ^b 1. Inquisitio apud Stanton die Mercur. prox. ante festum S. Marci evangel. 21 Edw. I. de mercato Sancti Yvonis, fol. 87 b.
2. Carta de terra consuaria apud Cranfeld. fol. 89.
3. Metæ inter comitat. Hunt. et Norhamt. fol. 93.
4. Breve domini regis inter abbates Thorneyæ et Ramesiæ pro Aylington, fol. 93 b.
- * 5. De abbate Willielmo de Gomecestre, fol. 94 b.
6. Finis pro ecclesia de Walsokne, 28 Edw. I. fol. 96.
7. De cessione abbatis Willielmi de Gomecestre, fol. 96.
8. Litera Gregorii papæ de pensionibus, pont. anno ii. fol. 96 b.
9. Litera H. episcopi Linc. pro celeraria Rames. fol. 96 b.
10. De electione abbatis, A. D. 1286, fol. 97.
11. Placitum de Ripton Regis et judicium datum pro abbate in curia regis, fol. 99 b.
12. Carta de Holewell, fol. 101 b.
13. Libertates et divisæ de Wellis, fol. 102.
14. Nomina abbatum Rames. fol. 113 b.
15. De ecclesia de Lawishull, fol. 114 b.
16. Liberationes de Woketon, fol. 123.
17. Carta Ricardi comitis Cornubiæ de piscariis de Hubbemare et Hirbemare, fol. 123 b.
18. Cartæ de gravaminibus abbatiae, A. D. 1300, fol. 124.
19. Obitus et de actibus Simonis Eye abbatis, fol. 140.
20. De creatione, obitu, et actibus Roberti Nassyngton abbatis, fol. 142.
- ^c 1. Hæc est inquisitio quam fecit Willelmus abbas de Rameseia de tenementis militum suorum ex mandato domini regis, fol. 13.
2. Hidagium abbatiae de Ram. fol. 13 b.
3. Hæc sunt quæ Walterus abbas dedit de abbatia contra voluntatem conventus, fol. 13 b.
4. Hæc sunt ornamenta quæ dedit Willielmus contra voluntatem conventus, fol. 14 b.
5. Ista sunt de tempore Willielmi abbatis, fol. 15.
6. Occupationes terrarum per villas nostras super juramentum rusticorum, fol. 15.
7. Purpresturæ, fol. 16.
8. Hoc est statutum victui et vestitui, et cæteris usibus monachorum Ramesensium et eorum servientium et hospitum suorum, fol. 16 b.
9. Dispositio totius firmæ dividens eam per singulas septimanas anni, fol. 18.
10. Veredictum juratorum de Hemmingeforda, fol. 20 b.
11. Veredictum juratorum de Gravele, fol. 23 b.
12. Verum dictum juratorum de Elleswrthe, fol. 24 b.
13. Verum dictum juratorum de Wardeboisc. fol. 26 b.
14. De Athelingtuna, fol. 29.
15. De Bramcestra, fol. 30 b.
16. De Ringestede cum Hulmo, fol. 33.
17. De Vpwde, fol. 34 b.
18. De Hermundegrave, fol. 35 b.
19. De Wistowe, fol. 35 b.
20. De Bertuna, fol. 36 b.
21. De Stivecle, fol. 36 b.
22. De Hemmingeforda, fol. 37.
23. De Gravele, fol. 38.
24. De Hoctona et Wictona, fol. 38 b.
25. Consuetudines in soca Sancti Yvonis, scilicet apud Slepe et apud Herst. fol. 39 b.
26. Consuetudines apud Haliwelle, fol. 39 b.
27. De Winebodecham et mercato de Dunham, fol. 41 b.
28. De Helingeia cum Snora, fol. 42 b.
29. De libertatibus et bundis de Walsokne, fol. 43.
30. De consuetudinibus apud Walsokne, fol. 43 b.
31. Inquisitio facta per Eudonem abbatem tempore regis Johannis.

formerly preserved in the same library under the mark of Otho D. viii. a mere crust only remains. It was destroyed in the fire which happened at Westminster in 1731.

In the Harleian collection of manuscripts, two Registers only occur. One is the small Register, the contents of which are given in the Appendix to Sprott's Chronicle by Hearne.^a The other, marked 445, formerly belonging to Peter Le Neve, Esq. in whose hand-writing the following title is prefixed to it: "Registrum Abbatiae Ramesiensi in agro Hunt. olim pertinens, continens Extractas è Rotulis Curiarum diversorum Maneriorum dictae Abbatiae, ubi tenentes eorum dederunt Domino fines vocatas Gersumas, ab anno tertio Thomae [sc. Boterwike] abbatis quod fuit in vel circa annum m.ccc.xcvi. et xxi. regni Regis Ricardi II^{di}. ad xxiii^{cium}. pontificatus sui; totis temporibus Johannis Tichmersh qui rexit abbatiam

^a See Num. XXXVII.

^b "Nomina Maneriorum, hoc Libro specificatorum, sunt

Aylington, alias Ellington, com. Hunt.

Barton.

Bernewell, Northampt.

Borewell, Cantabr.

Broughton, Hunt.

Bryngton.

Burton.

Bygyng juxta Rames. Hunt.

Bythorne.

Cauncefeld.

Chateriz, Cantabr.

Craunfeld.

Ellsworth.

Gravele, Hunt.

Halywell cum Nyddingworth.

Hanney, in vel juxta Chateriz.

Hemingford Abbots, Hunt.

Houghton.

Hyrst.

Sancti Ivonis villa, alias Slepe.

Knapwell.

Novus Locus.

Nydding vel Nyddingworth.

Pokesden.

Popenlie, alias Walsoken Popen.

Ramsey, Hunt.

Ravele Magna, Hunt.

Ravele Parva, Hunt.

Rixton Abbatis, Hunt.

Shitlington cum Pikesden.

Thirfield, Hunt.

Upwood, Hunt.

Wardeboys, Hunt.

Weston.

Wiston.

Wodhurst.

^c Beside these may be enumerated:

MS. Cotton. Julius F. ix. fol. 1. An imperfect list of the monks of Ramsey t. Hen. VI. Ibid. fol. 73. Two grants of the abbat and monks of Ramsey to James Fevre, William Bygge, &c. May 10, 1536, and a composition between them and their tenants in the time of Henry IVth. Ibid. fol. 89. A grant from Walter abbat of Ramsey to the monks of Sartis [i. e. Warden in Bedfordshire] t. Hen. I. with an imperfect grant from abbat Rainald, his predecessor, to Durand the cook of the monastery, of two carucates at Wiston. Ibid. fol. 93. A rental of the abbey, almost obliterated.

"Inspeximus" regis Edwardi II. cartas quasdam RR. scilicet S. Edwardi Willielmi primi, Henrici II. Ricardi I. R. Johannis, Henrici III. Edwardi I. et cujusdam G. de Bernak, recitans et confirmans. 10 Junii 8 Edw. II. A. D. 1315. MS. Donat. Mus. Brit. 4936, fol. 177.

MS. Cole, Mus. Brit. vol. v. fol. 103 b. "Compositio inter episcopos Elienses et abbates de Ramseye, de marisco qui se extendit de Pollynges usque Kikaldre et Smalaldre in Willielmum episcopum et Hugonem abbatem, ubi de divisione dicti Marisci. Act. apud Crawnest in vigil. Sanctae Trinitatis anno m.cclvi. Hic Mariscus, ut videtur, jacet in Dodington juxta villam de Benewyk.

Madox, in his Formulæ Anglicanæ, has preserved a few Instruments relating to Ramsey, viz. *1. A notarial certificate of a monk of Ramsey's renouncing his place and interest in that monastery upon his passing to a house of stricter discipline, A. D. 1382, p. 13. See Num. XLIV. 2. An accord made in the abbat of Ramsey's court, between the said abbat and Fulk de St. Ive. Fulk grants and renders to the abbey a manse and lands in fee: the abbat and convent confer on Fulk, for his life, the "officium collocutorii" (with the corrody thereto belonging) in their monastery, A. D. 1206, p. 79. *3. An accord between the monasteries of Peterborough and Ramsey for maintenance of mutual society, p. 82. See Num. XLIII. 4. A demise of land, with the works of tenants in hay-time and harvest for five years, to Alexander le Moyne and Roesia his wife, in Shitlington and Upwode, p. 134. 5. A fine between the abbat of Ramsey and Hugh de Beauchamp of lands in Berkford and the homage of Peter de Leiham, 5 Ric. I. p. 218. 6. Copy of a fine levied upon a writ of Warantia Chartæ, of messuages, land, and rent granted to the abbey in frank-almoigne. The cognizers and their heirs admitted to participation of the good works of the abbey, p.

annos xv; Johannis Crowland annos ii; et ad xxij^{dum}. annum Johannis Stowe abbatis, quod accidit anno xxxv^{to}. R. Henrici sexti.

"Summa annorum contentorum hoc libro sunt anni lix. Thomas . . . abbas, ab initio libri ad fol. 205. Thomas Tychmersh abbas, a folio 106 ad 154. Johannes Crowland abbas, a folio 154 ad 161. Johannes Stow abbas, a folio 161 ad finem libri." ^b

Bishop Tanner mentions a Register of the abbey, belonging, A. D. 1650, to Henry Cromwell, Esq. ^c

Leland, in his Collectanea, vol. iv. p. 44, has noticed the titles of a few of the works which he saw in the LIBRARY of Ramsey abbey.

Among the ancient Rolls belonging to the Cottonian collection, there is one, marked II. 16, on five skins, containing an extensive Catalogue of the library,

224. 7. A grant in frank-almoigne from King Stephen to the abbey of his demesne manor of Riptun, with all the liberties and free customs which it had whilst in the king's own hands, p. 243. 8. Copy of a grant of the next presentation to the church of Over, 20 Hen. VIII. ex autogr. p. 343.

The following are the more important of Bishop Tanner's references to public Records relating to this monastery:

Cart. Antiq. c. 13, scil. 1 Ric. I. de custodia boscorum in com. Huntingd. I. n. 22, sc. 4 Joh. de libertatibus.

Fin. com. ignot. 1 Joh. de turbario in Stow, n. 9. Ibid. n. 10, de terr. in villa S. Ivonis. Cart. 2 Joh. m. 24, nn. 96, 97, 98, pro feria apud Slepe, hundr. de Clacklose co. Norf. pro mercato apud Dunham, pro libertatibus in maneriis de Walton, Hunstanton, Brancastre, et Ringsted co. Norf. Ripton, mercat. apud Ramsey, &c. Cart. 9 Joan. m. 7, n. 69, de hundr. de Herstingestun, et licentia assartandi LX. acras.

Fin. Norf. 4 Hen. III. n. 97, de terris in Walsoken, co. Norf. Plac. in com. Huntingdon, 18 Hen. III. Fin. com. ignot. 31 Hen. III. n. 7, de terris in Ellesworth. Cart. 35 Hen. III. m. 3. Plac. coram rege 36 Hen. III. rot. 10, de feria S. Ivonis. Fin. com. ignot. 45 Hen. III. n. 46, de reparatione Walliarum apud Walsoken. Cart. 51 Hen. III. m. 8, pro mercat. et feria apud Ramsey.

Pat. 2 Edw. I. m. 21, assis. de ten. in Ringsted M. Fin. com. ignot. 2 Edw. I. de terris in Wardebois. Fin. com. ignot. 3 Edw. I. n. 9, pro terris in Aylington. Cart. 6 Edw. I. n. 19, pro mercat. et feria apud Berewell com. Northampt. Pat. 12 Edw. I. m. 14, dorso, Commissio super controversia inter episcopum Eliensem et abbatem Rames. de mariscis in confinio comitat. Huntingdon et Cantabr. Cart. 21 Edw. I. n. 26, pro mercat. apud S. Ivonem. Fin. Norf. 28 Edw. I. n. 38, de advoc. eccl. de Walsoken pro c^l. sterl. perquisit. a Rogero Colville.

Pat. 1 Edw. II. p. 1, m. 10, pro terris in Haughton et Witton concess. per Rog. Norton. Pat. 3 Edw. II. m. 19, de mess. et ten. in Craneheld. Pat. 4 Edw. II. p. 2, m. 8, pro ten. in Hertmangrove et S. Ivone. Pat. 7 Edw. II. p. 2, m. 24, dorso, de inquirendo de quadam balæna in terram projecta apud Brancastre com. Norf. ubi abbas habet wreccum maris. Pat. 9 Edw. II. p. 2, m. 24, de ix. mess. in S. Ivone et Upwell. Pat. 12 Edw. II. p. 1, m. 15, de terr. et ten. in Slepe.

Pat. 2 Edw. III. p. 1, m. 9, pro ten. in Wistow, Hemingford, Broughton, Wardeboys, Ripton, &c. Cart. 8 Edw. III. n. 6, & nn. 28, 29, pro amplissimis libertatibus. Pat. 9 Edw. III. p. 2, m. . dorso, de riota inter abbatem et monachos de Thorney, et abbatem et monachos de Ramsey. Claus. 14 Edw. III. p. 2, m. 24, relaxat. maner. de Bernwell et Hemyngton, cum advocacione. Pat. 15 Edw. III. p. 1, m. 21, pro baleuca abbatis, et libertatibus suis in foresta et mariscis, &c. Escaet. Suff. 26 Edw. III. n. 27, de terris in Lawshull. Pat. 27 Edw. III. p. 1, m. 9, de advoc. eccl. de Helgay com. Norf. Pat. 30 Edw. III. p. 3, m. 31, pro maner. de Woldhirst, &c. Pat. 32 Edw. III. p. 2, m. 2, pro ten. in Ramsey, Heynangrove, Berie, Upwode, &c. Claus. 35 Edw. III. p. 1, m. 17, pro manso vicarii de Ramsey. Pat. 38 Edw. III. p. 2, m. 38, pro ten. in Cranfield, Allington, Halliwell, Nedingworth, &c.

Pat. 10 Ric. II. p. 1, m. 15, de terris in Therfield com. Hertf. Pat. 15 Ric. II. p. 2, m. 3, pro eccl. de Shutlington et Therfield appropriandis, et quod abbas possit amortizare episcopo Eliensi maner. de Chateriz, cum mariscis de Holode, &c.

Plac. coram rege 10 Hen. IV. Pasch. rot. 9 et 62, pro reparatione fossati vocat. Pokeditch com. Norf. ratione terrarum in Walsoken. Pat. 13 Hen. IV. p. 1, m. 2, pro mercat. apud villam S. Ivonis; et p. 2, m. 25, de terris in Brancastre.

Rec. in Scacc. 9 Hen. VI. Trin. rot. 4, de terris in Stukle Parva. Pat. 18 Hen. VI. p. 1, m. 23, pro decimis non colligendis. Pat. 31 Hen. VI. p. 1, m. 5, licent. pro terris perquirendis ad valorem c. marcarum ann. et p. 2, m. 30, pro maner. de Ravele et ten. in Sautre.

Pat. 1 Hen. VII. p. 3, m. . pro mercato die Mercurii, et feria die S. Petri apud Upwell com. Norf.

Bill. signat. 3 Hen. VIII. n. . de feria apud S. Ivonum.

In the chapter-house at Westminster the following Documents occur respecting Ramsey abbey:

I. A bag, containing divers ancient Charters and Grants to the abbey; amongst which are, 1. A Charter of Hen. I. of a fair and other liberties. 2. A Charter of Hen. I. of lands in Adelungton and Wardeboys, and of the churches of Hotton and Witton. 3. A Charter of Ric. I. of allowances of liberties. 4. Deed of Walter Holbec, of the manor of Walton.

II. Ramsey Roll of Court Leet, 16 Hen. VI.

III. Book of Stewards' Accompts, 21—31 Hen. VIII.

with the names of the different persons by whom the respective manuscripts were given or bequeathed. It is imperfect; but furnishes a substantial proof of the great encouragement which literature received within the walls of the monastery. It was, probably, one of the largest abbatial libraries then existing. The Catalogue seems to have been made about the time of Richard the Second. Among the works enumerated are:

"Hystoria Normannorum et Anglorum."—"Liber Naturarum Aristotelis in uno volumine."—"Liber Physicorum Aristotelis."—"Casus decretalium."—"Compositus et Algorismus."—"Metaphisica et Liber Ethicorum."—"Priscianus constructus."—"Anselmi Opera."—"Seneca."—"Augustinus de Spiritu et Anima."—"Marcianus."—"Duo Donati."—"Boecius de Consolatione."—"Ovidius magnus."—"Oracius."—"Lucanus."—"Grecismus Thomæ de Warewyk."—"Prudencius."—"Terentius."—"Plato."—"Macrobius."—"Remigius super Therencium, et Salustius, in uno volumine."—"Virgilius."—"Itinerarium Clementis."—"Stephanus Cantuariensis super xii. prophetas."—"Sententiæ Petri Lombardi."—"Gesta Britonum."—"De Ortu Pilati."—"Petrus Blesensis."—"Vita Sancti Georgii."—"Prosæ magistri Henrici Versificatoris."—"Bibliotheca Hebraica."—"Martialis."—"Josephus."—"Solinus."—"Orosius."—"Liber Organicus fratris Willielmi de Chilteham."

The ARMS of *Ramsey Abbey*, given in the initial Letter of the present Account, are those assigned to the convent by Bishop Tanner; Or. on a bend Az. 3 rams' heads coupé Argent: and they agree exactly with those in an illuminated roll of parchment, exhibiting the procession of the lords of parliament to their house in 1512, described in one of Cole's MSS. vol. xxx. p. 9.

In another of Cole's manuscripts, vol. xviii. p. 30, he informs us, that in a window of a gentleman's house, at Over in Cambridgeshire, the patronage of the church of which was formerly in the abbey, the arms of the convent were differently given, viz. Az. three rams passant Arg. He also describes two other coats in the same church of Over, still different, yet certainly designed for the arms of the abbey. One carved in stone, over the west door of the church; on a bend three rams' heads, caboshed. The other, carved on a stall in the

chancel of the church, gave three rams' heads, caboshed 2 and 1. See also Cole's MSS. vol. xx. pp. 34, 37. His Notes were made in 1748. From these circumstances, Mr. Cole observes, we may well conclude the great uncertainty and little exactness in matters of this sort; and that the same convent often made use of different Arms; at least the same Device variously disposed.

Peck says, the abbat of Ramsey (though which abbat is not said) set in his Seal a ram in the sea, with this verse about it:

"*Cujus signa gero Dux gregis est, ut ego.*"^a

The chapter-house at Westminster contains two impressions of the abbat of Ramsey's seal: both unfortunately much mutilated. The most ancient is appended to a deed of abbat Hugh, without date, which recites; that abbat Robert de Trianel had acquired the marsh of Winebodesham, and had directed 40s. yearly to be expended out of it, on his anniversary; but as the marsh had failed in its rent, by common consent it was agreed that the said marsh should belong wholly to the chamber of the abbat, and the anniversary be supplied by 40s. from the manor of Repton Abbot. Of this seal nothing more remains than the head and part of the body of an abbat, with his pastoral staff; and of the legend only the first and last words, viz. SIGI . . . ESEIE. The other seal is appendant to a Deed of Robert abbat of Ramsey, dated in 1342, concerning the infirmary of Ramsey: of this the greater part remains, and represents a figure, clothed, apparently a female, but the head of it is wanting. The figure stands within a building; on the left side is a shield; containing the arms of the abbey, viz. on a bend three rams' heads; in a niche under the figure is a king, crowned, and praying.

The CELLS to *Ramsey Abbey* were, ST. IVES in Huntingdonshire, and MODNEY in Norfolk. Of *St. Ives*, an account will be given in a subsequent page of the present volume. Of *Modney*, in the parish of Helgay, near the bank of the river Ouse, in Norfolk, little can be said. The particulars of its first establishment are unknown. Its site was granted, in the 35th of Henry the Eighth, to Robert Hogan.^b

Cartae ad Ramesiense Coenobium in agro Huntingdonensi spectantes.

NUM. I.

De Fundatione Abbathiae Ramesiensis.

[Ex Registro de Ramsey in Scaccario, ex parte rememorator. regis 1640, fol. 218 a.]

ANNO Domini nongentesimo sexagesimo nono, Ailwinus, dux Orientalium Anglorum, instigante Oswaldo Eboracensi archiepiscopo, fundavit monasterium Ramesiense duodecimo die Novembris, et anno sequenti de Wigornia misit ibidem Ednotum, qui emendata cappellâ quam invenit, fecit officinas monachorum, et quarto anno sequenti, videlicet anno nongentesimo septuagesimo secundo, misit Oswaldus prædictus ibidem duodecim monachos de Westbiri, et anno tertio sequente, scilicet nongentesimo septuagesimo quarto, sanctus Dunstanus, Cantuariensis, et Oswaldus, Eboracensis, sexto idus Novembris, primam ecclesiam beatæ Mariæ et omnibus sanctis virginibus et sancto Benedicto.^c Post cujus fundationem, tam dux Ailwinus, quàm sanctus

Oswaldus, vixerunt viginti quatuor annos. Et anno dcccxcviiij. de hac vita temporali transierunt ad æternam; scilicet sanctus Oswaldus secundo calendas Martii, et dux prædictus octavo calendas Maii.

NUM. II.

Genealogia Comitissæ Ailwini.

[Ibid. fol. 217 b.]

FUIT in diebus Æthelstani regis quidam dux Orientalium Anglorum, Æthelstanus halfkineg, id est, semirex: hic desponsavit uxorem Alfwen nomine, quæ postea nutrit et educavit regem Edgarum, qui postmodum sorte hæreditaria totius Angliæ regimine suscepto, eidem Alfwen nutrici suæ non ingratus, villam quæ vocatur Weston dedit, quam illa postea Ramesiensi ecclesiæ pro ejus animâ donavit. Iste dux Ethelstanus genuit ex Alfwen uxore sua quatuor filios, primus Ethelwoldus, secundus Alfwoldus, tertius Ethelsinus, quartus

^a MS. Donat. Mus. Brit. 4936, fol. 176, è Cod. MS. penes virum reverend. Sam. Knight S. T. P. 1731.

^b See Blomef. Hist. Norf. fol. edit. vol. iv. p. 116. Tann. Notit.

Mon. In a list of the monks of Ramsey, t. Hen. VI. William Halywell, prior of Modney, occurs.

^c Deest, consecrarunt, aut simile quid.

Ailwinus, postea fundator Ramesiæ. Horum pater præ-nominatus dux Ethelstanus, sagaci providentia, mundum deludens antequam deluderetur à mundo, monachus factus est Glastoniæ, tandemque prædictos novos foecundæ vitis quatuor palmites in sortis suæ hæreditariæ et morum successionem relinquens, ibidem et vitæ finem sortitus est, et sepulchrum. Perseveravit autem vir iste Christianissimus ab Ethelstano rege usque ad nepotem ipsius ex fratre Edmundo, illustrem regem Edgarum, quatuor regum tempora complevis.

Anno Domini dccccxix. sanctus Oswaldus, et dux Ailwinus, Ramesiam construxerunt.

Anno dccccxxvij. obiit Ethelfleda comitissa uxor Ailwini prima; quæ dedit nobis Saltreiam.

Anno dccccxxxj. obiit Ethelwoldus comes, frater Ailwini, et sepultus est apud Ramesey.

Anno dccccxxxij. obiit Alfven mater comitis Ailwini, quæ dedit Weston, et sepulta est apud Chateriz.

Anno dccccxxxv. obiit Ethelgiva uxor Ailwini secunda, quæ dedit nobis Stowe et Brune. Comes vero Ailwinus trigamus fuit, prima Ethelfleda, secunda Ethelgiva, tertia Wlgiva.

Anno dccccxxxvj. obiit Ethelstan Manesune, qui dedit Chateriz et Clopham, Gravele, Werlesle, Ellesworth, et apud Ramesiam sepelitur. Et anno sequenti obiit Ethelsinus frater Ailwini, et sepultus est apud Ramesiam.

Anno dccccxxxvij. obiit sanctus Dunstanus, qui dedit nobis Wardebois, et anno sequenti obiit Alfelinus, qui dedit terram de Eccleye et de Potton, et sepultus est apud Ramesiam.

Anno dccccxc. obiit Alfwoldus comes, frater Ailwini, qui dedit Ramesiæ Hotton et Witton, Rippon cum Wenigton, Bithern cum Elinton, et Ramesiæ sepelitur.

Anno dccccxcij. obiit sanctus Oswaldus et eodem anno comes Ailwinus.

Anno dccccxcij. obiit Wlgiva com. uxor Ailwini tertia, quæ dedit Brancester ad pellicias monachorum, et Ramesiæ sepelitur.

Anno dccccxcvij. obiit Ethelfleda comitissa, uxor Ethelwoldi fratris Ailwini, quæ contulit Ramesiæ multa beneficia et ibidem sepelitur in parvo locutorio.

Anno dccccxcvij. obiit Ailwinus niger, qui dedit Clopham, Gerdington, Kembeston et Cranfeld, et Ramesiæ sepelitur.

Anno mvij. obiit Alfvara, quæ dedit Haliwell et ecclesiam de Ellesworth, cujus erat advocata, ac terram de Burleya, et multa alia ornamenta; et sepulta est Ramesiæ.

Anno mxij. obiit Godricus, qui fuit frater Ednoti primi abbatis Ramesiensis, qui dedit terram de Eyrnington.

Anno mxix. obiit Arnketel et Wlfron uxor sua, qui dederunt terram de Hikkeling et de Kuldoton, et sepeluntur Ramesiæ. Hujus patre et matre natus est Ethelstanus quartus abbas Ramesiæ.

Anno mxxij. obiit Alfwinus filius Bricii, qui apud Ramesiam comam deposuit. Iste dedit Laushutt et Halstede.

Anno mxxix. obiit Brithnotus comes, qui dedit Ramesiæ Wichington et Doddington in perpetuam elemosinam.

Anno mlj. obiit Jol. qui dedit Querington, Sleaford, et Cranewell.

Anno mliij. obiit Wak. frater noster, qui dedit Withlismaram.

Anno mlvj. obiit Leofwina, quæ dedit Stotton, Dilington, Gravele, et Gillinge, et unam crucem optimam, et sepulta est apud Ramesiam.

NUM. III.

De Situ Insulæ quæ Ramesia dicitur.

[Ibid. fol. 103 a.]

QUUM igitur in orientali angulo territorii Huntingdonensis, quem Usæ fluvii alveus terminus coangustat

mariscorum memorata insula sita est, palustrium insularum juxta quantitatem sui pulcherrima est. Quæ quia apud plerosque sui commendatione jam nititur, stili nostri officio non indiget commendari. Attamen ne adjacentem materiam omninò intactam prætergrediamur, locum illum à parte occidentali, nam aliàs palustria loca humanis gressibus haud pervia longius protenduntur, à tellure solidiori duobus ferè balistæ jactibus interjacentes luteæ salubre^a dirimunt. Qui locus olim segni tantummodò ampne naves serenâ advectas aurâ placido jocundi marginis excipiens gremio, nunc gravi labore et sumptu, lignorum arenæ pariter et lapidum congerie lutosâ obstructa abyso, via publica vel calle solido in eadem parte pedibus aditur. Hæc autem insula duobus fermè millibus in longum extensa, egena latitudine paulò strictior habetur. Quæ tam alneto quidem quàm arundinetum cum virore calami et juncti^b pulchrè in girum coronata, multo antequam inhabitaretur arborum genere, potissimum autem humidanti tota vestiebatur orno. Quæ cujus proceritatis fuerit, et quantitatis, ex trabium et tignorum quorundam ad tectum ecclesiæ exinde assumptorum inspectione poterit quilibet edoceri. Nunc verò longiore temporis tractu nemoribus ex parte demolitis, terra ubere gleba arabilis cernitur et opima, fructibus et frugibus jocunda, hortis consita, pascuis opulenta, nonnullis adhuc arboribus nemorosa, et pratorum gratia verno tempore spectantibus et arridente velut depicta floribus tota insula vario coloratur colore. Ambitur præterea idem locus paludibus anguillois, maris^c latè patentibus et stagnis multimodi generis piscium, et avium natatiliū nutritivis, de quibus maris^d una est Ramesmere de nomine insulæ dicta, quæ cæteras adjacentes aquas pulchritudine et fertilitate superexcellens, ab ea parte qua major insula silva densior habetur, arenosam ipsius horam in loco qui dicitur Mereham pulchre allambens, delectabile videntibus spectaculum præbet. In cujus vastis gurgitibus laxatis tam sageis quam alterius generis retibus, immissis quoque inescatis hamis, cum cæteris artis piscatoriæ instrumentis, admirandæ magnitudinis lutei^e, qui ab incolis Hakedes nuncupantur, per sepe extrahuntur, et tam diebus, quàm noctibus indesinenter ibi laborat aquatiliū industria venatorum. Semper ibi multiplex aquatici generis capitur foetus, semper quod capiatur, habundat. Hæc de situ insulæ et adjacentibus aquis, ad notitiam ignorantium exarata sufficiant, nunc de nominis ratione aliquid breviter subjungamus.

NUM. IV.

De Ethimologia Nominis et triplici Ratione.

[Ibid.]

IGITUR Ramesia congruè satis dici potest à duobus nominibus Anglicis, Ram, quod est aries, et Eye quod insulam sonat, ut inde composito Ramesia, quasi insula arietis nominetur. Siquidem antiqui hujus loci patres junioribus suis, quorum relatione et nos sibi relata didicimus, referre solebant in eadem insula olim postquam^f ab ullo inhabitaretur homine vel domestico animali, arietem inter silvestres feras carpentem germina reperitur. Qui, ut putatur, limosis locis et humantibus aliqua parte insulæ, vel gelu hiemali obduratis, vel æstivi solis longo fortè calore arentibus, relicto alibi grege suo illuc errabundus deveniens, eisdem iterum locis in humorem et mollitiem solitam resolutis, tortis ac recurvis de naturæ artificio cornibus armatus heremita remanere compulsus, sempiternum loco nomen temporalis inhabitator reliquit. Ut autem hoc dictum similium casuum quodam confirmemus exemplo: Augustunum in finibus Burgundiæ nominatissimam urbem, a duobus hædis qui in initio fundandæ civitatis, omnium pecudum domesticarum soli ibi inventi sunt, alio nomine Eduam usque hodiè constat esse nominatam. Possumus et aliter nomen ipsum de autoritate veterum à ramis interpretari, quasi insula ramorum, ob copiam videlicet arborum, quæ, ut supra taxatum est, antiquitus ibi habebatur, sicut restantes adhuc reliquæ testantur. Ex

^a lege, salebræ.

^b lege, junci.

^d Ita MS. pro mariscis.

^e corrige, lucii.

^c lege, mariscis.

^f lege, priusquam.

divina autem, ut credimus, providentia, tale loco inditum est nomen, quæ ab exordio nascentis mundi à sanctis viris et religiosis hanc præviderit et præciverit inhabitandam. Et proculdubio de oleastro sterili mundanæ conversationis securi divinæ vocationis abscisi, verè olivæ, et tanquam boni rami socii intimæ pinguedinis effecti, solius gratiæ insitioni adhærentes, diversos virtutum et bonorum actuum fructus velut virentia folia protulerunt. Jam verò, ut interpretationem ipsius nominis aptius ad mysticum intellectum reducamus, congruè dici potest à Ramesse, urbe quondam opulentissima in extremis, ut vult Ysidorus, Juliacæ regionis sita finibus, quam filiis Israel divino monitu ab eisdem locis post diuturnam duræ servitutis calamitatem demigrantibus, primam legimus præbuisse mansionem. Ramesses quoque, commotio vel tonitruum interpretatur. Rectè igitur huic loco hoc congruit nomen, quod demorantes in eo viri sancti psalmodiæ vel lectionis divinæ sonitu quasi terrore tonitruum a malis compescuntur, et cum Ezechiele propheta vocem commotionis magnæ post se frequenter audiunt, dum per exhortationis verbum ad poenitentiam concussi in lacrimas et gemitum plerumque erumpunt. De hujusmodi commotione per prophetam alium dicitur, pedes ejus steterunt et mota est terra. Quia, ut ait Gregorius, cum veritatis vestigia in mente audientium figuntur, ipsa mens in sui consideratione turbata commovetur. Congruè ergo Ramesia commotio vel tonitruum dicitur, quandoquidem peccatores quilibet in ea ad servitium Dei, de subdolè blandienti et malè pacato mundi amores conversi, ex contritione commoti et contriti sua acta condempnantes, in mœrore poenitentiae salubriter perturbantur. Hæc triplici jam ratione de ipsius ethimologia nominis breviter perstrinximus. Si quid rectius super hoc aut utilius dici potest, tuo, ô lector, arbitrio relinquentes, dummodò omnimodis tuæ constet prudentiæ, honestum esse de incertis honesta æstimare, et in re ambigua, de qua nulla invenitur auctoritas majorum, in meliorem semper partem deflecti debere æstimationem.

NUM. V.

Incliti Regis Ædgari Donaria, quibus Ecclesiam Ramesiensem insignivit.

[Ex eod. Registro, fol. 110 b.]

QUUM igitur prima hujus basilicæ jacerentur fundamenta, illustris rex Ædgarus, prece et instantia archipræsulis Oswaldi provocatus, in necessarios incepti ædificii sumptus quinque hidas apud Burwell liberalitate regali scripto suo eidem ecclesiæ perpetuò possidendas confirmavit. Itemque idem rex, ad petitionem ejusdem sancti pontificis, et devotionis suæ memoriale æternum, dedit ecclesiæ Ramesiensi et fratribus ibidem Deo servantibus, et per successiva tempora servituris, ecclesiam de Guthmuncester, cum tribus hidis terræ, et regalis munificentiae donum scripto quod hodiè apud nos habetur, confirmavit. Qualiter autem hæc ecclesia cum memorata ruris portione à nobis alienata sit, in sequentibus nosse cupienti curabimus indicare. Perpendens præterea jam dictus rex Christianissimus sæpe memoratam Ramesiensem ecclesiam in divina religione succrescere, et gregem ibidem Deo famulantium tam merito quam numero adaugeri, ad devotionis suæ cumulum, pro pace et firmitate regni sui, dedit eis etiam unam hidam terræ, quæ fuerat cujusdam viri Tukem. nomine, in Stivecle et duas campanas viginti librarum pretio comparatas.

NUM. VI.

Donationes quædam Sancti Oswaldi.

[Ibid.]

DEINDE vir domini Oswoldus, calliditatis et malitiæ, quam hac nostra ætate contra simplicitatem veterum, et fidem turgescere videmus, præsciis et judex, missis nuntiis ad Johannem papam qui tunc temporis Romani pontificatus arcem tenebat, privilegium suum in libertatem et munimentum ecclesiæ noviter construc-

tæ et dedicatæ adquisivit; ne successoribus suis calumpniandi occasio arrideret, nihil de episcopi jure, sed quæ familiaris loculi emunctione in jus suum transierant nevo exposita,^a seu quæ legitima cambitione fuerant adquisita, hæc sola ecclesiis quarum vel fundator extiterat vel patronus, liberius et quietius possidenda conferre studuit et confirmare. Emerat igitur à rege Ædgaro villam quæ Nidingworth dicitur, competentis pretii mutatione, multis scilicet et pretiosis reliquiis, quæ in duabus crucibus de sexies viginti marcarum auri pondere fabricatis continebantur. Pro qua itidem villam de Wy-stowe, quia ecclesiæ Ramesiensi viciniore accessu magis competens erat et recessu, à memorato rege in escambium accepit, acceptam Deo, et sancto Benedicto in perpetuam solempniter tradidit hæreditatem. Provida autem antecessorum nostrorum sagacitas suspecta prudenter præcavens pericula, prædictam villam de Nidingworth pro commutatione memoratæ ecclesiæ, et trium hidarum de Gumecester ecclesiæ Ramesiensi in funicularem hæreditatis perpetuæ sortem redemit; sicque quemadmodum superius promissimus referendum, eadem ecclesia et terra in alienæ jus potestatis usque hodie concessit. Dedit præterea vir sanctissimus O. v. hidas apud Burwell, alias ab illis quas piissimum regem Ædgarum superius retulimus nobis contulisse. Hæc est illa terra quam, sicut in vetustissimis sceculis Anglicè scriptum reperimus, vir quidam, Edwynus nomine, filius Othulfi, venerabili antea concesserat archiepiscopo Odoni, pro mercede sollicitudinis et laboris quo regem Ædredum ad consensum inflexerat, ut ei liceret filiam cujusdam viri Ulfi quam concupiverat maritali sibi fœdere copulare. Hanc autem donationem cum presbiter quidam Æthelstanus, prædicti archipræsulis Odonis germanus, inficiari conatus, ejusdem terræ medietatem suo juri legitimè competere allegasset, pacificus Christi vernula Aylwynus alderium,^b facultatum suarum dispendio, semper Ramesiensis ecclesiæ obvians detrimento, datis ei in mutuam commutationem pro eodem agello octoginta marcis auri, sub testimonio regis Ædgari, et Dunstani archipræsulis, et Alferi et Oslaki comitum, omnem calumpniæ viam obstruxit, et jam dicto viro posterisque ejus perpetuum, ut putabatur, super hoc silentium induxit. Postea verò, quia rebus humanis nil solidum, nil diu quietum, piissimo rege Ædgaro vita præsentem exempto, quidam Wynsigus à præfato Othulfo longam consanguinitatis lineam trahens, ex sola successionis hæreditariæ fiducia, sine ulla auctoritate judiciali memoratas quinque hidas sibi vendicavit, mansumque suum in eis constituit, unde vir illustris Ailwinus, nobilis animi indignationem nobilis iræ stimulis urgens, tantæ temeritatis præsumptionem ferro vindice ulcisci spiravit, et profectò conceptum tumentis pectoris opus explesset, nisi cujusdam fratrum Ramesiensium, Ædnothi nomine, prudens et provida discretio obstitisset, qui cum homicidium in dampnum ecclesiæ Ramesiensis factiosa contrariæ partis criminatione redundare posse manifesta affirmaret ratione, pacatum prudentis viri animum à proposito revocavit. Deinde, communicato idem frater Ædnothus salubriori consilio, majores et prudentiores de comitatu Cantebrigie convocavit, quorum opera et industria ad hoc memoratum Wynsigum induxit, ut quandam terram de Delsingetune in mutuam jam dictæ terræ de Burwell cambitionem gratanter acciperet, sicque eadem terra in jus Ramesiensis ecclesiæ rediit, ab omni tam ipsius Wynsigi, quam totius posteritatis suæ calumpnia soluta penitus et quietata. Cujus laboris proventu, quidam vir, Alfgarus nomine, aldermanni familiaris et à secretis, congratulans, prædictæ terræ ab omni reclamatione jam liberæ, domos suas et curiam, tres quoque hidas cum xl. acris et unam præterea virgatam, et ecclesiam de Burwell, cujus fuit advocatus, pro sua prædecessorumque suorum animabus, mera liberalitate adjecit. Quædam quoque matrona, Æthelgiva nomine, aliorum provocata devotione et exemplo, dedit Deo et sancto Benedicto Ramesiæ, in eadem villa lx. acras, et unam virgatam terræ quæ fuerat Guthredi, et octo hidas apud Erninge. Fratres quoque Ramesienses favorem domini, cum gratia sancti patris arridere cernentes, plu-

^a Ita MS.

^b corrige, alderman, i. e. satrapa, vel princeps.

rimas ibidem terras tam in campo arabili quam in villæ mansis multotiens pretio comparaverunt. Sæpeditus etiam Wynsigus, læsam præcedentis temeritate facti Dei et ecclesiæ Ramesiensis gratiam plenius sibi gestiens referre, sub testimonio aldermanni et uxoris suæ, et filiorum, dedit dimidiam hidam in Stivecle. Cujus occasione doni fratres Ramesienses postea, dato cuidam filio ejusdem Wynsigi competenti pretio, aliam hidam integram in eadem villa justo emptionis titulo possederunt.

NUM. VII.

Hic annotantur Donaria quibus inclitus Dux Æthelwinus Ecclesiam Ramesiensem dotavit.

[Ibid.]

Hæc verò sunt quæ piæ recordationis dux Ailwinus, tanquam pater filiæ maritatæ, dedit ecclesiæ Ramesiensi in jus patrimoniale perpetuò possidenda. Primò scilicet insulam ipsam ubi xenodochium constructum est, cum adjacentibus mariscis et stagnis. Deinde terram de Upwode quam à rege Ædgaro regalis munificentiae largitate, cum vicinorum gurgitum piscariis ad eam pertinentibus fuerat assecutus. Ibi tamen aulam suam et curiam tanti viri nobilitati in vita sua habuerit congruentem. Quia enim locus et nemoribus consitus, et mariscorum paludibus erat vicinus, frequenter ibi in venatu et aucupatione vel aucupio spatians morabatur. Dederat ei præterea idem rex Raffeam illam quæ propinquior prædictæ uillæ de Upwode adhæret, quam ipse inde Deo et sancto Benedicto cum dominio et debito hominum servitio, in perpetuam hæreditatem concessit. Dedit etiam totum quod juri suo in Saltretha competeat. Nam pater Æthelfledæ uxoris suæ cum adhuc viveret, et quandam ejus ruris portionem legitimo patrimonii jure possideret, dedit eam cuidam viro, Æthelstano nomine, aldermanno, in mutuam alterius cujusdam terræ quæ ei erat acceptior permutationem. Postea verò eadem Athelfleda, patre suo prædicto et eodem Æthelstano alea fatali delusis, super terra memorata calumpniam instruens, ordine judiciario eam in hæreditariæ sortis suæ jus revocavit, revocatam deinceps Deo et sancto Benedicto Ramesiæ cum funere corporis sui conferens, in redemptionem peccatorum suorum, et pretium sepulturæ. Idem præterea verus Israelita, Ailwinus, terram de Helvigeye quæ undique aquis accincta est, et profunda uligine mariscorum, dedit Ramesiæ cum Snores, berewico suo, quod foris insulam habetur, et molendino adjacente; medietatem quoque piscariæ ejusdem loci dedit ecclesiæ, alteram verò partem filiis suis. Dedit etiam v. hidas apud Walsokne et dimidium piscariæ suæ quæ eum in Wella continebat. Postea verò terminum vitæ positurus, alteram medietatem reliquæ adjiciens portioni, totam simul piscariam Ramesiensi ecclesiæ contulit cum mansis et toftis piscatorum. Terram quoque de Brininton, quæ post patris sui obitum, et x. hidas quæ post decessum matris in hæreditariam sibi sortem ceciderunt, dedit Ramesiæ pro sua et utriusque parentis salute.

Hæc est illa terra de Weston, quam sicut supra in prima hujus opusculi distinctione retulimus, rex Ædgarus dederat eidem Alfwen matri comitis, pro ea quam sibi in cunabilis impenderat sedulitate nutrituræ. Dedit etiam idem vir Deo devotus Alwinus x. hidas apud Giddinge et Wedeton, quas sub regis et optimatum testimonio, appenso cuidam viro Othingaro non modici æris pretio, justo possederat titulo emptionis. Nec in hiis quoque fervori devotionis suæ terminum ponens, dedit septem hidas apud Stivecle, et quandam partem decem hidarum quas habuit apud Tofte, pro anima jam dictæ Athelfledæ uxoris suæ: pro alia verò illarum hidarum parte, ut integrè omnes cederent ecclesiæ Ramesiensi in possessionem, à fratribus ejusdem loci accepit in escambium terram quandam de Lincolniam quam vir quidam, Wlfhunus nomine, in liberam eis contulerat elemosinam quandò seculo renunciens collegio eorum sociatus est. Porro terram de Aceia prædictis donationibus suis vir

fidelis adjecit, quam quidam presbiter, Kinemundus nomine, vivendi finem faciens, multis testibus ei in testamento reliquit. Dedit et sex hidas in Wammeford, quas postea fratres Ramesienses per posterorum calumpniam ablatas numerata pecunia redemerunt; pratum præterea apud Hoctun, et molendinum quod à quodam cognato suo Sirico, dato ei non modico probatæ monetæ pretio, comparaverat, eidem ecclesiæ in jus perseverabile concessit. Terram quoque de Hemmingford, quæ oppido Huntingdoniæ ex opposita parte fluminis vicinior, eidem ecclesiæ in fidei suæ et devotionis monumentum contulit sempiternum; hanc autem terram quæ accessu propiore sibi erat acceptior, in publicam et legitimam acceperat permutationem à sancto Athelwino, Wyntoniensi episcopo pro terra de Hathfeld, multis à præfato episcopo precibus sollicitatus, xxx. scilicet hidas pro xl. fertilitatis fortè vel vicinitatis gratiâ, pluris reputans pauciores.

NUM. VIII.

Charta Foundationis Monasterii de Ramsey in Comitatu Huntingdon.

[Ibid. fol. 136 a. It. Cart. 8 E. III. n. 293. vide etiam Cart. 2 H. V. parte 2, m. 18.]

REGE regum, et Domino dominantium, in æternum et ultra omnipotente ubique regnante, et ineffabili sua clementia universa cœlestium, et terrestrium, ac infernorum agmina gubernante. Ego Edgarus, per magnam ipsius Dei misericordiam, totius Anglorum regni solio sublimatus, omnibus post me futuris regibus, archiepiscopis, episcopis, abbatibus, comitibus, vicecomitibus, centenariis, cæterisque sanctæ ecclesiæ filiis innotesco: quod quidam vir dilectissimus mihi necnon et propinquitatis consanguinitate connexus, Alwynus Aldreman nomine, instigante divina clementia, cum benevolo meo assensu, ac licentia, in insula quæ nuncupativo usu ab incolentibus Ramseya promulgatur, in honorem beatæ Dei genitricis, ac perpetuæ Virginis Mariæ, sanctique Benedicti, omniumque sanctarum virginum, arcisterium construxit, prævidens itaque incertum futurorum temporum statum, omnibus posteris meis scire pro futuro decrevi, quale Omnipotentis gratia operante, ibidem miraculum emicuit; sicut non incerta relatione quorundam episcoporum meorum, imò et ipsius Aylwini didici.

Igitur diuturno ac laborioso cruciatu podagræ pedum suorum prædictus illustris vir Aylwinus multis laborans annis, usque quo vox affuit salutifera, in qua piscator quidam ipsius, qui Wlfget vocabatur, cum carinula, et asseclis suis, et lino aquam, quæ Anglico nomine Rammesmere dicitur, ingressus est, piscem videlicet gratia ad usum domini sui prædicti usu consueto acquirendi. Sicut itaque noverat velle dominum suum, rete suum sedulo huc, et illuc projiciendo, aliquid capere nitebatur, sed ex prædestinatione Dei omnipotentis frustra laborans, et tandem piscario labore nimium fagittatus, in carinula sua soporatus obdormivit, cui sanctus in somnis apparuit sic fando Benedictus: 'Aurora spargente polum, tuum ejiciens tragus multitudini copiosæ voti compos obviabis piscium; captorum itaque piscium majorem, quem vos Haked nuncupatis, Aylwino domino tuo ex mea parte offerens, dices ei, ut meam donationem benignè assumens piæ matri misericordiæ, et mihi, omnibusque sacris virginibus in hac insula monasterium, monachorum habitationi, cum officinis necessariis congruum sine dilatione studeat fabricare: ut ei igitur hæc omnia per ordinem innotescas exhortor, sermonem addens sermoni, quatenus scrutetur diligentius in loco prædicto, quomodo noctu fessa terræ sua incumbant animalia, ac ubi taurum surgentem pede dextro viderit percutere terram, ibidem proculdubio xenodochii sciat se aram erigere debere. Et ut mente perspicaciori, et fide constantiori, meis his credat mandatis; hunc tuum tibi exteriorem incurvo digitum, quem et ipse, mox a nexu podagræ solutus, et signi certioris judicio roboratus, tibi erigat reparandum.'

Prædictus igitur piscatorum didasculus hiis auditis evigilans, lucisque diei spiculum in oriente conspiciens, in aquam, sicut sibi jussum fuerat, tragus suum laxare cœpit, et sicut sanctus pater prædixerat, copiosam multitudinem piscium conclusit, quorum majorem eligens ea parte sancti Benedicti eum domino suo obtulit, eique omnia quæ in somnis didicerat, revelavit; digitumque suum a sancto incurvatum, ut erigat obnixè rogavit, quæ omnia mente sagaci concipiens Aylwinus, digitum viri hærentem erexit, piscemque suscipiens, matri Domini Jesu Christi, et sancto Benedicto grates innumeras benedicendo exsolvit, surgensque vir insignis festivus jubet mannum præparari, et in insulam ipsam vadens, quomodo jacent sua animalia, ut præceptum erat, explorat. Mira res, et miranda, ubi vir prædictus insulam est ingressus, ab intractabili statim, et gemino morbo, nutu Dei, funditus liberatus est, animaliaque sua in modum crucis, taurum verò in medio eorum jacere prospexit. Et sicut quondam sancto Clementi agnus pede dextro locum fontis; sic viro isti taurus terram pede percutiendo locum mensæ futuri arcisterii significavit divinitus. Unde vir præfatus Deum laudans, confestim truncatis lignis excitari capellam ibi pulchro opere præcepit, ac deinde scemate condecienti, sicut mandatum sibi fuerat, regulare futuræ congregationi monachorum construxit cœnobium. Deinde revoluto quinquennio, diebusque duodeviginti, precibus venerabilium amicorum meorum Dunstani, Dorobornensis, et Oswaldi, Eboracensis archiepiscoporum, eandem ecclesiam in honorem beatæ Virginis Mariæ, sanctorumque prædictorum, sexto idus Novembris, anno ab incarnatione Domini nongentesimo septuagesimo quarto, indictione secunda, solemniter, ut decebat, dedicari concessi.

Eodem verò anno, cum in natali Dominico omnes majores totius regni mei, tam ecclesiasticæ personæ quam seculares, ad curiam meam celebrandæ mecum festivitatis gratia convenissent: à prædictis amicissimis meis archiepiscopis itidem rogatus, omnes donationes terrarum, vel possessionum, quas vel idem Aylwinus, vel quæcunque aliæ personæ, in dotalitium ejusdem ecclesiæ, et jus hæreditatis perseverabile, ad victuale subsidium monachorum Christo jugiter ibi famulantium indulserant, dando, et concedendo hoc regiæ majestatis meæ privilegio, coram tota curia mea corroboravi, et tam ipsas donationes quam nomina donatorum, literis meis ad futuræ posteritatis notitiam exprimere curavi, hoc est, primitus dona ipsius aldremanni, scilicet insulam, in qua sedet xenodochium prædictum, cum omnibus sibi pertinentibus pratis, pascuis, campis, paludibus, silvarumque densitatibus. Deinde rus illud, quod Upwode nominatur, cum Raveleya berewico suo, Hemmingford, Saltreiam, Stivecleiam, Brinton, Weston, Hebugeh, Walsocnam, cum omnibus ad easdem villas pertinentibus; in Welles quoque viginti homines piscatores, sexaginta millia anguillarum singulis annis debentes ad usum fratrum prædictorum; Wulfina uxor ejusdem aldremanni, Brancester, cum omnibus ad eam pertinentibus; Dunstanus, archiepiscopus Dorobornensis, Wardebule cum omnibus sibi pertinentibus; Oswaldus, archiepiscopus Eboracensis, Kingeston, id est, Wistow, cum Ravell, et Biri berewicis suis ac omnibus sibi pertinentibus; Athelstan Mannessune, Slepam, et Chateriz, et de Elsworth partem orientalem cum omnibus sibi pertinentibus; Brithnot aldremannus, Wythenton, et Ysham cum omnibus sibi pertinentibus; Aylfwoldus frater Aylwyni præscripti, Honaon, ^a Witton, Riptonam, Clinton, et Withernam, cum omnibus sibi pertinentibus; Hinith vidua, Gravel, Belington, Stocton, et Gillinger, cum omnibus sibi pertinentibus.

Hæc itaque rura, ut supradixi, pro adipiscenda dulcedinis divinæ misericordia, et pro stabilitate regni mei, libenti animo in dote perseverabili annui, cum ecclesiis, cum terris cultis, et incultis, exitibus, redditibus, viis, inviis, segetibus, silvis, brueriis, secundum antiquos diu servatos confinium terminos, in pratis, pascuis, aquis, aquarumque decursibus, paludibus, piscariis, mariscis,

molendinis, et theloneis, ad se pertinentibus, et cum omni utilitate, quæ inde poterit omni tempore evenire, et cum omnibus per circuitum terminis, et metis suis, ab regia actione, et angaria, vel à qualibet humanæ servitutis subjectione, liberrima, lege, libertate, consuetudine, tam benè, et tam plenè, sicut ea sub mei juris dominio, suffragatore Deo, meliùs, et liberiùs prænominati nobilissimi possiderunt viri, favore et consensu primatum et optimatum meorum, prænominatæ ecclesiæ firmiter perpetuò habenda concessi et confirmavi.

Ut igitur hoc donationis meæ decretum fixiori firmitate, et stabilitate perduret, præsentis paginæ privilegio decerno, et statuo, ut sint libera, et expedita, tam prædicta territoria ibidem jam data, quàm ea quæ à fidelibus deinceps sunt danda, ab omni angaria constructionis pontis, arcisve restorationis, et ab omnibus secularibus servitiis, et operibus: ita quod nullus unquam regum, vel episcoporum seu principum, procuratorum, sive exactorum, ab illis pastum, nec opera, vel tributa exigat; sed omnia sint libera omnino, et quietia, quæcunque superiùs prænotantur. Præterea ex consulto, et admonitione venerabilium amicorum meorum, Dunstani, Dorobornensis, et Oswaldi, Eboracensis archiepiscoporum, decreta utilia statui, ut quicumque majestatis regiæ reus, vel cujuslibet alterius offensæ, ad locum illum confugerit, ejus rei, et membrorum, ac vitæ impunitatem consequatur: semperque sit habitatio monachorum, ac secundum beati Benedicti traditionem, post obitum abbatis, ex eadem congregatione alter, qui dignus sit, eligatur: aliunde verò nullus ibi præficiatur, nisi nullum, quod absit, ibi contigerit, qui dignus tali officio sit, inveniri; quod si contigerit, potestatem habeant de alio noto monasterio abbatem eligendi, cujus vita sapientia et religione clarescat: laicorum autem, aut clericorum nemo loci illius dominium usurpare præsumat. Possessiones verò, quæ ibi à quibuscunque donatæ sunt, non abbas, non alia quælibet persona licentiam habeat vendendi extraneis, vel dandi, sed regum munimine locus ille semper tueatur, ipseque abbas regi Deo soli serviens, spirituali et temporali commissum sibi gregem pastu diligenter foveat: liceatque ipsi congregationi quod sibi per rectam delegationem collatum est, perpetuò possidere, et pro me, et pro stabilitate regni mei Deum jugiter exorare. Post hujus itaque privilegii mei donationem, excommunicaverunt omnes episcopi, abbates, presbyteri, qui in plurima numerositate eodem die affuerunt, eos qui hoc constitutum infringerent, vel infringi permetterent, quantum in ipsis essent.

Et ut hæc auctoritas meis, et futurorum post me regum temporibus, circa ipsum sanctum locum firma perenniter permaneat, et inviolata, et ut ab omnibus optimatibus meis, et iudicibus privatis, et publicis meliùs et certiùs credatur; manus meæ subscriptione, hanc chartulam quinto kalend. Januarii decrevi roborare, et sigilli mei impressione communire. ✠ Signum Edgari, et serenissimi Anglorum imperatoris. ✠ Signum Edwardi ejusdem regis filii. ✠ Signum Æthelredi fratris ejus. ✠ Ego Dunstanus, Dorobornensis archiepiscopus confirmavi. ✠ Ego Oswaldus, Eboracensis archipræsul corroboravi. ✠ Ego Alfstanus, Londoniæ episcopus consolidavi. ✠ Ego Æthelwoldus, Wintoniæ episcopus ^b commodum duxi. ✠ Ego Ælfnodus, Dorencensis episcopus conclusi. ✠ Ego Ælstanus, Roffensis episcopus consigillavi. ✠ Ego Ælfgarus, Winton. episcopus Amen dixi. ✠ Ego Æscvius abbas. ✠ Ego Osgar abbas. ✠ Ego Ælfricus abbas. ✠ Ego Æthelgar abbas. ✠ Ego Ælfeah abbas. ✠ Ego Flodbyrht abbas. ✠ Ego Germanus abbas. ✠ Ego Ailwinus Alderman hoc meum desiderium ad perfectum, Deo suffragatore, usque perduxit. ✠ Ego Ælfwold dux. ✠ Ego Ethelstan dux. ✠ Ego Brihtnoth dux. ✠ Ego Æthelweard dux. ✠ Ego Wulstan presbyter. ✠ Ego Leoffa presbyter. ✠ Ego Thured presbyter. ✠ Ego Sideman presbyter. ✠ Ego Wulfhere presbyter. ✠ Ego Æthelfi presbyter, cum supradictis et aliis quamplurimis presbyteris infractores hujus firmitatis excommunicavi

^a recte Houton.

^b Al. præsul Wintoniensis.

NUM. IX.

Confirmatio Foundationis Monasterii de Ramsey per S. Edwardum, Confessorem dictum.

[Ibid.]

IN onomate summi Kyrios omnia jura regnorum gubernantis, et ab alto cœli fastigio cuncta cernentis, ego Edowardus, totius Albionis, Dei moderamine, gubernatione basileus, archiepiscopis, episcopis, abbatibus, centenariis, cunctisque sanctæ fidelibus ecclesiæ clericis, et laicis, insuper et omnibus post me futuris regibus salutem, perpetuamque pacis fœlicitatem. Summum regibus, ac principibus bonum est, justitiam Dei colere, sanctam ecclesiam ejus exaltare, et honorare, quia qui eam exaltant, et honorant, cum ea, et in ea, et per eam exaltantur, et honorantur. Prævenit cor meum gratia Dei, ut quod ab antecessoribus meis regibus collatum est ejus ecclesiæ, mea firmetur auctoritate. Ecclesiæ namque beatæ Dei genetricis semperque virginis Mariæ, sanctique Benedicti, omniumque sanctarum virginum, quæ Ramsey nuncupatur, quæ olim in tempore præcellentissimi regis Edgari à quodam insigni viro Alwyno onomate, utpote in ejusdem regis gloriosi munificentia cartula, quam ibidem donaverat, data ac sigillo regio confirmata, legitur, almighty Christ's mirabilis cooperante gratia, est constructa, ac terrarum copiosis ditata muneribus. Inprimis eam ita liberam, et quietam, tam ab omni exactione episcopali, quàm à seculari esse volo, ut neque nos, neque successores nostri, neque quilibet episcopus, nec quicumque de judiciaria potestate, in ipsam sanctam basilicam, vel in manentes in ipsa, vel in homines, qui cum suis terris, vel quibuscumque substantiis ad ipsam tradere vel devovere se voluerint, nisi per voluntatem abbatis, et omnium suorum monachorum, ullam unquam habeant potestatem, sed sit hæc sancta mater ecclesia specialis Domine nostræ perpetuæ virginis Mariæ, ac patroni nostri sancti Benedicti, et omnium sanctarum virginum libera, et absoluta ab omni invasione, vel inquietudine omnium hominum, cujuscunque ordinis vel potestatis esse videantur.

Præterea in perpetuum confirmo, ut monachi ejusdem ecclesiæ per successiones secundum regulam sancti Benedicti eligere sibi idoneos abbates habeant potestatem; et quisquis fugitivorum de quocunque loco, pro quacunque causa, cujuscunque conditionis sit, ipsum sanctum locum, vel procinctum ejus intraverit, fugiens; membrorum suorum, ac vitæ impunitatem consequatur. Possessiones verò, quæ ibi à quibuscunque donatæ sunt, non abbas, non alia quælibet persona licentiam habeat vendendi, vel extraneis dandi: sed regum munimine deinceps locus ipse tueatur; ipseque abbas regi soli serviens, atque ei soli os ad os respondens, commissum sibi gregem spirituali et temporali pastu abundanter foveat. Concedo, et confirmo omnes donationes terrarum vel libertatum, aut aliarum rerum, quæ à regibus, Edgardo videlicet, et Hardeknut, seu aliis fidelibus ante me donatæ sunt; hoc est, Upwode, cum Raveleya, berewico suo et cum insula, in qua prædictum stat arcisterium, cum omnibus sibi pertinentibus; Hemingeford, cum omnibus ad se pertinentibus; Walsoke, cum omnibus ad se pertinentibus; Sautrey, cum omnibus ad se pertinentibus; Hellingh, cum omnibus ad se pertinentibus; in Welles viginti piscatores ibidem singulis annis ad usum fratrum lx. m. anguillarum reddentes; Brances-trei, cum omnibus ad se pertinentibus, et cum omni maris projectu, quod nos Anglicè Shipwrec appellamus; Ripton, cum omnibus ad se pertinentibus; Tinell, cum omnibus ad se pertinentibus; Kingeston cum Rafflea, et Byri berewicis suis, omnibusque sibi pertinentibus; Wardebult, cum omnibus ad se pertinentibus; Scepton, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis; Chaterih, cum omnibus ad se pertinentibus, et unam mansionem orientalem de Elesworth, cum omnibus ad se pertinentibus; Houcton, cum omnibus ad se pertinentibus; Witton, cum omnibus ad se pertinentibus; Eliuton, cum omnibus ad se pertinentibus; Bitherum, cum omnibus ad se pertinentibus; Briumton, cum omnibus ad se pertinen-

tibus; Wichinton, cum omnibus ad se pertinentibus; Ysham, cum omnibus ad se pertinentibus; Weston, cum omnibus ad se pertinentibus; Gravell, cum omnibus ad se pertinentibus; Bilinchon, cum omnibus ad se pertinentibus; Stocton, cum omnibus ad se pertinentibus; Gillinger, cum omnibus ad se pertinentibus; necnon et illas, quas optimates mei meo tempore addiderunt, scilicet Ethericus, Dorcensis ecclesiæ episcopus, Clinton, et Bernewell, et Hemington, et unam mansionem in Elesworth Occidentalem, et Gretton, et Therefeld, et Sucklingdon, et Westmulne Orientalem, et Offer-ton in Hoylandia, et tres hidas in Broucton, et tres hidas in Bodekesham, et cum omnibus ad se pertinentibus; Ethnotus successor ejus episcopus, Over et Barton et Snapwell, cum omnibus ad se pertinentibus; Ethnothus filius Godrici, Accleyam, cum omnibus ad se pertinentibus; Eylwynus, Swerte, Cranfeld, et Kemestan, et Cloppam, cum omnibus ad se pertinentibus; Leoffius diaconus Wipsinton, Langetehill, et Watlinworth, cum omnibus sibi pertinentibus; Leoffius nepos ejus Meringe, cum omnibus ad se pertinentibus; Alfsius de Lamwathe, Burwell, cum omnibus ad se pertinentibus; Johol de Lincoln, Querinton, cum omnibus ad se pertinentibus; Hardeknut verò frater meus, Hemingeford, et Gilling, cum omnibus sibi pertinentibus.

Postremò ego ipse, propter spem retributionis æternæ, et pro remissione delictorum meorum, et pro animabus patris, et matris meæ, et omnium parentum meorum, ad laudem omnipotentis Dei, ad usus fratrum ibidem Deo servientium, de meo jure, quod mihi soli competeat, absque ullius reclamatione, vel contradictione, ista addidi. Inprimis Kingested, cum omnibus ad se pertinentibus, et cum omni maris ejectu, quod Shipwrec appellamus, et Wynebodesham cum hundredo, et dimidio infra Bichamdich, et cum lxiv. socmannis ad hundredum pertinentibus, et cum foro de Bunham ad Wynebodesham pertinente. Relaxamus igitur istis, et omnibus supra nominatis terris, consuetudines omnes, et exactiones regalium, et episcopalium ministrorum, sicut antecessores mei reges primò fecerunt, ut nullis graventur oneribus expeditionum, nec pontium, nec castrorum restructione, nec furis apprehensione, et emissionem, nec sanguinis effusione, et omnia quæ ad locum ipsum pertinent sint omnino libera; cellæ, ecclesiæ, cœmeteria, terræ, pascua, silvæ, venationes, aquæ, piscationes, cum redditibus, servitiis, debitis, oblationibus, luminaribus, decimis, donariis, censu morthidis, legibus, consuetudinibus, causarum discussionibus, emendationibus, sive ecclesiasticis, sive secularibus, et cum omnibus quæcunque maris procellosis tempestatibus in aquam vel in terram eorum ejecta fuerint, quod Anglicè Shipwrec promulgatum est onomate, et omnibus, quæcunque scriptis, et testimonio bonorum hominum rememorari potuerint, quæ à regibus concessa vel concedenda sunt; et nullus ex iis subtrahere vel diminuire, aut dispergere qualibet occasione, judicio, vel potestate præsumat.

Renovamus etiam, et confirmamus privilegia antiquorum regum, atque ob reverentiam Domine nostræ perpetuæ virginis Mariæ, sanctique Benedicti, sanctorumque virginum, omnibusque futuris ibidem abbatibus in tota possessione monasterii, sacham et socham, theloneumque suum in terra, et in aqua concedo, et consuetudines, ut ob omnibus apertius, et plenius intelligantur, Anglicè scriptas, scilicet, mundbriche, feardwite, fitwite, blode-wite, miskeninge, frithsoke, hamsocne, forstall, forphange, thiefphang, haugwite, frithbriche, utlep, infongenthef, sypbriche, tol, et tem, aliasque omnes leges et consuetudines quæ ad me pertinent, tam plenè, et tam liberè, sicut eas in manu mea habebam.

Et, ut omnia concludam, nullus succedentium regum, episcoporum, principum, comitum, vicecomitum, procuratorum, seu aliorum regum clientium, vel alia quælibet magna, vel parva persona, per vim, aut per consuetudinem, pastum, censum, vel impensionem, non opera, non tributa, xenia seu munuscula, vel aliud quidlibet ab eorum possessionibus exigat: sed omnimodam libertatem perpetualiter in terra, et in aqua, in urbe et extra, in domo et extra, in villa et extra, in via et extra, in placito, in soco et saca, in theloneo, et in om-

nibus suis appendiciis habeant. Quisquis igitur fidelium hanc nostram munificentiam amplificare propriis donis sategerit, augmentet illi omnipotens Deus gaudium perenne ubi perpetuitas viget. Si quis verò, quod absit, eam destruere voluerit, vel hujus nostri decreti contradictor, convulsor, et temerator extiterit, perpetuo anathemati subiaceat, nisi Deo, et ejus gloriosæ matri digna poenitentia satisfecerit.

Scripta est namque hæc scheda me jubente, et sigillata, his testibus, quorum onomata infra habentur, consentientibus, secundo kalend. Decemb. ✠ Ego Edwardus rex, Deo largiente, Anglorum, signum venerandæ crucis impressi. ✠ Ego Stigandus archiepiscopus concessi, et confirmando signo sanctæ crucis consignavi. ✠ Ego Ethelredus archiepiscopus gratanter corroboraui. ✠ Ego Wlfstanus episcopus vexillo sanctæ crucis prænotavi. ✠ Ego Gysio episcopus consentaneus fui. ✠ Ego Walterus episcopus consensum præbui. ✠ Ego Reinbaldus cancellarius consigillando commodum duxi. Ego Switgarius notarius scripsi. ✠ Ego Aelsius abbas. ✠ Ego Edwinus abbas. ✠ Ego Egelwinus abbas. ✠ Ego Baldewinna abbas. ✠ Ego Alwinus abbas hoc meum desiderium ad perfectum adduxi, et à rege hilariter suscepi. ✠ Ego Leofricus dux. ✠ Ego Haroldus dux. ✠ Ego Leofwinus dux. ✠ Ego Edwinus dux. ✠ Ego Hugelinus cubicularius. ✠ Ego Edgarus Stalere. ✠ Ego Robertus filius Wittman. ✠ Ego Wigodus de Lincolne.

NUM. X.

Carta ejusdem Regis Edwardi Confessoris.

[Cart. 8 Edw. II. per Inspex. MS. Peck. Donat. Mus. Brit. 4936, fol. 179 b.]

EADWARD cyng gret Stigand ercebiscop, & Aegelin aer biscop, & Gyrth eorl, & Toli scirreve, & ealle his theines inne Northfolce & inne Suffolce, & ealle his othre witen ofer eall Aenglande hadede & leawede freondlice, & ic cyde eow thaet ic habbe ge geofen Criste & sancte Marie & sancte Benedicte & Aelfwine abbod into Rameseye, saca & socna, tol & team, & infangentheof, fihtwite & ferdwite, forestall & hamsocne, grithbryce, & scipbryce, & tha sae upwarp on eallen thingen aet Bramcaestre, & aet Ringstye, swa wel & swa freolice swa ic hit me seolf betst habbe bith a saern ne ahwaer in Engelande, & ealle tha gerihte tha ic me seolf waer ahte. And ic wylle thaet seo socne with innen Bicchamdic ligce into Ramesege to sancte Benedicte on eallen thingen, swa full and swa forth swa ic heo me seolf ahte; & ealle tha gerihte tha aeni kinge mæi ahen, & ealle tha men tha beon mot wurthi, ferth wurthi, & faldwurthi, in thaet oðer halfe hundred swa hyleman swa tha men ahe sancte Marie & sanctus Benedictus & se abbod & tha gebrothra into Ramesege habben tha socne on eallen thingen ofer heom, & that market aet Dunham bi waetere & bi lande, mid in lade & mid ut lade, & mid eallen than gerihte the thaerto hered, swa wel & swa fredlice, swa ic hit me betst ahte: & ic nelle ge thafien thæt ani man this gelyclige mid aenige thinge. And in aelcer scire thaer sanctus Benedictus haf der land inne, his soca & his socne, tol & team, & infangentheof with inne burhe & with uten, & on aelce stye, be lande & be strande, be wude & be felde, swa hy ylc man swa tha ahe sanctus Benedittus habbe his freodom on eallen thingen swa wel & swa freolice, swa ic hit me seolf betst ahe ahwaer in Engelande, & ealle tha gyltes tha be limped to mine kinehalme, inne Jol, & inne tha hali wuca, & gangdagas, on eallen thingen, al swa ic heo me seolf ahe, & tolfres ofer ealle Engeland, with inne burhe & with utan, aet garescepinge, & on aefrice stye, be waetere & be lande. And ic for beode Godes forbode & min, that nan man this geofe nelytlige ne awende. And gif aeni man hit awansi mid aefraenige thinge of than the ic habbe her geunnen on theosen gewrite, si he ge syndred fram Criste & fram eallen his halgan. Amen. This writ waes gemaced aet Windlesoren on feorthe Easterdaes on lagide, ge witnysse waere Cwene & Godrines eorles, & Haroldes eorles.

NUM. XI.

Prædia ad Abbatiam Ramesiensem spectantia, tempore Willielmi Regis Conquestoris.

[Ex Libro Censuali vocato *Domesday Book*, in domo Capitulari Westmonast. asservato.]

Herfordscire. tom. i. fol. 136.

TERRA SANCTI, BENED. DE RAMESY. In Odesei Hund. Abbas de Ramesy tenet in FURREUELDE x. hid. et i. virg. Terra est xx^{ti}. car. In dominio iii. hidæ et dimid. et ibi sunt duæ car. et dim. et adhuc dim. pot. fieri. Ibi xxvii. villani et cum presbitero et uno francig. habent xi. car. et adhuc vi. possunt fieri. Ibi xiiii. cot. et iii. servi. Pastura ad pecuniam. Silua xx. porc. In totis valent. val. xi. lib. Quando recep. x. lib. Tempore Regis Edwardi xii. lib. Hoc manerium jacuit et jacet in dominio ecclesiæ sancti Benedicti.

Grenteb'scire. ib. fol. 192 b.

TERRA ÆCCLESIAE DE RAMESYG. In Stov Hund. Abbas de Ramesy tenet in BRONE i. hid. et ii. milites ten. de eo. Terra est i. car. Ibi ii. bord. pratum i. car. Val. et valuit semper x. sol. et jacet et jacuit semper in æcclesia S. Benedicti de Ramesy. et est be-reuu. de Stou.

Manerium. In Stov tenet Wido sub abbate ipso ii. hid. Terra est v. car. In dominio ii. car. sunt et v. villani et vi. bord. cum iii^{bus}. car. Ibi i. cot. et pratum ii. car. Pastura ad pecuniam villæ. Nemus ad sepes et domos. Inter totum val. l. sol. Quando recep. iii. lib. Tempore Regis Edwardi vi. lib. Hoc manerium jacet et jacuit in dominio æcclesiæ S. Benedicti de Ramesy.

In Papeword Hund. Maner. GRAVELEI tenet abb. de Ramesy. Ibi v. hid. Terra vii. car. In dominio ii. hid. et dim. et ibi sunt ii. car. Ibi viii. villani et viii. bord. cum v. car. Ibi iii. servi. Nemus ad sepes et domos. Val. et valuit vi. lib. Tempore Regis Edwardi viii. lib. Hoc Manerium jacet et jacuit semper in æcclesia S. Benedicti.

Maner. ELESWORDE ten. abb. de Ramesy. Ibi ix. hid. et i. virg. et v. car. Terra est xxii. car. In dominio iii. hidæ et ibi iii. car. et iii^{ta}. pot. fieri. Ibi xix. villani et xvii. bord. et i. franc. habens iii. virg. Hi simul xviii^{to}. car. habent. Ibi v. cot. pratum iii. car. et iii. servi. Pastura ad pecuniam villæ. Nemus ad domos curiæ. In totis valentiis val. xvi. lib. Quando recep. xiiii. lib. Tempore Regis Edwardi xx. lib. Hoc manerium jacuit semper et jacet in dominio æcclesiæ S. Benedicti.

Maner. CHENEPEWELLE ten. abb. S. Benedicti. Ibi v. hidæ. Terra est viii. car. In dominio i. hida et dim. et ibi sunt ii. car. Ibi viii. villani et iii. soch. habentes i. hid. et dimid. et iii. bord. quisque de v. acris. Ibi iii. cot. et iii. servi. Nemus ad sepes. pratum ii. car. In totis valentiis val. et valuit vi. lib. Tempore Regis Edwardi viii. lib. Hoc manerium jacet et jacuit semper in dominio æcclesiæ S. Benedicti. Supradicti iii. sochemanni terram suam potuerunt dare et vendere tempore Regis Edwardi absque licentia abbatis; sed soca abbati remansit.

In BOCHESUWORDE tenet isdem abbas dim. hid. Terra est dim. car. pratum dim. car. Valet et valuit iii. sol. Hæc terra jacet et jacuit in dominio æcclesiæ.

In DRAITONE tenet isdem abbas iii. virg. Terra est iii. bobus. et ibi sunt pratum iii. bobus. Ibi ii. servi. Valet et valuit semper iii. sol. Hæc terra jacet et jacuit semper in dominio æcclesiæ.

Maner. OVRE tenet abb. de Ramesy. Ibi x. hidæ et iii. virg. Terra est x. car. et dim. In dominio vi. hidæ. et ibi est i. car. et altera pot. fieri. Ibi xiiii. villani et ii. bord. et iii. cot. cum vi. car. et adhuc ii. car. et dim. poss. fieri. Ibi ii. servi. pratum x. car. et dim. Pastura ad pecuniam villæ. De maresch. vi. sol. et iii. den. In totis valentiis valet viii^{to}. lib. Quando recep. vi. lib. Tempore Regis Edwardi x. lib. Hoc manerium jacet et jacuit semper in dominio æcclesiæ S. Benedicti.

In Staplehou Hund. Maner. BUREWELLE tenet abb. de Ramesy. Ibi x. hid. et i. virg. Terra est xvi. car. In dominio iii. hidæ et xl. acr. et ibi iii. car. Ibi xlii. villani et dim. cum xii. car. Ibi viii. servi. pratum x. car. Pastura ad pecuniam villæ. et ii. molini de vi. sol. et viii. den. In totis valentiis val. et valet xvi. lib. Tempore Regis Edwardi xx. lib. Hoc manerium jacet et jacuit semper in dominio æcclesiæ S. Benedicti.

In Norestou Hund. GRESTONE tenet abb. de Ramesy. Ibi viii. hidæ et ii. virg. et dim. Terra est vi. car. In dominio iii. hidæ. et ibi est una car. et alia pot. fieri. Ibi vii. villani et vi. bord. cum iii. car. Ibi ii. servi. Pratum vi. car. In totis valent. valet iii. lib. Quando recep. vi. lib. Tempore Regis Edwardi viii. lib. Hoc manerium jacet et jacuit in æcclesia Sancti Benedicti.

In duobus hundredis de Ely tenet abbas de Ramesy in CETRIZ iii. hid. et dim. virg. minus. Terra est iii. car. In dominio i. hida et dim. et ibi est i. car. et x. villani et v. bord. et ii. servi cum iii. car. Pratum iii. car. Silva c. porc. De piscar. iii. mil. anguill. De presentat. xxvii. den. Val. lx. sol. Quando recep. xx. sol. Tempore Regis Edwardi iii. lib. Hæc terra jacet et jacuit in ecclesia S. Bened.

In WISBECE habet abb. de Ramesi viii. piscatores redd. v. mil. et cclx. anguill.

Hunted'scire, tom. i. fol. 204.

TERRA SANCTI BENEDICTI DE RAMESYG. Herstingestan Hund. Maner. In STIVECLE. hab. abb. de Ramesy vii. hid. ad geld. Terra xi. car. Exceptis his hid. in dominio terram ii. car. Ibi nunc in dominio ii. car. et xvi. villani et ii. bord habentes vi. car. Ibi æcclesia et presbyter. et xxiii. acr. prati. Silva pastilis iii. quarent. long. et iii. lat. Tempore Regis Edwardi val. vi. lib. modo iii. lib. et x. sol. De hac terra habent ii. milites abbatis Ricardus et Hugo iii. hid. et ibi habent iii. car. in dominio. et val. xxx. solid.

Maner. In RIPTVNE. hab. abb. de Ramesy x. hid. ad geld. Terra xvi. car. et in dominio terram ii. car. extra prædictas hid. Ibi nunc in dominio ii. car. et xxvii. vill. et vi. bord. habentes xii. car. Ibi æcclesia et presbyter et xvi. acr. prati. Silva pastilis i. lev. long. et i. lev. lat. Tempore Regis Edwardi et modo val. viii. lib.

Maner. In BROCTVNE hab. abb. de Ramesy iii. hid. ad geld. Terra vii. car. et ii. bov. Ibi est terra sochemmannorum v. hid. ad geld. Terra viii. car et vi. boum. Isti sochemanni dicunt se habuisse Legreuuitam et Blodeuuitam et Latrocinium suum ad iii^{or}. den. et post iii. denar. habeb. abb. forisfacturam latrocinii. Nunc in dominio habet abbas iii. car. et x. soch. et xx. vill. habentes x. car. Ibi presbyter et æcclesia et i. molin. iii. solid. et x. acr. prati. Silva pastilis iii. quarent. long. et ii. lat. Tempore Regis Edwardi val. ix. lib. modo x. lib. Eustachius calumniatur v. hid.

Maner. In WISTOV hab. abb. de Ramesy ix. hid. ad geld. Terra xvi. car. et terram iii. car. in dominio præter ipsas hid. Ibi nunc in dominio ii. car. et xxxii. vill. habentes xi. car. Ibi presbyter et æcclesia. et i. molin. ii. solidorum et xxiii. acr. prati. Silva pastilis i. lev. long. et dim. lat. Tempore Regis Edwardi val. ix. lib. modo viii. lib.

Maner. VPEHVDE hab. abb. de Ramesy x. hid. ad geld. Terra xvi. car. et in dominio terram iii. car. præter prædictas hidas. Ibi nunc in dominio ii. car. et xxxii. vill. et ii. bord. cum. xiiii. car. Ibi presbyter et æcclesia. et vi. acr. prati. Silva pastilis i. leu. et dim. long. et i. lat. Tempore Regis Edwardi val. x. lib. modo ix. lib.

Maner. In HALIEWELLE hab. abb. de Ramesy. ix. hid. ad geld. Terra ix. car. et in dominio terram ii. car. præter prædictas hidas. Ibi nunc in dominio ii. car. et xxvi. vill. et iii. bord. cum vi. car. Ibi æcclesia et presbyter. et xxx. acr. prati. Silva pastilis i. leu. long. et ii. quarent. et i. leu. lat. Maresc. i. leu. long. et i. lat. Tempore Regis Edwardi et modo valet viii.

lib. De hac terra habet Aluuoldus de abbate i. hid. et ibi habet i. car. et iii. bord. Valet x. solid.

Maner. In SLEPE hab. abb. de Ramesy xx. hid. ad geld. Terra xxiii. car. et in dominio terram iii. car. extra prædictas hidas. Ibi nunc in dominio iii. car. et xxxix. villani et xii. bord. habentes xx. car. Ibi presbyter et æcclesia. et lx. acr. prati. Silva pastilis i. leu. long. et dim. lat. Tempore Regis Edwardi val. xx. lib. modo xvi. lib. De hac terra habent iii. homines abbatis Eurardus, Ingelrannus, et Pleines iii. hid. et ipsi habent ibi iii. car. et dim. et v. villani et vi. bord. cum iii. car. Æcclesiam et presbyterum. Valet xl. v. sol. Eustachius calumn. ii. hid. et dim.

Maner. In HOCTVNE hab. abb. de Ramesy vii. hid. ad geld. Terra x. car. et in dominio terram ii. car. extra prædictas hidas. Ibi nunc in dominio ii. car. et xxxi. vill. et v. bord. cum x. car. Ibi æcclesia ñ presbyter. et i. molin. xx. solid. et lx. acr. prati. Silva past. i. leu. long. et dim. lev. lat. Tempore Regis Edwardi et modo val. viii. lib. Eustachius calumniatur i. hidam.

Maner. in WITVNE hab. abb. de Ramesy vii. hid. ad geld. Terra x. car. et in dominio terram ii. car. extra prædictas hidas. Ibi nunc in dominio ii. car. et xxiii. villani et v. bord. habentes viii. car. Ibi presbyter et æcclesia. et i. molin. xii. solid. et xl. acr. prati. Tempore Regis Edwardi et modo val. vii. lib.

In BLUNTESHAM est dimidia hida ad geldum. Terra v. boum. pertinet ad Ramesy. Ibi ii. villani habent i. car. Valet v. sol.

Maner. In WARDEBUSC hab. abb. de Ramesy x. hid. ad geld. Terra xx. car. et in dominio terram iii. car. extra prædictas hid. Ibi nunc in dominio iii. car. et xxxiii. vill. et xiii. bord. habentes xvi. car. Ibi presbyter et æcclesia et iii. acr. prati. Silva pastilis i. leu. long. et i. leu. lat. Maresc i. leu. long. et dim. leu. lat. Tempore Regis Edwardi et modo val. xii. lib.

Normanecros Hund. Maner. In SALTREDE hab. abb. de Ramesy vii. hid. et dim. et dim. virg. terræ ad geldum. Terr. xii. car. Ibi nunc in dominio ii. car. in ii^{abus}. hid. hujus terræ. et xii. vill. et iii. bord. habentes v. car. Ibi æcclesia et presbyter. et xii. acr. prati. Silva pastilis ii. quarent. long. et i. quarent. lat. Tempore Regis Edwardi et modo val. c. sol.

Maner. In ADELINTUNE hab. abb. de Ramesy x. hidas ad geld. Terra xxiii. car. et in dominio terram iii. car. extra prædictas hidas ibi nunc in dominio iii. car. et xxviii. villani habentes xx. car. Ibi æcclesia et presbyter et ii. molini xl. solid. et clxx. acr. prati. Tempore Regis Edwardi val. xiiii. lib. modo xvi. lib.

Maner. In LODINTVNE hab. abb. de Ramesy ii. hid. et dimid. ad geld. Terra ii. car. Ibi nunc in dominio dim. car. Edric tenet de abbate. Ibi xii. acr. prati. Tempore Regis Edwardi val. xl. sol. modo xx. sol.

Toleslund. Hundr. Maner. In GHELLINGE hab. abb. de Ramesy v. hid. ad geld. Terra vii. car. Ibi nunc in dominio ii. car. et x. vill. et ii. bord. habent iii. car. Ibi v. acr. prati. Tempore Regis Edwardi et modo val. iii. lib. Suinus tenet de abbate.

Maner. In EMINGEFORDE hab. abb. de Ramesy xviii. hid. ad geld. Terra xvi. car. Ibi nunc in dominio ii. car. et xxvi. vill. et v. bord. cum viii. car. Ibi æcclesia et presbyter et i. molin. x. solid. et viii. den. et quater xx^{ti}. acr. prati. Tempore Regis Edwardi val. xi. lib. modo x. lib.

Maner. Ibidem hab. Godric i. hid. ad geld. de abbate tenuit. Terram unius car. Modo habet Radulfus filius Osmundi. sed homines de Hund. nesciunt per quem. Tempore Regis Edwardi val. x. sol. modo iii. sol.

S. In ALIA EMINGEFORDE sunt v. hidæ ad geldum. Terra v. car. SOCA in Emingeforde. Nunc habet Albericus de Ver de abbate. et quidam miles habet sub eo ii. hid. hujus terræ. Ibi in dominio i. car. et viii. villani cum iii. car. Ibi xx. acr. prati. Tempore Regis Edwardi et modo val. lx. sol. De his fuit i. hida inland. et super hoc. ii. car. in dominio.

Maner. In VPEFORDE hab. abb. de Ramesy iii.

hid. ad geld. Terra IIII. car. Ibi nunc in dominio II. car. et IIII. vill. et II. bord. cum I. car. et XVI. acr. prati. et XVI. acr. silvæ past. Tempore Regis Edwardi et modo val. IIII. lib.

Maner. In DELLINCTVNE hab. abb. de Ramesy VI. hid. ad geldum. Terra XII. car. Ibi nunc in dominio II. car. et XVI. vill. habentes X. car. Ibi VIII. acr. prati. Silva past. I. leu. et II. quarent. long. et I. leu. lat. Tempore Regis Edwardi val. VI. lib. modo IIII. lib.

Delestvne Hundr. Maner. in REDINGES hab. abb. de Ramesy I. hid. ad geldum. Terra I. car. Hæc terra fuit in dominio. Nunc tenet Junen de abbate. et habet ibi I. car. et II. vill. et I. bord. cum I. car. et VI. acr. prati. Tempore Regis Edwardi et modo val. XXX. sol.

Maner. In BIERNE hab. abb. de Ramesy IIII. hid. ad geld. Terra IIII. car. Ibi nunc in dominio I. car. in una hida hujus terræ et XI. vill. et IIII. bord. cum VII. car. Ibi XXX. acr. prati. Tempore Regis Edwardi val. C. solid. modo IIII. lib. De hac terra tenent II. milites III. virg. terræ et dim. de abbate. et ibi habent unum villanum et III. bord. cum II. car. Valet XXX. sol.

Maner. In BRENINCTVNE hab. abb. de Ramesy IIII^{or}. hid. ad geld. Terra VII. car. Ibi nunc in dominio I. car. in una hida hujus terræ et XI. villani et III. bord. habent VI. car. Ibi XL. acr. prati. Tempore Regis Edwardi et modo val. IIII. lib.

Maner. In WESTVNE hab. abb. de Ramesy X. hid. ad geld. Terra XIII. car. Ibi nunc in dominio II. car. in II^{abus}. hidis hujus terræ et XX. vill. et I. bord. habent VII. car. Ibi presbyter et ecclesia et LX. acr. prati. Tempore Regis Edwardi et modo val. X. lib.

Maner. In REDINGES hab. abb. de Ramesy VII. hid. ad geld. Terra VIII. car. Ibi nunc in dominio I. car. in una hida hujus terræ. et XVIII. villani habent VII. car. Ibi XX. acr. prati. et silvæ min. II. quarent. Tempore Regis Edwardi et modo val. C. sol.

Maner. In ELINTVNE hab. abb. de Ramesy X. hid. ad geld. Terra XVI. car. De his X. hid. est una wasta pro silva Regis. Nunc in dominio sunt ibi II. car. in duabus hid. hujus terræ. et XXVI. vill. et IIII. bord. habent XII. car. et LX. acr. prati. Ibi æcclesia et presbyter. Tempore Regis Edwardi val. X. lib. modo IX. lib. De hac terra tenent II. milites I. hid. et habent II. car. Valet XX. sol.

Bedefordscire. tom. i. fol. 210 b.

TERRA S. BENEDICTI DE RAMESY. In Radeburne-soca Hund. Maner. Abbas sancti Benedicti de Ramesy tenet CRANFELLE. pro X. hid. se defend. Terra est XII. car. In dominio II. hidæ. et II. car. sunt ibi. Ibi XVIII. villani habent X. car. Ibi II. bord. et V. servi. pratum II. car. Silva mille porc. et ferrum car. Inter totum val. IX. lib. Quando recep. similiter. Tempore Regis Edwardi XII. lib. Hoc manerium jacuit et jacet in æcclesia S. Bened.

In Flichtham Hund. Maner. Isdem abb. ten. BERTONE. pro XII. hid. se defend. Terra est XII. car. In dominio III. hidæ. et ibi sunt II. car. et terciā pot. fieri. et XX. villani habent IX. car. Ibi VII. bord. et VI. servi. et I. molinum II. sol. pratum VI. car. Silva CC. porc. Inter totum val. X. lib. et tantundem quando recep. Tempore Regis Edwardi XII. lib. Hoc manerium jacuit semper in ecclesia sancti Benedicti. Cum isto Manerio reclam. abb. XII. acr. prati super Nigellum Albin. et Waltherum Flammens. quæ ibi jacuerunt tempore Regis Edwardi. sed Johannes de Roches eum injuste desaisivit. et hoc Hundred. testatur.

Maner. Ipse abb. tenet PECHESDONE. pro X. hid. se defend. Terra est XIII. car. In dominio II. hidæ. et ibi sunt II. car. et terciā potest esse. et XXXVI. villani habent XI. car. Ibi VII. bord. et V. servi. et II. molini de XXVII. sol. et VIII. den. Pratum III. car. Silva LX. porc. Valet X. lib. et tantundem quando recep. Tempore Regis Edwardi XII. lib. Hoc manerium jacuit et jacet in dominio æcclesiæ S. Benedicti.

In Bereford Hund. In WIBOLDESTONE tenet Eudo dapifer I. virg. et dim. sub abbate de Ramesy. Vastata est. tamen XVI. den. val. Hæc terra fuit in æcclesia S. Benedicti tempore Regis Edwardi.

In Bicheleswade Hund. Maner. In Bereforde tenet Eudo dapifer V. hid. de feudo abbatis. et Osbernus de eo. Terra est V. car. In dominio I. car. et IX. villani habent IIII. car. Ibi IIII. bord. et III. servi et I. molin. XII. sol. et CXXV. anguill. Pratum II. car. Val. IIII. lib. Quando recep. III. lib. Tempore Regis Edwardi IIII. lib. Hoc manerium ten. abbas S. Benedicti. et ibi in elemosina fuit tempore Regis Edwardi.

In Clistone Hund. In CLISTONE tenet Leuvinus I. hid. sub abbate. Terra est dim. car. et ibi est. Pratum dim. car. Val. et valuit X. sol. Tempore Regis Edwardi XX. sol. Istemet tunc tenuit sed ab æcclesia separare non potuit.

Maner. Ipse idem abb. ten. SETHLINDONE. pro X. hid. se defend. Terra est XIII. car. In dominio II. hidæ. et ibi sunt II. car. et XXVII. villani habent XII. car. Ibi V. bord. et IIII. servi. et fractus molinus qui nichil redd. pratum VI. car. Silva C. porc. Val. XII. lib. et tantundem semper valuit. Hoc manerium jacuit in dominio æcclesiæ S. Benedicti tempore Regis Edwardi.

Maner. Ipse abbas tenet HOLEWELLE pro III. hid. et dim. Terra est IIII. car. In dominio I. hid. et ibi est I. car. et VIII. villani habent III. car. et I. bord. et II. servi. Pratum I. car. Val. IIII. lib. et tantundem semper valuit. Hoc manerium jacuit et jacet in dominio æcclesiæ S. Benedicti.

In STANDONE tenet isdem abbas dim. hid. Terra est dim. car. et ibi est. Hæc terra jacet et jacuit in dominio æcclesiæ S. Benedicti. val. XV. sol.

Northantscire. tom. i. fol. 222.

TERRA S. BENEDICTI DE RAMESYG. In Wilibroc Hund. Abbacia de Ramesyg tenet unam virgatam terræ et dim. in HALA. Terra est I. car. Ipsa est ibi in dominio. et unus villanus et II. bord. habent dim. car. Valuit et valet V. solid.

In LVDITONE tenet abb. dim. hid. Terra est dimid. car. Hanc habet ibi unus villanus. Valuit et valet II. solid.

In ADELINTONE tenet abb. dimid. hid. Terra est dim. car. Tamen II. villani habent ibi I. car. et VI. acras prati. Valuit III. sol. Valet V. sol.

In Pochebroc Hundr. In HEMINTONE tenet abb. II. hid. et dimid. Terra est IIII. car. In dominio est una. et VIII. villani cum I. bord. habent III. car. Ibi X. acr. prati. Valuit X. sol. Modo XX. solid.

In Hocheslav. Hundr. In BERNEWELLE tenet abb. VI. hid. Terra est VIII. car. In dominio sunt II^æ. car. et III. servi. et XV. villani cum presbytero et VI. bord. habent VI. car. Ibi II^o. molini de XXIII. solid. et XL. acr. prati. Silva VI. quarent. long. et III. quarent. et dim. lat. Valuit XXX. sol. modo IIII. lib.

In Wimerlev. Hundr. In WICETONE et DODINTONE tenet abbas III. hid. Terra est VI. car. In dominio sunt II^æ. et III. servi. et XX. villani et VIII. bord. et III. sochemanni cum V. car. Ibi molinum de XX. sol. et XX. acr. prati. Silva non pastillis una quarent. long. et una lat. Valuit XXX. solid. modo IIII. lib.

In BRACHEFELD est una domus pertin. ad WICETONE. cum V. acris terræ. De dimid. acra habet socam Judit comitissa.

Lincolnescire. tom. i. fol. 346 b.

TERRA SANCTI BENEDICTI DE RAMESIG. Maner. In CORNINCTVNE habebat et habet S. Benedictus de Ramesy. I. car. terræ et VI. bo. ad geldum. Terra ad totidem car. et bov. Ibi nunc in dominio I. car. et III. vill. et I. bord. et I. soch. cum I. car. Ibi II. æcclesiæ et I. molin XXI. solid. et IIII. den. et XIII. acr. prati. Tempore Regis Edwardi val. XL. solid. modo IIII. lib.

Soca hujus manerii in ESLAFORDE. I. car. terræ ad geld. Terra ad I. car. Ibi I. soch. et II. vill. habent I. car. et XXVII. acr. prati. Soca alia in DUNNESBI. VI. car. terræ ad geld. Terra ad totidem car. Ibi modo XI. soch. et III. bord. habent III. car. et VI. acras prati. Maner. in TRICHHINGHAM habebat et habet S. Bened. de Ramesy dim. car. terræ ad geld. Terra ad IIII. bov. Ibi I. villanus habet dim. car. Tempore Regis Edwardi valebat V. sol. modo similiter.

In Coteland habet S. Benedictus dim. car. prati ad geldum in CRANEUEELLE.

Nordfolc. tom. ii. fol. 215.

TERRA SANCTI BENEDICTI DE RAMESEIO. Hund. de Clacheslosa. HIDLINGEIAM tenet sanctus Benedictus II. car. terræ. Semper VIII. villani et XI. bor. v. ser. VIII. acr. prati. II car. in dominio. et II. bov. hom. III. runc. v. anim. x. porc. LXX. ov. tunc val. LXXX. sol. modo LXX. De hoc manerio tulit Will. de Warennæ VIII. homines consuetudinarios ad hoc manerium de XLIII. acr. terræ. ut Hundr. testatur. Hoc manerium habet v. quarent. in long. et III. et dim. in lat. et reddit VIII. d. de gelto de xx. sol.

WINEBOTESHAM tenet sanctus Benedictus II. car. terræ. semper XIII. bor. et II. car. in dominio et XII. acr. prati. Past. de XVIII. d. III. porc. XVI. ov. Tunc val. III. lib. modo III.

In SNORA dim. car. terræ. val. x. sol.

In DERHAM III. soc. tempore Regis Edwardi VI. acr. terræ et dim. car. val. XII. d.

In PHORHAM XXIII. acr. et val. II. sol. et VIII. d. In eadem liber homo XXIII. acr. val. III. sol.

In WTUUELLA XVI. bor. val. v. sol. De soca Hundreti et dimidii habet sanctus Benedictus LXX. sol.

Hund. et dim. de Fredebruge. WALSOCAM tenet sanctus Benedictus semper I. car. terræ. Semper XI. vill. et VI. bor. XII. acr. prati. I. car. in dominio. dim. car. hominum I. pisc. VII. an. Huic manerio jac. semper VII. soc. de XIII. acr. Val. xx. sol.

Hund. de Dochinga. BRONCESTRAM tenet semper sanctus Benedictus III. car. in dominio, et VII. car. hom. XXV. vill. XVI. bor. v. ser. II. acr. prati. I. mol. v. bor. VI. acr. et LX. acr. terræ quæ semper sunt in dominio. II. runc. VI. animal. XXIII. porc. DC. ov. Totum val. x. lib. Totum habet I. leu. in long. et dim. in lat. et XXVIII. d. de g.^a

Hund. de Smetheduna. RINCTEDA. tenet semper sanctus Benedictus II. car. in dominio. XXI. vill. v. bor. III. ser. habentes III. car. v. acr. prati. I. runc. XXIII. porc. c. ov. et XXII. soc. I. car. terræ et III. car. et in hoc manerio possunt restaurari II. car. tunc val. VI. lib. modo v. et x. sol. habet I. leu. et dim. in long. et I. leu. in lat. et XLII. d. de g. sanctus Benedictus socam. De hoc manerio ablati sunt XXXI. soc. qui ibi jacebant tempore Regis Edwardi. De his habuit Rasridus IX. et modo tenet eos W. de Scohies et W. de Warr. VII. et in Flicesuella man. reg. III. et W. de Noiers III. Rog. Bigot v. et in HUNSTANETUNA regis I. de II. acr.

Hund. de Brodeseros. In Bruneham tenet sanctus Benedictus tempore Regis Edwardi I. liberum hominem de dim. car. terræ. Semper XVIII. bor. tunc dim. car. modo nichil. Semper II. car. hominum. Semper val. x. sol. hoc tenet Rog. Bigot de abbate.

Sudfulc. tom. ii. fol. 378 b.

TERRA SANCTI BENEDICTI DE RAMESEIA. Duo Hund. de Babenbergæ. LAWESSELAM tenuit sanctus Benedictus tempore Regis Edwardi pro Man. VIII. car. terræ cum soca. Tunc XIII. vill. modo XVI. Tunc XII. bord. modo x. Tunc III. ser. modo v. Tunc II. car. in dominio modo III. Semper x. car. hominum. VIII. acr. prati. Semper I. runc. modo x. anim. et xxx. porc. c. ov. et XII. cap. Ecclesia xxx. acr. liberæ terræ. Tunc val. VIII. lib. modo XII. habet I. leu. long. et dim. in lat. et de gelto xv. d.

NUM. XII.

Carta Aldewini Abbatis de Over.

[MS. Cotton. Vesp. E. II. fol. 27.]

ALDEWINUS, Dei gratia, abbas Rames. ecclesiæ filiis Dei catholicæ, &c. volo nos scire quod Willielmo Pecche et uxori ejus damus fraternitatem nostri et congregationis nostræ, et concedimus ut hanc terram de Overe ad proficuum suum sub hac conditione ut unoquoque anno v. lib. ad certum terminum reddat. Et

cum finis vitæ ei advenerit, locum sepulturæ in cimiterio sancti Benedicti et c. sol. dentur de suo proprio ad ipsam ecclesiam pro anima ejus vel marca auri. Foemina vero sua, si supervixerit, in ipsa conventionem præfatam terram habebit. Post obitum autem utrorumque recipiet abbas terram suam bene vestitam, absque ulla reclamatione. Et si illis est filius talis qui terram deservire poterit, et voluerit, ille proximus erit: sed hoc in arbitrio et voluntate abbatis et fratrum consistit. Testimonio nostri et Ingelrammi, et Rodberti, et Goffridi, et Ragenaldi, et Sunegon.

NUM. XIII.

Carta Henrici I. Regis de Walton.

[Ibid. fol. 10 b.]

H. REX Anglorum episcopo Linc. &c. Sciatis me concessisse Deo et ecclesiæ beati Benedicti de Rames. et abbati et monachis suis in perpetuam elemosinam manerium de Walton cum omnibus ejus appendiciis, in terris, in bosco, et mariscis, et omnibus aliis rebus sicut Albreda quæ fuit uxor Eustach. de Stellea, cujus hoc manerium hæreditas fuit, eis illud dedit et concessit, et sicut Walterus de Bolebech dominus feodi illius cum ipsa Albreda hoc coram me concessit. Quare volo et firmiter præcipio quod ecclesia prædicta et abbas et monachi teneant nunc et usque in sempiternum prædictum manerium cum omnibus quæ ibi pertinent, in bosco et plano, in pratis et pasturis, in aqua et extra, in mariscis, in via et semitis, in omnibus rebus, cum socha et sacha, et thol et theam, et infongeneth, cum omnibus libertatibus et consuetudinibus terræ illius pertin. cum quibus aliquis illud melius et quietius tenuit et a modo sit in protectione mea sicut aliæ terræ illius abbatiæ, &c. T. B. filio comitis, &c.

NUM. XIV.

Carta ejusdem H. Regis Primi de Hirstingst' Hund.

[Ibid. fol. 11.]

H. REX Angliæ, &c. Sciatis me concessisse abbati de Rames. ut ad firmam habeat hundr. de Hirstingst' reddendo inde quoquo anno iiij. marc. argenti quicunque sit vicecomes: ita ne vicecomes plus ab eo inde requirat. Et volo et præcipio ut ille quicunque sit abbas de Rames. et ecclesia sua ita am^o. per hanc prædictam firmam hundr. bene et in pace et honorifice teneat. T. Rogero episcopo Sar. &c.

NUM. XV.

Carta H. Regis Primi de omnibus Libertatibus.

[Ibid. fol. 11 b.]

H. REX Angliæ, &c. Sciatis me concessisse abbati de Ram. et confirmasse ipsi et ecclesiæ suæ et monachis suis omnes terras et ecclesias et decimas et omnimodas possessiones eidem abbatiæ pertinentes et nominatim feriam suam ad sanctum Yvonem de Slepe, et Clackclose hundr. et dimid. cum omnibus libertatibus et consuetudinibus ei pertinentibus; et mercatum suum de Dunham, et socham suam de Hunteton, et terras suas Lond. et omnes alias terras et tenuras suas de quocunque eas habeant sicut ecclesia sancti Benedicti de Rames. melius ea habuit aliquo tempore. Volo itaque et firmiter præcipio quod abbas et ecclesia sua et monachi sui bene et in pace, et honorifice, et libere, et quiete teneant in bosco et in plano, et pratis, et pascuis, et aquis, et mariscis, et molendinis, in wrechmaris in mari et litore, in vivariis et piscariis, et exclusis, et stagnis, et virgultis, et curtillagiis, in civitate et extra, infra burgum et extra, in mercatis et feriis, in via et semitis, et exitibus, et in omnibus locis, et socha et sacha, tol et theam et infongenethof in quocunque hundr. terras habeant. Et omnia sua sint libera ab omni regia consuetudine, et ab omni collectione census

^a sc. gelto.

quæ geld, vel scoth, vel denegeld Anglice nominatur. Insuper etiam quietos eos clamo ab omnibus placitis et querelis, sciris et hundr. et ab omnibus rebus et occasionibus quæ ad me pertinent sicut ecclesia supradicta unquam aliquo tempore melius et liberior et quietius tenuit tempore patris mei et fratris mei et meo, et sicut cartæ antiquorum regum prædecessorum meorum et patris mei et meæ quas habet dicta ecclesia plenius attestantur. Præterea leugata terræ suæ circa Abbatiam suam ita sit quæta et libera ab omni episcopali et sæculari potestate sicut unquam quietior fuit aliquo tempore prædecessorum meorum regum Angliæ, quæ leugata extendit se usque ad monticulum desuper Wistowe, et vadit per mediam villam de Wistowe accingens Rael. usque in mariscum. T. H. archiepiscopo Rotom. &c.

NUM. XVI.

Carta Henrici I. Regis de Feria Sancti Yvonis.

[Ibid. fol. 12.]

H. REX Angliæ, &c. Sciatis me concessisse sancto Benedicto de Rames. et abbati et monachis et sancto Yvoni unam feriam apud sanctum Yvonem de Slepe quæ incipiat die Lunæ in ebdomada Paschæ et duret usque in diem Lunæ sequentem et toto die illo. Et habeat feria illa socham suam, et sacham, et tol et theam, et infongeneth, et omnes libertates et consuetudines suas sicut aliqua feria melius habeat in tota Anglia. Et volo et præcipio quod omnes undecunque ad eam venientes et in ea existentes et inde revertentes hanc meam firmam pacem dando abbati suas rectas consuetudines ne super hoc ab aliquo alicubi injuste disturbentur super x. lib. forisfacturæ. Teste Johanne episcopo Lex. &c.

NUM. XVII.

Carta ejusdem Regis de Feria Sancti Yvonis, die Mercur.

[Ibid. fol. 12 b.]

H. REX Angliæ, &c. Sciatis me concessisse sancto Benedicto de Rams. et sancto Yvoni de Slepe feriam die Mercur. in Pasch. usque ad octavum diem, ita bene et honorifice cum socha et sacham, et tol et theam, et infongeneth, et cum omnibus consuetudinibus sicut aliqua feria melius habet in tota Anglia. Et volo et præcipio ut omnes ad eam venientes et in ea existentes et inde redeuntes, firmam pacem nostram habeant. T. Roberto episcopo Linc. &c.

NUM. XVIII.

Carta ejusdem Regis de una Leugata circa Rames.

[Ibid.]

H. REX Angliæ, &c. Sciatis me concessisse Deo et sancto Benedicto et Aldwino abbati de Rames. in perpetuum socham et sacham, et tol et theam, et infongeneth, et forstal, et blodwithe, et murdrum, et inventionem thesauri, et omnes alias libertates coronæ meæ pertinentes in terra sua quam habent infra unam leugatam circa ecclesiam sancti Benedicti de Rames. et omnia placita coronæ meæ sicut ego ipse melius et plenius habeo in regno meo. Et illa leugata sit in perpetuum quæta de visu forestariorum et assartis et omnibus aliis querelis. T. com. Meldens. &c.

NUM. XIX.

De Guiscardo de Lymosin Ramesiensi Abbatia benefactore, et ejus progenie.

[Inter Collectanea Roberti Glover, nuper Somerset Herald, Miscel. lib. i.]

ANNO xii. regis Hen. primi, et anno Domini mc. inierunt bellum diversi proceres contra regem, cum Roberto de Montegomerico, et Will. comite Cornubiæ et

Morton; et deinde fugerunt in Normanniam, et ibi agitaverunt ad bellum Normannos: unus tamen, Guiscardus de Lymosin, alias Levemezoun, dominus Molyns, prosequabatur eos ex parte regis; cui rex, postquam devenit in Normanniam, dedit castra et honores, et simul adduxit in Angliam; deditque ei terras aliquas prædicti Roberti de Montegomerico; procuravit quoque uxorem filiam Jacobi de Longvale, quæ fuit hæres prædicti Jacobi et Elianoræ de Towrs. Qui quidem Guiscardus ædificavit illam partem monasterii de Ramsey, vocatam Normandes Ile; posuitque arma Normannorum jam existentium. Qui quidem Guiscardus et Gertruda habuerunt exitum Robertum, Matildam, Elianoram, et Thomam: quæ quidem Matilda nupta fuit domino Brews; et Alianora Willielmo de Patefyne. Robertus, per uxorem suam Graciam de Harcourt, habuit exitum Henricum dominum de Molins; qui quidem Henricus submersus fuit, cum multis aliis proceribus inter Normanniam et Angliam anno Christi mclxvi: post cujus mortem Thomas filius Thomæ prædicti et Margaretæ Tye, erat vicecomes de Molyns: et dictus Thomas, per sororem domini de Monteforti, habuit Walterum dominum Molyns et quatuor filias; quarum unam duxit Johannes de Hetersett; alteram Georgius de Melbourne; tertiam dominus de Maundevill. Qui quidem Walterus duxit filiam . . . de Segrave, et habuit exitum Willielmum dominum Molyns, Rogerum castellanum de Nottingham, qui nominavit seipsum Rogerum de Leumesin (Anglicè Waterhouse) deditque ei uxorem Johannam filiam et hæredem . . . De la Mere et Mariæ Giffard. Habuit quoque prædictus dominus Molins, Katherinam nuptam Thomæ Howard militi, et aliam nuptam domino de Morley. Et prædictus dominus Willielmus habet exitum Willielmum dominum Molyns, jam viventem.

NUM. XX.

Carta Regis Ricardi I. de custodia Boscorum Rames. cum agistiamto Porcorum.

[MS. Cotton. Vesp. E. ii. fol. 15 b.]

R. DEI gratia rex Angliæ, &c. Sciatis nos pro anima patris nostri, et pro animabus parentum nostrorum, et pro salute nostra, et pro pace et stabilitate regni nostri dedisse et concessisse Deo et ecclesiæ sancti Benedicti de Rames. et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus in liberam et perpetuam elemosinam custodiam omnium boscorum suorum in Huntedons. et agistiamtum porcorum in ipsis boscis, ita quod nullus forestar. nostrorum aliquod impedimentum faciat eis vel hominibus suis de viridi vel de sicco in prædictis boscis vel extra, neque de agistiamto porcorum, neque de aliqua alia re, salva venatione nostra, quam nobis retinuimus, et salvo nobis riguardo in tertio anno de wasto boscorum illorum. Concessimus etiam eidem ecclesiæ quinquaginta acras de veteri essarto quæta et solutas de riguardo in Hirstinestan hundr. et ducentas acras de novo essarto quæta similiter de rewardo in perpetuum in eodem hundredo. T. H. Dunelmens. episcopo, &c.

NUM. XXI.

Carta Regis Johannis de Mercato habendo apud Rames. per unum Diem.

[Ibid. fol. 18 b.]

J. DEI gratia, &c. Sciatis nos concessisse et hac carta nostra confirmasse abbati et monachis de Rames. unum mercatum habend. apud villam suam de Rames. singulis ebdomadis per unum diem; scilicet qualibet die Mercur. Ita tamen quod non sit ad nocumentum vicinorum mercatorum vel vicinarum feriarum. Quare volumus et firmiter præcipimus quod prædicti abbas et monachi habeant et teneant prædictum mercatum bene et in pace, libere et quiete, integre, plenarie, et honorifice, cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus ad hujus mercata pertinentibus sicut prædictum est. T. Galfr. fil. Petri com. Essex. &c.

NUM. XXII.

Carta W. Abbatis Rames.

[MS. Peck. Donat. Mus. Brit. 4936, fol. 174, ex ipsa originali Carta pergam. penes Beaupræum Bell juniorem, arm. A.D. 1731.]

OMNIBUS Christi fidelibus præsens scriptum visuris vel audituris, W. miseratione divina abbas Ramesey salutem in Domino. Noverit universitas vestra nos de voluntate et assensu conventus nostri concessisse, quantum in nobis est, dilecto nostro Thomæ de Burger, in fundo suo in Upwell, Capellam erigere; et in eadem per perpetuum capellanum facere deserviri. Salva tamen in omnibus indemnitate matricis ecclesiæ suæ. In cujus rei testimonium præsentī scripto sigillum nostrum fecimus apponi. Datum apud Ramesi, die Lunæ proxima post festum sancti Botulphi, anno Domini millesimo ducentesimo sexagesimo. Valete semper in Domino.

NUM. XXIII.

Carta Henrici III. Regis de Mercato et Feria apud Manerium de Rames. anno regni li.

[MS. Cotton. Vesp. E. II. fol. 65.]

HENRICUS Dei gratia rex Angliæ, dominus Hiberniæ et dux Aquitanniæ, archiepiscopis, episcopis, abbatibus, prioribus, comitibus, baronibus, justiciariis, vicecomitibus, præpositis, ministris, et omnibus ballivis et fidelibus suis salutem. Sciatis nos concessisse et hac carta nostra confirmasse dilectis nobis in Christo abbati et conventui de Rames. quod ipsi et eorum successores imperpetuum habeant unum mercatum apud manerium suum de Rames. in comit. Huntingd. singulis septimanis per diem Mercurii, et unam feriam ibidem singulis annis per quatuor dies duraturam, videlicet in vigilia et in die translationis sancti Benedicti et per duos dies sequentes, nisi mercatum illud et feria illa sint ad nocumentum vicinorum mercatorum et vicinarum feriarum. Quare volumus et firmiter præcipimus pro nobis et hæredibus nostris quod prædicti abbas et conventus et eorum successores imperpetuum habeant prædictam mercatum et feriam apud manerium suum prædictum cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus ad hujusmodi mercatum et feriam pertinentibus, nisi mercatum illud et feria illa sint ad nocumentum vicinorum mercatorum et vicinarum feriarum sicut prædictum est. Hiis testibus Willielmo de Valenc. fratre nostro, Johanne de Warrenn comite Surr. Roberto Aquilon, Alano la Zuche, Willielmo de Sancto Omero, Willielmo Belet, Waltero de Burges, Bartholomeo le Bygod, et aliis. Dat. per manum nostram apud Cantebr. vicesimo die Marcii anno regni nostri quinquagesimo primo.

NUM. XXIV.

Ex Libello Donationum Ramesiensis Monasterii.

[Lelandi Collectan. vol. i. p. 837.]

HENRICUS prius, rex, ut liquet ex ejus donatione, instituit unam feriam apud S. Ivonem de Selepe, quæ incipiat in die Lunæ in hebdomade Paschæ, et duret usque in diem Lunæ sequentem, et toto illo die.

Henricus secundus dedit liberam warrennam monachis de Ramesey in terris quas habebat in Herstingstan hundred.

Johannes rex, ut patet ex charta ejus donat. instituit unam feriam apud S. Ivonem de Slepe, incepturam quarto die ante festum S. Laurentii et per octo dies duraturam.

Eadwardus primus instituit mercatum de oppido S. Ivonis de Slepe in die Lunæ.

Henricus secundus dedit manerium suum de Ripatona in feodi firmam monaster. de Ramsey.

Custodia ferarum in Huntinduneshire data monasterio de Ramesey à Joanne rege.

Ricardus primus dedit ecclesiæ de Ramesey 50. acras de veteri essarto quietas et solutas de reguard. in Hunt- ingestan hundred.

[Ibid. p. 840.]

Ex Charta Henrici primi Regis.

GILEBERTUS filius Guidonis quietum clamavit abbati de Rameseie, Ringstede, et Holm.

Ex Charta Henrici primi.

HABEAT abbas de Rameseie, Winebodesham cum pertinentiis, et Biriam, quas Gul. de Hoctona camerarius meus tenuit.

Ex Charta Henrici primi.

REGINALDUS abbas de Rameseie concessit Simoni de Bellocampo terram de Holewelle in Bedfordshire hac conditione, &c.

Ex Charta Henrici primi.

ALBREDÆ, quæ fuit uxor Eustachii de Scyelleia, dedit anno MCXXXIIJ. Walton, cujus hoc manerium hæreditas fuit, ecclesiæ de Rameseie, consensu Walteri de Bolebec domini feodi illius, et Hugone filio et hærede Gualteri, et Eustachio filio et hærede Albredæ, consentien.

Ex Charta Henrici primi.

R. DE Luvetot fuit in misericordia mea pro terra de Brocton de dominio abbatis de Ramesey.

Ex Charta Henrici secundi.

TENEANT abbas de Ramesey et monachi in pace manerium de Bradenheth, sicut Gul. camerarius de Hoctona coram Henrico avo meo illud eis reddidit.

[Ibid. p. 841.]

STEPHANUS de Marisco, et Galfridus ejus hæres acceperunt terras apud Walsoch de abbate Ramesien.

Robertus de Broy per Walterum ejus filium et hæredem restituit Cranleiam in hora mortis, quam violenter abstulerat ab ecclesia de Rameseia.

Oliverus Moyne monachus movebat querelam contra Gul. abbat. de Rameseie pro Bradenath.

[Ibid. pp. 842, 843.]

Annui Redditus Terrarum de Rameseie.

De Sexaligduna xli.
De Bertune xv.^l
De Cranefeld et Craveleie xxv.^l
De Ferrefeld et Bradenhac xxvij.^l
De Aethelingtune xxx.^l
De Westune ix.^l
De Bremtune vj.^l
De Bitherna vj.^l
De Bernewella c. sol.
De Saltretha vij.^l
De Elingtune tempore Ailsii abbatis xvj.^l Tem
pore Reginaldi abbatis ix.^l
De Octune, Slepe, et Haliwelle lx.^l
De Wardebuse xvij.^l
De Broctune xvij.^l
De Wistow ix.^l
De Upwodde x.^l
De Riptune xj.^l
De Stivecle vij.^l
De Gidinga vj.^l
De Hemingford xv.^l
De Oura vij.^l
De Grettuna ix.^l
De Knappewelle xij.^l
De Elleswurtha xxx.^l
De Graveleie x.^l
De Burwelle xxx.^l
De Katericht viij.^l

De Brancestre xxiiij^l.
 De Ringesteda et Holme xv^l.
 De Brunham xl. solid.
 De Lausell xxiiij^l.
 De Walsocna v^l.
 De Winebodesham cum hundredo viij^l.
 De Dunham vj^l.
 De Helingeie viij^l.
 De Snor j. marcā.
 De Fordham j. marcā.
 De Trikingaham viij. marc.
 De Meringis x. sol.
 De Cantebruge xxvij. denar. &c. de minutis redditibus, et decimis ecclesiarum multarum.

NUM. XXV.

Ex Libello de Anniversariis in Ecclesia Ramesiensi observatis.

GUL. de Say obiit 3 id. Januarii. Undecimo cal. Febr. obiit Jol frater noster, qui dedit nobis Quenton, Cranewelle, et Sleaford.

Nono cal. Febr. obiit Ailfricus archiepiscopus. Septimo cal. Martii obiit Wac frater noster, qui nobis dedit Withlesmere.

Tertio idus Apr. Turgunt soror nostra obiit, quæ dedit psalterium, et philaterium aureum cujus pretium erat xij. marcarum auri.

Decimo octavo cal. Maii obiit Ailwoldus comes, frater Ailwini ducis, qui dedit Hocton et Withon.

Nono cal. Maii, obiit Ethelredus rex Angliæ, qui dedit Brochtune.

Octavo cal. Maii, obiit Ailwinus comes, fundator Ramesiensis monasterii, qui dedit plurima ornamenta pretiosa et cc. hidas terræ.

Et Ailwinus niger, frater ejus, qui dedit Cranfelde, et Clopham, et Kempton, et Herdington, et Cherletune.

Decimo tertio cal. Junii, obiit Reginaldus abbas, hujus novæ ecclesiæ constructor.

Sexto idus Junii, obiit Hardenute rex, qui dedit Hemingford.

Decimo octavo cal. Junii obiit Ethelstanus Mannesone frater noster, qui dedit crucem unam de ligno Domini honorificè factam, et Slepam cum suo appenditio, et Chateriz.

Edgarus rex Angliæ, obiit viij. idus Julii, qui dedit quinque hidas terræ in Burewelle et ecclesiam de Gomicestre cum tribus hidis.

Et Alfwen soror nostra, mater Ailwini ducis, comitissa, quæ dedit Westune.

Septimo cal. Augusti, obiit Ailwardus aureus episcopus, qui dedit plurima dona in auro et argento, et palliis pretiosis, et vestimentis, et aliis ornamentis, et Horshoth, et Hemingtune.

Tertio idus Augusti, obiit Brightnothus comes, qui dedit Winchentune et Dodingtune.

Nono cal. Septemb. obiit Osegodus frater noster, qui dedit Opeford. Wulgifa comitissa, uxor Ailwini ducis tertia, obiit nono cal. Septemb. quæ dedit Brancestre.

Sexto idus Septemb. Ailfid comitissa, uxor Oswaldi comitis fratris Ailwini ducis, quæ dedit Welinctune, et Weninctune, et Bitherne, et Riptun.

Tertio decimo cal. Octob. obiit dominus Eadnothus episcopus qui dedit Over, et Bartune, et Knappewelle, et plurima ornamenta.

Quinto cal. Octob. obiit Ailwinus monachus, et levita, qui dedit Laushul, Hausted, et Criseby.

Quinto idus Octob. obiit Ethelfleda uxor Ailwini ducis prima, quæ dedit Stiveele.

Tertio idus Octob. Ailsinus frater Æthelwini ducis.

Quarto decimo cal. Novemb. obiit dominus Eadnothus episcopus, primus abbas hujus loci, qui attulit huc S. Ivonem, et Wulsin. abb.

Et Ethelwardus filius Æthelwini ducis. Omnes isti fuerunt interfecti à Danis quando Cnuto venit in Angliam. Et episcopus Ednothus sepultus est apud Ely. Abbas et comes apud Rameseie.

Pridie cal. Novembris obiit Alwen soror nostra, quæ dedit Potton et Hattele.

Tertio idus Novemb. obiit Seldwara soror nostra, quæ dedit unum aureum calicem qui librabat quatuor marcas et dim. et unam auream muscam pulchrè gemmis ornatam.

Idibus Novembris obiit Knuto rex, qui dedit nobis S. Felicem. Decimo octavo cal. Decembris obiit Legvina soror nostra quæ dedit Stoctune, et Wilingtune, et Graveleie, et Gillingham et unam crucem optimam.

Sexto idus Decembris obiit Ethelricus episcopus qui dedit Shutlingdune, Thereferd, Eleswuth, Ailingtun, Bernewelle, Hemington, Stow, Bodekesham, Overton, Westmulne, Grettune, et in Broughton, iij. hidas cum omnibus appendiciis eorum.

NUM. XXVI.

Carta Johannis de Sautre Abbatis, Celerario Rames. concessa de Manerio de Hemyngton.

[MS. Cotton. Vesp. E. ii. fol. 65 b.]

OMNIBUS Christi fidelibus præsentem cartam visuris vel auditoris Johannes de Sautre permissione divina abbas Rameseye salutem in Domino sempiternam. Noveritis nos consilio et unanimi assensu totius conventus nostri assignasse, concessisse, et hac præsentem carta nostra confirmasse celerario nostro Rameseye qui pro tempore fuerit totum manerium nostrum de Hemyngton cum omnibus pertinentiis suis ad augmentationem et promotionem celerariæ nostræ Rameseye, habendum et tenendum in usus celerariæ prædictæ totum prædictum manerium cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, videlicet terris, redditibus, pratis, pascuis, pasturis, vivariis, molendinis, et omnibus aliis commoditatibus suis, et aysiamenis in villa et extra villam, ad prædictum manerium spectantibus libere, quiete, integre, pacifice in perpetuum: reddendo inde annuatim nobis et successoribus nostris abbatibus Ram. illos centum solidos quos prædecessores nostri abbates Rames. percipere consueverunt de manerio de Bernewell, videlicet quinquaginta solidos ad festum sancti Michaelis, et quinquaginta solidos ad Pasch. pro omnibus servitiis, consuetudinibus, et demandis, salvis nobis et successoribus nostris wardis, releviis, maritagii, et eschaetis liberorum et amerciamentis visus franciplegii et omnibus aliis libertatibus ad regalitatem spectantibus. In cujus rei testimonium præsentem cartæ sigillum nostrum una cum sigillo capituli nostri fecimus apponi. Dat. in capitulo nostro Rames. vj^o. kal. Junii anno Dom. m.cc^o. nonagesimo tertio.

NUM. XXVII.

De Summonitione Abbatis Rames. contra Wallenses, A. D. 1276.

[Rym. Fœd. tom. ii. p. 75. Stev. Contin. vol. ii. p. 108.]

REX dilecto sibi in Christo abbati de Rames. salutem. Quia Lewelinus filius Griffini, princeps Walliæ, et complices sui, rebelles nostri, terras nostras, et fidelium nostrorum in partibus Marchiæ invaserunt, et de die in diem invadunt, et homicidia et alia dampna enormia ibidem perpetrarunt, et idem Lewelinus nobis, prout deberet, obedire contempsit, et contempnit, in nostri præjudicium et contemptum, et vestri ac aliorum fidelium nostrorum grave dampnum, et exhæredationem manifestam, per quod jam exercitum nostrum summoneri fecimus, quod sit apud Wigorniam in octabis sancti Johannis Baptistæ proximo futuris, ad rebellionem dicti Lewelini, et fautorum reprimendam.

Vobis mandamus quod dictis die et loco, habeatis servitium vestrum, nobis debitum, paratum, ad proficiscendum exinde nobiscum, in expeditionem nostram, contra prædictum Lewelinum, et complices suos rebelles nostros.

Et ita vos habeatis in hac parte, ut per vestrum et aliorum fidelium nostrorum, quos propter hoc summoneri fecimus, auxilium, dictorum rebellium nostrorum versutia adeo potenter reprimatur, quod nobis et vobis

cedere valeat ad honorem. Teste rege apud Windes. xii^o. die Decembris.

NUM. XXVIII.

Placita de Quo Waranto coram Joh. de Metingham et Thoma de Belhous, Justiciar. crast. S. Mich. 14 Edw. I. in com. Huntingdon.

[Ex orig. in domo Capit. Westmonast. asservato.]

JOHANNES Engayne summonitus fuit ad respondendum domino regi de placito quo waranto clamat habere visum franci plegii in maneriis suis de Gedding et Delington, et quo waranto clamat esse quietus de sectis com. et hundredorum quæ ad ipsum regem, &c. sine licentia et voluntate domini regis vel prædecessorum suorum regum Angl. &c.

Et Johannes per attornatum suum venit, et dicit quod duo liberæ tenentes sui, videlicet Johannes le Eir de Gedding et Simon fil. Walteri faciunt sectam pro eo ad com. videlicet unus ad unum com. et alter ad alium. Et prædicti Johannes et Simon præsentis sunt qui hoc idem cognoscunt et si defecerint concedunt quod currat super eos districtio ad prædictam sectam faciendam, et ideo quo ad hoc sine die ad præsens, salvo jure regis versus dictum Johannem et similiter versus dictos tenentes suos. Et quo ad visum franci plegii in Gedding, dicit quod tenet visum suum semel per annum, et sine serviente regis et nihil dat pro visu habendo eo quod est de serjancia sua. Requisitus si habeat furcas vel alia judicialia in eodem manerio dicit quod non. Requisitus si liberæ tenentes sui et communitas villæ prædictæ veniant ad turnum vic. cum vicinis villatis ad faciend. præsentationes quæ in turno vicecom. fieri debent, dicit quod sic. Et quia dominus rex seisisus est de prædictis adventibus et præstationibus, ideo præceptum est vic. quod manuteneat regem in seisisina sua salvo jure prædicti Johannis de hoc quod ad liberam curiam pertinet. Et quo ad visum franci plegii in Delyngton dicit quod tenet manerium illud de abbate de Rameseye et quod ballivus prædicti abbatis venit ad Delington in visu franci plegii et ibi liberat capitula quæ inquirenda sunt in visu franci plegii, et capit duos solidos pro emendacionibus transgressionum illius diei, et residuum de proficuo capit idem Johannes quasi de dono prædicti abbatis. Et super hoc venit abbas de Rameseye per attornatum suum et supplicat domino regi quod licet visum franci plegii in prædicta villa de Delington prius per biletum suum non clamavit quod illum adhuc possit clamare. Et similiter supplicat quod clamare possit feriam suam de Rames. quam adhuc non clamavit, et inde sine brevi respondere. Et concessum est ei per justic. Et quo ad visum franci plegii dicit quod clamat habere visum prædictum per cartam J. regis avi domini regis nunc, ut patet alibi in placitis ejusdem abbatis. Dicit autem quo ad feriam de Rames. quod clamat illam per cartam Henrici regis patris regis nunc quam profert, et quæ testatur quod idem H. rex concessit abbati et conventui de Ramesey quod ipsi et eorum successores inperpetuum habeant unam feriam apud Rames. singulis annis per quatuor dies duraturam, videlicet in vigilia et in die translationis sancti Benedicti, et per duos dies sequentes. Dat. per manum ipsius H. regis apud Cantabr. xx^o. die Marci anno regni sui quinquagesimo primo. Et super hoc datus est ei dies de audiendo judicio suo apud Westm. coram thes. et baron. de scaccario in crastino S. Johannis.

NUM. XXIX.

Plac. de Quo Waranto ut supr. 14 Edw. I. in Com. Huntingdon.

[Ibid.]

ABBAS da Rameseye summonitus fuit ad respondendum domino regi de placito quo waranto clamat habere visum franci plegii et weif in maneriis suis de Hemmyngford, Elington, et Weston cum membris eorundem, scilicet Sibethorp, Cotene, Brynyngton, et

Bythern', in villa etiam de Aylington et Gidding Abbatibus, sine licentia, &c. Et sciendum quod omnes prædictæ villæ sunt extra hundredum suum de Hirstingston, &c.

Et abbas venit et dicit quod J. rex, avus domini regis nunc, concessit monachis de Rameseye quod visus de franco plegio de tota terra prædictorum abbatis et monachorum fiat in curia sua, ita tamen quod ballivus regis veniat ad curiam prædicti abbatis ad videndum quod visus de franco plegio rationabiliter fiat in eadem curia et secundum regni consuetudinem. Et si forisfactum aliquod emergerit ex quacunque causa de illo franco plegio voluit quod abbas et monachi illud habeant. Si etiam ballivus regis ad rationabile sum'. prædicti abbatis propter hoc non venerit voluit quod prædictus abbas nihilominus faciat inde visum fieri in curia sua. Et si abbas rationabiliter monstrare poterit quod prædictus ballivus regis ad sum. abbatis non venerit, idem ballivus erit in misericordia regis. Dat. per manum Simonis præpositi Beverlaci apud Lexton xx. die Octobris anno regni sui quarto. Et quo ad weif dicit quod clamat antiquo et etiam per cartas regum Edgari, Edwardi, et Willielmi Conquestoris, quæ quidem cartæ confirmatæ sunt a domino rege Henrico patre regis nunc. Requisitus de quibus articulis inquit in visu suo, dicit quod de articulis de quibus vicecomes inquit ad turnum suum. Requisitus si teneat visum in præsentia servientis regis, dicit quod sic, secundum purportum prædictæ cartæ Johannis regis. Requisitus si habeat furcas, dicit quod habet furcas apud Hemmyngford, Elinton, Weston, Aylington, et similiter habet tumberell. in eisdem villis. Et tali waranto clamat habere prædictas libertates, &c.

Et Gilbertus de Thornton qui sequitur pro rege quo ad weif dicit quod precise se debet tenere vel ad longam seisinam quam per se allegat vel ad privilegia prædecessorum regis quia privilegium et præscriptio in contrarium se habent. Et super hoc dies datus est ei in scaccario in crastino sancti Andreae, &c. Ad quem diem venit prædictus abbas et quia judicium nondum factum est datus est ei dies in octab. Purificationis beatæ Mariæ in scaccario. Postea a die sancti Michaelis in unum mensem anno xv. quem diem habuit per communem proclamationem, venit prædictus abbas per attornatum suum et datus est ei dies a die Paschæ in xv. dies, &c. Ad quem diem venit dictus abbas per attornatum suum. Et datus est ei dies a die sancti Michaelis in xv. dies, ad quem diem venit per attornatum suum. Et datus est ei dies a die Pasch. in xv. dies, ad quem diem venit prædictus abbas per attornatum suum. Et datus est ei dies hic in octab. sancti Michaelis, &c.

NUM. XXX.

Plac. de Quo Waranto ut supr. 14 Edw. I. in Com. Huntingdon.

[Ibid.]

ABBAS de Rameseye summonitus fuit ad respondendum domino regi de placito quo waranto clamat habere visum franci plegii, weif, thesaurum inventum, et unum mercatum infra banleucam suam de Rameseye et returnum brevium regis, et recipere brevia originalia, et placitare omnia placita per justiciarios suos proprios prædictam libertatem tangentia; et quo waranto clamat habere coronatores proprios et amerciamenta quorumcumque tenentium, et catalla felonum et fugitivorum infra prædictam libertatem, et liberam chaceam, et warrennam, et shipbriche; et quo waranto clamat pro se et tenentibus suis infra prædictam libertatem esse quietus de sectis com. et hundredorum, auxilio vicecomitum, murdro, et latrocinio, sine licentia, voluntate, &c.

Et abbas per attornatum suum venit et dicit quod Henricus rex secundus concessit Deo et sancto Benedicto et ecclesiæ de Rameseye sokam, sak, tol, et theam, infangenthef, forstall, et blodewite, et inurdum, et inventionem thesauri, et omnes alias libertates coronæ suæ pertinentes in terra sua, quam habent infra unam leugatam circa ecclesiam sancti Benedicti, et omnia alia placita coronæ regis pertinentia, sicut ipse melius et

plenius habuit in regno suo. Et sicut Henricus rex avus suus ecclesie prefata concessit. Et concessit quod illa leugata in perpetuum sit quieta de visu forstariorum et assartis, et omnibus aliis querelis; teste Thoma cancell. apud Line. Ostendit insuper cartam Henrici regis primi quae testatur quod leugata de Ramesey extendit se usque ad monticulum desuper Wistowe, et vadit per mediam villam de Wistowe attingens Raveleyam usque in mariscum; testibus archiepiscopo Rotom. et multis aliis apud Rotom. Et unde dicit quod per predictam cartam clamat habere thesaurum inventum et returnum brevium, et recipere breviam originalia, et ea placitare per justiciarios proprios et habere proprios coronatores et placita coronae infra libertatem placitare. Et quo ad weif dicit quod clamat illam per cartam Joannis regis avi regis nunc quam profert, et quae hoc testatur sicut patet in alio placito ejusdem abbatis in eodem itinere. Et quo ad mereatum dicit quod dominus Henricus rex pater regis nunc concessit abbati et conventui de Ramesey unum mercatum apud Ramesey per diem Mercur. Dat. per manum ipsius regis apud Cantebr. vicesimo die Martii anno regni sui quinquagesimo primo. Et quo ad amerciamenta tenentium suorum catalla felonum et fugitivorum infra predictam banleucam, dicit quod clamat illam ab antiquo. Et similiter per cartam Willielmi regis in qua continetur quod neque vicecomes aut aliquis alius in aliquo de omnibus quae ecclesie illius sunt se penitus intromittat, aut per ullam occasionem nisi abbas et monachi ad utilitatem monasterii. Et quo ad liberam chaceam et warennam, dicit quod clamat ab antiquo. Et similiter per predictam cartam in quadam elausula praecedente in qua continetur quod idem rex concessit ut iidem abbas et monachi, bene et in pace et quiete teneant silvas, venationes, et omnia sua libera ab omni regia consuetudine, et ab omni collectione census quae geld vel scot Anglie nominatur. Et quo ad acquietantiam seetae eom. et hundr. et auxilio vic. dicit quod clamat per cartam regis Willielmi, in qua continetur quod idem rex quiet. clamat. ipsos abbatem et monachos ab omnibus placitis et querelis, shiris et hundredis, et ab omnibus rebus et occasionibus quae ad ipsum regem pertinent. Et quo ad shipbreehe, quod idem est quod wreck, dicit quod clamat per cartam sancti Edwardi regis in qua continetur quod relaxavit abbati et monachis de Rames. omnia quae maris procellosis tempestatibus in aquam vel in terram eorum ejecta fuerint, quod Anglie sheupwerk pervulgatum est nominatum: et etiam per cartam Willielmi regis supradicti in qua continetur quod idem rex concedit eisdem abbati et monachis Anglie scriptum shepbreehe, seupworp, aliasque leges et consuetudines quae ad ipsum regem pertinent: unde dicit quod rationibus supradictis clamat libertates predictas. Et requisitus quae sunt villae predictae banleuae, ad quod respondere non oportet ut dicit quia predicta banleuca satis declaratur per cartam Henrici regis primi, &c.

Et Gilbertus de Thornton qui sequitur pro rege dicit quod predictus abbas et praedecessores sui attraxerunt sibi de corpore eom. extra predictam banleucam in aliquo loco per duas leucas in aliquo loco per tres, aliubi per quinque, aliubi per septem leucas, cum de jure, et secundum propositum cartae suae elamare non potest banleucam suam nisi tantummodo in una leugata terrae circumquaque villae de Ramesey prox. adiacen. unde petit judicium desicut fines libertatis suae a progenitoribus regis ecclesiae de Ramesey excedit. Et quo ad alias libertates quas per cartas regum elamat, petit quod predictae cartae per dominum regem et ejus consilium judicentur et interpretentur ad quas libertates extendi debeant eum in eis continentur verba generalia et obscura. Et insuper dicit quod predictae concessiones per dominum regem nunc non sunt confirmatae per quod competit actio domino regi ad omnes libertates revocand. quae a corona sua sunt separatae. Et quo ad weif, quod clamat ab antiquo, similiter petit judicium si praescriptio de libertate regia ei competere possit. Et quo ad visum franei plegii, quem clamat per cartam domini Johannis regis avi domini regis nunc, petit quod predicta carta per dominum regem et ejus consilium judi-

cetur. Et similiter quo ad mereatum, et quo ad amerciamenta tenentium suorum catalla felonum et fugitivorum infra predictam banleucam quae elamat per longam seisinam, et similiter per cartas regum, petit quod se teneat ad unum istorum eum praescriptio et privilegium in contrarium se habent, et eum non sit juri consonum quod quis possit se per duos baculos defendere. Et quo ad chaceam et warennam quas elamat per longam seisinam et similiter per cartas regum petit idem Gilbertus quod se teneat ad unum istorum. Et quo ad acquietantiam seet. com. et hundr. et auxil. vicecom. et shipbreehe et alias residuas libertates quas per cartas elamat habere, habere petit idem Gilbertus quod cartae predictae per dominum regem et ejus consilium judicentur et interpretentur. Et super hoc datus est ei dies de audiendo judicio suo apud Westm. eorum thes. et baron. de seaccario in erastino sancti Andr. &c.

Postea predictus Gilbertus dicit pro rege quod predictus abbas de jure non potest elamare placitare per justiciarios suos placita banleuae suae, quia dicit quod abbas de Ramesey, ultimus praedecessor abbatis qui nunc est, tulit quoddam breve novae disseisinae versus abbatem de Thorneye et priorem de Ely de ten. in Ramesey, et assisa capta fuit apud Werslee eorum Radulpho de Hengham et Johanne Russell, in praesentia predicti abbatis ubi nullam mentionem fecit de banleuca sua, nec de justiciariis suis propriis, nec de retorno brevium, sed nitebatur ad hoc quod assisa caperetur, et ibidem capta fuit, unde dicit quod dominus rex est in seisina predictae banleuae, unde petit judicium. Et super hoc datus est ei dies de audiendo judicio suo apud Westm. eorum thesaur. et baron. de seaccario in crastino sancti Andreae, &c. Ad quem diem venit predictus abbas per attornatum suum, et quia judicium nondum factum est, datus est ei dies in octab Purificationis beatae Mariae in seaccario, &c. Postea in quind. sancti Michaelis anno xv°. venit predictus abbas per attornatum suum quem diem habuit per continuationem dierum, et quia judicium nondum factum est datus est ei dies a die Pasch. in xv. dies, &c. Ad quem diem predictus abbas venit per attornatum suum. Et datus est dies hic a die sancti Michaelis in xv. dies ad quem diem predictus abbas venit per attornatum suum. Et datus est ei dies a die Paschae in xv. dies, &c. ad quem diem venit predictus abbas per attornatum suum. Et datus est ei dies in octab. sancti Mich. &c.

NUM. XXXI.

[Ibid.]

ABBAS de Ramsey summonitus fuit ad respondendum domino regi de placito quo waranto clamat habere hundredum de Hirstingston quod ad dominum regem et coronam suam pertinet, sine licentia, &c.

Et abbas per attornatum suum venit, et dicit quod Henricus rex Angliae secundus concessit abbati de Rames. ut ad firmam habeat hundredum de Hirstingston, reddendo inde quoquo anno quatuor marcas quicumque sit vie. Teste T. cancell. apud Line. Et unde dicit quod tali waranto clamat habere predictum hundredum, &c. Requisitus si liberae tenentes et quatuor homines et praepositus de predicto hundredo veniant ad turnum vie. dicit quod non, et hoc idem testatum est per ministros regis, &c. Requisitus ubi sunt fureae suae, dicit quod super quemdam montem qui vocatur Hirstingston ubi canes solebant antiquitus expeditari. Et dicit quod habet tumberellum in omnibus villis infra predictum hundredum. Et in villa Sancti Ivonis habet tumberellum, et pillorium, &c.

Et Gilbertus de Thornton qui sequitur pro rege petit quod dominus rex et ejus consilium judicent predictam cartam. Et super hoc datus est ei dies ad seaccarium domini regis in erastino sancti Andreae, &c. eo quod habet ibidem alium diem, &c. Ad quem diem venit predictus abbas per attornatum suum, et dies datus est ei in octab. Purificationis beatae Mariae in seaccario eo quod judicium nondum factum est, &c. Postea in quind. sancti Michaelis anno xv°. quem diem habuerunt per continuationem venit predictus abbas per attornatum suum et datus est ei dies a die Pasch. in xv. dies, &c.

ad quem diem venit prædictus abbas per attornatum suum. Et datus est ei dies hic a die sancti Michaelis in xv. dies. &c. Ad quem diem venit prædictus abbas per attornatum suum. Et datus est ei dies a die Pasch. in xv. dies, &c. Ad quem diem venit prædictus abbas per attornatum suum. Et datus est ei dies in octab. sancti Michaelis, &c.

NUM. XXXII.

[Ibid.]

ABBAS de Rameseye summonitus fuit ad respondendum domino regi de placito quo waranto clamat habere weif, catalla felonum et fugitivorum de tenentibus de feodo suo, et amerciamenta eorundem infra hundredum suum de Hirstingston, et unam feriam in villa sancti Ivonis quæ, &c. sine licentia, &c.

Et abbas per attornatum suum venit. Et quo ad weif inventum infra prædictum hundredum dicit quod clamat illud ratione hundredi quod tenet de domino rege ad feodi firmam. Et quo ad catalla felonum et fugitivorum, et amerciamenta hominum suorum dicit quod clamat ea de hiis qui tenent de eo in capite infra prædictum hundredum, et hoc tali waranto quod ipse et prædecessores sui a tempore quo non extat memoria semper extiterunt in seisinâ de hujusmodi libertatibus regiis. Et insuper dicit quod filius Conquestoris prohibuit ne vicecomes aliquis, aut aliquis alius in aliquo de omnibus quæ ecclesiæ illius sunt, se penitus intro-mittat, aut per ullam occasionem nisi abbas et monachi ad utilitatem monasterii sui quam cartam dominus Henricus rex pater ejusdem regis qui nunc est confirmavit. Dat. per manum ipsius Henrici regis apud Wynton. xvj. die Junii, anno regni sui xxxvij. Et similiter ostendit cartam sancti Edwardi in qua continentur verba subscripta quod ipse concessit quod omnes leges et consuetudines quæ ad ipsum pertinent tam plene et tam libere sicut eas in manu sua habebat unde dicit quod pretextu prædictarum cartarum et seisinæ suæ ipse clamat habere prædictas libertates, &c.

Et Gilbertus de Thornton qui sequitur pro rege petit pro domino rege quod cartæ prædictæ per ipsum regem et consilium ejus judicentur. Dicit enim quod per hujusmodi verba generalia non intendit quod tales libertates quæ mere spectant ad dignitatem coronæ suæ et commodum possint a corona separari. Et si forte separatæ fuerint, dominus rex qui nunc est, qui prædictas libertates nondum confirmavit, illas revocare tenetur. Et insuper dicit quod ante iter magistri Rogeri de Seyton non habuit hujusmodi amerciamenta nec catalla felonum seu fugitivorum. Et super hoc prædictus abbas requisitus utrum clamat colligere prædicta catalla et amerciamenta per manus suas proprias an illa recipere ad scaccarium domini regis. Et super hoc datus est dies ad scaccarium domini regis in crastino sancti Andreae ad plenius inquirendum, &c. Et similiter si weif debeat pertinere ad hundredum. Præterea dicit idem Gilbertus quod prædictus abbas precise se tenere debet ad cartas regum vel ad longam seisinam quam pro se allegant, &c. cum præscriptio et privilegium in contrarium habent, &c.

Et quo ad feriam sancti Ivonis dicit quod dominus Henricus rex primus concessit monachis de Rameseye feriam suam ad sanctum Ivonem. Et insuper dominus rex pater domini regis nunc concessit eis eandem feriam quamdiu eam durare contigerit cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus ad hujusmodi feriam pertinentibus, et cum omnibus proficuis et exitibus quæ Regi aliquo casu accidere possent si feriam illam in manum suam retineret. Dat. per manum ipsius regis apud Westm. vij. die Maii anno regni sui quadragesimo secundo. Et super hoc veniunt ballivi domini regis de Huntendon. et dicunt quod sunt in seisinâ, nomine regis, de theolonio capiendi in prædicta feria, quod quidem theolonium spectat ad villatam de Huntendon. quæ tenent de domino rege ad feodi firmam, &c. ita quod ballivi portare debent quamdam nigram virgam in prædicta feria, et colligere theolonium per totam feriam sicut

continetur in carta Henrici regis patris regis nunc. Et abbas dicit quod revera debent portare dictam virgam, sed non debent colligere theolonium nisi ad exitum villæ. Et super hoc dictum est ballivis prædictis quod capiant theolonium secundum propositum cartæ domini regis quam inde habent. Et dies datus est prædicto abbati de audiendo judicio suo apud Westm. coram thesaurar. et baron. de scaccario in crastino sancti Andreae, &c. Ad quem diem venit prædictus abbas per attornatum suum, et dies datus est ei in scaccario in octab. Purif. beatæ Mariæ eo quod judicium nondum factum est, &c. Ad quem diem venit prædictus abbas per attornatum suum, et dies datus est ei de audiendo judicio suo in omnibus placitis suis versus dominum regem de placito quo waranto et libertatum a die Paschæ in unum mensem coram thesaurar. et baron. de scaccario apud Westm. &c. eo quod judicium nondum factum est, &c. Postea a die sancti Michaelis in xv. dies anno xv. quem diem habuit per communem proclam. venit prædictus abbas per attornatum et datus est ei dies a die Pasch. in xv. dies, &c. Ad quem diem venit prædictus abbas, &c.

NUM. XXXIII.

Placita de Quo Waranto coram Joh. de Metingham et Thoma de Bray, Justiciariis, 15 Edw. I. in Com. Bedf.

[Ibid.]

ABBAS de Rameseye summonitus fuit ad respondendum domino regi de placito quo waranto clamat habere visum franci plegii et liberam warennam in Scutlingdon, Craumfeld, Barton, et Pekesden, et catalla felonum et fugitivorum, et amerciamenta hominum suorum. Et quo waranto clamat quod ipse et homines sui sint quieti de murthero quod ad ipsum regem, &c. sine licentia, &c.

Et prædictus abbas per attornatum suum venit, et quo ad visum franci plegii in Scutlingdon dicit quod Scutlingdon est in duobus hundredis, videlicet in hundredo de Clyfton, et ibi clamat habere visum franci plegii et alia pars in hundredo de Fliche ubi non clamat quia infra libertatem, &c. Et quoad visum franci plegii in Cramfeld clamat habere visum franci plegii. Et quod tenet prædictum visum in prædictis maneriis semel in anno, et in præsentia ballivi domini regis si veniat per summon. et si non venerit tenet visum suum sine præsentia sua. Et quod habet in prædicta villa de Sudlingdon quinque decennar. Et in prædicta villa de Cramfeld octo. Et quod inquit de eisdem articulis de quibus vic. &c. Et quod nihil dat pro visu habendo. Et quod habet furcas et alia judicialia. Et capit standard. a marescallo, &c. Et capit emend. de falsis mensuris et ponderibus et probat, &c. Requisitus si capit decennar. sive quatuor et præpositus ven. ad turnum vic. &c. dicit quod libere tenentes utriusque manerii ven. Et quo ad Barton et Pekesden dicit non clamat visum. Et quo ad liberam warennam, dicit quod dominus Henricus rex, pater domini regis nunc, concessit, et carta sua confirmavit Ranulpho abbati de Rames. et ejusdem loci conventui quod ipse et successores sui imperpetuum haberent liberam warennam in dominicis terris suis maneriorum prædictorum. Et inde profert cartam prædicti domini regis quæ hoc idem testatur, cujus cartæ data est tertio die Septembris anno regni sui tricesimo quinto. Et quo ad catalla felonum et fugitivorum, et amerciamenta hominum suorum, et quo ad adquietantiam de murthero, dicit quod dominus Edwardus rex concessit et carta sua confirmavit ecclesiæ sancti Benedicti de Rames. et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus quod ipsi et successores sui imperpetuum haberent catalla felonum, &c. et amerciamenta, &c. Et quod quieti essent de murthero, &c. Et inde profert cartam prædicti domini regis Edwardi quæ hoc idem testatur: et super hoc confirmatio domini Henrici regis patris domini regis nunc quæ hoc idem testatur. Et quo ad visum franci plegii dicit quod dominus Johannes rex, avus domini regis nunc, concessit et carta sua confirmavit abbati et monachis de Rames. quod visus de franco plegio de

tota terra prædictorum abbatis et monachorum fiat in curia sua. Ita tamen quod ballivus noster per summ. ejusdem abbatis venit in curia sua dicti abbatis ad videndum quod prædictus visus rationabiliter fiat in eadem curia. Et si forisfactum ex aliqua causa de illo franco plegio emergerit quod abbas et monachi illud habeant, etsi prædictus ballivus per summ. prædicti abbatis non venerit, quod prædictus abbas nichilominus inde habeat visum in curia sua. Et inde profert cartam ejusdem regis quæ hoc idem testatur cujus carta data est xx^o. die Octobris anno regni sui quarto.

Et Gilbertus de Thornton qui sequitur, &c. dicit quod prædictus abbas de jure visum franci plegii clamat desicut non habet in villa duodecim decennar. per quos præsentare possit præsentationes quæ conservacione pacis debent præsentari petit judicium si debeat gaudere prædicta libertate. Et si curia consideraverit decenar. ad sufficientiam petit quod cartæ regiæ per ipsum regem et consilium suum judicentur. Postea a die Paschæ in unum mensem anno regis nunc xv^o. quem diem habuit per communem proclam. &c.

NUM. XXXIV.

Placita Domini Regis coram Salomone de Roff. et Sociis Justiciar. Domini Regis itinerantibus in Com. Hertf. in crast. Ascens. Domini anno regni Regis Edw. xv^o.

[Ibid.]

ABBAS de Ramseye summonitus fuit ad respondendum domino regi de placito quo waranto clamat habere visum franci plegii et emendas assisæ panis et cervisiæ fractæ, furcas, tumberellum, et warennam in Therefeud quæ ad coronam, &c.

Et abbas per attornatum suum venit. Et quo ad visum franci plegii dicit quod dominus rex avus domini regis nunc dedit Deo et ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ ac beato Benedicto de Ramesey visum franci plegii de hominibus et ten. suis per totam terram ipsius abbatis per cartam suam quam profert, et quæ hoc idem testatur. Et quo ad furcas dicit quod dominus Willielmus primus rex concessit ei infangenethf per cartam suam quam dominus Henricus rex pater domini regis nunc confirmavit, et eo waranto clamat ipse habere prædictas furcas. Et profert prædictam confirmationem quæ hoc idem testatur. Ideo prædictus abbas inde sine die.

NUM. XXXV.

Plac. coram J. de Berewyk, Willielmo de Ormesby, et aliis Justiciariis Domini Regis itinerantibus in Com. Cantebregg. anno regni Regis Edwardi xxvij^o.

[Ibid.]

ABBAS de Ramesey summonitus fuit ad respondendum domino regi de placito quo waranto clamat habere visum franci plegii, emendas assisæ panis et cervisiæ fractæ, et amerciamenta hominum suorum, infangen-thef, liberam warennam in dominicis terris suis et quietanciam pro se et hominibus suis de murdris, sectis com. et hundr. et etiam de reparatione pontium theolonium in Borewell, Gritton, Overe, Elesworth, et Knappe-well, &c.

Et abbas per attorn. suum venit, et quo ad visum franci plegii, emendas assisæ panis et cervisiæ, quietanciam pro se et hominibus suis, murdrum, sectam com. et hundr. dicit quod ipse clamat omnes libertates prædictas in villis prædictis per cartam domini Johannis regis avi domini regis nunc quam profert et quæ testatur quod prædictus dominus Johannes rex concessit prædictis abbati et monachis visum de franco plegio de tota terra prædictorum abbatis et monachorum. Ita tamen quod ballivus regis per summ. ejusdem abbatis veniat ad curiam ipsius abbatis ad videndum quod visus franci plegii rationabiliter fiat in eadem curia. Et si prædictus ballivus ad rationabilem sum. prædicti abbatis in curia ipsius abbatis non venerit quod prædictus

abbas nihilominus faciat visum, &c. Ideo prædictus abbas inde sine die, salvo jure domini regis, &c.

Et quo ad amerciamenta hominum suorum, dicit quod ipse clamat libertatem prædictam per cartam domini regis nunc, quam profert, et quæ hoc idem testatur. Ideo prædictus abbas inde sine die, salvo jure, &c.

Et quo ad infangenthf, reparationem pontium, et theoloneum, dicit quod ipse clamat libertates prædictas per cartam sancti Edwardi regis quam profert, et quæ hoc idem testatur; dicit etiam quod prædictis libertatibus a tempore regis prædicti huc usque usi sunt. Ideo prædictus abbas inde sine die salvo, &c.

Et quo ad liberam warennam dicit quod ipse clamat liberam warennam in omnibus dominicis terris suis in omnibus prædictis villis excepta Gritton, per cartam domini Henrici regis patris domini regis nunc quam profert et quæ hoc idem testatur. Ideo prædictus abbas inde sine die, salvo, &c.

NUM. XXXVI.

Charta Regis Edwardi.

[Ex Registro Abb. de Ramesey, ut supr. fol. 316 a.]

EDWARDUS Dei gratia rex Angliæ, dominus Hiberniæ et dux Aquitaniæ, archiepiscopis, episcopis, abbatibus, prioribus, comitibus, baronibus, justiciariis, vicecomitibus, præpositis, ministris, et omnibus ballivis et fidelibus suis, salutem, &c. Inspeximus cartam celebris memoriæ domini Henrici, dudum regis Angliæ, progenitoris nostri, in hæc verba.

‘Henricus rex Angliæ, episcopo Eliensi et baronibus et justiciariis et vicecomitibus et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Grantebricscira salutem. Sciatis quoniam Bernardus abbas de Rameseia dirationavit in curia sua apud sanctum Yvonem, coram justitia mea quam illuc miseram, terram de Stowa et Gristona versus Paganum Pevrellum, quam ipse Paganus clamabat tenere de ecclesia de Ramesey, et recognitum ibi fuit quod nullum jus in terra illa reclamare poterat, sed remansit terra illa ecclesiæ de Ramseia et abbati solida et quietata de tota calumnia Pagani et successorum suorum, et hoc dirationamentum warantizo et per cartam meam confirmo, et ideo volo et præcipio quod ecclesia de Rameseia et abbas eam amodò in pace et quietè et liberè teneant, sicut dominium ecclesiæ ejusdem, ita ne ulterius ei inde respondeat, nec alicui de successoribus suis nec alteri qui per illum clamet. Testibus R. episcopo de Sarum et Pagano filio Johannis et Willielmo de Hoctona apud Westmonasterium.’

Inspeximus insuper quandam aliam cartam ejusdem progenitoris nostri in hæc verba. ‘Henricus rex Angliæ, Roberto episcopo Lincolniensi, et Aldvino abbati de Rameseia, et toti conventui monachorum, et Hugoni de Bochland, et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Bedefortscira et de Hertfordscira salutem. Sciatis me concessisse concordiam quam fecerunt invicem Aldwinus abbas et Renaldus de Argentuein de molendinis de Iclesford, et de terra quæ est de feudo abbatis et Renaldi, scilicet unam partem quæ sita est in feudo Renaldi, ita quod Renaldus teneat molendinum et terram quamdiu vixerit, et postquam obierit resumat abbas molendina et terram in dominio suo, cum omni augmentatione et emendatione quam Renaldus faciet super terram illam. Et Gundritus teneat molendinum de abbate sicuti tenebat de Renaldo, et si Renaldus morietur in Anglia, sepeliatur in dicta abbathia: et propter hanc conventionem dabit Renaldus abbati quoquo anno x. solidos. Testibus Geroldo de Calz et Roberto Gerbert, apud Brantonam, &c.’

Nos autem donationes, concessiones, confirmationes et præcepta prædicta rata habentes et grata, ea pro nobis et hæredibus nostris, quantum in nobis est, dilectis nobis in Christo Simoni nunc abbati de Ramesey et ejusdem loci conventui, et eorum successoribus concedimus et confirmamus. Datum per manum nostram apud Novum Castrum super Tynam decimo die Julii anno regni nostri octavo.

NUM. XXXVII.

Præclaraquædam de Cænobiis Petroburgensi ac Ramesiensi.

[Ex Cod. MS. olim penes Johannem Murray, hodie MS. Harl. 5071. Edidit cl. Tho. Hearne ad calcem Sprotti Historiæ, p. 171.]

IN exordio fundacionis ecclesiæ Burgi tempore regis Peadæ, fundatoris ejusdem, erat primus abbas nomine Saxulphus, ex multitudine fratrum ad Dei servicium in eadem ecclesia electus. Deinde post mortem Peadæ regis, ad exemplum fratris sui rex Wulferus regia largitate terras concessit, et sua auctoritate subnotavit fines possessionum certos in longitudine, sicut in carta ejusdem regis plenius continetur.

Item quod pater Saxulphus, habens monachos anachoriticæ conversacionis amatores, suggessit regi cum eisdem fratribus, velle se quidem, Dei nutu et ipsius assensu, monasterium in ipsa subjacente heremo cum heremiticis cellulis construere in loco qui jam nomen acceperat Ancarig, quod posteris temporibus Thoryng vocabatur, quibus idem rex, augmentum religionis divinæ anelans, libentissime annuebat, quod prius collata et perpetuata ad usus converterent præordinatos juxta laudabilem voluntatem et discrecionem ejusdem. Quibus, ut præmittitur, ecclesiis fundatis in locis de Medehamstede et Ancarig, post temporum curricula per divini ordinis contemptores utraque ecclesia destructionem patiebatur et ruinam. Postque dicto cænobio de Medehamstede tam regaliter prius constructo, per sanctum Athelwoldum in antiquo statu gloriosissime restaurato, reparavit idem episcopus ecclesiam in Amaryng^a modo Thorneye, quam quondam Saxulphus primus abbas et constitutor Medehamstede fundaverat et construerat,^b qui locus propter spineta circumquaque succressentia^c Thoryng Anglico vocabulo nuncupatur, qui antea melius Ancaryg vocabatur, id est, insula inclusorum vel solitariorum. Non enim venit illuc nisi navigio ex una parte, ita palude conclusa est. Idemque episcopus abbatem Godmannum præponens monasterium illud bonorum possessionibus gratanter ditavit. Succedente itaque janua abbaciæ de Thorneye ordinata fuit in villa de Staneground in comitatu Huntingdoniensi, tanquam loco competenciori, ex parte occidentali ejusdem abbaciæ. In quo tam familiares quam extranei apud Thorneye accedere volentes recipiebantur, ac inibi eis subministrabantur necessaria tam in veniendo quam in redeundo, quorum eciam tenentes ex antiqua institucione onerantur ad ducendum et reducendum navigio quoscunque fluentes ab abbacia de Thorneye in comitatu Cantebrigiensi. Et sciendum, quod præfati religiosi de Thorneye nec sui liberum aumagium apud Burgum in aqua de Nen, nec apud Fletton, nec eciam liberum transsitum^d in passagio de Burgo unquam habuerunt ante concessionem specialem religiosorum de Burgo. Et sic apparet, quod metas terrarum suarum transgredi non valebant religiosi de Thorneye religionis de Burgo invitis, quorum dominia per cursum aquæ de Nen à Burgo usque ad Croylond à dominiis religiosorum de Thorneye noscuntur fuisse distincta. Apparet eciam ex supradictis, quod non licuit religionis de Thorneye à manerio suo de Saneground,^e distanti à villa de Burgo per dimidiam leucam, liberum habere transsitum in passagio Burgi versus partes comitatus Northamptonensis absque speciali concessione religiosorum de Burgo. Multo forcius non licuit eis apud molendinum de Thorneye, ventriculum novissimis temporibus dictum, ultra aquam de Nen, prata separalia et dominicas terras religiosorum de Burgo, transsitum habere liberum versus partes Burgi in comitatu Northamptoniensi distantis à dicto molendino fere per tres leucas. Verum eciam quod, cressente^f hominum malicia per studiosas adinvenciones, non nulli ecclesiæ de Thorneye abbates, eorum exonerationem, quæ in manerio eorum de Staneground ex frequenti hominum accessu imminebat, sollicite querentes, fossatum, quod vocabatur Rondyk, ab abbacia de Thorneya usque ad molendinum Ventriculum et cursum aquæ de Nen repararunt, nec non molen-

dinum secundum in ultimis finibus dicti fossati versus villam de Eye construxerunt, ut sic tenentes religiosorum de Burgo in villa de Eye in comitatu Northamptoniensi transsitum facerent ultra aquam de Nen ad dictum molendinum, et sub eo colore transsitum haberent venientes et redeuntes apud Thorneye, quibus intellectis, abbates de Burgo successivis temporibus religiosos de Thorneye et eorum servientes, nec non quoscunque alios per locum supradictum accedentes pro libito suo impedierunt et vadiaverunt, et quam graciose perniserunt religionis intuitu ipsos de Thorneye transsitum habere, quem ad jus et proprietatem eorum injuste nunc trahere intuentur. Propterea religiosi de Thorneye opturarunt vadum in aqua de Nen versus Croylond et Depyngge quod vocatur Seggeforth, et fossata tendencia versus Thorneye et Wysebech per fossata lata et profunda levata, juxta aquam de Nen secundum longitudinem per salices inibi cressentes,^g ut sic viam haberent magis usitatam et à pluribus notam ultra aquam de Nen inter Thorneye et Eye, crebris sermonibus vociferantes cum impediti fuerant, quod abbacia de Thorneye non fuit fundata sine via tendente ad eam, deserentes debitas vias et solitas quærentes alias in exheredacionem aliorum et dampnum irreparabile si eorum conatum sequatur effectus, quod absit. Ad hæc abbas de Thorneye Odo qui nunc est et conventus ejusdem convenerunt cum abbate de Burgo prædecessore istius abbatis pro via habenda loco prædicto continente certum numerum pedum in prato de Eye in quo positæ fuerunt metæ, videlicet pro tanta terra apud Witlesmere ubi possent retia sua exsiccare vel ædificare, ac deficiente consensu conventus Burgi unanimi deletæ fuerunt metæ positæ, adeo quod conventio non sorciebatur effectum. Et sic apparet quod si jus habendi viam habuissent, de suo dando non optulissent.

Cirograffum^h Alexandri filii Nicholai dicit, quod faciet forinsecum et assidebit servicium domini regis cum militibus et aliis libere tenentibus pro una virgata terræ quæ fuit Odgari clerici, pro qua respondet pro quarta parte unius hidæ. Et pertinent ad abbatem ccc.lx. hidæ ad inveniendos quatuor milites ad servicium domini regis ut cirograffum testatur.

Dominus rex mandat Johanni de Metringham et Thomæ de Belhous per litteras suas patentes, quod, quia idem dominus rex ex gravi querela hominum Burgi Huntingdoniæ accepit, quod aqua magnæ ripariæ inter villam de Huntingdon et villam de Sancto Ivone, per quam naves tam majores quam minores, et batelli cibis et mercimoniis cartati, ad eandem villam Huntingdoniæ de diversis locis regni ad maximam utilitatem ejusdem villæ et parcium adiacencium venire solebant, jam per quam plures cursus à riparia illa in plerisque locis ejusdem emanantesⁱ et diversas obstrucciones in eadem riparia factas in tantum diminuitur, quod hujusmodi naves et batelli taliter cartati ad eandem villam Huntingdoniæ venire non possunt ut solebant, per quod eadem villa et ceteræ villæ adjacentes ac homines Burgi prædicti manifeste depauperantur: idem dominus rex, volens super hoc remedium congruum adhiberi, assignavit eosdem Johannem et Thomam ad ripariam prædictam videndam, et ad inquirendum in præsentia eorum quos negocia prædicta contingunt, et qui per eosdem Johannem et Thomam inde præmunirentur si interesse voluerunt per sacramentum proborum et legalium hominum de comitatu Huntingdoniæ per quos rei veritas melius sciri poterit, &c. de cursibus à riparia prædicta fluentibus, et obstruccionibus in ea in præjudicium domini regis et Burgi prædicti deterioracionem manifestam factis, et per quos, et qualiter, et quomodo et ad omnes hujusmodi cursus modo debito obstruendos et dictas obstrucciones de obstruendis. Ita quod aqua ripariæ prædictæ rectum, debitum, et antiquum cursum habere, et naves et batelli per ripam illam usque ad prædictam villam transsire possint prout riparia illa cursum suum habere et naves et batelli transsire consueverunt ante hujusmodi cursus et obstrucciones factas ut prædictum est. Et ideo præceptum fuit vicecomiti, quod venire

^a lege, Ancarig, ut supra; vel Ancaryg, ut infra.

^b lege construxerat.

^c Sic.

^d Sic.

^e sc. Staneground.

^f Sic.

^g Sic.

^h Sic.

ⁱ Sic.

faceret hîc ad hunc diem tot et tales milites quam alios probos et legales homines de balliva sua per quos rei veritas, &c. in præmissis, &c. Et eciam omnes illos præmuniret quos negotia prædicta contingunt, quod essent hîc ad hunc diem si voluissent et si viderint expedire. Et vicecomes modo testatur quod præmunivit abbatem Ramesie, Reginaldum de Grey, et homines villæ de Huntingdon ut illos quos præmissa contingunt quod essent hîc ad certum diem, &c. Et abbas et Reginaldus non venerunt, sed homines Burgi prædicti veniunt et petunt quod inquisicio procedat. Ideo capiatur inquisicio mandato domini regis, et Philippus de Ripton, Johannes Mowyn, Galfridus de Bellofago, Radulphus de Hynton, Alexander le Sire, Rogerus de Grendale, Willelmus de Weston, Reginaldus de Bockyng, Robertus de Bedford, Adamus Gerbanec, Johannes de Blaysworth, et Radulphus de Giddyng juratores ad hoc electi, dicunt super sacramentum suum, quod prædicta riperia habet cursum sicut antiquitus solebat habere, exceptis turbacionibus quæ patent inferius, et dicunt quod naves, batelli magni et parvi cum diversis mercimoniis cartati ac discartati solebant venire apud Huntingdon per dictam riperiam cum aqua sufficeret. Et dicunt, quod cursus aquæ præpeditur in duodecim locis inter exclusas de Herford et molendinum prioris de Huntingdon ex parte prati de Godmecestre per terram morosam et arenam per aquam ejectam, et quod naves præpediuntur per salices ramos^a arborum de stagno de Herford, et oportet quod cursus aquæ mundetur de terris et arboribus. Item dicunt, quod cursus aquæ prædictæ præpeditur in tribus locis inter villam de Herford et pratum de Godmecestre ad diminucionem aquæ dictæ riperiæ, et oportet quod obstupentur. Item dicunt, quod extra inclusas abbatis Ramesie desuper molendinum de Houghton sunt duo monticuli facti inter duas sacritectas quæ inpediunt cursum aquæ antiquum, et oportet quod emendentur. Item dicunt, quod quidam lacus qui vocatur Houghton Lake factus fuit per disripacionem aquæ de magna ripa per quem lacum aqua de magna riperia diminuitur. Item dicunt, quod quidam lacus incipitur^b in prato de Houghton qui vocatur Middillake factus fuit per vim aquæ ad nocumentum dictæ riperiæ. Item dicunt, quod pars arenæ et terræ morosæ actertatur^c in riperia inter inclusas domini Reginaldi de Grey et Middillake, et oportet quod mundetur. Item dicunt, quod cursus aquæ præpeditur per incrementum terræ morosæ ad^d inclusis domini Reginaldi de Grey usque ad extremam partem de Houghton Lake, et oportet quod riperia mundetur. Et eodem modo præpeditur cursus aquæ ex opposito domus abbatis de Woubourne, et eodem modo in uno loco ex opposito le Howes, et eodem modo ex opposito domus Simonis le Ostric, et eodem modo accersitur quoddam inpedimentum ex opposito ecclesiæ de sancto Ivone, et in omnibus locis prædictis oportet quod mundetur. Item dicunt, quod naves cartatæ solebant dare quælibet unum donum pro auxilio habendo pro quolibet transsitu, et quando vacuæ nichil, ad stagna de Hemyngford, Houghton, Herford. Ad hunc dicunt, quod quidam rivulus est inter Houghton Lake et molendinum de Houghton, de quo non sunt certificati si sit ad detrimentum dictæ riperiæ an non. Et quod convictum est per inquisicionem illam, quod aqua riperiæ prædictæ in multis locis per obstrucciones, et similiter per plures cursus à riperia illa emanantes^e diminuuntur^f per quam naves præpediuntur, &c. præceptum est vicecomiti quod per visum juratorum faciat obstruere et deobstruere ea quæ nociva sunt, et ad diminucionem aquæ dictæ riperiæ. Ita quod aqua ejusdem riperiæ debitum, rectum, et antiquum cursum habere, et naves et batelli per ripam illam usque ad prædictam villam Huntingdon transsire possint, prout riperia cursum suum habere et naves et batelli per eam transsire consueverunt ante hujusmodi cursus et obstrucciones in ea factas, ut prædictum est. Et proinde dominus rex voluit de hoc quod factum est in hac parte in proximo parlamento post festum sancti Michaëlis sub sigillis præfatorum Thomæ

et Johannis, et sigillis eorum, per quorum sacramentum præmissa facta fuerunt, cerciorari, et similiter per breve patens remittatur recordum cum processu tocius facti, et similiter veredictum inquisicionis^g sub sigillis juratorum eisdem mittentur,^h una cum brevi patenti et similiter originali. Edwardus, Dei gracia, &c. Johanni de Metyngham et sociis suis justiciariis de banco salutem. Mittimus vobis sub pede sigilli nostri quandam inquisicionem, per vos præfatum Johannem dilectum et fidelem nostrum et Thomam de Belhous nuper factam, super cursibus à magna riperia inter villam nostram Huntingdon et villam de Sancto Ivone currente fluentibus, et obstrucciones in riperia illa in nostri præjudicium et deterioracionem villæ nostræ Huntingdon prædictæ factis: vobis mandamus, quod inspecta inquisicione illa execucionem ejusdem juxta tenorem inquisicionis illius sine dilacione fieri faciatis. Teste meipso apud Waverle xii. die Februarii anno regni nostri xx.

Abbas de Ramesie clamat currere cum leporariis suis in terris suis, scilicet in manerio de Gritton infra warennam domini regis pertinentem ad castrum de Cantebrigia; qui quidem abbas venit et ostendit cartam per quam conceditur ei quod habeat warennam in tota terra sua de hundredo de Hirstyngston, et in alia terra sua et bosco et in plano, et certificatum est quod ea semper in pace hucusque usus est. Ideo quietus.

Abbas de Ramesie clamat has libertates subscriptas infra banleucam suam de Ramesie, returnum brevium domini regis tam de brevibus originalibus et de breve quod vocatur Pone. Et in itineribus justiciariorum in comitatu Huntingdon clamat habere ipsa brevina originalia. Clamat eciam habere justiciarios suos proprios qui placitabunt brevina illa et alia placita de libertate prædicta in quodam loco qui vocatur Smythescroft. Clamat eciam habere omnia amerciamenta quorumcunque tenencium de libertate prædicta. Clamat eciam habere coronatores proprios infra libertatem prædictam, et catallos felonum et fugitivorum weyf, infangenetheff, furcas, tumberellum, pillorium, et ea quæ ad visum franciplegii pertinent cum judicialibus, liberam cha-ceam, warennam liberam, shipbrech. Et quod ipse et omnes tenentes de feodo suo infra banleucam suam qui et sint de sectis comitatum, shirarum et hundredorum, et auxilio vicecomitum murthero et latrocinio. Clamat habere invencionem thesauri et causarum. Clamat habere discusiones extra banleucam hundredumⁱ de Hirstyngston et placita quæ ad hundredum pertinent. Et reddit domino regi pro hundredo prædicto viijⁱⁱ. Et visum franciplegii infra hundredum prædictum de omnibus tenentibus de feodo suo, scilicet in Wardebois cum Caldekote, Wistowe, Parva Ravele, Ripton Abbatis cum Wonyngton, Houghton cum Wytton, Parva Stineele, Broughton, villa Sancti Ivonis cum Wodehirst et Woldhirst, Nidyngworth et Haliwell, furcas apud Hirstyngston et apud villam Sancti Ivonis quæ deserviunt toto hundredo, infangenethef et catallos felonum et fugitivorum de omnibus tenentibus de feodo suo infra hundredum prædictum, et amerciamenta eorundem et weyf similiter. Clamat extra hundredum prædictum in manerio suo de Hemyngford Elyngton cum membris suis, scilicet Sebethorp et Coten, Weston cum membris suis, scilicet Bryngton et Bytherne, Wyllington, Giddyngg Abbatis, visum franciplegii et ea quæ ad visum pertinent, infangenethef, catallos felonum et fugitivorum, amerciamenta de tenentibus suis, weyf et furcas apud Weston, Aillyngton, Hemyngford, et Elyngton.

Modus qualiter relevium liberorum tenencium domini abbatis Ramesie debet solvi et exigi, scilicet feoda militum. Et qualiter feoda integra componuntur ex certis hidis, hidæ ex certis virgatis, et virgata ex certis acris, scilicet quod iij^{or}. hidæ faciunt feodum integrum, quatuor virgatæ hidam,^k et acrae faciunt virgatam, videlicet aliquo loco plus, aliquo loco minus.

Feodum integrum solvit ad relevium . . . c^s.

Una hida, quæ est quarta pars feodi militis xxv^s.

Una virgata, quæ est quarta pars hidæ . . . vj^s. iij^d.

^a f. et ramos.

^c f. acervatur.

^e l. emanantes.

^b f. incipiens.

^d f. ab.

^f f. diminuitur.

^h lege, mittetur vel mittatur.

ⁱ f. hundredi.

^g Sic.

^k Sic.

Inquisicio facta per dominum Willelmum Muchet, Galfridum de Saundyacre, et Nicholaum de Wassingbourn clericos, inquisitores per præceptum domini Rogeri de pluribus capitulis, &c. et per xii. juratores de hundredo de Normancres,^a per dominum Unfridum de Bedeford, dominum Ricardum de Beyvyle, dominum Robertum de Beamneis, Sirardum de Gravele, Galfridum de Haddon, Reginaldum^b de Bockynge de Comton, Robertum le Eyr de Sautre, Johannem Chaunberleyn de Cestreton, Willelmum de Hamton de eadem, Henricum de Seleby, Rogerum Thurston de Stane-ground, Robertum Russel de Folkesworth, et per villatas Jakele, Stangrond, Faveresheved, Flitton, Wodiston. Qui dicunt, quod mariscus de Kyngesdelf est in hundredo de Normancros, et est pertinens ad Ramesie et ad Wytleseye, et incipit ubi le Brode Hee finitur, s. ad Kyngesdelf Ende, et extendit se usque ad capud villæ de Withseye per ii. leucas, et de Pokeslode per Oldehe usque ad West fen per iii. leucas, et de West fen usque ad Wishammouth per ii. leucas, et de Wishammouth usque ad Benewik per iii. leucas, et de Benewyk usque ad Shirmere per ii. leucas, et de Shirmere usque ad Kyngesdelf Hende per i. leucam, et de Kyngesdelf Hende usque ad Fimcom del brode he, ubi inceptit per v. leucas.

Cy comēcent les bomdes entre les countes de Hunt. et Cantebr. et est asauer a Medeswelle de South Bourgh, et de Medeswelle a Chiselawe, et de Chiselawe a Wodeheved, et de Wodeheved a Suthumstesmuth, et de Suthumthesmouth a Olde hee, et de Olde hee a Fridaylake, et de Fridailake a Sadelbowe, et de Sadelbowe a Dedemyle, et de Dedemyle a Wishammouth, et de Wishammouth a Benewyk, et de Benewyk per la grant rivere dekes all pomtt de Erhith, et de Erhith dek^c Haliwell, et de Haliwell dek a Sente Ive, et de Sente Ive dekes a Stanton Gisebryht.

Separacio marisci inter abbatem Ramesiæ et episcopum Elyensem incipit ad Wothinge, et vadit ad Wanfen. Sed piscaria ibidem est prioris de Huntingdon et personæ de Dodyngton, et sic de Wanfen durat separacio inter dictos episcopum et abbatem usque ad Alumbetherst. Ita tota costere de Weremere usque in Suthemere, et inde usque Achweredore, et inde usque Parkhallewere, et inde ex transverso usque Fenton lode.

Et dicunt quod Walterus Em, Walterus Nene, et Elyas de Benewik habuerunt piscariam de Pollynge ad firmam de abbate Ramesiæ, per quam firmam habuerunt ingressum in mariscum de Rammesmeremor ut asyamentum de eodem, et alii homines domini episcopi per ipsos, et hoc percipientes abbas et conventus Ramesiæ ceperunt dictam piscariam in manum propriam, et dimiserunt ipsam hominibus propriis, scilicet Michaëli Shortrad et Alano Chirte. Postmodum homines episcopi volentes ingredi mariscum non fuit eis permissum, et cum ingrediebantur, vadia eorum capiebantur usque in hodiernum diem.

In Medelfen in marisco de Chateriz ab Algereffen ad Salteres Wyn abbas Ramesiæ habebit in communi quemlibet alium sellionem, et episcopus similiter quemlibet alium sellionem.

Redestichemed in eodem marisco, separalis est domini abbatis Ramesie.

Separacio marisci de Croulandmor, qui est separalis abbatis Ramesie, in quo episcopi nec homines sui ullo modo debent communicare, incipit ad Parkhaledraut et vadit ad Fenton lode.

Separacio marisci de Cathteriz et Dodyngton incipit ad Algaesfen et vadit usque ad Salteres Wyn, et inde usque Hachenewere, et infra prædictas metas non communicant homines de Dodyngton sed homines episcopi in Chatriz habent partem cum hominibus abbatis in marisco de Medilfen, qui est inter Algaesfen et Salteres Wyn. Et sciendum, quod homines de Dodyngton et Chatriz nunquam communicant cum averiis suis nisi solummodo post coppum marisci, et tunc communicant Horn, Underhon.

Memorandum quod cum contenciones et discordiæ subortæ fuerunt inter venerabiles patres dominum Willelmum de Luda Elyensem episcopum ex una parte et dominum Johannem de Sautre abbatem Ramesiæ ex altera super injuriis et transgressionibus hinc inde factis, et ad diem amoris tentum apud Wevelyngham die Sabbati proxime ante festum sancti Marcæ Evangelistæ anno regni regis E. xx. secundo, inter prædictos abbatem et prædictum^d propositis et discussis convenit pro bonæ pacis reformand^e quod leta de Walsokne conjungatur, et de tenet.^f dictorum episcopi, abbatis, et prioris de Lewys et pro eorum senescallis simitā^g et in communi teneatur. Ita scilicet, quod secreta dictæ letæ cum veredicto juratorum senescallo prædicti episcopi liberentur, qui quidem senescallus eadem secreta sociis suis senescallis ostendet, et ea statim cum veredicto cuilibet de tenentibus domini sui liberet, per quæ veredicta et secreta proficuum dictæ letæ de tenentibus suis unusquisque capiat et optineat. Convenit etiam inter eosdem, quod leta de Welle in eodem comitatu de cætero integre teneatur per senescallum abbatis vel ejus ballivis^h præsentente ballivo episcopi si interesse voluerit, sicut pacifice et plenius teneri consuevit usque xiiij. annum regis Edwardi patris regis nunc in die sancti Thomæ apostoli. Et quod episcopus habeat de tenentibus suis curiam suam extra hundredum de Clakkclose de omnibus placitis quæ in curia baronis possunt placitari. Convenit etiam inter eosdem, quod ex concessione domini episcopi, dictus abbas et tenentes sui de Wardeboys, Upworde, Ravele, Wistowe, Broughton, et Bery habeant de cætero communam suam in Weremer more, pascendo bestias suas, scilicet equos, boves, vaccas, et bovectos tantum pacifice sine impedimento. Concessum est insuper per prædictum abbatem, quod episcopus et tenentes sui de soka de Somersham habeant pacifice communam suam in Croulōdemor, pascendo averia sua. Et si averia sua ingrediantur pratum abbatis prædicti et aliorum de Chateriz in marisco, non inparcentur, nec idem abbas aliquod parcum de cætero ibidem habeat. Concessum est etiam ex utraque parte, quod Lada de Fenton sit communis piscaria episcopi et hominum suorum de soca prædicta a ripa usque le Drauth, eo quod est in solo episcopi. Et quod totum residuum illius ladæ del Drawth usque magnam ripam sit communis piscaria abbatis et hominum suorum eo quod est in solo abbatis. Concessum est etiam per episcopum, quod prædictus abbas et homines sui ex gracia speciali habeant passagium bestiarum ad mariscum de Hollode intrando et exeundo pro ijs. apud Somersham solvendis ad Pascham. Concessum est etiam per prædictum abbatem, quod lada quæ ducit de Nidyngworth usque magnam ripam non fiat ita profunda, quin bestię episcopi et hominum suorum et aliorum communicancium possint transire ad pasturam suam versus Haliwell, et inde redire sine impedimento et gravamine, quæ quidem lada est communis piscaria omnium communicancium in prædicto loco præter gurgitem, quæ est piscaria abbatis ad capud ladæ versus magnam ripam. Et si contingat quod illa lada nimis profunda facta fuerit, tunc per visum omnium communicancium ibidem emendetur. Concessum est etiam per prædictum episcopum, quod secta quæ exigebatur de abbate Ramesiæ apud Chatriz in comitatu Cantebrigiensi ad curiam de Ely et ad hundredum de Wycheford de tribus septimanis in tres septimanas, de cætero fiat per duos tenentes abbatis de Chatriz sicut antiquitus fieri consuevit. Concessum est etiam per prædictum episcopum, quod abbas et homines sui de Chatriz sint quieti de reparacione calcetæ de Aderhithe pro duobus solidis singulis annis solvendis episcopo vel ballivo suo hundredi de Wicheford, sicut in carta Galfridi quondam episcopi Eliensis inde confecta continetur et per capitulum Elyense confirmatur. Istæ scripturæ indentatæ contra prædictum episcopum.

Assisa capta apud Huntingdon die sanctæ Agnetis virginis et martyris, anno regni regis Edvardi filii regis

^a Sic.^b Sic.^c Sic.^d subintellige, episcopum.^e f. reformatione, nisi malis, pro bona pace reformanda.^f f. tenentibus.^g f. sigillatim, vel summatim, nisi conjunctim malis.^h f. ballivos.

Edvardi vijo. coram dominis Willelmo de Ormesby et Roberto de Madyngle justiciariis ad assisam capiendam affigitur inter Willelmum de Gillynger et Margeriam uxorem suam quærentus et Johannem abbatem Ramesie defunctum de medietate unius messuagii cum pertinentiis in Sancto Ivone, quæ quondam fuit Aliciæ Poke, unde prædictus Willelmus et Margeria se dicunt esse disseisitos per prædictum abbatem, &c. injuste, &c. Abbas venit et dicit, quod prædictum tenementum est villenagium suum, et quod Alicia Poke illud tenuit ad voluntatem suam, ita quod dicta Alicia non habuit liberum tenementum, &c. Et dicti W. et M. dicunt quod dicta Alicia et tenuit libere, &c. Ideo capiatur assisa. Juratores dicunt quod prædictum tenementum est villenagium abbatis, &c. Ideo concessum est quod abbas inde sine die et alii in vitam.

Istæ sunt Ecclesiæ spectantes ad Domum Ramesiæ in Episcopatu Lincolnensi.

Slepe Omnium Sanctorum	pensio c ^s .
Prior Sancti Ivonis.	
Shitlyngdon Omnium Sanctorum	pensio x. mar.
Sacrista Ramesiæ.	
Barton Sancti Nicholai	pens. xx ^s .
Elemosinarius Ramesiæ.	
Craunfeld Sancti Petri	pens. xx ^s .
Præcentor Ramesiæ.	
Elyngton Omnium Sanctorum	pens. iiij ^s .
Præcentor Ramesiæ.	
Ripton Abbatis Sancti Andreæ	pens. iij ^s .
Sacrista.	
Houghton Sanctæ Mariæ	pens. xx ^s .
Sacrista.	
Wistowe Sancti J. Bapt.	pens. vj ^s . viij ^d .
Sacrista.	
Wardebois Sanctæ Mariæ	pens. xl ^s .
Elemosinarius.	
Broughton Omnium Sanctorum	pens. j. marc.
Celerarius.	
Walton Sancti Andreæ.	
Stivecle Sancti Martini.	
Huntyngdon Sancti Andreæ	pens. ij ^s .
Sacrista.	
Hemingford Sanctæ Margaretæ	pens. xl ^s .
Prior Sacrista de Sancto Ivone.	
Haliwell Sancti J. Baptistæ.	
Aillington Omnium Sanctorum	pens. v. mar.
Sacrista.	
Brington Omnium Sanctorum.	
Torfeld Sanctæ Mariæ	pens. iiij. mar.
Sacrista.	
Bernewell Sancti Andreæ.	
Giddyngæ Sancti Andreæ.	

Ecclesiæ in Episcopatu Elyensi.

Quere Sanctæ Mariæ	pens. j. mar.
Sacrista.	
Gritton Sancti Andreæ.	
Knapwell Omnium Sanctorum.	
Ellisworth Sanctæ Trinitatis	pens. x. mar.
Prior Sancti Ivonis.	
Gravele Sancti Botulphi.	

Ecclesiæ in Episcopatu Norwycensi.

Borrwell Sanctæ Mariæ	pens. xl ^s .
Sacrista.	
Lansill Omnium Sanctorum	pens. ij. mar.
Sacrista.	
Wellis Sancti Petri	pens. ij. mar.
Sacrista.	
Walsokne Omnium Sanctorum	pens. xl ^s .
Sacrista et Pittancerius.	
Helyngeye Omnium Sanctorum	pens. xx ^s .
Sacrista.	

Dunham Sancti Edmundi	pens. iiij ^s .
Sacrista.	
Ryngsted Sancti Petri	pens. j. mar.
Sacrista.	
Brancestre Sanctæ Mariæ	pens. j. mar.
Sacrista.	
Depedale Sanctæ Mariæ.	
Brunham Sancti Alberti	pens. j. mar.
Sacrista.	

Bondæ marisci quem abbas Ramesiæ recuperavit in curia domini regis die Jovis proxime post festum sancti Michaëlis, anno regni regis Edvardi filii regis H. ix. apud Weresle, coram dominis Radulpho de Hengham et Johanne Russel justiciariis domini regis ad hoc assignatis versus abbatem et priorem Elyen et alios in brevi originali contentos per assizam novæ disseisinæ ibi inde inter eos captæ, videlicet hee bundæ incipiunt apud Gangestede, et se extendunt linialiter usque Hyndeslake, et inde usque introitum de Kyngesdelf juxta Beaurapeir, et inde per Raminesmere usque Shirmere, et inde usque Pokelode, et inde usque ad Gosepoles, et inde usque Suthsirth, et inde usque Suthee, et inde per medium Rayeresholt usque ad Gangestede.

Taxatio Ecclesiarum ad Patronatum Abbatis et Conventus spectantium.

Ecclesia de Hemygforde ^a xxx.	
mar. deducta pensione. Cujus decima ij. mar.	
Ecclesia de Slepe xxxvij. mar.	
et dim.	Decima lxxxij ^s .
Vicariâ ejusdem c ^s	Decima iiij ^s . iiij ^d .
Ecclesia de Haliwell xx. mar.	Decima xxiiij ^s .
Wardeboys xxx. mar.	Decima xxxij ^s .
Wistowe viij. mar.	Decima xvj ^s .
Ecclesia de Houghton l. mar.	Decima xxix ^s . iiij ^d .
Ripton Abbatis xxxv. mar.	Decima ij. mar.
Stivecle Parva xvj. mar.	Decima xvj ^s .
Broughton xx. mar.	Decima xx ^s .
Aillington xl. mar.	Decima xxxiiij ^s . viij ^d .
Ecclesia de Walton x. mar.	Decima x ^s . viij ^d .
Ecclesia de Giddyngæ Abbatis ix. mar.	Decima viij ^s .
Ecclesia de Bryngton cum capella l. mar.	Decima v. mar.
Ecclesia de Elington xxx. mar.	Decima iiij. mar.
Ecclesia de Cherfeld l. mar.	Decima v. mar.
Ecclesia de Shitlyngdon lx. mar.	Decima vj. mar.
Ecclesia de Barton xvij. mar.	Decima xvj ^s .
Ecclesia de Cranfeld xxx. mar.	Decima iiij. mar.
Ecclesia de Bernewell xv. mar.	Decima x ^s .
Ecclesia de Huntyngdon non taxata propter exilitatem.	

In Episcopatu Elyensi.

Ecclesia de Quere	xxx ^{li} .
Ecclesia de Gritton	xxxvj ^{li} .
Ecclesia de Ellisworth	xxx ^{li} .
Ecclesia de Gravele	x ^{li} .
Ecclesia de Knapwell	x ^{li} .

In Episcopatu Norwycensi.

Ecclesia Dounham	ix. ^b
Borewell	xl. mar.
Lansill	xxxv. mar.
Depedale	x. mar.
Brunham	x. mar.
Brancestre	xxvj. mar.
Ryngsted	xxij. mar.
Helyngeye	xij. mar.
Upwelle	xl ^s .
Walsokne	xl. mar.

Hidagia pertinencia ad Abbatiam Ramesie in Com. Hunt.

Ayllington	x. hid. dim.
Weston	x. hid.

^a Sic

^b Sic.

Bryngton	iiij. hid.
Bitherne	iiij. hid.
Giddyngge	vij. hid.
In al. Giddyngge	j. hid.
Saltreye	vij. hid. et dim. et dimid. virgatam
Ludyngton	ij. hid. et dim.
Elyngton	ix. hid.
Dilyngton	vj. hid.
Stivecle	vij. hid.
Ripton cum Wenyington	x. hid.
Upwode	x. hid. cum Ravele.
Wistowe	ix. hid. cum Ravele.
Broughton	ix. hid.
Soca de Slepe	xx. hid.
Houghton	xiiij. hid.
Wardeboys	x. hid.
Haliwell	ix. hid.
Offord	iiij. hid.
In ij. Hemingff.	xxv. hid.
Gillynge	v. hid.
Walton	v. hid.

In Com. Northampton.

Wichentoun	v. hid.
Dodyngton	j. hid.
Isham	j. hid. et dim.
Bernewell	vj. hid.
Hemyngton	iiij. hid.
Hale	iiij. virgas.

In Com. Linc.

Querendoun	v. hid. cum Cranewell.
Erckyngham	iiij. hid. cum Maringes.

In Com. Bedef.

Craunfeld	x. hid.
Barton	x. hid. et dim.
Pekesden	x. hid.
Shitlingdon	x. hid. cum v. virgis in Mepereshale.
Gravenhirst	j. hid.
Holwell	iiij. hid. et dim.
Clifton	j. hid.
Bereford	v. hid.

In Com. Hertford.

Cherfeld	x. hid.
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In Suthfolch.

Lansill	x. hid.
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In Northff.

Brauncestre	x. hid.
Burnham	ij. hid. cum Depedale.
Ryngstede	vij. hid. cum Homl.
Wynbodesham.	
Dounham cum soca	iiij. hid.
Helyngeye cum Snora ^a	vj. hid.
Walsokne	vj. hid.
Well.	

In Com. Canteb.

Cnapwell	v. hid.
Gravele	v. hid.
Ellisworth	ix. hid. j. virgat. et v. acr.
Stowe Wyd	iiij. hid.

Alia Stowe	ij. hid. dim.
Brune	j. hida.
Drayton	dimidia hid.
Quere	xj. hid.

Adhuc de Com. Canteb.

Gritton	viiij. hid. dim. et dim. virg.
Borewell	x. hid. dim.
Chatriz	iiij. hid. ^b

Banleuca Ramesiæ incipit apud Homberdale et procedit usque ad monticulum de Wistowe per mediam villam attingens Raveleyam usque ad Cnottis rode, et usque quandam crucem ligneam sub le Barwe inter boscum de Walton et mariscum, et intrat in mariscum ibidem, et procedit per medium Hokeslode attingens Buchmere et Ubmere usque le WrongeBethc per medium ejus, et sic usque ad Saldremere attingens Asshebech, et sic ex transverso marisci usque ad le Commun on Kynges delf, et sic procedit ex transverso marisci usque ad Hertyinges, et deinde usque ad Aldrestub, et deinde usque ad Pollyngescote per Pkkeslode, et sic usque ad Wethis et Wayfon juxta Weremere de longo in longum ipsius ripæ de Weremere usque Suthmerc ex transverso Weremere, et sic usque ad Hethwere, et sic usque ad Caldemowehath, et sic usque ad Colpetslade quod dessendit^c usque in Humberdale.

Hæ sunt metæ et divisæ inter libertatem episcopi Eliensis et abbatis Ramesiæ in marisco de Welles usitato toto tempore W. Elyensis tunc temporis cancellarii, et omnium antecessorum suorum in villa de Welles. Una medietas cursus aquæ est domini Elyensis usque ad Gunnildeslake, scilicet versus boream et occidentem. Altera medietas ejusdem, scilicet versus austrum et orientem, pertinet ad abbatem Ramesiæ de Gonnildeslake usque Langebethc, et de Langebethc media Curremere usque Oldehe, de Oldehe usque Byren, de Biren usque Gildenehe, de Gildenehe usque Hidlake, de Hidlake usque Suthernehe, de Suthernehe usque Frettenehe, De Frekenee^d usque Rumle, de Rumle usque Dernorthese in Wellenhee, et de Dernorthese est in Wellenehe divisa usque Wannbech, de Wannebech usque Seint Edmundis lode. Et sciendum quod prædictum vadum Sancti Edmundi est divisa inter episcopum et abbatem quam diu ipsum durat.

Incipit circuitus Elyensis, et satis notum est omnibus per aquam navigantibus quod apud Erhithbrigge incipit una parta^e insulæ quæ extendit se usque ad Sotton Grove, et sic apud Mephale, et sic usque Wychhombrigge, et sic apud Ely Dounhom, et sic apud Litteporte, et sic ad villam de Ely, et sic apud Have-ryngmere, et sic apud Stratham Lode, et sic apud Andlong Wesche ex parte meridionali insulæ, et sic apud Alderheth brigge, et sic apud Erhithbregge. Hee sunt portæ insulæ: una apud Litteport; alia apud Stonteneyebregge; tertia apud Alderhithe bregge; quarta apud Erhithbrigge. Memorandum quod apud Sunanslode discedit comuna marisci et de Chateriz, et sic comuna de Chateriz procedit usque ad Mephlehee, et sic apud Andlongbihe, et ibi discedit comuna insulæ à comuna de Chatriz. Item extrema pars de Bihe procedit usque ad meridionalem partem de Honneye Holt usque in piscacionem abbatis Ramesiæ, et inter Bihe et Chateriz sunt tres leucæ et plus.

Hæ sunt libertates et divisæ pertinentes ad abbaciam Ramesie in Wellis per Dodistamslake, usque ad Curremere, qui dimidia pertinet ad abbatem Ramesie, et per medium Dirhe, et per medium Westherfeten, et per medium Childiluhe, et per medium Hidlake qui exit ad vadum de Merch, et per Suthneche, et per

^aSic.
^bIn marg. à manu paullo recentiori: Hidæ æstimatæ in toto cccclv. ij. virg. v . . . plus. xxxv. hid. modo in toto ccc. iiij^{xx}. x . . . ij. virg. v. acr.

^c Sic.
^d Sic.
^e f. porta.

Freschenhe, et per Stikebeçh, et per medium Dor-sortheshe totum istud ex orientali pertinet ad abbaciam Ramesie, et ex occidentali ad episcopum Elyensem.

Verus Valor omnium Proventuum pertinencium ad Eccle-siam de Ramesie.

Shitlyngdon	c. mar.
Barton	lx. mar.
	xx
Craunfeld	iiij. mar.
Hemingford	lx. mar.
Broughton	l. mar.
Elyngton	lv. mar. dim.
Brancestre	l. mar.
Ryngstede	l. mar.
Helyngeye	xlj. mar.
Wynbodesham	xx. mar.
Walsokne	xv. mar.
Chateriz	xxx. mar.
Redd. London.	vij. mar. et dim.
Sautre	iiij. mar.
Berinewell	vij. mar. et dim.
Increment. abbatis . . .	xl. mar.
Summa totalis	dc.lxix. mar. et dim.
Aillyngton	c. mar.
Waldis	c. mar.
Ripton Abbatis	c. mar.
Wardebois	c. mar.
	xx
Upwode cum Wistowe . .	iiij x. mar.
Houghton	c. mar.
Slepe	c. mar.
Haliwell	l. mar.
Ellisworth cum Knapwell	c. mar.
Gravele	l. mar.
Borewell	c. mar.
Cherfeld	lxxv. mar.
Summa totalis istius paginæ	ml.c.xxv. mar.

Celeraria.

Quere	lxxvj. mar. et dim.
Redditus assizæ Ramesiæ	ix. mar.
Redditus piscariæ Ramesiæ	x. mar. iijs. vjd.
Welles	xxvij. mar.
Pensiones et alii redditus .	iiij. mar. xjs.

Grangia.

Apud grangiam	xxx. mar.
Summa totalis	clvj. mar. vijs. xd.
	xx
Lansill et Gritton	vj.xviij. mar. xs. viijd.
	xx
Elemosinarius	iiij. mar. iijs. iiijd.
	xx
Sacrista	iiij.ix. mar. et dim.
Pietanciarus	xxxix. mar.
Custos feretri	xxv. mar. et dim.
Infirmarius	xviij. mar.
Custos capellæ	xv. mar.
Custos operum	xxvij. mar.
Giddyng	xxxvj. mar.
Summa istius paginæ de	
Lansill usque hic	dc.xxxj. mar. ix ^s . vjd.
Summa totalis omnium	xx
summarum prædictarum	ml ^l .d.iiij.ij. mar. xs. viijd.

Normancros.

Circuitus hundredi de Normancros incipit ad pon-tem de Walinsforde, et inde se ducit per ripam de Nene usque molendinum de Nenton, et includit quoddam pratum quod vocatur Fremannisholt inter Siliston et

Nenton, ac se ducit de prædicto molendino per prædic-tam ripam usque molendinum de Alwolton, et de dictis molendinis per dictam ripam usque ad Guneswade, et de Guneswade per prædictam ripam ducit se sub Burgo Sancti Petri usque Midwell, et de Midwell per dictam ripam usque Chiselawe, et de Chiselawe per dictam ripam usque Wodeshned de Stangrond, et de Wodeshe-ned per dictam ripam usque Oldeholthe sub Wythseye, et inde usque Fridenlake, et inde usque Sadilbowe, et inde usque ad Wishammouth, et inde usque ad Bene-wyk, et sic per mediam villam de Benewyk usque Shir-mere, et includit totum Shirmere; et de Shirmere per prædictam ripam de Nene usque ad Rammismere, et sic per medium de Rammesmare includendo medietat-tem de Rammismare, et de Rammysmare usque ad Concles per prædictam ripam, et inde usque ad Walton Stok includendo mariscum de Glatton cum Ubmere, et de Walton Stok usque ad boscum de Stallynge inclu-dendo prædictum boscum cum assartis de prædicto bosco, et inde usque ad boscum de Ripton excludendo dictum boscum de Ripton per quandam parvam ripam quæ separat boscum de Ripton et boscum de Walton, et sic separat hundredum de Normancros et de Hirsting-ston, et sic per illam ripam usque Siwardesheye inclu-dendo Siwardesheye per unum fossatum sub bosco de Ripton, usque ad angulum versus boscum de Alkum Mundebyry; et sic de illo angulo descendendo per idem fossatum usque ad boscum monachorum de Sautre in-cludendo boscum de Siwardesheye, sub bosco mona-chorum usque ad Upton Hange, et inde usque ad Stan-gate, et sic per Stangate usque ad boscum de Copman-ford, et sic per quoddam fossatum sub dicto bosco usque Wodeshed excludendo boscum de Copmanford, et inde usque ad Slakemere per quemdam^a fossatum includendo campum monachorum de Sautre, et inde per alteram viam usque ad Alound, et inde usque ad Glatton dike per dictam viam includendo totum campum tocius villatæ de Sautre.

Abbas de Ramesie clamat libertates subscriptas in maneriis suis de Borewell, Gritton, Everit, Ellisworth cum Knapwell et Gravele, videlicet visum franciplegii et quicquid ad visum pertinet; assizam panis et carnis fractæ. Et quod ipse et homines sui sint quieti de shiris, hundredis, et murdris per cartam regis Johannis. Clamat insuper amerciamenta omnium hominum suo-rum per ballivos suos levandos per cartam regis Ed-wardi nunc. Clamat insuper infangenethef, quietan-ciam de reparacione poncium, theolomon^b et evasionem latronum per cartam sancti Edwardi regis, et waren-nam per cartam regis Henrici tercii, et weyf ab an-tiquo.

Edwardus Dei gracia, &c. taxatoribus et collecto-ribus xv^{to}. in com. Hunt. salutem. Quia dilectus nobis in Christo abbas Ramesie asserit se talem habere liber-tatem infra banleucam suam de Ramesie per cartas progenitorum nostrorum quondam regum Angliæ, quod nullus justiciarius seu minister noster aliquis à tempore confeccionis cartarum prædictarum eandem banleucam ingredi consueverunt ad aliquod officium exercendum seu returnum brevium nostrorum exequendum, set per ballivos prædicti abbatis omnia nos et progenitores nostros ibidem contingencia lucusque fieri et exsequi consueverunt: vobis mandamus quod in instanti taxa-cione quintædecimæ nobis à communitate regni nostri concessæ infra banleucam prædictam nichil attemptetis, per quod libertas sua prædicta contra tenorem cartarum prædictarum infringatur in aliquo vel lædatur. Teste meipso apud Asserugge xj. die Januarii anno regni nostri xix.

Anno regni regis Henrici filii regis Johannis xlv. die Lunæ in festo Sancti Valentini Hugo abbas Rame-siæ venit apud Huntedoun coram domino Nicholao de Thurey, domino Nicholao de Hanlon, et domino Adamo de Greneville, justiciariis domini regis itinerantibus, et

^a Mox antea quoddam.

^b Sic. r. theolonium.

peciit libertatem suam, quam ipse et prædecessores sui haecenus usi sunt, sibi concedi, scilicet, quod brevia originalia vicecomiti directa de terris et tenementis infra banleucam suam de Ramesie sibi liberentur, et similiter quod placitare possit et terminare omnia placita coronam Domini contingencia infra eandem banleucam coram justiciariis suis quos ad hoc constituet, ut coram eis singulis conquerentibus infra eandem banlucam plena exhibeatur justicia. Et milites tocius comitatus similiter hoc requisiti, recordantur, quod prædictus abbas et omnes prædecessores sui in unoquoque itinere justiciariorum temporibus retroactis, scilicet in itinere R. de Lextoun, W. de Eboraco, H. de Bathonia, et S. de Walton, usi fuerunt libertate prædicta. Et ideo liberentur ei brevia originalia infra dictam banlucam tenentes tangencia. Et similiter placita tangencia coronam domini regis infra eandem banlucam sunt ei concessa.

Aillyngton	firma integra.
Weston, Bitherne cum Bryngton . .	firma integra.
Ripton Abbatis	firma integra.
Houghton	firma integra.
Slepe cum Hirst, et Hirst et Haliwell	firma et dim.
Cherfeld	iiij. quarter.
Borewell	firma integra.
Wardeboys	firma integra.
Wistowe	iiij. quarter.
Upwode	ij. quarter.
Ellisworth cum Knapwell et Gravele	firma et dim.

Juratores dicunt, quod isti debent corporale servitium, videlicet,

- Com. Oxon. pro Hemingford.
- Feoda de Witherington et Bitherne.
- Johannes Engayne pro Dilyngton.
- Berengere le Moygne pro Bernewelle et Nidyngworth.
- Feod. de Bellocampo in Shitlyngdon.
- Willelmus de Holewell.
- Willelmus le Moigne pro Sautre.
- Ludyngton et Giddyng.
- Baldewynus de Stowe pro Stowe et Hirste.
- Rogerus le Botill de Gillynge.
- Feod. Tynyll in Guenhirst.
- Johannes Mowyn de Hirset.
- Feod. Barnabæ in Stivecle.
- Feod. Philippi de Ripton.
- Feod. de Bolbek in Hixeneye.
- Feod. de Leyham in Berks.

Omnes isti debent corporale servitium, quando dominus rex exigit servitium suum, &c.

Metæ inter Hundredum de Clack et Insulam Elyensem.

Ala sancti Edmundi quæ est inter Surre et Litteport per magnam ripam usque Bollynger, Gestercingger, et sic ex transverso marisci usque Blakemershale, et inde usque Bertungeres poles, et inde usque Prales Were, et inde per mediam magnæ ripæ usque Ebbrillinges Were. Et de antiquo tempore à Pralis Were usque Dornortheshe. Et inde per mediam de Dornortheshe usque Stainmere. De Stainmere usque Astonbeche, et inde usque ad Stonmere. De Astonmere usque Stainmere. De Stainmere usque Southirne, et inde usque Merchid-lakes Ende. Et inde usque Edwarp. De Edwarp usque Linerermere et usque Hevedmere. De Hevedmere usque Gonnildeslake. Et ibi ad pontem cessat Uthesmere levatum apud Wisbeche in comitatu Cant. de Gonnildeslake ad pontem per medietatem magnæ ripæ, et per mediam villæ usque Doutene Dich.

Redditus Assizæ ad Conventum pertinens.

De Giddyng xxv. lib.

Sic. q. Cant' pro Cantab'.

De Bitherne	c ^s . x ^d .
De Ellisworth	xxxiiij ^s .

De Domibus Sancti Ivonis ultra Pontem.

Anniversar.

Redditus incertus.

De abbate Ricardo	xl ^s .	{ per manus xvij. kal. Maii. magistri xij. kal. Nov. operum. ij. id. Maii.
De patre et matre ejusdem	xx ^s .	
De fratribus et sororibus capituli	xx ^s .	
De abbate Roberto Trianel de molend. Ripton Abbatis	xl ^s .	
De abbate Hugone Folioth	xl ^s .	{ per manus vij. kal. Martii. v. id. Jul. v. id. Maii. v. non. Jun. xliij. kal. Sept.
De magistro Michaële . .	xxxj ^s .	
De Johanne episcopo . .	xx ^s .	
De magistro Huberto . .	xxxj ^s .	
De benefactoribus . . .	xxvj ^s . viij ^d .	{ per manus Id. Jun. sacristæ.
De comitissa Ulfuna . .	xxvj ^s . viij ^d .	{ per manus vij. kal. Sept. camerarii.
De magistro et archidiacono	xxxiiij ^s . iiij ^d .	
De abbate Hugone de Sulgrave	xl ^s .	{ per manus xvij. kal. Jun. custodis fe- xvij. kal. Nov. retri.
De Bernewell	lx ^{li} .	
De Gravenhirst	redditus incertus.	
De quadam terra in Bitherne	j ^{li} . cumini.	

Hee sunt Metæ et Divisæ inter Comitatus Huntingdoniensem, Northamptoniensem, et Cantebrigiensem.

Quædam aqua quæ vocatur Nene dividit com. ad Aylllyngton. Et de Aillington extendit se ad pontem de Walunsford, excepto feodo Henrici de Engayne; et postea ad Medeswell, et de sub burgo, et ad Medeswell incipit com. Hunt. et Cantebr. et post Medeswell usque Chiselawe; et inde usque Wodehevid; et inde usque Suthmithesmith; et inde usque ad Oldehe; et inde usque Fridaylake; et inde usque ad Sadelbowe; et inde usque ad Dedemyle; et inde usque Wishemouth; et inde usque ad pontem de Erhith; et inde usque ad Haliwell, et usque ad prioratum Sancti Ivonis; et inde usque ad Stanton Gisebrith de Gaunt, et includit Hilton, et inde usque Pappeworth Agneys; et inde usque ad Gillynge; et inde usque Tonlislound; et inde usque ad Welde; et inde usque ad Magnam Granteden; et inde usque Weresle; et inde usque Albodesle; et inde usque ad Tettesworth; et inde ad Everthon; et inde ad Berkeford; et inde ad Sanctum Neotum; et inde ad Hayleweston; et inde ad Magnam Stocton; et inde ad Kymbanton; et inde ad Swynehomd; et inde ad Comton; et inde usque ad Keston; et inde ad Winewyk; et inde ad Therning; et inde ad Lelington; et inde usque ad Lodyngton, et inde ad Aylllyngton.

Camit.^a ss. Robertus Baynard et Petrus de Abyngdon custodes episcopatus Eliensis per Willelmum de Albersle ballivum hundredi de Wyccheford ceperunt in villa de Chatriz die Veneris in festo apostolorum Philippi et Jacobi proxime præterito de abbate Ramesiæ xij. taxos et xij. bovetos, et eos fugaverunt apud,^b et eos ibidem detinent, dicentes se prædicta averia cepisse, eo quod dictus abbas tenet manerium de Chatriz de episcopo Elyensi per servitium, duorum scilicet reddituum assizæ per annum, et per servitium duorum solidorum ad calcetam de Aldirhithe reparandam per annum, et per servitium faciendi melius animal. dicti manerii episcopo qui pro tempore fuerit post mortem cujuslibet abbatis, nomine herietti, et per servitium faciendi sectam ad curiam de Ely et hundredi de Wichford de tribus septimanis in tres septimanas, et eciam per servitium ad contribuendum domino regi tempore vacationis episcopatus prædicti cum liberis hominibus de hundredo de Wyccheford de porcione duarum marcarum in auxilium dictorum tenencium pro fine x. mar-

^b Loci nomen desiderari videtur.

carum, quem dicti libere tenentes de hundredo prædicto fecerunt cum dictis custodibus sede vacante, et eam ad fidelitatem faciendam domino regi pro omnibus prædictis serviciis. Et dicunt quod omnia prædicta servicia domino regi facienda per bonam inquisitionem tanquam de tenura episcopatus invenerunt. Sed tamen de prædicto hundredo de Wyccheford fuerunt dicti juratores commodum suum proprium declarantes in prædicta contribucione.

Et sciendum quod nos et prædecessores nostri tenuimus dictum manerium à tempore quo non stat memoria, de dono et concessione regis Edgari, et antequam fuit apud Ely aliquis episcopus sed abbas, et ut creditur tunc temporis fuit tota insula de Ely in manibus domini regis ut de com. Cantebrigia, quo tempore tenentes prædecessorum nostrorum de manerio prædicto venerunt ad hundredum regis de Wyccheford, et ad comitatum ejusdem regis per duos dictorum tenentium, et hoc alternatim, videlicet illi qui ad unum comitatum et hundredum venerunt uno die quieti fuerunt donec alii vicini eorum eodem modo ad quemlibet comitatum et hundredum vicissim venerant, et quo tempore dicti tenentes fecerunt ijs. per annum ad festum sancti Michaëlis, et hundredum de Wyccheford quod tunc vocabatur Hundredesgonge sicut et modo, et eciam ijs. ad calcetam de Alderhithe de bonis et catallis dictorum tenencium reparandis pro communi utilitate omnium infra insulam de Ely manencium. De quibus serviciis dominus rex fuit seisitus et hæredes sui tanquam de regia potestate sua, eo quod totus comitatus Cantebrigiensis, ad quem comitatum hundredum de Wyccheford pertinet, fuit in manu sua propria, donec successores sui concesserunt abbati de Ely, qui illo tempore fuit, libertatem insulæ de Ely includentem manerium de Chatriz, et permittentes dictum abbatem prædicta servicia quæ pertinebant ad comitatum et hundredum suum prædicta retinendo sibi et hæredibus suis dominium dicti manerii per manus abbatum Ramesie, absque faciendo dicto abbati de Ely vel serviciis suis vel aliquo episcopo de Ely fidelitatem vel herietum tempore vacationis de Ely, sed pro prædicto manerio abbas qui nunc est, et omnes prædecessores sui à tempore regis Edgari usque nunc fecerunt domino regi qui nunc est, et omnibus antecessoribus suis homagium, fidelitatem, et contribucionem de tenentibus dicti manerii cum acciderit ecclesiam de Ramesie vacare, eo quod nil facit episcopo Elyensi nisi ea quæ permissa fuerunt a regibus prædictis de regali potestate sua sicut prædictum est.

Anno regni regis Henrici filii regis Johannis xxv. facta est hæc inquisicio coram domino Johanne Basset, tunc temporis capitali justiciario forestæ, Rogero de Essex, Radulpho de Cammys, et Richardo de Harecurt apud Huntedune de libertatibus abbatibus Ramesie, quas habet per cartam regis Richardi et confirmationem regis Johannis de custodia boscorum suorum habenda per juratores subscriptos, videlicet Johannem de Folkesworth, Henricum de Longa Villa, Robertum de Amnevil, Johannem de Salene, Ivonem Quarel, Gerardum de Lexington, Willelmum de Salene, Osbertum de Weston, Willelmum de Jakele, Rogerum de Cantilupo, Willelmum de Brampton, Willelmum de Pyrye, Willelmum Cardom, Henricum de Folkeworth, et viredarium scilicet Oliverum Mause, Walterum de Besyle, et Robertum Wynn. Qui dicunt super sacramentum suum, quod abbas Ramesie semper usus est talibus libertatibus in boscis suis hucusque, quod ipse et prædecessores sui semper in boscis suis estoveria sua ad usus suos et hominum suorum sine visu forestarii domini regis capere consueverunt. Et si prædictus abbas vel homines sui attachiati fuerint veniendi ad Swammertun, ipse et homines sui et illi quos idem abbas warentizare voluerint, similiter quieti recesserunt sine misericordia solvenda.^a Et si aliqui attachiati fuerint de boscis ejusdem abbatibus quibusdam furtim asportassent^b sine libertate forestarii, senescallus forestæ de talibus capit misericordias, et hac ratione dicunt quod abbas et homines sui recedunt sine misericordia quieti, eo quod idem abbas de tercio anno in ter-

cium annum quando regardum fit, respondet de regardo et de vasto boscorum suorum si vastati fuerint sicut carta domini regis quam habet testatur. Ideo procuratum est, quod prædictus abbas utatur libertatibus prædictis sine impedimento.

Hæc est finalis concordia facta in curia domini regis apud Cantebrigiam à die Paschatis in unum mensem anno regni regis Henrici filii regis Johannis xij. coram S. de Segrave, Willelmo filio Warini, Willelmo de London, et Willelmo Basset justiciariis itinerantibus et aliis fidelibus domini regis tunc ibi præsentibus, inter H. abbatem Ramesie querentem et Alexandrum filium Nicholai deforc' de consuetudinibus et serviciis quæ idem abbas exigebat de ipso Alexandro de duabus virgatis terræ cum pertinentiis in Borewell, de una virgata terræ cum pertinentiis quam Godwynus præpositus tenuit, quas consuetudines et quæ servicia idem Alexander ei non recognovit, et unde placitum fuit inter eos in præfata curia, scilicet quod prædictus abbas recognovit totam prædictam terram cum pertinentiis esse jus ipsius Alexandri, habendam et tenendam ipsi Alexandro et hæredibus suis de ipso abbate et successoribus suis et ecclesia sua de Ramesie in perpetuum, reddendo annuatim pro prædicta virgata terræ cum pertinentiis quam Godwynus præpositus tenuit, tresdecim solidos ad quatuor terminos anni, scilicet ad translationem sancti Benedicti in Julio iij^s. iij^d. et ad festum sancti Michaëlis iij^s. iij^d. et ad festum sancti Andreæ iij^s. iij^d. et ad Pascha floridum iij^s. iij^d. pro omni servicio reddendo et pro prædicta virgata quam Odgarus clericus tenuit vij. sol. ad prædictos terminos, scilicet ad quemlibet terminum xxj^d. et faciendo de prædicta virgata terræ forinsecum servicium quantum pertinet ad quartam partem unius hidæ terræ, videlicet tressentæ^c et sexaginta hidæ cum pertinentiis faciunt servicium quatuor militum per posicionem^d militum et libere tenencium de curia ejusdem abbatibus et successorum suorum.

Abbas et conventus de Thorneye universis hanc scripturam visuris vel audituris salutem. Noveritis, nos remisisse quietum clamasse abbati et conventui de Ramesie totum jus et clamium quod habuimus in una marcata annui redditus quam petebamus à villata de Aylyngton nomine geldæ. Ita quod à prædicta villata de Aylyngton nil amodo vindicare poterimus pro triginta marcis argenti, quas præ manibus à præfatis abbate et conventu Ramesie recepimus, prout in rotulis de scaccario domini regis plenius continetur. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum autenticum præsentibus apposuimus. Hiis testibus Johanne priore de Huntingdon et aliis.

Hidagia Militum de Abbacia Ramesie, unde Inquisicio facta fuit per Willelmum Abbatem ex Mandato Domini Regis.

Simon de Bello campo plenum servicium de uno milite in omnibus rebus, sicut carta Henrici regis testatur.

Hugo de Bello campo v. hid. apud Berkford, et debet j. militem.

Guido de Stower v. hid. et dim. et debet j. militem.

Haroldus de Gillynge v. hid. et ad suum dictum debet dimid. militem et ad nostrum dictum integrum militem.

Comes Ailbritus v. hid. et debet j. militem.

Stephanus de Scaliis et Henricus de Scaliis ij. hid. et dim. et debent dimid. militem.

Reg. filius Berengarii debet unum militem, sicut carta R. abbatibus testatur.

Walterus filius Jocelyni de Stivecle et Radulphus Mowyn de Hirst debent dimid. militem ut dicunt. Et ut dicunt tenentes iiij. hid. et dimid.

Oliverus le Moygne tenet vj. hid. et dimid. et debet unum militem.

Henricus de Wichinton tenet in Wychintun iij. hid. et dimid. ut dicit, et ut alii iiij. et terram in Dodyngthon,

^a Sic. f. solvenda.

^b f. asportandis.

^c Sic.

^d Sic.

quam Willelmus Peverel tenuit, et quæ modo est in manu regis, unde exspectatur. Telle domini R.^a

Nigellus de Lovetoft tenet j. hidam et dim. in Isham, et isti duo debent j. militem.

Richardus Engayne tenet vj. hidas in Sylington, et in Stowe j. hid. et dim. ut dicit, et ut alii dicunt ij. hidas et dim. et in Hemyngton iij. hidas et dim. In omnibus dicit se debere unum militem.

Omnes isti solent communicare cum rusticis ad istud servicium perficiendum extra Simonem de Bello, tempore Willelmi abbatis tempore regis Henrici.

Præter hos milites sunt Frankelani, quorum quidam tenent dimid. hid. quidam plus, quidam minus, et solent adjuvare milites ad servicium faciendum.

Memorandum quod consuetudo abbathie Ramesie est dare pro relevio ad quamlibet hidam xx. solidos, sicut invenitur in rotulo curiæ de Broughton anno Ranulphi abbatis xiiij.

Isti debent Sectam ad Curiam de Broughton de tribus Septimanis in tres Septimanas.

Berengarius le Moygne.
Johannes Mowyn.
Hæredes Barnabæ de Stinecle.
Robertus filius Radulphi de Stinecle.
Hæredes Jordani le Ennoyse.
Philippus de Ripton.
Absolon de Broughton.
Robertus le Eyr de Houghton.
Reginaldus clericus de Houghton.
Hæredes Mathei de Broughton.
Ricardus Berynge de Wardebois.
Terræ Hugonis capellani.
Thomas filius Ivonis de Hirst.
Hæredes Adami filii Hermey.
Hida Thosord.
Willelmus le Eyr.
Willelmus Kyng de Broughton.
Nicholaus Gernon de Wodehirst.

Isti sequentes facient duas^b per annum.

Ricardus de Hampton.
Feod. Walteri filii Aucheri.
Hæredes Willelmi filii Humfredi.
Ricardus Parys.
Radulphus de Wynton.
Petrus de Haliwell.
Terra Absolonis de Haliwell et Robertus Motel conjunctim debent unam sectam.
Johannes Gere faciet duas sectas per annum.
Quædam terra quam persona de Ripton Abbatis tenet, consuevit facere unam sectam tempore H. Foliioth abbatis.

Isti debent Sectam ad Hundredum de Hirstingston, sicut invenitur in rotulo Curie de Broughton anno Ranulphi Abbatis xxj. quod tunc concessum erat sicut ibidem patet.

Absolon de Broughton.
Adam filius Willelmi Rey de eadem.
Terra Mathei de Broughton.
Ricardus Deryng de Wardebois.
Terra Ricardi filii Walteri de eadem.
Ivo de Woldhirst.
Johannes Mowyn de eadem.
Baldewynus de Stowe de Wodehirst.
Terra Adami de eadem.
Hid. Thesard.
Radulphus Bakun de Blittisham.
Johannes filius Roberti de eadem.
Terra Johannis Ace de eadem.
Jocelinus de Pidele.
In Nidingworth et Haliwell.
D^{ns}. Berengarius le Moygne.
Willelmus le Hoyer.

Isti quatuor debent unam sectam.

Absolon de Haliwell et Robertus Morlie debent unam sectam.

In Sancto Ivone.

Johannes Ballard.

In Houghton.

Robertus le Syr.

In Ripton Abbatis.

Dominus Philippus de

In Parva Stinetle.^c

Robertus de Stinetle.^c
Henricus Fribale.

In Magna Stinetle.^c

Terra Walteri de Midd.

Memorand. quod omnes milites et alii libere tenentes ad curiam præsentem in anno regni regis Henrici xxxviij. Willelmo de Acholt abbati de Ramesie in novitate sua dimidiam marcam de auxilio. Et prædictus abbas de tit eis usque ad quatuor solidos de singulis hidis sunt soluturi de singulis hidis v.

NUM. XXXVIII.

De Abbatibus Ramesiensibus.

[Ex Registro de Ramsey sæpius memorato, fol. 218 b.]

AEDNOTHUS primus abbas. Iste venit Ramesiam missus à sancto Oswaldo de Westbury, quæ est cella Wigorniensis, anno dcccclxx. Dominicæ incarnationis, et tertio anno sequenti, die decollationis S. Johannis, venit hic sanctus Oswaldus cum duodecim monachis de Westbury, quos hîc postea plantavit in prædicta ecclesia, quæ dedicata fuit à sanctis Dunstano Dorobornensi, et Oswaldo Eboracensi archiepiscopo, post duos annos elapsos, scilicet Dominicæ incarnationis nongentesimo septuagesimo quarto. Et iste fuit præpositus, id est, prior Ramesiæ per viginti duos annos usque ad annum nongentesimum nonagesimum secundum, quo anno obiit comes Ailwinus, et sequenti anno electus est in abbatem, et benedictus à sancto Elphego, et Wlfius factus est prior, et iste fuit abbas sedecim annis usque ad annum millesimum octavum, quo anno electus est in episcopum Dorcastriæ, et fuit episcopus per octo annos, usque ad annum millesimum et decimum sextum, quo anno fuit occisus in guerra à Danis apud Essdonum, cum ibi esset ad orandum pro exercitu Anglicano, et sic fuit prior, abbas, et episcopus per triginta octo annos. Et anno istius in abbacia exeuntis nono fuit inventio sancti Ivonis et sociorum ejus apud Slepe, ed eodem anno translatio eorundem sanctorum apud Ramesiam.

Wlfius abbas primus post ipsum, factus fuit abbas anno millesimo octavo, et fuit interfectus à Danis cum dicto Ednotho episcopo et Ethelwardo duce, filio ducis Ethelwini, et eodem anno quo interfecti fuerunt, Ethericus monachus Ramesiæ factus est episcopus Dorcastriæ, et vixit in episcopatu annis novemdecim. Iste episcopus multa maneria et bona contulit ecclesiæ Ramesiensi et ibidem sepelitur juxta cornu magni altaris, fuitque abbas octo annis.

Withmannus abbas. Iste suscepit abbathiam anno millesimo decimo sexto. Hujus tempore translatum est regnum de Anglis ad Danos, scilicet de Ethelredo, post mortem ejus, ad Cnutonem electum ab Anglis; fuitque abbas per tres annos, et quarto anno peregrè profectus est in Jerusalem, et rediens anno sequenti invenit Ethelstanum abbatem, cui voluit Ethelstanus cedere, et ijsq̃

^a f. teste domino rege.

^b subintellige, sectas.

^c sc. Stivecle.

noluit, sed elegit vitam solitariam apud Northeye, et ibi vixit plusquam viginti sex annos; cujus tempore sanctus Edwardus rex et confessor, filius Ethelredi regis ex Emma, instinctu ipsius Withmanni dedit ecclesiae Ramesiensi Ringstede cum omni libertate et omni maris ejectu quod Wrec appellatur, et Oswaldi monachi secum commorantis nepotis sancti Oswaldi Winebodesham cum hundredo et dimidio et lx. socamannis et forum de Seham, ac omnibus libertatibus suis, et hæc donatio facta fuit anno millesimo quadragesimo septimo.

Ethelstanus abbas. Iste suscepit abbathiam anno millesimo vicesimo, et sub isto Ednothus secundus sive junior electus est in episcopum Dorcastriæ, scilicet anno Domini M quarto, et vixit in episcopatu per sedecim annos. Iste fuit abbas viginti tres annos, scilicet usque ad annum Domini millesimum quadragesimum tertium, et in ecclesia occisus est in vigilia sancti Michaelis à quodam Hibernico. Tempore istius abbatis Ethericus, episcopus Dorcastriæ, sanctum Felicem de Seham usque Ramesiam cum honore fecit transferri, scilicet, anno MXXVj.

Alfwinus abbas suscepit abbathiam anno millesimo quadragesimo tertio, et fuit abbas triginta sex annos, et hujus tempore venit Willielmus Bastard in Angliam scilicet, anno Domini millesimo sexagesimo septimo, et eodem anno obiit Ailwardus aureus episcopus.

Aielsinus abbas suscepit abbathiam anno millesimo octuagesimo, et fuit abbas per octo annos, et eidem revelatum fuit in mari quod festum conceptionis sanctæ Mariæ celebraretur, et per ipsum primò fuit inventum.

Herbertus abbas factus fuit anno millesimo octuagesimo septimo, fuitque abbas per quatuor annos, postea factus est episcopus Norwicensis, et vixit ibidem viginti novem annis, iste transtulit sedem episcopalem de Elham usque Norvicum.

Aldwinus abbas suscepit abbathiam anno millesimo nonagesimo primo. Iste fecit assisas Ramesiæ, et tenuit abbathiam per undecim annos, et tunc depositus est in concilio à sancto Anselmo Cantuariensi archiepiscopo, cum Ricardo abbate Eliensi, et Godrico Burgensi, et permansit depositus quinque annis; et factus est abbas, post depositionem per regem, Bernardus monachus de sancto Albano. Et post quinque annos recuperavit abbathiam, et tenuit eam per quatuor annos, et mortuus est, et vacavit abbathia per annum et plus, cujus tempore post assumptionem abbathiæ, scilicet, anno millesimo nonagesimo nono, rex Anglorum Henricus abbathiam Eliensem ad episcopalem mutavit sedem, et Harvæum Bancorniensem episcopum eidem ecclesiæ præfecit.

Bernardus abbas. Iste fuit abbas per quinque annos, dum Aldwinus erat depositus, et mortuus est.

Reginaldus abbas factus est anno millesimo centesimo decimo quarto, et elapsis duobus annis incepit ædificare novam ecclesiam, in quam intravit conventus post septem annos, scilicet, anno millesimo centesimo vicesimo tertio, fuitque abbas sedecim annos, et mortuus est.

Walterus abbas factus est anno millesimo centesimo tricesimo tertio. Iste fuit abbas viginti septem annos, et post decem annos susceptæ abbatiæ expulsi sunt monachi Ramesiæ per Galfridum Mandevill, comitem Essexiæ.

Willielmus abbas. Hujus tempore sanctus Thomas factus est archiepiscopus Cantuariensis, scilicet, anno Domini millesimo centesimo sexagesimo secundo, et anno sequenti Walterus prior Ramesiæ factus est abbas Thorneyæ. Iste abbas Willielmus Ramesiensis rexit abbathiam de Ramsey sedecim annos, et tunc in abbatem Cluniacensem electus est, videlicet, anno millesimo centesimo septuagesimo septimo, et anno sequenti recessit a Ramesiâ et vixit ibidem duobus annis, et vacavit abbathia Ramesiæ duobus annis.

Robertus Trianel factus fuit abbas anno millesimo centesimo octogesimo. Iste fuit prior sancti Andreæ Norhamtoniæ, fuitque abbas viginti annos et mortuus est. Hujus tempore, scilicet, anno millesimo centesimo octuagesimo sexto, Radulfus prior Ramesiæ factus est abbas sancti Benedicti de Hulmo. Item tempore istius,

scilicet, anno millesimo centesimo nonagesimo secundo, ossa sanctorum, sancti Felicis, Ethelredi, ac Ethelbrithi in feretris sunt collata.

Eudo abbas, iste factus fuit abbas mcc. et fuit prior Burgi, vixitque per unum annum, et eodem anno Acharius prior sancti Albani factus est abbas Burgi. Item anno antedicto obiit sanctus Hugo, Lincolniensis episcopus.

Robertus de Redinges factus est abbas Ramesiæ anno mccij. ad instantiam Johannis de Grey cancellarii Angliæ, postea episcopi Norwicensis. Fuit abbas per quinque annos et resignavit baculum suum pastoralem in manus Willielmi Lincolniensis, habuitque pro sustentatione sua manerium de Cranfeld. Hujus tempore Cantuariensis archiepiscopus constituit tres monachos receptores omnium proventuum hujus monasterii; et ab hoc anno vacavit monasterium sine abbate per septem annos sequentes, et proximo anno suæ cessionis combusta est ecclesiæ prioratus sancti Ivonis cum officinis suis, scilicet anno mccvij. mortuus est apud Redinges, et rex Johannes tenuit abbathiam in manu sua per septem annos pro eo quod monachi Ramesiæ ad præceptum suum noluerunt eligere in abbatem priorem de Frontonâ.

Richardus, abbas de Selby, electus est in abbatem Ramesiæ, anno mccxiiij. procurante Nicholao Tusculanensi episcopo, cardinali et legato, et eodem anno relaxatum est interdictum in Anglia per dictum legatum. Item eodem anno idem Nicholaus legatus deposuit abbates Westmonasterii, Eveshamiæ, et Bardeneæ, et substituti sunt per eundem prior Fronton. apud Westm. prior Wigorn. apud Evesham, prior de Lenton apud Badeney, et anno sequenti fuit ecclesia Ramesiensis spoliata multis divitiis, et vixit per duos annos.

Hugo Foliot, prior Ramesiensis, factus est abbas anno mccxvj. et vixit per quatuordecim annos et in creatione sua recepit benedictionem ab episcopo Batoniensi. Hujus tempore, scilicet anno Domini mccxviij. Silvester primò monachus, postea episcopus Wigorniensis, obiit Ramesiæ, cujus viscera ante altare beatæ Virginis sepulta sunt, corpus verò Wigornia delatum est. Item istius tempore, scilicet anno mccxx. electus est Johannes abbas de Fontibus in episcopum Eliensem, secundum mandatum domini papæ, et vixit per quinque annos, cui successit Gaufridus frater Huberti justiciarii, qui vixit per quatuor annos, cui successit Hugo abbas sancti Edmundi, et Ricardus de Insula, monachus et prior sancti Edmundi, postea abbas de Burton in abbatem sancti Edmundi est electus.

Ranulfus, prior Ramesiæ, factus est abbas anno mccxxxj. et tertio anno elapso venit Henricus rex Angliæ, primus omnium regum Angliæ apud Ramesiam, scilicet die sancti Matthiæ apostoli, et fecit se convivari, manens ibi per quatuor dies. Et sexto anno hujus abbatis dedicata est ecclesia sancti Ivonis, et anno suo octavo idem abbas factus est justiciarius apud Norvicum. Item hujus tempore celebratum est concilium Lugdunense per Innocentium quartum, anno mccxliv. Iste fuit abbas viginti duobus annis.

Willielmus Acolt factus est abbas anno mcllij. qui à domino archiepiscopo Cantuariensi benedictionem accepit. Iste vixit per unum annum, et mortuus est.

Hugo de Sulgrave factus est abbas anno mcliiij. Iste fuit prior sancti Ivonis, et anno sequenti electus est magister Willielmus de Kilkenni tunc domini regis cancellarius in episcopum Eliensem, qui nactâ dignitate episcopali ecclesiam Ramesiæ multis oppressit injuriis, et eodem anno missus fuit à domino rege in Hispaniam, et mortuus est ibidem; post cujus mortem conventus Eliensis elegerunt Hugonem de Balsam sub-priorem suum, quo præsentato Cantuariensi archiepiscopo et ab eodem malitiosè cassatus est, sed appellans Romam adiit. Et in eodem anno dominus papa concessit regi Henrico decimam cleri Angliæ, et obligata sunt monasteria Angliæ in curia Romana per episcopum Herefordensem, ipsis ignorantibus, Ramesia obligabatur in mxxxiij. marcis. Anno sequenti electio ipsius Hugonis Eliensis in curia Romana approbatur per papam Alexandrum, et fuit decretum quod de cætero archiepiscopus electiones poterit examinare et cassare et non alium

subrogare. Et anno sequenti Simon de Luton prior sancti Edmundi eligitur in abbatem ejusdem domus, qui vocatus Romam adiit, et rediit confirmatus, collata sibi potestate more episcopali benedicendi populum sibi occurrentem. Item quarto anno hujus abbatis, dominus Willielmus Brito justitiarius regis, per breve regis deliberavit gaolam Ramesiæ apud Winebodesham in hundredo de Claclose, de multis latronibus captis in libertate abbatis et extra. Item anno mclxvij. capta est insula Eliensis super barones qui in eam confugerant, per Edwardum filium regis Henrici. Item tempore hujus abbatis, scilicet anno mclix. Henricus rex Angliæ recepit à rege Franciæ ccc.m. libras Turonensium parvorum, promissaque restitutione terrarum ad valorem xx. libr. annui census, et omnibus terris in manu regis Franciæ exeuntibus, idem Henricus rex resignavit plenè et purè: exinde literarum suarum abbreviavit titulum, ut nec ducem Normanniæ, nec comitem Andegaviæ deinceps se vocaverit.

Iste Hugo abbas incepit refectorium, fecit feretrum sancti Ivonis et tabulam argenteam et deauratam ad magnum altare, et perquisivit Gravenhurst, et assignavit pietantiam propter cœnas conventus, et multa alia terras et tenementa perquisivit et ædificia fecit, rexitque ecclesiam suam per tredecim annos et dimidium tam guerræ quam pacis, et anno sequenti obiit.

Abbas *Willielmus*, iste electus est in abbatem et confirmatus per Ottobonum legatum anno mclxvij. Iste perquisivit de Berengario le Moygne maneria de Bernewell, Hemington, Crouthorp, et Litlethorp, cum advocacione ecclesiæ sancti Andreæ de Bernewel anno Domini mclxxvj. et hoc anno intravit conventus primo in refectorium, et anno sequenti fecit conductum aquæ in Ramesia sumptibus propriis, et multa alia perquisita fecit ecclesiæ Ramesiensi. Iste fuit abbas octodecim annos, et in decimo nono anno percussus fuit paralyti, propter quod resignavit baculum, et sponte cessit ab officio suo, et vixit post per unum annum et menses duo, obiit.

Johannes abbas, iste suscepit abbathiam anno mclxxxv. Iste transfretavit in Gasconiam ad regem, ut ab eo reciperetur, et solvit pro fine custodiendæ domus suæ tempore vacationis ii. m. marcas, et tempore ipsius dominus Edwardus rex habuit per extorsionem de eo dinidiam partem omnium proventuum abbathiæ secundum taxationem. Item hujus tempore, scilicet anno mcccix. Isabella regina Angliæ, et filia regis Francorum, perendinavit apud Ramesey per octodecim dies ad magnos sumptus ipsius abbatis. Iste sustinuit infinita tribulationes et onera, et perquisivit terras et tenementa ex quibus assignavit conventui decem libras pro calceamentis. Iste vixit per triginta annos, et in anno xxxj. obiit, et fuit cæcus ante mortem suam sex annos, nec fecit cessionem.

Simon abbas, juris canonici professor. Iste suscepit abbathiam anno Domini mcccxvj. Iste perquisivit terram le Hauker, et contulit novo operi ecclesiæ quod incepit, et multa alia perquisivit tempore suo. Iste rexit abbathiam viginti sex annos et mortuus est, et sepultus in novo opere ante majus altare in sinistra parte altaris.

Robertus abbas. Iste suscepit abbathiam anno mcccxlj. Iste in vita sua plura fecit mirabilia, iste fuit abbas sex annis et dimidio, et mortuus est anno Domini mcccxlj. tempore pestilentie, sepultus est in novo opere in dextra parte altaris.

Ricardus abbas. Iste suscepit abbathiam anno Domini mcccxlj. tempore pestilentie, oneratus debitis prædecessoris sui in ij. mille et quingentis marcis, ultra onera quæ sustinuit tempore creationis suæ. Iste Ricardus electus est in crastino S. Mariæ Magd. et benedictus die S. Bartholomei anno mcccxlj.

Edmundus abbas, creatus fuit in abbatem anno Domini mccc..... et obiit anno suo xvij.

Thomas Botterwick abbas, suscepit abbathiam anno Domini mccc. et obiit anno suo xxij. incipiente, circa festum Omnium Sanctorum.

Johannes Tychemarsh abbas, electus fuit in abbate mense Octobri, octavo kalendas Novembris, anno Domini mcccxcix. et mortuus est in vigiliis assumptionis.

nis beatæ Mariæ anno Domini mcccxxxij. Iste fuit nobilis pater, renovavit lapsa, construxit et posuit nova ædificia.

Johannes Crowland abbas electus fuit xxvij. die mensis Augusti anno Domini prædicto, et postea vixit per unum annum et dimidium, et obiit decimo tertio calendis Aprilis, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo tricesimo sexto. Et quarto calendarum ejusdem mensis, anno prædicto, electus fuit dominus Johannes Stowe in abbatem, cujus sumptibus et industria, regis Edwardi quarti obtenta licentia, perquisitum fuit manerium vocatum le Moynes Manner cum pertinentiis in magna Raveley et Sautre. Hic postquam præsentem ecclesiam xxxij. annis rexerat, percussus senio et invetudine baculum pastoralem resignavit, et tribus annis postea vixit: tandem resolutus in mortem sepultus est coram altare sancti Johannis Baptistæ in boreali parte ecclesiæ.

NUM. XXXIX.

De Abbate Willielmo de Gomecestr.

[MS. Cotton. Vesp. A. xviii. fol. 94 b.]

CONDIGNÆ venerationis et piæ memoriæ dompni Willielmi de Gomecestre quondam abbatis Ramesiæ beneficia et opera laudanda etiam vigi recordatione digna quæ suis successoribus in ecclesia continue micant per lucide ut ad ejusdem laudis cumulum cedant et meriti scriptis et merito duximus inserenda. Qui dum per annos octodecim et dimidium domum Rames. et jura ejusdem cum suis ubique pertinentiis strenue rexisset, terris etiam multis, amplis possessionibus, et redditibus diversis prout inferius patebit eandem ampliasset, dispersa sollicita curiositate revocavit. Adquisita etiam stabili et inviolabili securitate firmavit, contra eciam omnium ecclesiæ adversantium molimina insultus et placita strenui tuitione et austeritate valida se et sua resistendo munivit.

De domino Berengario le Moyne milite emit ipsum manerium de Bernewell et Hemington, quod quidem integre cum suis pertinentiis contulit conventui qui singulis annis de eodem in perpetuum habebunt octo dolea vini, et quicquid residuum fuerit de dicti manerii proficuo totaliter ut dictum est ad usum et dispositionem conventus reservabitur.

Item adquisivit Nidingwrth ad augmentationem celebrariæ et pro anniversario suo annuatim de eodem solempniter faciendo sicut inferius patebit.

Omnibus maneriis subscriptis terras subscriptas adquisivit. Manerio de Aylington terras ibidem adquisitas et particulariter emptas de quibus percipere consuevit iij^{li}. xij^s. iij^d. Manerio de Weston cotlandas quondam emptas de Emma de Waldis de quibus percipere consuevit lxvij^s. viij^d. Manerio de Elington assartum de quo percipere consuevit lx^s. Manerio de Hemingford tenementum quod Reginald de Aylington et alii sibi vendiderunt de quo percipere consuevit lxvij^s. Manerio de Schitlingdon unum mesuagium et quatuor virgatas terræ quondam Henr. de Mepertishale, de quibus recepit annuatim iij^{li}. et similiter septem acras terræ quas ipse emit ibidem. Manerio de Barton terram de diversis hominibus emptam cum tertia parte unius molendini. Manerio de Therefeld totum tenementum quod de pluribus particulariter adquisivit cum duobus den. annui redditus. Manerio de Cnappewell terras ibidem emptas de quibus percipere consuevit xxix^s. iij^d. ob. Manerio de Borewell terras et pratum quos emit ibidem. Manerio de Brancestre pars de Estmelis cum domibus superædificatis et omnes terras quas Adam fil. Johannis militis et alii sibi vendiderunt. Manerio de Ringestede sextam partem terræ quondam Huberti de Well. et quadraginta acras terræ cum septem denariis et uno quadrante annui redditus et uno faldagio. Manerio de Walsokne xlv. acras, unam rodani, vij. perticatas et dimid. et iij^{or}. pedes terræ et prati quas emit de domino Rogero de Coleuile et Desiderata ux. ejus. Manerio de Chateris quinque solid. de domibus et terra quondam Katerinæ de Coueneye. Manerio de Slepe omnes domus et reugias quas suo tempore de diversis perquisivit. Ma-

nerio de Wistowe x^s. annui redditus quos consuevit percipere de uno mesuagio et quadam terra in eadem villa. Totam etiam terram supradictam cum redditibus præscriptis una cum consensu sui conventus assignavit elemosinariæ nostræ Rames. ad pascendum et vestiendum xii. pauperes in perpetuum, et ad sustentationem unius sacerdotis pro anima ipsius et animabus patrum et matrum omnium monachorum Rames. perpetuo celebrantis, et de quibus maneriis quid et quantum pro dicta augmentatione acquisita debeat elemosinariæ singulis annis certis terminis persolvi specialiter assignavit: videlicet de Aylington, iij^l.; de Weston, lx^s.; de Elington, l^s.; de Hemingford, lx^s.; de Thereff. lx^s.; de Cnappewell, xxvj^s. viij^d.; de Schitlingdon, iij^l.; de Slepe, xl^s.; de Wardeboys, x^l. vj^s. viij^d.; de Wistowe, v^s.; de Barton, vj^s. viij^d.; de Brancestre, x^s.; de Walsokne, v^s. Præterea fecit nobis aquæ conductum sumptuosum valde, et cisternam in curia novam ejusdem aquæ nobile receptaculum. Fecit etiam aulam abbatis novam et portam in curia australem. Fecit ymaginem pro tumba comitis Elwini fundatoris ecclesiæ Rames. fieri ex ære mundissimo, subtili artificio, et sumptuoso valde et splendide deaurari. Adquisivit etiam terram apud Lawishull ad augmentationem tunicarum et coopertorium et habituum conventus. Contulit pro Bernewell et Hemington mm.c. marc. et a tempore quo emit ipsum manerium de Bernewell usque ad terminum vitæ domini Berengarii contulit eidem c. marc: quolibet anno quoad vixerit, qui xj. annis postea vixit et eas recepit. Et manerium de Chateriz habuit dictus miles cum omnibus proficuis indictæ venditionis conventionem ad terminum vitæ quodque redemit cccc. marc. Contulit pro manerio de Nidingwrth, dccc. marc. Item pro terra apud Lawishull clxx. marc. Item pro terra apud Therff. cl. marc. Pro terra et redditu apud Schitlingdon iij^{xx}. marc. Pro domibus apud Sanctum Yvonem cc. marc. Pro quadam terra apud Cnappewell lx. marc. Item contulit pro decimis per vj. annos m.dccc. marc. Item pro vicesimo denar. vij^{xx}. marc. Pro terra apud Barton xl. marc. Pro terra apud Gravele xxx. marc. Pro terra apud Elington iij^{xx}. marc. Pro terra Reginaldi de Aylington lx. marc. Pro terra apud Aylington cc. marc. Pro cæteris autem terris multis quas emit nescitur summa pretii.

NUM. XL.

Placita de Jurat. et Assis. apud Bedford coram Roberto de Ardern et Sociis suis Justic. Itineran. 4 Edw. III.

[Ex orig. in domo Capitulari Westm. asservato.]

ABBAS de Rameseye summonitus fuit ad respondendum domino regi de placito quo waranto clamat habere visum franciplegii in manerio suo de Craunfeld et visum franciplegii in manerio suo de Shitlingdon, videlicet in illa parte quæ est in hundredo de Clyfton, et habere liberam warennam in omnibus dominicis terris suis de Craunfeld, Shitlyngdon, Barton, et Pekesden, et habere amerciamenta omnium hominum suorum et pecuniam quæ ad murdrum pertinet, et habere infangenethef, shipbrich, shipwerp scilicet wreck maris in mari et in littore, sok et sak, et them, et habere catalla felonum et fugitivorum in terris suis et habere in prædictis terris weyf et strey, et esse quietus de geld, scot, et danegeld, placitis et querelis, shiris et hundredis, reparatione castellorum, et opere servili, oneribus expeditionum, pontium reconstructione, furium apprehensione et emissionem, mundebrich, fredewyte, blodewyte, fightwyte, miskennyng, frythsoken, hamsoken, forstall, forfeng, wythfeng, hengwyt, grithbrich, outlap et tol, &c.

Et abbas per Willielmum Ganet attornatum suum venit, et quo ad prædictos visus franciplegii dicit quod Johannes quondam rex Angliæ per cartam suam concessit cuidam abbati de Rameseye et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus quod ipsi habeant visum franciplegii in tota terra ipsorum abbatis et monachorum, et profert cartam prædicti regis Johannis in qua continetur quod visus franciplegii de tota terra prædictorum abbatis et monachorum fiat in curia sua. Ita tamen quod ballivus ipsius regis per summonitionem ejusdem abbatis veniat

in curia prædicti abbatis ad videndum quod visus de franciplegio rationabiliter fiat, &c. Et si ballivus prædictus non venerit, quod prædictus abbas nichilominus faciat inde visum fieri in curia sua. Et idem ballivus rationabiliter summonitus, &c. erit in misericordia regis, &c. Et eo waranto clamat ipse visus prædictos, &c.

Et quo ad prædictam warennam dicit quod dominus Henricus quondam rex Angliæ proavus regis nunc per cartam suam concessit cuidam Ranulfo quondam abbati de Rameseye et ejusdem loci conventui quod ipsi et successores sui imperpetuum habeant liberam warennam in omnibus dominicis terris suis maneriorum suorum de Craunfeld, Schitlyngdon, et Barton, in com. Bedf. dum tamen terræ illæ non sint infra metas forestæ, &c. Et dicit quod Pekesden est hamlettus et membrum prædicti manerii de Schitlyngdon. Et profert cartam prædicti regis Henrici quæ prædictam concessionem testatur in forma prædicta, &c. Et eo waranto clamat prædictus abbas warennam prædictam, &c.

Et quo ad amerciamenta omnium hominum suorum dicit idem abbas quod dominus Henricus quondam rex Angliæ, proavus domini regis nunc inspexit et confirmavit cartam Willielmi primi regis Angliæ in qua continetur quod idem Willielmus rex privilegia antiquorum regum, omnesque donationes terrarum, ecclesiarum, aut aliarum rerum a quibuscunque donatæ fuerunt corroboravit et confirmavit, atque concessit auctoritate sua regia, cum omnimoda libertate, et dicit quod dominus Edwardus quondam rex Angliæ avus domini regis nunc, inspexit cartas prædictorum regum Henrici et Willielmi, et omnes donationes, concessionem, et confirmationes in prædictis cartis contentas, ratas habens et gratas pro se et hæredibus suis abbati et conventui de Rameseye, et successoribus suis concessit et confirmavit per cartam ipsius regis Edwardi quam profert et quæ præmissa testatur, et in qua ulterius continetur quod quia per rotulos de scaccario ipsius regis Edwardi compertum est quod dictis abbati et conventui allocantur ibidem amerciamenta omnium hominum suorum per libertates a progenitoribus suis regibus Angliæ eis concessas et per verba generalia in cartis inde confectis contenta licet expresse non sint specificata, idem Edwardus rex eisdem abbati et conventui gratiam facere volens specialem, concessit pro se et hæredibus suis quod prædicti abbas et conventus de Rameseye et successores sui habeant et percipiant imperpetuum omnimoda amerciamenta omnium hominum suorum per ipsos et ballivos suos levanda, sicut per prædicta verba generalia et allocationes prædictas sic eis factas hujusmodi amerciamenta retroactis temporibus habuerunt et perceperunt sine occasione ipsius regis et hæredum suorum, justiciariorum, vicecomitum, et omnium aliorum ballivorum et ministrorum suorum quorumcunque imperpetuum. Et eo waranto clamat ipse amerciamenta prædicta, &c.

Et quo ad pecuniam quæ ad murdrum pertinet, catalla felonum et fugitivorum profert cartam sancti regis Edwardi in qua continetur quod ecclesia de Rameseye et monachi ejusdem ecclesiæ in omnibus possessionibus suis et suis appendiciis habeant omnimodam libertatem perpetualiter in terra et in aqua, quam quidem cartam prædicti Willielmus, Henricus, et Edwardus quondam reges Angliæ confirmaverunt prout in prædicta carta prædicti regis Edwardi superius prolata expresse continetur. Et dicit quod ipse et prædecessores sui virtute prædictorum verborum generalium de omnimoda libertate habenda et confirmationum regiarum prædictarum perceperunt et habuerunt prædictam pecuniam de murdro et catalla felonum et fugitivorum. Et eo waranto clamat idem abbas pecuniam de murdro et catalla prædicta, &c.

Et quo ad infangenthef, sok, sak, thol, et theam, et omnes quietancias prædictas in prædicto clamio suo contentas, dicit quod prædictus Willielmus quondam rex Angliæ concessit prædictis abbati et conventui de Rameseye, per aliam clausulam in carta sua prædicta contenta, omnes libertates et quietancias prædictas, quam quidem cartam prædicti regis Edwardi plenius continetur. Et eo waranto clamat ipse libertates et quietancias prædictas, &c.

Et quo ad prædictas libertates de shipebrech et

shipwerp, quod wreck maris dicitur, omittit clamium suum ad præsens in com. isto, &c.

Et quo ad weyf et stray dicit quod ipse et omnes prædecessores sui a tempore quo non extat memoria seisi fuerunt de libertatibus illis in maneriis et terris suis prædictis tanquam pertinentibus ad eadem terras et maneria. Et eo waranto clamat idem abbas weyf et stray in maneriis et in terris suis prædictis, &c.

Et Ricardus de Aldeburgh qui sequitur pro domino rege dicit quod prædictæ libertates de infangenethef, weyf, et stray, et omnes quietanciæ prædictæ non fuerunt clamatæ in ultimo itinere hic, unde petit quod libertates et quietanciæ illæ capiantur in manu domini regis; et quod idem abbas respondeat domino regi de exitibus libertatum illarum a tempore ultimi itineris prædicti, &c.

Et Abbas petit libertates et quietancias illas sibi concedi per plevinam. Et dat domino Regi viginti solidos pro plevina inde habenda, et quod admittatur ad libertates illas clamandum et inde placitandum, et ei conceditur per quod idem abbas eas clamat eo waranto quo supra, &c.

Et prædictus Ricardus dicit quod prædictus abbas ad pecuniam quæ ad murdrum pertinet clamandam ad præsens admitti non debet, quia dicit quod prædecessor istius abbatis coram justiciariis ultimo hic itinerantibus clamavit tantum esse quietus de murdro; et hoc paratus est verificare per recordum rotulorum justiciariorum prædictorum: et ex quo per hujusmodi clamium prædecessor istius abbatis tacite cognovit et supposuit pecuniam de murdro proveniente ad solum dominum regem pertinere, et non ad ipsum abbatem petit judicium si idem abbas nunc ad contrarium clamii prædecessoris sui prædicti clamand. debeat admitti, &c.

Et quo ad catalla felonum et fugitivorum quæ prædictus abbas clamat per cartam sancti regis Edwardi per prædicta verba generalia de omnimoda libertate habenda dicit idem Ricardus quod hujusmodi catalla percipere mere spectat ad coronam domini regis et non ad alium nisi per factum regium de concessione hujusmodi jurium regalium specialiter appareret, unde idem abbas nichil ostendit nec aliquod judicium coram aliquibus justiciariis itinerantibus vel alibi super allocationibus ipsi abbati vel prædecessoribus suis inde factum allegat petit judicium pro domino rege, &c.

Et quo ad amerciamenta omnium hominum prædicti abbatis habenda, et per ballivos ipsius abbatis levanda, prædictus Ricardus nichil dicit quare prædictus abbas juxta tenorem cartæ et recordi prædicti domini Edwardi regis, avi domini regis nunc amerciamenti illis gaudere non debeat. Idcirco prædictus abbas quo ad amerciamenta illa eat ad præsens sine die salvo jure domini regis cum alias inde loqui voluerit, &c.

Et quo ad prædictos visus franciplegii dicit idem Ricardus quod prædictus abbas visibus illis gaudere non debet quia dicit quod prædictus abbas et prædecessores sui visus illos tenuerunt in absentia ballivi domini regis et progenitorum suorum, et sine aliqua præmunitione vel summonitione hujusmodi ballivis facienda contra tenorem et purportum prædictæ cartæ prædicti regis Johannis et hoc paratus est verificare pro domino rege; unde idem Ricardus tam quo ad visus illos quam ad liberam warennam, infangthef, weyf et stray, et quietancias prædictas, petit quod inquiratur pro domino rege qualiter et a quo tempore prædictus abbas et prædecessores sui usi fuerunt libertatibus et quietantiis illis, ideo ven. inde jur. hic die Lunæ proxima post festum Omnium Sanctorum, &c. ad quem diem venit prædictus abbas per prædictum attornatum suum. Et similiter jur. qui dicunt super sacramentum suum quod prædictus abbas et prædecessores sui tenuerunt visus prædictos secundum tenorem et purportum cartæ prædictæ in omnibus prout debuerunt. Et quod idem abbas et prædecessores sui seisi fuerunt de prædictis visibus, libera warennam, infangthef, weyf et stray, et tam libertatibus ipsis quam quietantiis prædictis usi sunt in omnibus prout debuerunt, hoc tantum excepto, quod idem abbas nunc levavit fines et amerciamenta de transgressoribus contra assisam panis et cervisiæ usque ad summam viginti solidorum in casibus quibus per judicium pillorii et tumbrelli

puniri meruerunt, ideo consensus est quod prædicti visus capiantur in manum domini regis et prædictus abbas in misericordia. Et super hoc prædictus abbas petit rehabere visus prædictos per finem, &c. Et dat domino regi quadraginta solidos pro visibus prædictis rehabendis et ei conceduntur per finem prædictum; ideo prædictus abbas tam quo ad visus illos quam quo ad liberam warennam, infangthef, weyf et stray, et quietancias prædictas eat sine die salvo jure domini regis cum alias inde loqui voluerit, &c.

Et prædictus abbas, tam quo ad pecuniam quæ ad murdrum pertinet quam ad catalla felonum et fugitivorum, dicit quod ipse et prædecessores sui ante tempus memoriæ et post, seisi fuerunt de prædictis pecunia et catallis virtute prædictorum verborum generalium, de omnimoda libertate habenda in cartis prædictorum regum sancti Edwardi et Willielmi contentorum et per eorum concessionem et hæredum Henrici et Edwardi regum Angliæ successive confirmatis et allocationem inde habuerunt coram thesaurario et baron. de scaccario domini regis: et de hoc ponit se super recordum rotulorum ejusdem scaccarii. Dicit etiam idem abbas quod taciturnitas prædecessoris sui tempore ultimi itineris prædicti prædictam pecuniam de murdro non clamantis ipsi abbati nunc præjudicare non debet pro eo quod prædecessor suus prædictus qui tempore suo nisi custodiam ecclesiæ de Rameseye habuit quæ semper fungitur privilegio minoris, et ad cujus ecclesiæ regimen idem abbas nunc cum omnibus juribus et libertatibus suis per dominum Edwardum regem patrem domini regis nunc admissus fuit unde petit judicium si ad prædictam pecuniam modo clamandam admitti non debeat maxime cum idem abbas nunc pro non clam. prædicto alio modo quam per finem inde faciendum puniendus non existat, &c.

Et prædictus Ricardus, salvis domino regi rationibus suis prædictis, si videatur cur. quod prædicta verba generalia sufficiant ad prædictam pecuniam de murdro et catalla felonum et fugitivorum clamanda, petit quod prædictus abbas certificet cur. hic super allocationibus ei vel prædecessoribus suis inde factis coram thesaurar. et baron. prædictis. Ideo mandatum est eisdem thesaurar. et baron. de scaccario quod scrutatis rotulis memorandorum ejusdem scaccarii et quod de allocationibus prædictis invenerint constare fac. justic. hic sub pede sigilli scaccarii prædicti die Veneris proxima post festum Sancti Martini, &c. Ad quem diem venit prædictus abbas per prædictum attornatum suum, et prædicti thesaurar. et barones de scaccario non certificarunt curiam istam super allocationibus libertatum prædictarum nec breve miserunt, &c.

Et super hoc Ricardus de Aldeburgh qui sequitur pro domino rege dicit quod cum prædictus abbas non sit prosecutus versus thes. et baron. prædictos de certificando cur. istam super allocationibus prædictis, et sic deficit de waranto suo de prædictis libertatibus habendis, unde petit judicium pro domino rege quod libertates illæ domino regi remaneant tanquam forisfactæ, &c. Ideo dies datus est prædicto abbati coram domino rege ubicunque, &c. de audiendo inde judicio suo in eodem statu quo nunc in crastino purificationis beatæ Mariæ, &c.

NUM. XLI.

Expensæ Domini S. Abbatis Rameseye factæ in itinerando versus London. ex præcepto Regis pro colloquio habendo cum Cardinalibus ibidem venientibus, mense Decembris, anno ejusdem S. Abbatis vicesimo secundo, ibidem morando, et redeundo, per Tempus infrascriptum.

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Die Veneris proxima ante festum Natalis.—Domino abbate recedente de Rameseia versus London. prandente ac pernoctante apud Elles. Panis et vinum de stauro Ramesie, et de stauro lardarii c. allecia. In xxvij. lagenis cervisiæ emptis ij^s. jd. deductis ij. ad avantagium. In

ij. cartelutes ibidem emptis, j^d. In candela, j^d. In prebenda xxxix. equorum iij. R. ij. b3. et dimid. avene de stauro manerii ibidem unde x. ad plenam prebendam et xxix. quorum iij. equi ad j. bussell.

Ss. Summa, ijs. iij^d. solut. per præpositum ibidem de quibus habet talliam.

Die Sabbati proxima.—Domino prandente et pernoccante apud Therfeld. In pane empto, xv^d. In xxxvij. lagenis cerevisiæ emptis, ijs. xj^d. In oystres, iij^d. In lx. rubeis allecijs, viij^d. In codelyngis et haddockis emptis, iij^s. vj^d. In stockfhissh, xij^d. In green mulvellis, xv^d. In alleo et sinapo, j^d. In ij. lib. candele, iij^d. ob. In ij. lib. uncti pro carecta, iij^d. In pane equorum carectariorum apud Armyngton, iij^d. Et in potu carectariorum ibidem, j^s. In potu garcionum ibidem, iij^d. Et in pane pro xv. equis, v^d. In expensis Johannis le Barber, W. Sparrowhawk, J. Grofham, et R. Shiryfot, prandentium apud Armyngton, iij^d. In expensis Ade le Panetarii, Alani Coci, et J. Summarii, j^d. Item de stauro lardarii xxxvj. allecia. In prebenda de stauro manerii ibidem, pro xxxvij. equis, iij. R. j. b3. et dimid. avenæ, quorum ix. ad plenam prebendam et xxvij. quorum iij. ad j. buss.

Ss. Summa totalis expensæ hujus diei xij^s. j^d. ob. ut patet.

Item die Dominica proxima.—In pane empto pro gentaculo famulorum domini apud Therfeld, iij^d. In dimidio skaldyng, xij^d. In ij. aucis, vj^d. In cerevisia, xij^d. In prebenda palefridarum et summariorum ante recessum domini ij. buss. avene ss. Summa ijs. xj^d. solute per præpositum ibidem, ut patet per dictam talliam. Item dicta die Dominica domino prandente et pernoccante apud Ware. In pane, xij^d. In xiiij. lagenis et dimidio melioris cerevisiæ, xxij^d. ob. quadr. In x. lagenis debilioris cerevisiæ, x^d. In j. k et iij. quarteriis multonum, xx^d. In carnisbus porci, x^d. In focali pro coquina, vj^d. Et pro aula, vj^d. Et pro stabulis, iij^d. In frisco pisce, vj^d. In ovis, j^d. ob. In farina, ob. In sale, ob. In croco, j^d. In pane pro coquina, j^d. In sinapo quadr. In potu garcionum et summariorum per viam, iij^d. In uno equo conductorio pro Alano Coco et Ada le Panetario de Potherich usque Ware, iij^d. In pane equorum carectariorum, iij^d. ob. Et potu carectariorum, iij^d. ob. In j. ligamine ferreo pro longa carecta, iij^d. In elemosyna data per ipsum abbatem in cimiterio apud Therfeld, v^d. et per viam, j^d. Item pro pisce custodiendo hac nocte apud Ware, iij^d. Item lxxij. botels feni iij^s. In prebenda empti pro xxxvj. equis carectariis j. quarterium v. bussell. avene pro iij^s. iij^d. pret. buss. iij^d. unde viij. equi ad plenam prebendam et xxvij. quorum iij. ad j. bussell. In litere empto, iij^d.

Summa, xvij^s. viij^d. ob. soluti per fratrem H. de Werm. præter ijs. xj^d. solutis per præpositum de Therfeld, ut supra patet.

Die Lunæ proxima.—Domino veniente London. In pane empto pro prandio et cœna, xix^d. In vino, viij^d. In xvij. lagenis melioris cerevisiæ, ijs. iij^d. In xx. lagenis secundæ cerevisiæ, xx^d. Summa, vjs. iij^d. Expensæ coquinæ, in potage, j^d. in j. quarte de oystres, iij^d. In j. pekko salis, iij^d. In j. quarterio bovis, ijs. vj^d. In ij. k multonum, iij^s. In dimidio skaldyng, xvij^d. In xij. merlinges, iij^d. In ovis, iij^d. In xij. laumpreiiis,

v^d. In shrympes, iij^d. In dimidio quarterii de galentyn, j^d. In portage, j^d. Summa expensæ coquinæ, viij^s. ix^d. Item in j. equo conducto per Alanum Cocum præeuntem London. de Ware usque Chesthunt, iij^d. et pro alio equo de Chesthunt usque Totenham, ijs. ob. In expensis ejusdem Alani pernoccantis apud Totenham, iij^d. ob. In j. equo conducto per J. Tynnemu de Ware usque Chesthunt, j^d. ob. In pane cerevisia, et companagio pro gentaculo clericorum et armigerorum apud Edelmuden, x^d. In pane pro equis ibidem vij^d. In potu summariorum et garcionum apud Chesthunt, iij^d. ob. In gentaculo ix. carectariorum apud Chesthunt et v. aliorum euntium cum illis, xiiij^d. In pane pro xvij. equis ibidem, iij^d. ob. Et apud Totenham in eodem, iij^d. ob. Et in cerevisia dictorum carectariorum ibidem, iij^d. ob. in iij. raynes pro equis domini, iij^d. In pane pro palefridis domini ad noctem, iij^d. In elemosina per viam, j^d. In prebenda xxxvj. equorum j. quarterium v. bussella avene unde viij. ad plenam prebendam, et xxvij. ad residuum quorum iij. ad j. bussellum de præemptione per R. Haysand.

Summa totalis expensæ hujus diei, xix^s. xj^d. ob.

Die Martis proxima apud Londin.—In pane empto, xx^d. In j. lagena vini, vj^d. In xvij. lagenis melioris cerevisiæ, xxij^d. ob. In xv. lagenis secundæ cerevisiæ, xiiij^d. Summa, vs. j^d. Expensæ coquinæ. In potage, j^d. In centum et dimidio oystreis, iij^d. ob. In j. quarterio bovis et j. k multonum, iij^s. iij^d. In ij. aucis emptis, ix^d. In j. quarterion de laumpronis emptis, xij^d. In xv. pastellis furnitis, iij^d. In j. potello de galentyn pro lupis, iij^d. In pane pro coquo, ob. In portage, j^d. Summa, vjs. Item in ij. ligaminibus ferreis pro ostio lardarii, iij^d. In pane pro equis, j^d. ob. Idem de stauro xvij. allecia et j. lupus in prebenda viij. equorum iij. bussell. et dimidia unde vj. ad iij. bussell. et ij. ad dimidia iij. bussell.

Ss. Summa totalis expensarum hujus diei, xij^s. vj^d.

Die Mercurii proxima in vigilia Natalis Domini.—In pane empto, xiiij^d. In ij. lagenis vini, xij^d. In xx. lagenis melioris cerevisiæ, ijs. iij^d. ob. In xiiij. lagenis secundæ cerevisiæ, xiiij^d. Summa, vs. vij^d. ob. Expensæ coquinæ. In potagio, iij^d. In oystres, iij^d. In dimidio centum de merlynge, xiiij^d. In j. quarterion de laumpriis, x^d. In xij. gurnardes, ijs. j^d. In laumpriis furnitis, iij^d. In j. quarterio sinapii et j. quarterio gingiberis, iij^d. In alleo et cepis, iij^d. Summæ coquinæ, vs. iij^d. De stauro lardarii, xvij. fercula, et j. anguilla, et iij. lupi. Item in iij. quarteriis carbonum emptorum, ijs. viij^d. pretium quarterii, viij^d. In j. quarterion de talnwode empto, xij^d. et j. quarterion de fagotes, x^d. In prebendâ xx. equorum, vj. bussell. unde vj. equi ad plenam prebendam et xiiij. quorum quilibet j. pekka. Item liberationes W. Sperhawk pro pulayl sustinendis dimid. busselli de stauro præempto. In pane equino, j^d. ob. Item missa cardinali ij. anguillæ et j. lupus.

Expense forinsecæ hujus diei.

Videlicet, in elemosina data prisonibus apud Stengate, iij^d. In emendatione ij. sellarum pro summariis, xiiij^d. In j. hoke ferreo pro orologio

domini j^d. In oleo pro laupade ardente in capella iij^d.—Summa xxj^d.

Summa totalis expensæ hujus diei xvij^s. iij^d. tam necessariarum quam forinsecarum.

Die Jovis in festo Natalis Domini.—In pane empto ij^s. vj^d. In iij. lagenis vini et dimidia xxj^d. In xxx. lagenis melioris cerevisiæ iij^s. iijj^d. deductis iij. lagenis ad avantagium. In xvj. lagenis secundæ cerevisiæ xv^d. summa viij^s. x^d. ob.—Expensæ coquinæ. In potage j^d. In j. k. multonum et carnibus bovinis emptis xvij^d. In furnicione x. gallinarum et caponum et xxvj. pyes xvijj^d. In pane pro coquo. ij^d. In j. bussell. salis pro carnibus salsandis xij^d. In pomis et frutuyris ij^d. In ovis iijj^d. In flore. j^d. In skirwhittes. j^d. In j. quarterio de veertjuys j^d. ob. In pane equino j^d. ob summa v^s. j^d. In prebendâ xx. equorum vj. bussell. et dimidia, unde sex equi ad plenam prebendam et xiiij. quilibet ad j. pekkam. In pulail dimidia bussell. avenæ. De stauro xxiiij. gallinæ, iij. capones, iij. perdrices, j. skaldyng et dimidia, medietas vituli.

Summa totalis expensæ hujus diei præter staurum, xij^s. xj. ob.

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Ss. Staurum missum apud Londin. die Sabbati, videlicet septimo die Februarii anno S. abbatis xxij^{do}. pro expensis suis ibidem de maneriis subscriptis videlicet.

De Shitlyngdon iij. quarteria bovis salsi ij. k multonum salsorum j. vitulus vj. capones et xij. gallinæ.

De Barton j. k multonum et tallia et dimidia, j. skaldyng, vj. capones, xij. gallinæ, et j. quarterium avenæ pro prebendâ. sumit de omnibus.

De Craunfeld j. k bovis recentis, ij. skaldynges, vj. k multonum, xxxvj. gallinæ, et ij. quarteria avenæ pro prebendâ.

Summa ij. k bovina præter j. quarterium, ix. k et dimidia multonum salsorum, iij. skaldynges, j. vitulus, xij. capones, et lx. gallinæ.

Item de Therfeld dicto die Sabbati missa Londin. per aquam ix. quarteria et v. bussell. frumenti de stauro manerii ibidem, cum vj^{xx}. et iij. bosci pro quorum cariagio de Thele usque Londin. per aquam, idem præpositus solvit xv^s. j^d. de quibus omnibus idem præpositus habet talliam. Item postea fuit missum de Therfeld per Johannem Riche carectarium, vj. bussell. et dimid. frumenti per talliam. Item missa de Shitlyngdon usque Londin. die Dominicâ in crastino sancti Valentini ij. k bovis salsi, iij. k multonum salsorum, ij. k vitulina et ij. skaldynges, quasi nullius valoris quia immundi j. quarterium avenæ pro prebenda per talliam. Item missa de Shitlyngdon per Johannem Riche usque Londin. die Lunæ in vigiliâ sancti Mathæi apostoli iij. quarteria prebendæ per talliam.

Expensæ forinsecæ factæ per Tempus infrascriptum.

Solutum pro batillagiis domini apud Sanctum Ivonem versus Drayton die Veneris proximo ante Natale iij^d. Item Adæ de Framelyngton eunti eodem die usque Chynovere iijj^d. Item Roberto Broun et Johanni Craunfeld præeuntibus eodem die de Elles-

worth versus Therfeld iij. Item Ricardo de Ferrou pro ij^c. clavis emptis apud Ramesye pro carectâ longâ iijj^d. Item Ricardo de Coupere de Sancto Ivone eodem die apud Ellesworth v. marcas in persolutione pecuniæ pro domo ab eodem emptâ. Et Johanni Kuy secum veniente ij^s. ex dono. Item solutum vj. caractariis de comitatu Huntingdoniæ pro expensis suis de Londino versus hospitium cum xiiij. equis carectariis iij^s. Et pro expensis xj. garcionum et xii. equorum de Londino usque Shitlingdon xx^d. Item textoribus Londini ij^s. ex dono. In vj. ulnis canevacij empti ad opus domini abbatis xxj^d. Et pro facturâ ejusdem j^d. In j. viridi tapeto empto pro abbate ij^s. In j. k . . . bovino empto et misso cardinali xij^s. vj^d. Et in j. lupo aquatico empto et misso eidem iij^s. vj^d. In vj. cuniculis emptis pro exennio ij^s. iijj^d. pretium cujuslibet iijj^d. Item pro ij. pileis et ij. cottis emptis ad opus abbatis xiiij^d. In j. pouche empto per S. de G. ij^s. Item solut. Johanni de Refham pro O. abbate xxiiij^s. ij^d. Et pro j. k . . . bovino empto pro exennio faciendo alteri cardinali xj^s. Item liberatum Roberto Haysand pro providentiâ domini apud London. faciendâ l^s. de quibus computavit coram ipso abbate. Et eidem Roberto iij^s. pro superexpensis suis factis circa eandem providentiam faciendam quando computavit cum domino de eisdem l^s. ut patet per cedulam. Item Beatriciæ del Brodeseld pro j. zonâ per S. de G. emptâ vj^s. In j. ulnâ et j. quarterio canevacii empti pro fenestris v^d. Item nuntio domini regis portanti breve domino apud Londinum de parlamento ij^s. ex dono. Item pro xij. discis de peuter et totidem salsariis emptis iijj^s. vj^d. Item R. Shuyfot ij^d. pro opere facto domino. Item Brabaunis textoribus ex mutuo ij^s. primo die Januarii. Item pro web-lomes emptis xx^s. Et pro staves ad easdem vj^d. Et j^d. pro beveragio. Item pro iij. shittles pro eodem opere ij^s. vj^d. Item Wilhelmo le Carpenter venienti domino abbati de Ramesye apud Londinum pro expensis suis factis xv^d. Item Johanni de Grafham pro expensis suis et aliorum hominum et carectariorum cum carectâ secum euntium de Londino usque Rameseye iijj^{to}. die Januarii iijj^s. Item in j. slay pro textoribus viij^d. Item Roberto Haysand et Johanni Riche euntibus cum carectâ de Londino usque Socketon pro fœno ad hospitium domini capiando viij^d. ob v^{to}. die Januarii. Et eisdem idem facientibus vj^{to}. die Januarii pro expensis suis v^d. ob. Item R. le Lardener pro expensis suis factis de Therfeld usque Londinum cum ij. equis et ij. garcionibus vij^{mo}. die Januarii iijj^d. Item iij. armigeris camerarii cardinalis de Ispaniâ venientibus ad hospitium domini abbatis viij^s. cuilibet ij^s. Item in j. teglatore cum garcione suo conductis per j. diem in crastino Circumcisionis Domini cooperientibus super cameram domini v^d. In latthenayles pro eodem opere j^d. Item in latthes j^d. In wittthes ob. In gretnayl quadrans. Item in tyelpynnes ob. Item puero Michaeli versus Chynovere iijj^d. Item j. profyn apud Ellesworth eunti in negotiis domini per ij. vices. ij^d.

Ss. Summa xij^{li}. iijj^s. vij^d. q.

Ss. Summa totalis expensarum tam necessariarum quam forinsecarum per patrem H. de Werm, solutarum per tempus infrascriptum xxvj^{li}. xix^s. j^d. ob. q. unde in expensis necessariis xiiij^{li}. xiiij^s. vj^d. q. Et in

expensis forinsecis xij^{li}. iiij^s. vij^d. q. præter denarios solutos per præpositos pro expensis domino cundo et redeundo ut patet per talliam.

NUM. XLII.

De mutuo de Abbate de Ramesey, pro Passagio Regis Edwardi tertii, A. D. 1338.

[Rym. Fœd. tom. v. p. 49. Aleman. 12 E. III. p. 1, m. 10.]

REX omnibus ad quos, &c. salutem. Sciatis nos recepisse de dilecto nobis in Christo abbate de Ramesey, per manus dilecti clerici nostri Roberti de Wodehouse archidiaconi Richemundiæ, thesaurarii, et camerariorum nostrorum, ex causa mutui, pro passagio nostro versus partes transmarinas, per præfatum abbatem facti, unum calicem aureum, cum diversis petrariis in fundo, cum patena, ponderis novem marcarum et quinque solidorum, et pretii sexaginta et octo librarum et quindecim solidorum; unum ciphum argenteum deauratum, veterem et debilem, cum pede et cooperculo, cum diversis scuchonibus et aymellis infra et extra, ponderis quadraginta et octo solidorum, et pretii quadraginta et octo solidorum; unum ciphum argenteum, cum pede, deauratum infra et extra, cum diversis scuchonibus et petrariis, et sine cooperculo, ponderis triginta et duorum solidorum et duorum denariorum; et pretii triginta et duorum solidorum et duorum denariorum; unum ciphum argenteum deauratum infra et ingravatum, sine pede et cooperculo, ponderis viginti et septem solidorum, et pretii viginti et septem solidorum; et unam capam chori, broudutam de auro et serico, de diversis ymaginibus, pretii quadraginta marcarum. Quos quidem calicem, patenam, ciphos, cooperculum, et capam eidem abbati restituere, vel sibi centum et decem et septem libras et decem solidos pro calice et patena prædictis, et quinquaginta et duas libras, et sex denarios pro dictis ciphis, cooperculo, et capa, (si iidem calix, patena, cooperculum, et capa sibi non restituantur) solve promittimus bona fide. In cujus, &c. Teste rege apud villam de Sancto Edmundo quarto die Junii.

Per ipsum Regem et Literas ipsorum Thesaurarii et Camerarii.

NUM. XLIII.

Conventio inter Domum Burgensem et Domum Ramesiensem de mutuâ Societate.

[Madox, Formul. Anglican. p. 82, ex autogr.]

NOTUM sit universis tam modernis quam posteris, hanc inter dominum Benedictum Burgensem, et dominum Rodbertum Ramesiensem abbates et eorum conventus factam esse conventionem. Propter vicinitatem proximam, et fœdus familiaritatis mutuæ, quam utræque inter se ab annis multis ecclesiæ confoverunt, memorati abbates, de exhortatione utriusque conventûs et assensu, in hæc vota convenerunt: ut utrumque monasterium utrique conventui commune sit et unum: fratres quoque alterutri, quâlibet necessitate pulsati, in altero locorum opportunum refugium habeant et subsidium, et loca sua utrimque tam in monasterio, quam in capitulo, vel refectorio, consequantur secundum conversionis suæ tempus; audito autem hinc inde cujuslibet obitu fratris, accepta oportunitate, statim tabula a Priore pulsabitur: congregatis fratribus breve a præcentore recitabitur, anima defuncti absolvetur, et "Dirige in directum" juxta morem decantabitur; proximo vero die oportuno, missa in conventu cum cappâ celebrabitur, nomenque defuncti in martyrologio singulis annis recitandum conscribetur; præbenda ejus continuis xxx^{ta}. diebus, in pane, et cervisia, et uno ferculo, vel pulmentariis duobus, super mensam in refectorio ab elemosinario pauperibus distribuenda collocabitur; a singulis sacerdotibus tricenale integrum persolvetur; prima missa specialis, cæteræ communes erunt; cæteri vero ordinis inferioris decem psalteria decantabunt; alterutrius autem Ecclesiæ Abbates cum obierint, per

annum integrum præbendam suam habebunt; utriuslibet autem loci fratres, sub interminatione anathematis, capituli alterius tanquam sui secreta celanda meminerint. Ut autem hæc conventio apud posteritatem successivam, perpetuam obtineat firmitatem, alternorum eam sigillorum impressione placuit roborari.

NUM. XLIV.

Renunciatio Rogeri de Raundes monachi Ramesiæ.

[Ibid. p. 15.]

IN Dei nomine Amen. Per præsens publicum instrumentum cunctis appareat manifestè, quod anno ab incarnatione Domini secundum cursum et computationem ecclesiæ Anglicanæ, Millesimo ccc. octogesimo secundo, Indictione quintâ, pontificatûs sanctissimi in Christo patris et domini, domini Urbani divinâ providentiâ papæ sexti anno quinto, mensis Julii die quarto, in quâdam capellâ in honorem beati Andreæ apostoli infra abbatiam de Ramesiâ, Lincolniensis diocesis, constructâ, cameræ dompni abbatis de Ramesiâ contiguâ, coram venerabili in Christo patre fratre Edmundo Dei gratia abbate monasterii de Ramesiâ ordinis sancti Benedicti ejusdem Linc. diocesis, et aliis quampluribus monachis dicti monasterii conventum ad tunc ibidem facientibus, et ad negotia infrascripta congregatis, in mei notarii publici infrascripti, et testium subscriptorum præsentia, personaliter constitutus religiosus vir frater Rogerus de Raundes monachus dicti monasterii, non vi coactus aut dolo inductus, sed suâ purâ et spontaneâ voluntate, ut mihi notario videbatur, quandam renunciationem in scriptis redactam publicè et expresse fecit et legit in hæc verba: 'In Dei nomine Amen. Ego frater Rogerus de Raundes, monachus monasterii Ramesiæ, in eodem monasterio expresse professus, et in ordine sacerdotali constitutus, volens ob frugem melioris vitæ, ac aliis causis legitimis me ad hoc moventibus, ad arctiorem Religionem me transferre, omni juri mihi competenti, ratione cujuscunque statûs, gradûs, officii, seu conditionis, quos in dicto monasterio prius habui vel aliquo modo habere potui, purè, spontè, et absolute renuntio in hiis scriptis.' Acta sunt hæc anno Domini, indictione, pontificatu, mense, die, et loco prædictis, præsentibus venerabilibus et religiosis viris, fratribus Johanne de Swafham Priore monasterii de Ramesiâ, Johanne de Burgo, Johanne de Olneye, Thoma de Rytham, et aliis commonachis dicti monasterii; ac discretis viris domino Ricardo de Paxton presbitero Linc. diocesis, et Johanne de Brampton viro literato ejusdem diocesis, testibus ad præmissa vocatis specialiter et rogatis.

Et ego Willelmus de Overton clericus, Lincolniensis diocesis, publicus apostolicâ auctoritate notarius, præmissis omnibus et singulis, prout superius conscribuntur, dum sic ut præmittitur agebantur, unâ cum testibus suprascriptis, anno Domini, indictione, pontificatu, mense, die, et loco prædictis, præsens interfui; eaque sic fieri vidi et audiui, et in hanc publicam formam redegi, signumque meum et nomen huic instrumento apposui consuetum, in fidem et testimonium præmissorum rogatus.

NUM. XLV.

Letter of Thomas Bedyll, one of K. Henry the Eighth's Commissioners, to respecting the Monks of Ramsey.

[Ex autogr. MS. Cotton. Cleop. E. iv. fol. 203.]

PLEASE it you to vnderstand that in the reding of the muniments and chartors of the house of Ramesey, I found a chartor of King Edgar, writen in a very antiq Romane hand, hard to be red at the first sight, and light inowghe after that a man found out vj. or vij. words and after compar letter to letter. I am suer ye wold delight to see the same for the straingnes and antiquite thereof. In the ende thereof is subscribed this. "Signum Ædgari incliti et serenissimi Anglorum

Imperatoris ✠." Whereby it may be wel noted that affor the Conquest the said king wrate himself to be emporour of England. Item it is to be noted of the subscription of the said charter that in England wer vj. duks at that tyme, for they subscribe this—"Ego Alfwold dux. Ego Athelstan dux. Ego Alfre dux. Ego Oslac dux. Ego Brithmoth dux. Ego Ethelweard dux." And that tyme the king had to sonnys, Edward and Ætheldred whiche he subscribed not as du . . but under this maner: "Signum Ædwardi ejusdem regis filij," and "Signum Æthelredi fratris ejus."

I have seen also there a chartor of King Edward writen affor the Conquest, whiche begynneth this "In onomate summi Kyrion," and soon after the same he writeth this, "Ego Ædwardus totius Albionis Dei moderante^a gubernatione^b archiepiscopis, episcopis, abbatibus, centenariis, cunctisque sanctæ fidel . . ecclesiæ, clericis et laicis, insuper et omnibus post me futuris regibus salutem, perpetuamque pacis felicitatem:" whereby ye may note that King Edward nameth himself of al Albion, and not by the name of England. Also in the said charter it is writen thus: "In primis ecclesiarum^c beatæ Dei genitricis (quæ Ramesea nuncupatur) ita liberam et quietam ab omni exactione episcopali quam a sæculari esse volo, ut neque nos neque successores nostri neque quilibet episcopus, neque quicunque de ordinaria potestate in ipsam sanctam basilicam vel in manentes in ipsa, vel in homines qui cum suis terris, vel quibuslibet substantiis, ad ipsam tradere vel devovere se voluerint, nisi per voluntatem abbatis et suorum omnium monachorum ullam unquam habeant potestatem." Of this may be noted that if King Edward by his kyngly power could exempt this monasterie of Ramsey from all bishops powers, the kings grace may aswell all other abbeyes or asmany as he wol from the bisshops powers. And to this chartor subscribed iij. dukes, Leouricus, Haroldus, Leofwynus, and Eadwynus. Ferther in the said charter when I overloked it agayne I noted the words folowing. "Ipse abbas soli regi serviens atque ei soli os ad os respondens commissum sibi gregem spirituali et tempor. pastu habundantius^d foveat, soli regi et nulli alii subjectus." For which goodness of kings to this house above all other (in my opinion) they be moost bounden to owe their love, feith, and obedience to the king's grace above other religious houses, whiche be not so exempted only to the king immediatly. And asfar as I can yet perceyve thabbat and his brethern here be aswel contented to and under al the bisshop of Rome his vsrped jurisdiction and to accepted the kings grace for the supreme hed of the churche of England as any men may be. And thabbat causid to be shewed affor my commyng hither his charter of King Ædgar in the parisshe churche in the pulpit to the multitude of the parisshe, wher'by was declared that the kings grace is emporour of this his realme as King Edgar was. Whiche was a tokyn of a good mynd. What I shal ferther do or fynd here or in other places worthy writinge I w . . . ascerten you from tyme to tyme, to whom I hertly commend me to be had in your remembrance in this my long absence. From the abbey of Ramsey the xiiijth. day of Januarie.

By yo^r. owne

THOMAS BEDYLL.

NUM. XLVI.

Second Letter of Thomas Bedyll to concerning the Monks of Ramsey.

[Ibid. fol. 204.]

IN my moost hertie wise I commende me to you: doing you to vnderstand that I am now at Ramesey, wher in myne opinion the abbat and convent be as true and as feythful obedienciaries to the kings grace as any religious folks in this realme, and live as vprightly as any other after the best sort of lyving that

hath been emong religious folks this many yers; that is to sey mor gyven to ceremonies than is necessary. I pray God I may fynd other houses in no worse condicion, and than I wolbe right glad that I tok this journey. Yo^r. cosyn Mr. Richard was her on Thursday by whom I sent letters vnto you whiche I think ye have not yet resceyved. Muche of the mater of my letters concerneth a charter of King Edgar whiche I found in this house writen in a very antique Romane hand; whereof the subscription is this "Signum Ædgari illustris Anglorum imperatoris." And it is subscribed by vj. duks whiche wer in Edgar's tyme. The said Edgar exempteth the abbat and his convent and al his men from the power of al bissops, and maketh thaim immediatly subject to himself. And albeit they were this exempted, the bisshop of Rome had never to do with thaim. Ther may be good nots gathered out sum of as I have writen mor playne in my said lettres deliured to Mr. Richard.

Here in this monastery of Ramsey be two brethern whiche have gyven thes billys enclosed unto me very affectuosly desiryng to have liberte to go from thair cloyster by the kings grace auctorite, or els to have licence to reparr to my lord of Cauntrebury to sue thair capacites. I have steyed thaim as well as I can with suche counsels and exhortations as I could gyve thaim, but, I fer, if the can have no liberte graunted thaim they wol take it of thair own auctorite. I besече you to write a word or two how I shal vse meself towards thaim and al other whiche wol make like suyt, in no smal number as I think: whereof svm occasion hath growen by that that Doctor Lee now at Christmas gave liberte to half the house of Sawtre to depart (as I am informed) whiche Sautre is within v. myles of Ramsey. The religious men thinketh that I have like auctorite as Doctor Lee: and that moveth thaim to make this suyt. Nevertheles I wol no thing do therein, or presume suche hyghe maters without your advise and counsel: beseching you to write your mynd [in] this behalf, and in suche other things whiche ye wold me to do in this journey. If it pleased you to grant me a commission to visit the religious houses vnvisited in Lyncoln dioc. whiche shal be nyghe my journey, it shuld be muche to my commodite. From Ramsey the xv. day of January.

By your owne

THOMAS BEDYLL.

NUM. XLVII.

Richard Cromwell to Thomas Cromwell his Uncle; reports his going to Cambridge, Ely, and Ramsey.

[Ibid. fol. 204 b.]

I HAVE me most humbly commendyd vnto yo^r. lordshipp I rode one Sondaye to Cambrige to my bedd, and the next mornyng was upe betymes, supposyng to have found at Elye Mr. Pollard and Mr. Williams, but they were departyd bfore my commyng: and so beyng at dynner at Somersham with the busshop of Elye I overtoke them: at which tyme I openyd your pleasure unto them in every thyng. Yo^r. lordshipp I thynke shall shortly apperseve the pryor of Elye to be of a frowarde sorte, by evydent tokens, as at our commyng home shalbe at large relatyde unto youe. At the makyng hereof we hadd done nothyng at Ramseye savyng that ouer nyght I commenyd with the abbot, whome I found conformable to every thyng as shalbe at this tyme put in vse, accordyng as yo^r. lordships will is. Assone as we have done at Ramsey, we go to Peterborough: and frome thense to my house, and so home. The which I trust shalbe at the farthest one this daye come seyn days. Thus the blessyd Thrynyte preserve your lordships helth. From Ramseye on Tewysday in the mornyng beyng the xvth. of Octobre.

Yo^r. lordships most bounden

nephewe

RICH. CRUMWELL.

^a moderamine in orig.

^b sc. basileus.

^c ecclesiæ.

^d abundanter.

NUM. XLVIII.		John Avyson at Downhm late sub-	
Ramesey, in the Countye of Huntyngdon.		cellerer.	
[From a Book of Pensions in the Augmentation Office.]		John Nyccols an old man	
HERAFTER ensuyth the names of the late abbott		Lawrence Bardney beyng aged	
and monks there, wyth theyr pençõns assignyd by the		Wyflm Silke at Sawtrey	
kyngs comyssyoñs to be payd vnto theym yerly duryng		Wyflm Rogers at Halywell	
theyr lyves, at ij. termes of the yere ; that ys to saye, at		Wyflm Alwyn late chũnter	
the feasts of th'Anũcyaçõn of or. Lady and seynt Mi-		Stephyn Bawdwyn at Bannett	
chell th'arcangell, by evyn porçõns. The fyrst payment		Thomas Baker high cellerer	
therof to begyn at the feast of th'Anũcyaçõn of or. Lady		Wyflm Cooke at Bardwell late sexten	
next ensuyng the date herof. Whiche late monastery		Thomas Powle at Brayntre	
was surrendred to the kyngs use the xxij th . day of No-		John Pakye late treasurer	
vember in the xxxj th . yere of the raygne of or. soueygne		John Hodyngsells at Lylford bachelor	
lorde kyng Henry the viij th .		of lawe	
John Lawrence late abbott there, over		John Ffaunt bachelor of dyvyte	
and besyds the howse of Bodsey		John Pawmer at Halywell subpryor	
with thapp ^r teññcs, and one hundred		Thomas Andrewe beyng a syckly pson	
loode woode to be taken yerly out		Wyflm at Swasey	
of the woods of Bottnall Ruckyse		John Bryggeman at Burwell leyng	
Grove and Warbys Woode by equal		sycke of the pawsey	
porçõns yerly duryng his lyffe, and		Robert Harrys at Standground	
allso one marke of swans wyth the		Richard Hawlyng scoler	
profyttys therof, and one boote gate		Hugh Phelype	
callyd the Subcellerers Bote Gate,		Wyflm Irlond at Grytby student	
wt. the hylke and pteññcs belong-		Thoñs Ffyld at Hemyngford	
yng to the same, duryng his seyð		John Pycard	
lyffe		John Smyth at Tyseñshe	
John Dryver at Ramesey late pryor		John Whytwell at Vyllyngborough	
there		George Marshall at London	
John Pakye at Ryngsted		Sñ	
Robert Huchyn late po ^r of Seynt Ives,		Rychard Rychē.	
over and besyds the chappell and		Phylp Parrys.	
chamber stondyng upon the brygge		Jo. Tregonwell.	
at Seynt Ives, duryng his lyffe		Jo. Hughes.	

COMPUT' MINISTRORUM DOMINI REGIS TEMP. HEN. VIII.

(Abstract of Roll, 32 Hen. VIII. Augmentation Office.)

RAMSEY NUPER MONASTERIUM.		£. s. d.		
Com' Hunt'				
Ramsey Dominium cum Graung' de Bygginge	Firm'			
Broughton Maner'				
Upwood Manerium cum Raveley Magna et				
Moygnes	Redd' Assis' lib' Ten'	4	18	0
- - - - -	Redd' Assis' Custum' Tenen'	39	13	10½
- - - - -	Redd' Tenen' ad Voluntat'	0	4	0
- - - - -	Firm' Terr'	8	13	4
Uppewood, Raveley Magna, et Raveley Parva	Firm' Decimar'	13	6	8
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'	0	17	10
- - - - -	Vendic' Bosc'			null
Raveley Pva Maner'	Exit' Profic'			null
Ripton Abbis Maner' cum Wenyington Es-				
thorppe	Redd' Assis' lib' Tenen'	0	4	2¾
- - - - -	Redd' Assis' Custum' Tenen'	20	9	9
- - - - -	Redd' Tenen' ad Voluntatem	1	13	4
Wenyington	Redd' Custum' Tenen'	16	15	6½
- - - - -	Firm' Maner'	8	6	8

Com' Hunt'

		£.	s.	d.
Rypton Maner'	Exit' Aucar'	0	7	9
Wenyngton	Firm' Mol' Ventritici		nult	
Rypton Rector'	Penc'	0	2	0
- - - - -	Vendic' Bosc'		nult	
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'	1	17	8
Ayleton Maner'	Exit' et Revenc'		nult	
Weston Maner', cum Dryngton et Bythorn, Membra et Pcell' dicti Maner' de Weston: viz.				
Bythorne	Redd' Assis' lib' Tenen'	0	9	4
- - - - -	Redd' Assis' Custum' Tenen'	24	13	11½
- - - - -	Chivag' plicencia Maritandi extra &c..	0	2	0
- - - - -	Redd' Tenen' ad Volunt'	3	4	0¼
Bryngton	Redd' Assis' Custum' Tenen'	16	13	5½
- - - - -	Redd' Tenen' ad Volunt'	0	16	6
Weston	Redd' Assis' Custum' Tenen'	20	4	11
- - - - -	Redd' Tenen' ad Volunt'	6	19	0
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'	1	9	8
- - - - -	Vendic' Bosc'		nult	
Elyngton Maner'	Redd' Assis' lib' Tenen'	1	11	11¾
- - - - -	Redd' Assis' Custum' Tenen'	24	17	9½
- - - - -	Redd' Tenen' ad Volunt'	5	10	9
- - - - -	Firm' Terr'	0	5	0
Ellyngton Rector'	Penc'	0	4	0
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'	1	1	8
- - - - -	Vendic' Bosc'		nult	
Stewcley Maner' Pva	Redd' Assis' lib' Tenen'	1	3	4
- - - - -	Redd' Assis' Custum' Tenen'	19	9	10
- - - - -	Redd' Tenen' ad Volunt'	3	14	0
- - - - -	Firm' Scit'	0	13	4
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'	1	9	8
- - - - -	Vendic' Bosc'		nult	
Hallywel Maner' cum Nedyngworthe	Redd' Assis' Tenen'	1	7	7
- - - - -	Redd' Assis' Custum' Tenen'	49	9	11½ di.
- - - - -	Redd' Tenen' ad Voluntat'	2	14	4¼
- - - - -	Redd' Mobil'	0	4	0
- - - - -	Exit' Piscar'	2	10	0
Hallywell Fenne	Redd' Custum' Tenen' Marisc'	1	17	4
- - - - -	Firm' Marisc'	8	12	0
- - - - -	Firm' Scit' Manerij	6	6	8
- - - - -	Firm' Prat'	0	16	4
Hallywell	Carriag' Feni	0	6	0
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'	4	1	0¾
- - - - -	Vendic' Bosc'		nult	
Hemyngford' Abbis Maner'	Redd' Assis' lib' Tenen'	0	10	3
- - - - -	Redd' Assis' Tenen' Custum'	40	19	3½
- - - - -	Redd' Tenen' ad Voluntat'	4	2	5
- - - - -	Firm' Pisc'	0	16	8
Hemyngford Rector'	Penc'	2	0	0
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'	2	14	8½
- - - - -	Vendic' Bosc'		nult	
Waldehurst Maner'	Redd' Assis' Custum' Tenen'	12	3	8
- - - - -	Redd' Tenen' ad Voluntat'	3	6	8
- - - - -	Firm' Maner'	7	0	0
- - - - -	Firm' Rector'	8	0	0
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'		nult	
- - - - -	Vendic' Bosc'		nult	
Wooddehurst	Redd' Assis' lib' Tenen'	0	7	9½
- - - - -	Redd' Assis' Custum' Tenen'	19	16	3
- - - - -	Redd' Tenen' ad Volunt'	1	12	0
Wekyn in Wooddehurst	Firm'	10	6	8
- - - - -	Vendic' Bosc'		nult	
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'		nult	
Vicus S̄ci Ivonis cum Slepe et Busbebers	Redd' Assis' lib' Tenen'	0	7	8
- - - - -	Redd' Assis' Custum' Tenen'	82	11	5¼

Com' Hunt'			£.	s.	d.
Vicus S̄ci Ivonis cum Slepe et Busbebers	. . . . .	Redd' Tenen' ad Volunt'	11	2	10½
-	-	Piscar' Redd'	2	0	0
Slepe Maner'	. . . . .	Firm'	14	10	2
Priorat' S̄ci Ivonis	. . . . .	Firm' Scit' cum Terr' Dñic' Rector'	9	3	4
-	-	Firm' duor' Molior' Equinor'	1	6	8
-	-	Penc'	5	0	0
-	-	Exit' Nundin' cum Profic' M'cati	6	6	9
-	-	Perquis' Cur'	8	18	8½
Houghton cum Wytton Maner'	. . . . .	Redd' Assis' lib' Tenen'	0	6	1
-	-	Redd' Assis' Custum' Tenen'	48	5	10
-	-	Redd' Tenen' ad Volunt'	1	0	4
-	-	Firm' Scit'	14	0	0
-	-	Firm' Mol' Aquatic'	12	0	0
-	-	Penc' Rector'	1	0	0
-	-	Piscar'	0	3	4
-	-	Vendic' Bosc'		nult	
-	-	Perquis' Cur'	1	12	11
Ripton Regis	. . . . .	Firm'	2	13	4
-	-	Perquis' Cur'	0	2	1
Warboys Maner'	. . . . .	Exit' Profic' et Revenc'		nult	
Wistowe Maner'	. . . . .	Exit' Profic' et Revenc'		nult	
Hurstyngeston Hundredum	. . . . .	Exit'		nult	
Walton Maner'	. . . . .	Redd' Assis' lib' Tenen'	0	13	4
-	-	Redd' Assis' Custum' Tenen'	4	7	6
-	-	Redd' Mobil'	0	0	8
Higney Graunge	. . . . .	Exit' Firm'		nult	
Walton Fenne	. . . . .	Agistam' Marisc'		nult	
-	-	Perquis' Cur'	1	0	8
Gyddynge Abbis Maner'	. . . . .	Redd' Terr' et Tentor'	12	3	10
-	-	Perquis' Cur'	0	5	8
Burye cum Heithmongrove Maner'	. . . . .	Exit' Profic' et Revenc'		nult	
Welle Maner'	. . . . .	Redd' Assis'	12	3	1
-	-	Penc'	1	6	8
-	-	Perquis' Cur'		nult	
Over Maner'	. . . . .	Redd' Assis' lib' Tenen'	0	6	0
-	-	Redd' Assis' Custum' Tenen'	50	18	3½
-	-	Redd' Tenen' ad Voluntat'	4	3	3
-	-	Redd' Mobil'	0	13	6¾
Over Maner'	. . . . .	Redd' Piscar' per Cop' Cur'	2	6	9
-	-	Redd' Mol' Ventritici	0	16	0
-	-	Penc'	0	13	4
-	-	Agist' Marisc'		nult	
-	-	Vendic' Bosc'		nult	
-	-	Perquis' Cur'	0	2	6
Graveley Maner'	. . . . .	Redd' Assis' Custum' Tenen'	20	1	0
-	-	Redd' Tenen' ad Volunt'	1	15	10
-	-	Firm' Scit'	6	13	4
-	-	Vend' Bosc'		nult	
-	-	Perquis' Cur'	0	17	8
Ellesworth Maner'	. . . . .	Redd' Assis' lib' Tenen'	1	1	8
-	-	Redd' Assis' Custum' Tenen'	33	10	9
-	-	Redd' Tenen' ad Volunt'	0	13	0
-	-	Opa Custum'	0	4	8
-	-	Firm' Scit'	7	6	8
-	-	Penc'	6	13	4
-	-	Vendic' Bosc'		nult	
-	-	Perquis' Cur'	3	0	6
Knappwell Maner'	. . . . .	Redd' Assis' lib' Tenen'	0	13	9
-	-	Redd' Assis' Custum' Tenen'	10	17	8
-	-	Redd' Tenen' ad Voluntat'	2	9	0
-	-	Firm' Scit'	4	6	8
-	-	Vendic' Bosc'		nult	
-	-	Perquis' Cur'		nult	
Burwell Maner'	. . . . .	Redd' Assis' tam lib' quam Cust'			
		Tenen' et Tenen' ad Volunt'	48	3	7½

Com' Hunt'						£.	s.	d.
Burwell Maner'	.	.	.	.	Firm'	14	0	0
-	-	-	-	-	Penc'	2	0	0
-	-	-	-	-	Vendic' Bosc'		nult	
-	-	-	-	-	Perquis' Cur'	1	17	7
Chatteras Maner'	.	.	.	.	Redd' Assis' lib' et Cust'	32	5	7
-	-	-	-	-	Redd' Mobil' cum Opibus Tenen'	2	12	2
-	-	-	-	-	Firm' Terr'	13	6	8
Byllyngesfenne	.	.	.	.	Exit' Marisci cum Piscar'		nult	
-	-	-	-	-	Vindic' Bosc'		nult	
-	-	-	-	-	Perquis' Cur'	0	16	5½
Com' Cant'								
Gyrton Maner'	.	.	.	.	Firm'	24	0	0
-	-	-	-	-	Perquis' Cur'	0	5	0
Com' Bedf'								
Craneveld Maner'	.	.	.	.	Redd' Assis' lib' et Custum' Tenen'			
					cum Redd' Mobil' et Firm'	68	9	6½
Sci Petri Eccl'	.	.	.	.	Penc'	1	0	0
-	-	-	-	-	Vendic' Bosc'		nult	
-	-	-	-	-	Perquis' Cur'	6	2	10
Shitelyngton Maner'	.	.	.	.	Redd' Assis' lib' et Custum'	71	7	1
Pokesden	.	.	.	.	Redd' Assis' Custum' Tenen'	16	13	4
-	-	-	-	-	Redd' Mobil'	0	3	4
-	-	-	-	-	Incrementum Redd'	0	1	0
-	-	-	-	-	Penc'	6	13	4
-	-	-	-	-	Vendic' Bosc'		nult	
-	-	-	-	-	Perquis' Cur'	2	4	6
Barton Maner'	.	.	.	.	Redd' Assis'	59	0	6½
-	-	-	-	-	Firm' Scit'	0	8	0
-	-	-	-	-	Firm' Mol' Aquatic'	1	16	8
-	-	-	-	-	Penc'	1	0	0
-	-	-	-	-	Vendic' Bosc'		nult	
-	-	-	-	-	Perquis' Cur'	1	16	2
Com' Bedf'								
Gravenhurst Maner'	.	.	.	.	Redd' Assis'	5	1	8
-	-	-	-	-	Firm'	8	5	4
-	-	-	-	-	Vendic' Bosc'		nult	
-	-	-	-	-	Perquis' Cur'		nult	
Com' Hertf'								
Therfeld Dominium	.	.	.	.	Exit' et Revenc'		nult	
Com' Northamp'								
Barnewell Maner'	.	.	.	.	Exit' et Profic'		nult	
Com' Norff'								
Brancastre Maner'	.	.	.	.	Firm' Scit'	38	0	0
-	-	-	-	-	Penc' et Porc'	2	13	4
-	-	-	-	-	Perquis' Cur'	0	14	2½
Ryngested Maner'	.	.	.	.	Firm' Scit'	23	0	0
-	-	-	-	-	Wrec' Maris		nult	
-	-	-	-	-	Penc'	0	13	4
-	-	-	-	-	Perquis' Cur'	0	15	1½
Pupenhoo Maner'	.	.	.	.	Firm' Scit'	21	4	0
-	-	-	-	-	Penc'	2	0	0
-	-	-	-	-	Perquis' Cur'		nult	
Wymbotteshm Maner'	.	.	.	.	Firm' Scit'	10	11	0
-	-	-	-	-	Perquis' Cur'	0	6	8
Woodhall, cum Helgay Maner'	.	.	.	.	Firm' Scit'	15	0	0
-	-	-	-	-	Penc'	1	0	0
-	-	-	-	-	Perquis' Cur'	3	0	8
Clakeclose Hundred	.	.	.	.	Firm'	5	0	0
Moddeney Cella	.	.	.	.	Firm'	2	3	4
Com' Suff'								
Lawcell Maner'	Redd' Assis'	40	0	11½
-	-	-	-	-	Firm'	8	0	0
-	-	-	-	-	Penc'	1	6	8
-	-	-	-	-	Vendic' Bosc'		nult	
-	-	-	-	-	Perquis' Cur'	1	2	7

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Com' Midd'				
	Civatis London, Whitecrosse Streete in Pochia			
	S̄ci Egidij ex ^u . Crepulgate	Firm' Terr' et Teñtor'	3	9 4
	Bechelane in Pochia S̄ci Egidij p̄dicti . . .	Firm' Teñtor'	3	17 0
	Redcrosse Strette in Pochia S̄ci Egidij predicti	Firm' Teñtor'	4	13 0
Com' Midd'				
	Civitas London	Quiet' Redd'	1	5 0
Com' Hunt'				
	Standegrounde et Farcett	Coñune Pastur' cum Animalibus . .	0	4 0
	Offord Darcey	Quiet' Redd'	1	0 0
	Dodyngton			
	Villa Hunt'	Firm' Terr' et Teñtor'	2	6 8
	Middlehoo		0	12 0
Com' Cant'				
	Benwyke	Firm' Piscar'	3	0 0
Com' Bedf'				
	Barkeford	Quiet' Redd'	0	13 4
Com' Northm'				
	Orton Longevill'	Firm' Teñti	2	0 0
Com' Norff'				
	Snowres	Quiet' Redd'	1	6 8
	Walsokyn	Firm' Terr'	0	10 0
	Helgaye	Redd' Teñt'	0	10 0
	Lynne	Firm' Teñt'	0	8 0
	Burneñme Eccle S̄ci Alberti	Penc'	0	13 4
	Downeñme	Penc'	0	4 0



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Thorney Abbey, Cambridgeshire, 1814. North West View.

Thorney Abbey,

Anciently called Ancarig,

IN
CAMBRIDGESHIRE.



AXULPH, the first abbat of Peterborough, is said, with the consent of Wulpher king of Mercia, to have built here a monastery, or rather a hermitage, as early as St. Etheldreda's time:^a about the year 662. From Ingulphus we learn, that a prior and several anchorites existed here in the year 870. TORETUS was then prior. The monastery at this time was called ANCARIG:^b

and was destroyed by the Danes.

Ethelwold bishop of Winchester, in the year 972, under the auspices of Edgar, refounded this monastery for Benedictine monks (according to Bishop Tanner and the generality of the Charters) to the honour of the blessed Virgin Mary: but King Edgar's Charter states, that the church (that is the nave) was dedicated to the Holy Trinity; the choir to the blessed Virgin Mary; the west end to St. Peter; and the north portico to St. Benedict. Before the time of the new foundation, the spot on which the church was erected had acquired the name of THORNEY. Bishop Tanner says, it seems to have been sometimes called also *Beamfleda*: for Godmannus, who was made abbat of Thorney by Ethelwold himself, (as *Angl. Sacr. tom. i. p. 218*) is said, *Angl. Sacr. tom. ii. p. 201*, to be abbat of Beamfleda.^c After St. Botolph's bones were translated hither, Thorney was sometimes styled the church of St. Mary and St. Botolph.^d

The particulars of the first endowment of this monastery are minutely stated in King Edgar's Charter.^e The manors given to it appear to have been those of Witlesig, Niwantun, Wydestun, the two Geakesleas, Fearresheafod, Bearuwe, and Tealfolscet: with two manses in Huntingdon, and the little monastery of St. Mary without that town, which will be hereafter mentioned. A portion of Wittlesey mere is also named as one of the early purchases which in part constituted the endowment of the monastery.

The old church, founded by St. Ethelwold, appears to have been taken down by abbat Gunter in 1085:^f a considerable portion of the new structure seems to have been finished in 1098;^g and it is said to have been

completed in 1108:^h but the renewal of the dedication did not take place till twenty years afterward.ⁱ

The following is the statement of the property of Thorney abbey in 1086, as recorded in the Domesday Survey.

In *Cambridgeshire*, in the two hundreds of Ely, four hides in Witesie. In *Huntingdonshire*, fifteen hides at Lacheslei; eight hides in Stangrun; five hides in Wodestun; five hides in Adone; five hides in Newetone; two hides in Sibestune; and five virgates in Stebintone. On Witelesmare, or Wittlesey mere, the abbat of Thorney had two vessels; one of which, with certain rights of fishery, appears to have been rented by the abbat of Peterborough. In *Bedfordshire*, the abbey of Thorney held two hides and a virgate of land in Bolehestre. In *Northamptonshire*, three hides, all but a virgate and a half, in Tviwella; half a hide in Cerweltone; and five hides in Salwebrige.

The total of the rents appears to have amounted, at the time of taking the Survey, to the sum of 52*l.* 15*s.* exclusive of the profits of the fisheries and meers in Huntingdonshire. These last appear to have been divided between the abbats of Ramsey, Thorney, and Peterborough. In the Survey, the profits of the abbey of Ramsey appear to have been rated at ten pounds; those arising to Thorney at three; and the profits of the abbey of Peterborough at four pounds.^k

William of Malmesbury, who lived in the reign of Henry the Second, speaks with great enthusiasm of the beautiful situation of Thorney, and the extreme fertility of the soil. He describes it as abounding in orchards and vineyards:

"In ejus (Heliensis dico) episcopi parochia est Thorneia Cœnobium. Thorneia ulterior scripto et contractior spatio, sed prior laudum titulo, paradisi simulachrum, quod amœnitate jam cœlos ipsos, imaginetur, in ipsis paludibus arborum ferax, quæ enodi proceritate luctantur ad sydera, æquorea planities herbarum viridantibus comis oculos advocat, currentibus per campum nullus offensionis datur locus. Nulla ibi vel exigua terræ portio vacat, hîc in pomiferas arbores terra se subigit; hîc prætexitur ager vineis, quæ vel per terram repunt, vel per bajulos palos in celsum surgunt. Mutuum certamen naturæ et cultus, ut quod obliviscitur illa, producat iste. Quid dicetur de Ædificiorum decore, quæ solum mirabile quantum inter illas paludes solidum incon-

^a Tann. Notit. Mon. from Lel. Collect. tom. i. p. 5, ex Hugone Petriburg. See also the Appendix of Instruments to Ramsey monastery in the present volume, Num. XXXVII. p. 571.

^b Ingulphi Hist. ed. Gale, pp. 22, 24.

^c Tann. Notit. Mon. who also refers to Bollandus in Vita S. Oswaldi.

^d Registr. Elien. See also the Charter of Adeliza, the mother of Earl Gilbert, Num. XXV. and Claus. 36 Hen. VI. m. 2.

^e Num. III.

^f See Num. II.

^g See the Annales Mon. de Thorney, App. Num. XL.

^h Ibid.

ⁱ Ibid. See also Num. II.

^k See Num. IV.

cussis fundamentis sustinet? Solitudo ingens ad quietem data monachis, ut eo tenacius hæreant superis, quo castigatius mortales conspiciantur. Fœmina ibi si visitur monstro habetur, maribus advenientibus quasi Angelis plauditur. Cæterum ibi nullus nisi momentaneè conversatur. Famuli monachorum et ipsi feriatis diebus absunt. Verè dixerim insulam illam esse castitatis diversorium, honestatis contubernium, divinorum philosophorum gymnasium. Thorneie propter condensitatem dumorum vocata.”^a

The hermitage of Trokenholt, in Cambridgeshire, appears to have been given to Thorney abbey by Nigel, bishop of Ely, in the time of King Henry the Second.^b Other benefactors of an early period, recorded by Dugdale from the Register in the earl of Westmoreland's possession, were, William Peverel of Brunne, Pain de Beauchamp, Adeliza the mother of Earl Gilbert de Clare, Hugh de Beauchamp, William de Beauchamp, Geoffrey de Trailli, Odo Revell, William de Lisures, Roger de Stivinton, Henry and Eustace de Merch, Baldwin fitz Gilbert, Robert and Thurstan de Muntfort, Ralph fitz Nigell, Hugh de Grantemainil, William de Weldebof, Hugh de Weldebof, Pain Cofin, William Fortin, the Countess Roesia, William de Albini, Adeliza de Montemoraci, Hugh de Lysures, Ralph earl of Chester, Richard de Clare earl of Gloucester and Hereford, Alberic the king's chamberlain, Robert the son of Alberic, John Hay, John de Stutavill, &c.^c

In 1162 Pope Alexander the Third granted a bull of privilege, in which various donations are also recited.^d

The patronage of this abbey was granted by King John, in the sixteenth year of his reign, to Eustace then bishop of Ely, and his successors.^e

Various Charters occur upon the Clause and Patent Rolls, respecting the fair, market, and other privileges belonging to the monastery at Jakesle, in Huntingdonshire, more particularly in the 10th and 11th of Henry III., 14 Edw. I., 8 Edw. II., and 23 Edw. III.; the substance of which will be found incorporated in the “Inspeximus” of the 13th of Hen. VI.^f They had also a market and fair at Wodeston in that county, Cart. 52 Hen. III. m. 5: common of pasture and free warren in Stanground, Cart. 48 Hen. III. m. 5, 30 Edw. I. n. 12, 8 Edw. II. n. 36, 37: and a market and fair at Fairshead, Cart. 25 Edw. III. n. 16. The churches of Jakesle and Staneground were appropriated to them in the 8th of Edw. II. Pat. 8 Edw. II. p. 1, m. 11.^g The former of these churches was afterwards transferred “ad incrementum officii Abbatis.”^h

Cole, in vol. xxiv. of his manuscripts, fol. 203, has given the following Account of the patronage belonging to the abbat and convent of Thorney, from the “Quaternus Brevium et Mandatorum tempore Johannis Fordham episcopi Elien.” A. D. 1402.

“Taxationes et valores secundum communem estimationem ecclesiarum et vicariarum de patronatu abbatibus et conventus monasterii de Thorneye.

Ecclesia sancti Guthlaci de Est Depyng taxatur xxxv. marc. valet xl. marc.

Vicaria ecclesiæ sancti Jacobi de Est Depyng tax. x. marc. valet xx. marc.

Vicaria ecclesiæ beatæ Mariæ de Witleseye tax. x. marc. valet xx^{li}.

Vicaria ecclesiæ sancti Petri de Jakesle non taxatur, et valet xx^{li}.

Vicaria ecclesiæ sancti Joh. Bapt. de Stanground non taxatur, et valet xxiv. marc.

Ecclesia sancti Augustini de Wodston tax. xii. marc. valet x^{li}.

Ecclesia beatæ Mariæ de Haddon tax. xvi. marc. valet x^{li}.

Ecclesia Omnium Sanctorum de Newton tax. x. marc. valet x^{li}.

Ecclesia sancti Johannis de Stybbyngton tax. xviii. marc. valet x^{li}.

Ecclesia beatæ Mariæ de Tyd tax. li. valet xlii.

Ecclesia sancti Nicholai de Twywell tax. xiii. marc. valet xx^{li}.

Ecclesia sancti Dunstani de Bolnhirst tax. vii. marc. valet xv^{li}.”

ABBATS OF THORNEY.

The Red Book of Thorney states

ATHELWOLD to have presided as abbat during his life.ⁱ Rudborne and Leland name

GODEMAN as the first abbat, a monk of Winchester, and Athelwold's chaplain.^k

LEFSIUS, or LEOSI, was the next abbat. According to Ralph de Diceto, he became bishop of Worcester in 1018.^l The Red Book of Thorney states him to have been succeeded by

LEFSINUS in 1017.^m

OSWY, abbat of Thorney, occurs as a witness to the Charter granted by Canute to the abbey of Croyland in 1031.ⁿ Florence of Worcester places his death in 1049.^o Wharton's Collections, however, according to Willis, state

ETHELSTANUS to have died possessed of the dignity in 1043.^p The Red Book of Thorney names

LEFWINUS as the successor of Oswy. Willis says, he occurs in 1051, in the reign of King Edward the Confessor.

SIWARDUS, a Dane, his successor, appears to have been abbat at the time of the Norman Conquest.^q

FULCARD, a Fleming, was appointed abbat by King William the Conqueror about the year 1068. He was deposed, A. D. 1084, by Archbishop Lanfranc, in a council held at Gloucester: the year after which, A. D. 1085,

GUNTERIUS was chosen abbat. He had been originally a monk of Battel abbey; and, according to Willis, was archdeacon of Salisbury. The rebuilding of the monastery by him has been already mentioned. He died in the year 1112, and was buried at Thorney.

ROBERT, a monk of Evroul, was chosen abbat in 1113. Having presided thirty-seven years, he died in 1151.

Lambeth Registers, now preserved in the British Museum, vol. xv. p. 1165.

ⁱ “Memorandum quod a prima fundatione ecclesiæ Thornei usque ad tempus Gunterii abbatis fluxerunt anni cxii. infra quod tempus mortuo beato Adelwoldo qui dicto monasterio usque in diem mortis suæ tanquam ABBAS præsederat, fuerunt vi. abbates.” MS. Lansd. 994, fol. 78, ex Chartulario Thorniensi vulgo vocato ‘The Red Book of Thorney,’ penes prænob. Tho. com. Westmorland.

^k Rudborne, speaking of Ethelwold, says, “Monachos ibidem statuit, et Godmannum eis abbatem præfecit circa annum Gratia DCCCCLXX. ut refert Johannes, in Historiâ Aureâ.” And Leland, “Quem locum de Thornig Ethelwoldus pretio acquisivit, et pari conditione monachis aptissimum delegavit, rectorem illis et abbatem Godmannum præponens. Constructum monasterium dedicavit, et bonorum omnium possessione gratanter ditavit.” Collect. tom. i. p. 8.

^l “Leofsius Thorneiensis abbas suscepit episcopatum Wigornensis ecclesiæ.” Script. x. Twysd. col. 467.

^m MS. Lansd. ut supr.

ⁿ Ingulphus, ap. Gale, p. 59.

^o Flor. Wigorn. edit. Francof. 1601, p. 626.

^p Mit. Ab. vol. i. p. 188.

^q Ibid.

^a Malmesb. de Gestis Pontif. lib. iiij. Script. post Bedam, edit. 1596, foll. 167 b, 168.

^b See Numm. V. VI. VII.

^c See Num. VIII.—XXXI.

^d Num. XXXIII.

^e Numm. XXXIV. XXXV. See also Pat. 16 Joh. p. 1, n. 50.

^f Append. Num. XXXVIII.

^g See Bishop Tanner's Notit. Mon.

^h “Confirmatio domini archiepiscopi concernens monasterium de Thorney: viz. quod ecclesia de Jak. nuper monasterio antedicto unita, annexa, et incorporata, cum fructibus, redditibus, et pertinentiis suis universis, futuris semper temporibus, ad incrementum officii abbatis ejusdem monasterii qui pro tempore fuerit solum et in solidum pertinebit; ac ecclesia de Strangrond eidem monasterio noviter appropriata cum suis fructibus pertinent. &c. ad officium camerarii ipsius monasterii qui pro tempore fuerit pertinere debet, ad distribuend. tamen inter fratres dicti monasterii secundum certos modum et formam in ordinatione per eosdem abbatem et conventum, et sub sigillo communi eorundem inde confecta plenius annotatos. Dat. apud Fforde x^{mo}. die mensis Aprilis A. D. 1402.” Reg. Arundell archiep. Cantuar. fol. 356 b. See Ducarel's Extracts from the

GILBERT was the next abbat. He received the benediction from Nigel bishop of Ely. He died in the third year of his administration, A. D. 1154.

WALTER, the first abbat of the name, succeeded him immediately. He died in 1158.

HERBERT, a monk of St. Nicholas at Angier, was the next abbat. He died in 1162.

WALTER, the second of the name, a monk of Ramsey, was preferred to this abbacy immediately on Herbert's death. Willis places the death of Walter in 1170: but it must have happened in 1165; as the abbey is stated to have been vacant for seven years after his death, till

SOLOMON, prior of Ely, was elected abbat in 1172. He ruled the monastery sixteen years.

ROBERT, the second of the name, a monk of Gloucester, became abbat in 1193. The Register of Thorney represents him to have been suspended from his office in 1195 by Hubert archbishop of Canterbury, and in the next year to have been deposed, having previously placed his resignation in the hands of the archbishop.^a The abbey remained vacant near three years; when, in 1198,

RALPH, a monk of Croyland, who is also called prior of Freston in Lincolnshire, was chosen abbat. The Thorney Register says, he had the cognomen of "Simplex" given to him. He ruled the monastery for eighteen years. His successor,

ROBERT, the third of the name, a monk and sacrist of St. Edmund's Bury, was elected abbat in 1216.^b Willis says, he was deposed in 1220, and was either restored afterwards, or else succeeded by another of his name. The Register of Thorney, however, states him to have governed the monastery for twenty-one years. "Robertus III. abbas monasterium Thornei per XXI. annos strenue rexit." He died in 1236, and was interred in

the Lady chapel of the monastery which he had himself built.^c

RICHARD DE STANFORD, a monk of Thorney (prior of the cell of Deping), was elected abbat upon Robert's death, and received his confirmation in office from Otto the pope's legate. The series of abbats quoted from the Thorney Register by Dugdale, names *Wido de Wake* as the immediate successor of Robert, in the year 1231. This appointment, however, is not corroborated by the entries upon the Patent Rolls. Wido, the descendant of Baldwin de Wake, was merely a benefactor to the monastery. Richard de Stanford died within a year from his election: when

DAVID, a monk of Thorney, was chosen to succeed him.^d He died, according to the Thorney Register, in 1255; having added considerably to the buildings of the monastery.^e

THOMAS, prior of Thorney, also called THOMAS DE CASTRE, was the next abbat.^f Upon whose death, in 1261,

WILLIAM DE JAKEL, or YAKESLE, became abbat. The temporalities of the monastery were delivered to him June 3d.^g He died in 1293: not, as Willis has it, in 1291.^h

ODO DE WITLESEY, or WITLESHEY, received the temporalities of the abbacy July 17th, 1293.ⁱ He also was a benefactor to the buildings of the monastery.^k He died Sept. 26th, 1305. On November the 6th following, the temporalities of the monastery were delivered to

WILLIAM DE CLOPTON.^l He appears to have built the chapter-house at Thorney. He was also a great benefactor to some of the estates of his monastery, and contributed to the decoration of the Lady chapel.^m King Edward the Second granted to the convent the manor of Glatton in Huntingdonshire for the term of this abbat's life.ⁿ Abbat Clopton died in the

^a Provision for him, however, appears to have been subsequently made. Pat. 4 Hen. III. m. 7. Oct. Hen. III. rex. "Sciatis nos commisisse dilecto et fideli nostro Roberto quondam abbati Torneie manerium nostrum de Esingaud cum pertinentiis ad se sustentand. in servitio nostro donec ad aliquam praelat. promotus fuerit." Claus. 4 Hen. III. "Liberata de thesaur. nostro Roberto quondam abbati de Torneia xxx. marc. ad eundum in nuncium nostrum ad curiam Romanam." 9 Nov. m. 17.

^b The royal assent to his election was given Dec. 17th. Pat. 2 Hen. III. p. 1.

^c "Qui cum domum suam per multos labores et tribulationes varias strenue rexisset tandem huic vite valefaciens in crastino Assumptionis beate Mariæ diem clausit extremum anno praelationis suæ XXI. et incarnationis Dominicæ M.CC^o.XXXVII. regnante rege H. fil. regis Johannis imperii sui anno XXIII^o. et in capella beate Virginis Mariæ quam construxerat sepeliebatur. Sed per lapsum temporis, ipsa capella funditus diruta et nova in ipsius beate Virginis honore opere mirifico constructa, corpus ejus a loco quo prius erat sepultum usque ibidem deportatum extitit, et, ut decuit, honorifice humatum." See Bishop Kennett's Extracts from the Thorney Register, MS. Lansd. Brit. Mus. num. 994, fol. 81.

^d Pat. 22 Hen. III. m. 3, 25 Jul.

^e "Inter cætera hujus abbatis gesta, prætereundum non est quam strenuus extitit in edificiis construendis, construxit enim magnam portam abbatiæ a fundo, et opere mirifico feliciter consummavit; una cum magno granario in curia ante pistrinam, magnamque cameram ad caput veteris aulae hospitum versus aquilonem, et similiter pistrinam construxit, foragio tantum coopertam usque ad tempus domini Willielmi de Jakele abbatis." MS. Lansd. ut supr. 994, fol. 82.

^f Pat. 39 Hen. III. Rex consentit electioni Thomæ prioris in abbatem de Thorney, 7 Nov. m. 16.

^g Pat. 45 Hen. III. m. 11.

^h The following is the account of the good deeds of this abbat, as recorded in the Thorney Register. "Inter cætera prædecessorum istius abbatis opera non sunt silentio prætereunda quæ tempore suo bene et provido gesta sunt, et maxime illa quorum commoda seu profectus usu cotidiano experimur. Erat namque sollicitus et diligens in maneriis, terris, et tenementis ac diversis adquirendis, ut patet de manerio de Kinestorp cum suis pertinentiis quod aliquando comparavit pro ducentis et xx. libris argenti quas solvit domino Herveo de Bosham, ac de mesuagiis, terris, et tenementis cum suis pertinentiis quæ cum non modico censu adquisivit in Enfeld, secundum quod continetur in monumentis inde confectis. Ac item in impetratione diversarum terrarum, tenementorum, et reddituum in villis de Jakele, Stangrund, Wodestun, Neuton, Sibeston, Stibinton, Walmesford, Bollehurst et alibi in locis diversis prout in scriptis et cartis super hiis confectis plenius continetur. Quam strenuus item extitit in domorum edificatione tam infra abbatiam quam extra oculis intuentium clarius apparet. Construxit enim infra abbatiam magnam bracinam et granarium brasei, a fundoque cooperuit tegula, et pistrinam quæ ante fuerat foragio cooperta. Con-

struxit item quandam cameram annexam cimiterio juxta gabulam ecclesiæ occidentalem ad opus abbatis, sed non multum decentem, quam dominus Willielmus abbas tertius ab eo successor opere mirifico variaque pictura eleganter decoravit. Construxit item novum refectorium et decens, et illud consummavit. Edificavit autem aulam, grangiam, et boveriam apud Charwalton una cum capella sancti Botulphi ibidem opere decenti, omnia a fundo et de novo. Item apud Stangrund fecit novum cumulum super magna aula et novum cumulum super cameram cum camino ad caput aulae versus orientem. Item apud Enfeld aulam et alios domos construxit quas prædictus W. ejus successor in formam redegit decentiorem, curiam ampliando et novum stabulum largum et bonum construendo, grangiamque at alias domos ibidem tegulis cooperiendo una cum constructione magnæ portæ desuper cameram decenter. Item apud Salebrig construxit quandam grangiam longam et bonam." MS. Lansd. ut supr. fol. 84 b.

ⁱ Pat. 21 Edw. I.

^k "Construxit cameram hostiliarie pulcherrimam a fundo usque ad summum cum suis caminis et duabus capellis, una superius et alia deorsum. Item prostravit gabulam orientalem veteris capituli quam incepit de novo opere mirifico construere a fundo usque fere ad bases fenestrarum quam ut disposuit Deus morte preventus non consummavit. Item ad novi refectorii quod prædecessor ejus dominus W. abbas construxerat finalem consummationem de proprio marsupio c. marcarum ad minus apposuit, eo quod ad ipsius operis consummationem illud quod prædictus abbas W. ad illud opus ordinaverat erat insufficiens. Construxit item apud Stangrund magnam grangiam pulcherrimam a fundo. Apud Bollehirst novam pistrinam et bracinum sub uno cumulo fortem et decentem: et apud Salebrigg novam capellam in honorem sanctæ Mariæ Magdalene opere lapideo construxit." MS. Lansd. ut supr. fol. 88.

^l Pat. 33 Edw. I. p. 2.

^m Construxit quoddam pulcherrimum Capitulum a fundo et consummavit. Item novam aulam ad opus hospitum in hostilaria decentem et bonam. Item quandam nobilem cameram et solempnem ultra claustrum juxta ecclesiam pro quocunque abbate cum capella annexa, celaturis, picturis, et panuris decenter ornatam. Item alias cameras veteres et inhonestas prosternendo, &c."—"Capellam beate Virginis ad sumptus sustentationem nimis exiliter dotatam et insufficientem non tantum ornavit et operibus diversis sed et reddituum augmentatione ut patet superius in scriptis inde confectis ditavit honorifice. Nam fenestras vitreas in utraque gabula bonas et curiosas fieri fecit, similiter et illud nobile Jesse super altare tam in sculptura quam in pictura sumptibus propriis ordinavit et fecit, ac de pecunia sua pro aliis operibus in dicta capella perficiendis et consummandis liberaliter effudit et abunde." MS. Lansd. ut supr. p. 92.

ⁿ Pat. 8 Edw. II. p. 1. "Rex concessit W. de Clopton abbati de Thorney et conv. ejusdem quod ipsi habent manerium de Glatton in com. Hunt. durante vita abbatis, reddendo inde annuatim centum libras."

eighteenth year of his administration, A. D. 1322, and was buried in the church of his monastery, at the entrance of the choir. His successor in the abbacy was

REGINALD DE NEWTON; to whom the temporalities were restored April 13th, 1322.^a He also occurs by the name of REGINALD DE WATER-NEUTON. He died in 1346: and was succeeded by

WILLIAM DE HADDON; to whom the temporalities were restored on May the 22d.^b In the time of this abbat, Simon de Islep, archbishop elect of Canterbury, founded a chantry in the conventual church of Thorney.^c Abbat Haddon died in 1365: in which year, on December 17th, the temporalities of the monastery were restored to

JOHN DE DEPING, bachelor of laws. He died on the 12th of the ides of November, 1396: when

NICHOLAS ISLEP, or YSLEP, was made abbat. He received the temporalities Feb. 24th following.^d Dugdale's "Series Abbatum"^e states him to have resigned his office in 1399; but the Patent Roll states

THOMAS DE CHARWELTON to have been elected upon his resignation in 1402. He was elected on Nov. 4th, "per viam compromissi," and, on the 5th of January following received the temporalities of his monastery from the king.^f He had been previously prior of the cell of Deping, in Lincolnshire.^g

ALAN KIRKETON, bachelor of laws, was elected abbat on Charwelton's death, A. D. 1425.^h He was elected, the Thorney Register says, "quasi per viam Spiritus Sancti." Bishop Kennett's Excerpts from the Thorney Register call him *Adam* KIRKETON. Upon his death,

JOHN KIRKETON was elected abbat, "per scrutinium;" to whom the temporalities of the monastery were restored May 3d, 1437.ⁱ

JOHN RAMSEY, or DE ROMSEY, bachelor of laws, was elected on the death of John Kirketon, "quasi per viam Spiritus Sancti." He received the temporalities July 12th, 1450.^k

WILLIAM RYALL, whom Bishop Kennett's Excerpts call WILLIAM HALL, received the royal assent to his election, upon Ramsey's death, Sept. 26th, 1457.^l He was confirmed abbat by the bishop of Ely October 6th following. He resigned in 1464.^m

^a Pat. 16 Edw. II. p. 2.

^b Pat. 21 Edw. III. p. 1. The particulars of the visitation of the monastery during the vacancy may be found in MS. Cole, vol. xxiii. fol. 161, followed by the "Processus" at abbat Haddon's election.

^c Pat. 23 Edw. III. p. 3. "Lic. concessa magistro Simoni de Islep electo Cant. confirmato quod ipse ij. mess. ij. cotag. undecim acras et j. rodam terræ, xxj. acras prati, in Yakesley, Fareshed, Kyn-delf, Witleseye, et Bolnhurst, dare possit abbati et conventui de Thorney ad uberiores sustentationem capellani in dicto conventu pro animabus Joh. de Islep et Margerie uxoris ejus, patris et matris prædicti electi, et pro animabus Willielmi, Thomæ, et Willielmi fratrum ejusdem."

^d Pat. 20 Ric. II. p. 2.

^e See Append. Num. XL.

^f Pat. 4 Hen. IV. p. 1.

^g From the Register of Fordham bishop of Ely, Mr. Cole, in vol. xxiv. of his manuscripts, p. 203, abstracts a mandate of the archbishop of Canterbury (dated Maidstone 20th May, 1404) to sequester the fruits, rents, and profits of the abbat of Thorney for contumacy in not appearing according to summons with the rest of the clergy in the convocation at St. Paul's, 21st April, 1404. By another mandate, dated June 13th, 1404, the bishop was enjoined to relax the sequestration at the prayer of the abbat.

Bishop Fordham's Register, fol. 207, gives an indulgence of forty days to those who, visiting the chapel of the Virgin Mary in the conventual church of Thorney, with confession and contrition should say the Antiphon which he lately in his visitation there found newly instituted in honour of our Lady, dat. Thorneye, 4 kal. June, 1408.

^h Pat. 4 Hen. VI. p. 2.

ⁱ Pat. 15 Hen. VI.

^k Pat. 28 Hen. VI. p. 2.

^l Pat. 36 Hen. VI. p. 1.

^m Willis, Mit. Ab. vol. i. p. 190. It was during this abbat's time that Reginald Pecock, bishop of Chichester, being deprived of his bishoprick, was sent to Thorney "with the following instructions from the archbishop of Canterbury to the abbat, how he should be there treated: viz. 1. That he have a secret closed chamber, with a chimney and an house of easement, and that he pass or go not out of the said chamber. 2. That he have but one person, that is serious and well-disposed, to make his bed and fire, as he shall have occasion; and that no one else speak to him without leave, and in the presence of the abbat, unless the King or Archbishop send to the abbey any man with

THOMAS DE WESEBECHE, or WYSBECH, received the royal assent to his election December the 4th, 1464, and had the temporalities granted to him on January the 2d following.ⁿ The Thorney Register says, "iste erat seneschallus dicti loci, et electus per viam scrutinii."

JOHN MURCOTT had the temporalities of the monastery granted to him Sept. 7th, 1484.^o Willis calls him WILLIAM MURCOTT.^p

RICHARD HOLBECH received the temporalities Sept. 1, 1485.^q

ROBERT MOULTON received the temporalities April 28th, 1514.^r Willis mentions

JOHN, whose surname was unknown, as abbat in 1523.

ROBERT BLYTH, or BLITH, he adds, was possessed of the abbacy in 1525: at which time he held the bishoprick of Down and Connor, in Ireland, in commendam with it. He was the last abbat, and, surrendering his abbey into the king's hands, obtained a pension of 200*l.* per annum for life. In his will, Mr. Willis says, dated October 19th, 1547, he writes himself "Robert Blythe bishop of Downe, and appoints his body to be buried in the church of our Lady at Whittlesey, co. Cambridge, before the sacred sacrament of the altar; and gives a legacy to the parsonage of Whittlesey, belonging to the late dissolved monastery of Thorney."^s

The list of pensions granted at the dissolution of the monastery will be found in the Appendix of Instruments, Num. XLI.^t

The abbat of Thorney was summoned to parliament in the 49th of Henry III. The last abbat sat in 1538.

The possessions of this priory were valued, in the twenty-sixth of Henry VIII., according to Dugdale, at 41*l.* 12*s.* 11*d.*: according to Speed, at 508*l.* 12*s.* 5*d.*: a great part of which, with the site of the monastery, were granted, in the third year of King Edward the Sixth, to John earl of Bedford.^u

Willis says, in the church belonging to this abbey were interred these Saxon saints, St. Botolph, St. Athulf, St. Huna, St. Tancred, St. Tothred, St. Hereferth, St. Cissa, St. Bennet,^x and St. Tona, or Tova, to whose memory a fair chapel called Thoveham, half a mile off in

writing specially in that behalf. 3. That he have no books to look on, or to read in, but only a mass-book, a Psalter, a legend, and a Bible. 4. That he have neither pen, ink, nor paper. 5. That he have competent fuel or firing, according to his age. 6. That the first quarter after his coming into the abbey he be contented to fare no better than a brother or monk doth, only of the freytour, or to have the same commons as the monks have in their common hall; but afterwards that he be served daily of meat and drink, as one of the friars or monks when he is excused from the freytour; and somewhat better afterwards, as his disposition, &c. shall require. For all which, and for fitting up this close apartment for the bishop, the abbat is ordered to have eleven pounds." See Lewis's Life of Reynold Pecock, 8^o. edit. 1744, p. 256. In a Note, Lewis adds, "So it is in a copy of these instructions communicated to me by the r. r. the bishop of Peterborough; but in another copy which was sent me by the learned Mr. Thomas Baker, transcribed by John Anstis, Esq. from Mr. Wharton's Collections Y. E. 32, e libro formularum temp. Hen. VI. penes El. Ashmole, or rather at the end of it, it is said that *forty pounds* were assigned to the said abbey for his finding."

ⁿ Pat. 4 Edw. IV. p. 2.

^o Pat. 2 Ric. III.

^p Mit. Ab. ut supr.

^q Pat. 1 Hen. VII.

^r Pat. 5 Hen. VIII.

^s Mit. Ab. vol. i. p. 191.

^t The following were the monies still payable 2 and 3 Phil. and Mary. "THORNEY nuper Monasterium. Feod. Henrici Lacie auditoris ib'm per annum vj*l.* Annuit. Roberti Ap Rice per annum xxvj*s.* viij*d.* Johannis Bawdes per annum iiij*l.* xij*s.* iiij*d.* Thomæ Burton per annum xl*s.* Johannis Bellowe per annum xl*s.* Johannis Becket per Will. Burnell assign. cvj*s.* viij*d.* Thomæ Pulvertofte per annum xl*s.* Ricardi Ogle per annum xij*s.* iiij*d.* Johannis Crispe per annum xij*s.* iiij*d.* Thomæ Hack per annum vj*l.* xij*s.* iiij*d.* Roberti Bate per annum xl*s.* Simonis Leves per annum cvj*s.* viij*d.* Martini Clippeshamme per annum cvj*s.* viij*d.* Johannis Gunlet per annum vj*l.* Griffini Stephenson per annum cvj*s.* viij*d.* Johannis Evererd per annum vj*l.* xij*s.* iiij*d.*"

"THORNEY nuper Prioratus (in com. Hunt). Annuit. Edwardi Mountague mil. per annum xx*s.* Johannis Wagstaffe per annum xxvj*s.* viij*d.*"

^u Tann. Notit. Mon.

^x Ethelwold bishop of Norwich, about the time of King Edgar,

the wood, was consecrated. Here also was buried Baldwin de Wake, the founder of the priory of Deping.^a

Leland names the following works only in his notice of the LIBRARY of Thorney abbey:

“Eglogæ aliquot Marci exquæstoris, qui floruit tempore Justiniani.

Isagoge Porphirii, Victorino interprete.

Waleys super quinque libros Moses.

Necham, Qualis esse debeat Vita Monachorum, carmine.

Joannes Cornubiensis de Virtute Crucis in Sacramento Altaris.”

Of the REGISTERS of this monastery, the most important appears to be that which in Dugdale's time was in the possession of the Earl of Westmoreland, called *The Red Book of Thorney*: from which copious extracts have been made for the Appendix to the present Account. Other Excerpts from this Register are preserved among Dodsworth's manuscripts in the Bodleian library, vol. x. fol. 35; vol. lxxv. foll. 1, 17; and vol. cx. fol. 67: in the Harleian collection, in num. 258, fol. 136; num. 358, fol. 41; num. 6978, p. 111: and in a quarto volume entirely in the hand-writing of Bishop Kennett, preserved among the Lansdowne manuscripts, num. 994.

Smith, in his Catalogue of the Cottonian Library, names “Registrum Chartarum Monasterii de Thorney in Insula Eliensi” as one of the articles in the manuscript in that collection, marked Vitellius D. v.:^b but the volume was either burnt or lost in the fire of 1731.

Bishop Tanner names a third Register as formerly in the possession of Edmund Mountstevens of Paston, which, according to one of Vincent's manuscripts in the College of Arms,^c was called *The Green Book of Thorney*.

A fourth Register was some years ago in the possession of Mr. Maurice Johnson of Spalding. Where this manuscript is now preserved, the editors of Dugdale's Monasticon have not been able to discover: but some particulars concerning it are given in a Letter from Mr. Johnson to Browne Willis, dated December 9th, 1749, a copy of which is preserved in one of Cole's manuscripts in the British Museum. It was a quarto volume, on vellum, and had been purchased at the sale of a library belonging to a lawyer of the name of Stanford:

It was intitled “Chartularium et Rentale cum Terrario Monasterii de Thorney;” containing also an account of the payments of pensions and taxations, with entries of homages done, and recognitions made by the principal tenants to the monastery, from 1450 to 1460.^d

A few references to some detached Instruments will be found below.^e

The ARMS of Thorney monastery are given in the initial Letter of this Account, as Bishop Tanner has preserved them. In one of Cole's MSS. they appear with a trifling variation in the disposal of the croziers and cross crosslets.

DEPING, in Lincolnshire, was a CELL to Thorney abbey, to which it was given by its founder, Baldwin fitz Gilbert, in 1139.

The first foundation of what was afterwards a house of Austin canons in Huntingdon, dedicated to St. Mary, according to King Edgar's Charter,^f was likewise originally dependant on Thorney.

The Charter of Henry de March notices a HOSPITAL for poor persons at THORNEY under the government of the abbey, in the time of Robert bishop of Lincoln, between A. D. 1147 and A. D. 1166. See his Charter in the Appendix to the present Account,^g in which is a grant of some tithes to it.

Of the CONVENTUAL CHURCH of Thorney a small portion only is remaining. The greater part appears to have been taken down soon after the Reformation. The present remnant serves as the parish church; and seems to have been formed out of the central part of the nave of the ancient structure. It has two towers or turrets at the west end; between which, and over the west window, are nine statues of saints; and on the sides of the arch which forms the western entrance, the date of 1636; at which time, according to Willis, the side ailes were taken down, and part of the stone employed in filling up the arches of the nave.

Mr. Maurice Johnson of Spalding had a drawing of this abbey in a neatly-written vellum map of the lordship, made before the dissolution of the house: from which the structure appeared to have been originally five times as large as the portion which at present remains. It had side ailes, and spires probably on both the western towers, whereof only that on the north side remained and was represented in the map.

purchased at a great price the body of the famous abbat Benedict Biscopius, abbat of Weremouth, in the bishoprick of Durham, and deposited it in this monastery. Biogr. Brit. vol. i. p. 692. Compare also *Lel. Collect. edit. 1770, tom. ii. 272.* “Ulkitellus monachus jussu Ethelwoldi episcopi Winton. transtulit corpora Botulphi et Adulphi Thorneiam.” *Lel. Itin. vol. viii. p. 71.*

^a Mit. Ab. vol. i. p. 187. See also *Lel. Collect. edit. 1770, tom. i. p. 28.*

^b Catal. Libr. MSS. Bibl. Cottonianæ, fol. Oxon. 1696, p. 91.

^c MS. in Bibl. Coll. Arm. num. 218, p. 37.

^d From the Dismes of the Taxations it appeared, that in 1450 the great officers of the house were: 1. Sacrista. 2. Penitentiarius. 3. Elemosinarius. 4. Precentor. 5. Custos Capellæ Mariæ. 6. Infirmarius. 7. Refectorarius. 8. Camerarius (who seems afterwards to be the Celerarius). 9. Hostillarius. 10. Coquinarius. The Terrar and Rental, tenures and services, in Whittlesey manor, were comprised between the pages 17 and 25. It appeared also from this manuscript, that in 1450 the abbat and convent were possessed of the manors of Thorney, Wodeston, Stanground, Yakesley, Whittlesey, Estrey, Bolnhurst, Twywell, Clopton, Wynge, Salesberge, and Farshed; with the patronage of the appropriate churches of Stanground, Yakesley, and Whittlesey; several lands in Flete, Whapload, Holbeck and Gedney in the parts of Holand; of the church of East-Depyng appropriate to the priory there, and of the then church of St. Guthlac East-Depyng which was not appropriate. At p. 64, were the Firmes of the boat-houses at Farshed, and of the fisheries on Whittlesey mere. This manuscript also contained a Composition made by the abbat and convent of Thorney on the part of the prior and vicar of East-Depyng St. James, and the rector of Depyng St. Guthlac as to tithes of intermixed lands. The other churches of which the abbat and convent of Thorney had the patronage in 1450, were stated in it to have been St. Mary's of Tydd, St. Augustine's of Woodston, St. Mary's of Haddon, St. Mary and All Saints of Water-Newton, St. John Bap-

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tist of Stybyngton, St. Nicholas of Twywell, St. Dunstan of Bolnhurst, and All Saints Huntingdon.

^e The Cottonian manuscript Augustus II. 12, contains an Inspecimus and Confirmation of the Charters of the monastery by King Richard II. in the fourth year of his reign, A. D. 1381. Original; on three skins; but mutilated.

A shorter Inspecimus, by King Edward II. in the eighth year of his reign, is preserved among the Harleian Charters 58 I. 53.

The Harleian manuscript 1005, fol. 87, contains “Epistola Roberti abbatis de Thorneye (qui quondam fuit sacrista hujus abbatiae) ad dominum R. sacristam successorem suum, de Consuetudine parando abbati correctam longam cum hernesio, et vinum certis aliquot temporibus: prout obtinuit mos dum dominus Sampson abbas fuerit ejusdem monasterii.

The Harleian manuscript 1808 contains the following Charters:

1. Copia Bullæ domini Gregorii papæ ix. super confirmatione omnium jurium, et etiam de emptione novalium et de nutrimentis animalium monasterio Thorneiensi ubicunque spectantium, A. D. 1239, fol. 92.

2. Confirmatio domini Roberti episcopi Lincoln. de decimis ac pensionibus ecclesiarum, an. pontif. quinto, fol. 93 b.

3. Confirmatio domini Roberti archiepiscopi Cantuar. A. D. 1277, fol. 94.

4. Confirmatio Capituli Lincoln. A. D. 1285, fol. 95.

5. Confirmatio domini Walteri archiepiscopi Cantuar. A. D. 1319, fol. 96.

6. Confirmatio domini Thomæ Lincoln. episcopi, A. D. 1343, fol. 96 b.

MS. Cole, vol. xxiv. fol. 95, contains an abstract of the “Compositio inter Abbatem de Thorney et Vicarium B. M. de Wytlesseye, 18 Majj 1380, from Registr. Arundel. Elen. fol. 100.

^f See p. 599, col. 1.

^g Num. XIX.

The following were the dimensions of the church, as given to Mr. Willis by Mr. Joseph Spark of Peterborough, about 1730. Length W. to E. south side, 28 yards 1 foot. Length from W. to E. on the north side, 27 yards 1 foot. West front, 26 yards. Length

within, 74 feet. Height of turrets, 27 yards 1 foot : and the battlements 2 feet more.

Part of the stones of Thorney abbey were employed in building the chapel of Benet college in Cambridge.^a

Cartae ad Thorneyense Coenobium in agro Cantabrigiensi spectantes.

NUM. I.

[Orderic. Vitalis Hist. Eccl. p. 834, D.]

TORNEIA quippe spinarum insula nuncupatur Anglice, quia diversarum saltus arborum copiosis aquarum gurgitibus circumluitur undique. Ibi monachile habetur monasterium in honore sanctæ Dei genitricis Mariæ, quod in cultu summæ deitatis grata pollet religione, et ab omni semotum est secularium cohabitatione. Illud venerabilis Adelwoldus, Guentoniensis præsul, Edelredi regis tempore construxit, et illuc corpus sancti Botulfi, abbatis Icanoensis, cum aliis sanctorum multis pignoribus transtulit post Danicam cladem, in qua beatus Anglorum rex Edmundus in confessione Christi martyr occubuit. Soli monachi cum famulis suis in opaco Torneie gremio habitant, Deoque tuti fideliter militant. Nulla mulier insulam nisi causa orationis ingreditur, nec aliqua ibidem commorari pro qualibet occasione permittitur; sed muliebris habitatio prorsus usque ad novem milliaria, religiosorum studio, elongatur. Postquam Normannica virtus Angliam edomuit, eamque Gulielmus rex suis legibus commodè subegit, Fulcardum sancti Bertini Sithiensis monachum, multa eruditione validum, Torneie præposuit, qui ferè xvj. annis, absque benedictione abbatis vices supplevit. Hic affabilis et jocundus fuit atque caritativus, grammaticæ artis, ac musicæ peritissimus. Unde preciosa peritiæ suæ monumenta reliquit in Anglia futuris generationibus. Nam plures dictatus memoria dignos edidit, et sancti Oswaldi, Guigornensis episcopi aliorumque sanctorum, quorum propago de Albione processit, delectabiles ad canendum historias suaviter composuit. Ortis postmodum quibusdam simultatibus inter ipsum et Lincolniensem episcopum recessit. Cenomannensis Gunterius de Bello monachus, qui Salesburiensis fuerat archidiaconus successit. Hic monachilem Torneie conventum ordine majoris monasterii regulariter instituit, et pulcherrimam à fundamentis basilicam cum officinis monachorum diligenter construxit, in qua idem post obitum à fidelibus discipulis tumulatus quiescit.

NUM. II.

De Fundatione, Renovatione, et Dedicatione hujus Monasterii.

[Ex Registro Abbat. de Thorney, penes Comitem Westmorland. an. 1638, fol. 11.]

ANNO ab incarnatione Domini dcccclxxij. fundatum fuit monasterium hoc Thorneyæ per sanctum Adel-

woldum, Wintoniensem episcopum, tempore et assensu regis Edgari, ut patet in principio libri in carta fundationis.

Anno mxxxv. renovata fuit ecclesia per abbatem Gunterium, tempore regis Willielmi senioris, et dedicata fuit per Herveium primum episcopum de Elye, tempore domini Roberti abbatis Thorneyæ primi, anno Domini mxxvij. qui dicto Gunterio successit, et tempore regis Henrici Angliæ primi, anno regni sui xxix. et fuerunt anni à prima fundatione monasterii, usque ad supradictam dedicationem per prædictum primum episcopum Eliensem, centum et quinquaginta et sex anni, et post prædictam renovationem transierunt anni xlv. antequam dedicaretur.

NUM. III.

Carta Regis Edgari de Fundatione Abbatiae de Thorney.

[Ibid. fol. 1.]

UNIVERSIS sophiæ studium intento mentis conamine sedulò rimantibus, liquido patescit, quod instabilis hujus miserrimæ ac caducæ vitæ curriculum, cum marcido inanis gloriæ flosculo tabescendo lugubriter deficit, et frivola ejus gloria nunquam in eodem statu permanens, velut fumus rotatu celerrimo evanescit. Attamen annuente Christi, mundi creatoris, ac redemptoris, gratiâ, cum recidivis præsentis vitæ munusculis, futuram æternæ beatitudinem centuplicato quæstu adquirere lucrando, fide vigente catholicâ prudentissimè valemus. Quamobrem ego Edgar, totius Britanniae basileus quoddam monasterium beatæ Dei genetrici semperque Virgini Mariæ, ad laudem et honorem ejusdem Domini nostri Jesu Christi, mundi salvatoris, dedicatum, in loco qui quondam Ancraig, nunc verò usitato Thornig nuncupatur vocabulo, et rura præfato monasterio subjecta, cum omnibus utensilibus, pratis videlicet, pascuis, silvis, piscuariis, capturis, gronnis, atque culparum emendationem, quæ reatu aliquo in ipsis peraguntur ruribus, Domino nostro Jesu Christo, ejusque genetrici, semperque Virgini Mariæ, octavo decimo mei terreni imperii anno, attamen primo meæ regiae dedicationis, Adeluodo mihi episcoporum dilectissimo, cum omni subjectionis humilitate impetrante, eternâ largitus sum hæreditate, ea semper interposita conditione, ut nullius altioris, vel inferioris gradus hominis reatu, a Domino nostro Jesu Christo, sanctoque loco quod tam a me, quàm à prædicto episcopo, vel à cæteris catholicis, concessum, vel concedendum est, ulla occasione, diabolo instigante, privetur. Si verò crimen quod veniæ non sit dignum,

^a See Master's Hist. of C. C. C. C. p. 209.

In the church and church-yard of Thorney are numerous tombs of the refugee French, or Walloons, a colony of whom settled here about the middle of the seventeenth century; having been employed by the Earl of Bedford in draining the Fens. See a long account of

their settlement here, by Gregorio Leti, in his Teatro Britannico, tom. i. p. 400. The patent for the Walloon church, dated 13 Aug. 14 Cha. II. will be found in "Entretiens sur la Correspondance fraternelle de l'Eglise Anglicane avec les Eglises reformées," p. 518.

suadente diabolo, quod absit, loci procurator commiserit, agatur rationabiliter de eo quod de regis agitur præposito, ut videlicet, reo ritè decuriato, ac justo ordine depulso, illi qui dignus sit Christi designetur, uti regis solet præpositura, à nullo secularium Christi possessione violata. Nam in ipso præfato loco anachoreticæ vitæ aptissimo, duo quondam præcipuæ sanctitatis Germani antistites, Tancredus videlicet, et Tortredus, coelestis vitæ beatitudinem, alter martyrio, alter confessionis gloria obtinentes, cum gloriosi egregii triumphi palma migraverunt ad Christum. Tona vero eorum soror, non solum carnalis propinquitatis fœdere compaginata, sed etiam imitatione virtutum, et charitatis repagulo connexa, in intima hujus insulæ parte, anachoreticam vitam ducens, agonem sanctæ conversationis decentissimè complens, ac putidam hujus fragilitatis mortem deserens, membrum tripudians perrexit ad caput quod est Christus, humani generis redemptor, qui cum coeterno Patre, et Spiritu Sancto utriusque sexus milites infiniti tripudii gloria beatificando coronat. Hic namque tante, et tam secrete quietis, ac venustatis locus, peccatis promerentibus, prius a paganis vastatus, et diu postea miserabiliter a secularibus possessus sine Dei servitio, et spiritualium conversatione extiterat. Tali igitur, tantæque miseria præfatus præsul compassus, et insulam, unius, videlicet, mansæ quantitatem, a quadam muliere, quæ noto Æthelfled vocitabatur onomate, cum quadraginta mancusi auri emendo obtinuit, et edificia monachorum habitationi convenientia inibi construens, ecclesiam ad laudem Trinitatis, quæ in coeterna Deitatis unitate consistit, in unitate tripartitam construens ad sanctitatis memoriam trium sanctorum, quorum suffragiis præcipuè confidebat, Dei scilicet genetrici, semperque Virgini Mariæ, orientale altaris presbiterium dedicans, occidentalem verò cleri et populi ejusdem ecclesiæ partem beato Petro, regni cœlorum clavigero, necnon aquilonarem ipsius basilicæ porticum beato Benedicto, omnium monachorum patrono, consecravit, multisque et diversis telluris portiunculis locupletans, ac diverso ecclesiastici juris suppellectili ornans decoravit. Vitæ igitur regularis monachos inibi constituens, ipse abbatibus vice fungens, abbatem sanctæ monachorum congregationi præferre post obitum suum instituit; ita ut deinceps abbatum electio, secundum regulæ præceptum, ex eadem congregatione usu teneatur perpetuo: id est, ut ex eadem congregatione, qui ordinandus est, et aliunde nequaquam, nisi peccatis, quod absit, promerentibus vel impediende imperitia, talis qui dignus sit in ea reperiri nequiverit, cum regis consilio eligatur. Rex autem non ad tyrannidem, sed ad loci munimen et augmentum, uti mos est, super pastorem, et Christi gregem dominium solerti vigilantia misericorditer custodiat. Secularium verò, nec episcoporum quispiam, nè ad magni detrimenti ruinam deveniat, ut dominium loci teneat, excepto rege, nunquam eligatur. Sunt etenim rura hæc quæ a præfato rege, et divinæ servitutis obsequio, cum magna humilitate obtinuit, et auro argentoque, non solum à rege, sed etiam à diversis hominum personis comparavit, et in exordio Domino nostro Jesu Christo, ejusque genetrici semperque Virgini Mariæ, necnon beato Petro apostolorum principi, ad usus monachorum inibi, sub regula patroni nostri beati Benedicti degentium, æterno concessi donario, id est, Witlesig, Niwantun, Wydestun, Geakeslea, & other Geakeslea, Fearresheafod, Bearuwe, Tealfolscet: duas mansas juxta Huntandune, et monasteriolum sanctæ Mariæ extra oppidum dedicatum supradictum. Nam supradictam insulam quæ Whitesig nuncupatur, totam prudentissimè acquirens, ejus mediam partem ab Leofsige filio Ælfiges, cum xl. meri argenti libris, et cum sex mansis aet Brigrafan emendo obtinuit; duas verò partes alterius medietatis, cum viginti libris à Leofwine filio Athulfi comparando acquisivit; tertiam verò partem ejusdem medietatis, et duas partes illius stagni quod Witlesmere nominatur, emit ab Ufan, et ab ejus uterinis fratribus, cum xxx. argenti libris purissimi: has autem triginti libras præfatus miles dedit Henrico, et sibi ab eo rus quod Draegtun nuncupatur, cum ipsa argenti pecunia

quam illi episcopus subveniundo ne depopularetur dederat, multis coram testibus comparavit; rursumque cum illi immutare vellent hanc commutationem, idem episcopus illis viginti libras appendit. Niwantun à quodam milite, qui Ælfrie Child vocatur, devotissimè primò cum viginti libris, ac deindè cum præfatus miles hoc immutare disponderet, prædictus episcopus illi duas mansas aet Resuan, duasque aet Yranceaster, unam quoque aet Tutean Mersce, insuper et tredecim libras pro pecunia appendit, et sic altera vice Niwanton mercando adquisivit. Leofstan, quidam miles, ob patrocinium sui muniminis, episcopo mansam et dimidiam in Tictean-Mersce gratuitè dedit; dimidiam verò mansam à quadam vidua comparavit, unam autem mansam quam fur quidam ante possiderat, à rege cum triginta mancusi auri emit. Wudestan præfatus præsul à rege mutavit, dans villam Paninctun in commutatione, quam episcopo superstiti Ælfsig post obitum ejus condixerat; viginti quoque mansas quæ Geakeslea nominantur, quas dedit sanctæ Dei genetrici semperque Virgini Mariæ aet Thornige mutavit à Wulstano, primò cum viginti quatuor mansis in Wassingatune in Sudsexon: rursumque cum ille totum hoc in aliud transferre moliretur, episcopus alteram comparationem innovans, cum sexaginta purissimi libris argenti, ab Ælfrico supranominato prædictas viginti quinque mansas aet twam Geakeslean, et aet Farresheafde comparavit, nam villam quæ Beruwe in Lindesige nominatur idem episcopus à rege præfato cum quadraginta meri argenti libris, emendo comparavit, et insuper munera sibi multò hac pecunia cariora pro eadem addidit tellure: ecclesiam autem in Huntandune, cum cimiterio, et tribus agellulis mansis, rex præfatus supradicto monasterio, ob æternæ beatitudinis præmium, gratulabundus æterna largitus est hæreditate; hoc excepto, supranominata rura omnia mutavit, vel emit à rege, vel possessoribus, majori, minorique pretio: piscaria verò in circuitu villularum, Wyllan scilicet et Eolum, præfatus emit episcopus cum viginti libris, ac una libra, in quibus per singulos annos xvj. millia anguillarum capiuntur. Cujus medietatem capturæ, octo scilicet millia, ad Thornig similiter, et octo millia ad Burch annuatim distribui idem concessit episcopus. Quartam quoque partem stagni quod solito Witlesmere nominatur onomate, ac duo piscaria, decemque mutata sunt jugera de Thornig, videlicet ad Burh pro commutatione centum viginti porcorum pascualium, ac pro domorum, sepium, et stabulorum emendatione. Sint igitur donanti Domino nostro Jesu Christo, ejusque genetrici, semper Virgini Mariæ, à prædicto rege, et episcopo perpetualiter representata, omni terrenæ servitutis jugo libera, tribus exceptis, rata videlicet expeditione, pontis, arcisve restoratione. Si quis igitur hanc nostram donationem in aliud quam constituimus transferre voluerit, privatus consortio sancti Dei ecclesiæ, æternis baratri incendiis lugubris cum Juda proditore Christi, ejusque complicitibus puniatur, si non satisfactione emendaverit congrua quod contra nostrum deliquit decretum. Anno dominicæ incarnationis mccccxxij. scriptum est hoc privilegium primo meæ regis dedicationis anno. Hiis testibus concordantibus quorum infra caraxantur vocabula. ✠ Ego Eadgar totius Albionis basileus hoc privilegium tanta roboratum auctoritate, crucis taumate confirmavi. ✠ Ego Dunstanus, Dorovernensis ecclesiæ archiepiscopus hoc idem cum tropheo agiæ crucis corroboravi. ✠ Ego Oswold, Eboracensis archiepiscopus subscripsi. ✠ Ego Adelwold episcopus consignavi. ✠ Ego Alstan præsul favi. ✠ Ego Adulf pontifex concessi. ✠ Ego Esching abbas non renui. ✠ Ego Osgar abbas impressi. ✠ Ego Adelgar abbas concensi. ✠ Ego Alfere dux. ✠ Ego Adelwine dux. ✠ Ego Beorthnod dux. ✠ Ego Oslac dux. ✠ Ego Adelward disc.^a ✠ Ego Alnulf disc'. ✠ Ego Alfsi disc'. ✠ Ego Alfward disc'. ✠ Ego Fridigist. ✠ Ego Tored. ✠ Ego Tureferd. ✠ Ego Alfhelm. ✠ Ego Frena. ✠ Ego Ulf. ✠ Sigeferd. ✠ Trunip. ✠ Ulf. ✠ Tureferd. ✠ Wlf. ✠ Wlfsic. ✠ Osferd. ✠ Wlstan. ✠ Tridigist. ✠ Ringulf. ✠ Alstan. ✠ Adelsi. ✠ Lefsi. ✠ Wlfget ✠ Adelmund.

^a Fortè, ðyrchein, i. e. dapifer.

NUM. IV.

Prædia ad Abbatiam de Thorneye spectantia, tempore Willielmi Regis Conquestoris.

[Ex Libro Censuali vocato *Domesday Book*, in domo Capitul. Westmonast. asservato.]

Gretebr'scire. fol. 192 b.

TERRA ECCLESIE DE TORNYG. In duobus Hund. de Ely. Abbas de Torny tenet in WITESIE IIII. hid. Terra est VI. car. In dominio II. hid. et ibi II. car. et XVI. villani quisque VIII. acr. et VI. cot. cum IIII. car. Ibi I. servus. Pratum VI. car. Pastura ad pecuniam villæ. De gurgite IIII. sol. et de piscibus præter hoc XX. sol. In totis valentiis valet VI. lib. Quando recepit XX. sol. Tempore Regis Edwardi VII. lib. Hoc manerium jacuit et jacet in dominio ecclesiæ de Torny, sed socam habet abb. de Ely.

Hunted'scire. fol. 205.

TERRA S. MARIE DE TORN. Normanecros Hund. Maner. In LACHESLEI habet abb. de Torny XV. hid. ad geld. Terra XX. car. Ibi nunc in dominio III. car. et XXXVIII. villani habentes XVIII. car. Ibi æcclesia et presbyter. et XXIII. acr. prati et XX. acr. silvæ minutæ. Tempore Regis Edwardi valebat XV. lib. modo XII. lib.

Maner. In Stangrvin habet abb. de Torny VIII. hid. ad geld. Terra X. car. Ibi nunc in dominio II. car. in tribus hidis hujus terræ. et XVI. vill. et VI. bord. Ibi æcclesia et presbyter. et XXIII. acr. prati et VI. acr. silvæ minutæ. Tempore Regis Edwardi et modo valet VIII. lib.

Maner. In WODESTVN habet abb. de Torny V. hid. ad geld. Terra IX. car. Ibi nunc in dominio II. car. in una hid. et dim. hujus terræ. et XVI. villani cum IIII. car. Ibi æcclesia et presbyter. et XVI. acr. prati. et IIII. acr. silvæ minutæ. Tempore Regis Edwardi valebat C. sol. modo IIII. lib.

Maner. In ADONE habet abb. de Torny V. hid. ad geld. Terra XII. car. Ibi nunc in dominio II. car. in una hida et dimid. hujus terræ. et XVIII. vill. cum VI. car. Ibi æcclesia et presbyter. et XXIII. acr. prati. et I. acr. silvæ minutæ. Tempore Regis Edwardi et modo val. C. sol.

Maner. In NEWETONE hab. abb. de Torny V. hid. ad geld. Terra VIII. car. Ibi nunc in dominio II. car. in una hid. hujus terræ. et XVI. villani et V. bord. habentes V. car. Ibi presbyter et æcclesia. et II. molini XXXII. solid. et LX. acr. prati et I. consuetud. in silva abbatis de Burg. II. solidorum. Tempore Regis Edwardi valebat V. lib. modo VII. lib.

Maner. In SIBESTVNE habet abb. de Torny II. hid. et dim. ad geld. Terra IIII. car. Ibi nunc in dominio I. car. in una hida hujus terræ. et IIII. villani cum I. car. Ibi presbyter et dim. æcclesiæ. et dim. molin. X. solidorum et XX. acr. prati. Tempore Regis Edwardi et modo valet L. sol.

In STEBINTONE sunt V. virg. terræ ad geld. pertin. ad SIBESTUN. Terra I. car. Ibi est æcclesia et V. villani cum una car. et dimid. et V. acr. prati.

In WITELESMARE habet abb. de Ramsey I. navem. et abb. de Burg. I. navem. et abb. de Torny II. naves. De his duabus tenet unam abb. de Burg. et II. piscarias. et II. piscatores et unam virg. terræ de abbate de Torny. et pro his dat pastionem sufficientem CXX. porc. et si pastio deficit de annona pascit et impingat LX. porc. Sed et materiem invenit ad unam domum LX. pedum. et virgas ad curiam circa domum. Reficit etiam domum et curiam si defecerint. Hæc conventio tempore Regis Edwardi facta est inter eos.

In Hontedunescire piscariæ et maræ abbatis de Ramesy preciantur X. lib. Abbatis de Torny LX. sol. Abbatis de Burg. IIII. lib.

Bedefordscire. fol. 211.

TERRA SANCTÆ MARIE DE TORNYG. Abbas de Torny tenet II. hid. et I. virg. terræ in BOLEHESTRE. Terra est V. car. In dominio est I. carucata terræ extra II. hid. et I. virg. et ibi est I. car. et IX. villani habent V.

car. Ibi V. bord. pratum I. car. Silva C. et VI. porc. Valet LX. sol. Quando recep. XL. sol. Tempore Regis Edwardi VI. lib. Hoc manerium tenuit Ælfleda de Rege Edwardo. Potuit dare cui voluit. In monasterio de Torni jacuit die quo Rex Edwardus vivus et mortuus fuit.

Hoc homines de Hundredo testantur.

Northant'scire. fol. 222 b.

TERRA ECCLESIE DE TORNIG. In Hocheslav Hund. Abbatia de Thornyg tenet in Tviwella III. hid. una virgata et dimid. minus. Terra est VII. car. In dominio sunt II^æ. et IX. villani et V. bord. cum V. car. Ibi II. molini de VII. sol. et IIII. den. et II. acr. silvæ. Valuit X. sol. Modo XL. sol.

In Gravesend Hund. Ipsa Abbatia tenet dimid. hid. in CERWELTONE et Baldeuinus de ea. Terra est I. car. In dominio est dim. et I. villanus cum I. bord. habet dim. car. Valuit XII. denar. Modo V. solid.

In SALWEBRIGE tenet Turchil de abbate V. hid. Terra est V. car. Ibi sunt XII. villani et V. bord. cum IIII. car. et VIII. acr. prati. Valuit L. sol. Modo LX. solid.

NUM. V.

Heremitorium de Trokenholt.

[Ex Registro Abbat. de Thorney, penes Comitem Westmorland. an. 1638, fol. 11.]

In libro de historia Elyensis insulæ literis antiquissimis scriptum invenitur quod ecclesia Elyensis CXCJ. annis gaudebat monialibus, et CXJ. annis, propter barbaricam irruptionem, quasi desolationi subiacebat. Deinde CXXXIX. annis abbatibus gaudebat, sub regula sancti Benedicti degentibus usque ad annum Domini MCVJ. ex quibus unus abbas, nomine Tedwinus, quendam monachum suum vocabulo Trokonolum in loco Everdwic dicto sibi subjecto heremitare licentiavit. Et sic locus ille nomen pristinum repudiavit, et ab isto monacho nomen quod adhuc continuatum est Trokenholt mutavit. Quem quidem locum tempore regis Henrici secundi, Nigellus episcopus secundus Elyensis, monasterio Thorney contulit, per cartam suam et confirmavit, et ecclesiam, et cimiterium ibidem dedicavit ut sequitur.

NUM. VI.

Carta Nigelli Eliensis Episcopi.

[Ex Registro Abbatiae de Thorney, ut supra.]

NIGELLUS, Dei gratia, Elyensis ecclesiæ episcopus, toto conventui ecclesiæ sanctæ Ethelredæ, et omnibus baronibus, vavassoribus, et omnibus hominibus suis totius episcopatus, Francis et Anglis, salutem. Pastoralis cura nos admonet subditis nostris debitam adhibere tuitionis protectionem, illis maximè quos commendat habitus religionis, et honestæ vitæ titulus claros ostendit. Hinc est quod dilectorum filiorum nostrorum abbatis et conventus de Thorney congaudentes opinioni, sibi et successoribus suis heremitorium, quondam Everdewike dictum, nunc verò Trokenholt nominatum, in comitatu Cantabrigiæ situm, cum uno milliaro circumjacente de marisco nostro concedo et confirmo, ad ponendum ibi si ita voluerint, qui Deo serviant sub obedientia sua; et insuper ut eorum corpora, et famulorum suorum defunctorum, vel ibi, vel apud Thorneyam, secundum dispositionem abbatis et conventus, sine omni calumpnia sepeliantur. Sitque ista possessio eterna, et libera ac quietâ Thornensi ecclesiæ, quam quicumque inquietare quocunque modo presumpserit, Dei atque nostram maledictionem incurrat, Amen, &c. Hanc cartam postmodum rex Edwardus tertius confirmavit anno regni sui XXIJ.

NUM. VII.

Trokenholt in Comitatu Cantabrigiæ.

[Ibid.]

Est igitur quidam locus in extremis finibus comita-

tus Cantabrigiæ versus aquilonem, qui Trokholt nuncupatur, juxta ripam illam quæ incipit a loco illo qui Anglicè vocatur Normanneslond, et in mare descendit per illud castrum quod dicitur Wisebiche, septem milliariis distans monasterio illo, scilicet Thorney: et iterum septem milliariis à præfato castro, inter quasdam paludes, quarum una versus aquilonem dicitur Grindelmere, et altera versus occidentem dicitur Trokenhee, super parvulam quandam ripam Suckedelf, protendentem se ad meridionalem plagam. Locus autem præfatus ad cœnobium Thorniense semper spectare dinoscitur.

[Ibid.]

[Hic subsequuntur hæc:] Historia S. Goderici, qui per revelationem ei per Andream apostolum factam, capellam in honore beatæ Mariæ et sancti Andree apud Trokenholt ædificabat.

NUM. VIII.

In Comitatu Bedford.

[Ibid. pars sexta, fol. 4, cap. j.]

WILLIELMUS PEVEREL de Brunne, Omnibus sanctæ Dei ecclesiæ filiis et omnibus hominibus suis, Francis et Anglis, amicis et vicinis suis salutem et dilectionem in Domino. Sciatis quod ego dedi in Wildene villa mea, in ea scilicet parte quæ vocatur Oddewic, Deo et sanctæ Mariæ Thorneiæ, et conventui monachorum qui ibidem Deo serviunt, duas virgatas terræ cum hominibus qui illas tenent, illam scilicet nominatim quam tenuit Ailerus, et aliam quam tenuit Herbertus et Paganus, Tedricus et Turgod Coc, ita liberè et tam quietè et honorificè, ut nec mihi nec cuiquam inde respondeant de aliqua exactione nisi de orationibus fratrum et beneficiis ecclesiæ pro anima avunculi mei Willielmi Peverel de Doure, et pro anima patris mei Rodberti Peverel, fratris sui, et Hamonis Peverel avunculi mei, et pro anima matris meæ Adeliciæ, et pro anima Henrici regis Angliæ, et pro animabus omnium benefactorum meorum, et pro salute vivorum et mortuorum. Hujus donationis sunt testes, &c.

NUM. IX.

De Terra in Colmeworthe quam Paganus de Bello-campo et Domina Roisia uxor sua dederunt præfato Monasterio de Thorney.

[Ibid. pars sexta, cap. ij. fol. 1.]

NOTUM sit omnibus filiis sanctæ matris ecclesiæ, me Paganum, et comitissam Roheis quæ sponsa mea est, concessisse in perpetuam elemosinam Deo et ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ et fratribus de Thorneia ibidem Deo servantibus, unam virgatam terræ xxvij. acras et unam rodam in Colwurthe, quam Hugo filius Radulfi de Oildebof dedit eidem ecclesiæ pro anima patris sui, et hoc requisitu et concessu dominæ Roheis prædictæ, cujus servicii est. Concedo eciam eidem ecclesiæ iiij. acras quas Petrus de Oildebof dedit ei pro se et pro anima fratris sui Radulfi, et xx. acras terræ quas Paganus Cofin dedit ei pro anima Milonis domini sui in Caysho et pro se. Aliunde concedo eidem ecclesiæ xxij. acras quas Willielmus Tirel dedit ei pro anima domini sui Milonis et pro se. Item concedo eidem ecclesiæ x. acras et j. rodam quas Willielmus Fortin dedit ei pro anima patris sui et pro se et pro uxore sua. Hujus rei testes sunt, dominella Elena, Robertus de Broi, Ivo Taillebois, Nicholaus filius Ascelini, &c.

NUM. X.

Carta Dominæ Adeliz matris Comitissæ Gileberti.

[Ibid. quarta pars, cap. xxxv.]

ADELIZ, uxor Gilberti filii Ricardi, et Gillebertus, et Walterus, et Baldewinus, et Rohaisia pueri Gilberti, episcopo Lincolnensi, et omnibus amicis et vicinis sparsim diffusis salutem, et hominibus suis nominatim Fran-

cis et Anglis omnibus suam benevolentiam cum salute continua. Notum sit vobis me concessisse et liberos meos, sanctæ Mariæ et sancto Botolfo de Thorneia in elemosina, illud quod Tovi dedit in vita sua in Luffewyk, videlicet dimidiam virgatam et x. acras, decem acras scilicet de dominio, et dimidiam virgatam illam quam Adricus habebat, et in Randa iiij. virgatas quas Turgisius ibi tenebat per illud servitium quod Tovi mihi reddebat et antecessoribus meis, videlicet xij^s. de terra de Randa tantum, et hoc per concessum omnium hæredum, Tovi, Radulfi filii Nigelli, et Aviciæ uxoris ejus, et consensu Agnetis uxoris ejusdem Tovi, et filii ejus quem habuit Tovi de illa Agnete, quæ Agnes clamabat esse de dote sua. Hiis testibus, Gilberto filio Gilberti. Galterio; Hervæo, Baldwino, fratribus ejus, et Rohaisia sorore eorum. Simone de Wadhell. Fulcone de Luso-riis. Stephano de Leghia. De honore Gilberti filii Ricardi. Adam filio Warini. Gilberto filio Reinald. Osberno filio Hugonis. Roberto filio Odelmi. Ricardo de Tous. Osmund de Waspria, et eorum hæredibus, et Galtero capellano qui fecit cartam, cujus maledictione confundantur qui illam voluerint destruere in æternum.

NUM. XI.

Carta Hugonis de Bello-campo.

[Ibid. pars sexta, cap. 1.]

SCIANT tam præsentibus quam posteris quod ego Hugo de Bello-campo filius Oliveri de Bello-campo dedi et concessi, et hac mea carta confirmavi Deo et ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ de Thorney, redditum unius marcæ in feodo Ricardi de Costentin in Etone, in liberam et perpetuam elemosinam, pro salute mea, et patris mei, et matris meæ, et hæredum meorum, et omnium antecessorum meorum. Hunc autem redditum reddent prædictus Ricardus de Costentin et hæredes sui annuatim ad festum sancti Michaelis eidem ecclesiæ de Thorneia. Hiis testibus, Philippo filio Roberti de Edolfes-beri, &c.

NUM. XII.

Carta Willielmi de Bello-campo.

[Ibid. cap. 2.]

SCIANT omnes præsentibus et futuri quod ego Willielmus de Bello-campo, filius Johannis de Bello-campo, concessi, &c. ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ de Thorneia redditum unius marcæ solvendum in festo sancti Michaelis de feodo Reginald Costentin in Etone, in liberam et perpetuam elemosinam, illum redditum scilicet quem Hugo de Bello-campo, filius Oliveri de Bello-campo, dedit eisdem monachis de feodo Ricardi Costentini, patris Reginaldi. Testibus domino Johanne de Nevile, Mauricio de Audley, &c.

NUM. XIII.

Pars nona Registri de Gestis Abbatum.

[fol. 13.]

DOMINUS abbas Gunterus cunctique fratres Thornensis cœnobii, me Guffridum de Trailli una cum uxore mea Albretha filiisque meis Geffrido et Willielmo, immo cum tota mea sobole fraternitatis vel societatis suæ concesserunt collegam fieri, et in cunctis beneficiis suis simul secum æque perpetuò participari: unde eis bonæ vicissitudinis obnoxius, pro tanti beneficii adeptione ecclesiam de Giveldene, cum omnibus oblatibus vel offerendis, et unam plenariam hidam, sanctæ et intemeratæ Virgini Mariæ, et sancto Botolpho, cæterisque sanctis fidelibus Domini ibidem paasantibus, cum decimis ejusdem villæ, in thesauro ecclesiæ, ad emptionem ornamentorum perpetua largitus sum hæreditate, &c. Hujus donationis testes sunt ipse dominus abbas Gunterus, quem per clavem ecclesiæ saisivi de prædicta possessione. Radulfus de Trailli, &c.

NUM. XIV.

Carta Oddonis Revelli.

[Ibid. fol. 14.]

Ego frater Oddo Revellus dono in hoc monasterio Thornensi Deo et sanctis ejus paasantibus, pro fraternitate, duas partes decimarum omnium rerum mearum quas possideo in Cestertune de segitibus et agnis et porcis et pullis. Et hanc donationem concedunt uxor mea filiusque meus Andreas, quem post me hæredem adopto; ut et ipsi habeant partem mecum in fraternitate hujus loci, sitque maledictus et anathematizatus à Deo quicumque hoc donum irritum fecerit, quod Deo et sanctæ genetrici ejus, hic super hoc altare per hunc cultellum offero, et confirmo vobis, monachi, domini Petre, Wido, Osberne, Benedicte, astantibus; vobisque testibus laici, Willielme vicinus meus de Cestretune et Osgode et nepos meus Ranulfe et Ogere.

NUM. XV.

De Ecclesia de Bolehirst.

[Ibid. fol. 16.]

NOTUM sit omnibus præsentibus et posteris, quod Willielmus Peverel abbati Thorneiæ et ejusdem loci monachis pro ecclesia de Bolehirst adversabatur; sed postquam dominus abbas Robertus regimen illius ecclesiæ adeptus est, præfatum Willielmum sæpius expetens ab eo inpetravit, ut sibi deinceps pro eadem ecclesia minimè adversaretur, quod hoc modo factum est. Quadam die comes David et Willielmus Peverel et Robertus abbas de Thorneia in villam quæ vocatur Ketelstan simul convenerunt, ubi idem abbas Willielmum rogavit ut supradictam adversitatem, pro salute animæ suæ et pro animabus antecessorum suorum dimitteret, quam protinus comite, et cætera procerum multitudine quæ illic præsens aderat, interveniente, dimisit, atque abbati per quandam virgam in manu tradidit. Quamobrem comes David manum ejus, deinde manum abbatis osculatus est, pro tali siquidem facto particeps omnium beneficiorum ecclesiæ de Thorneia cum comite effectus est. Hujus rei sunt testes ex parte Willielmi, comes David, Hugo nepos Willielmi, Reinaldus filius Herefridi, &c. Ex parte monachorum, dominus abbas Robertus. Hugo monachus. Alius Hugo monachus. Odo Revel. Robertus presbyter, &c.

NUM. XVI.

Donatio Guilielmi de Lisures et Rogeri de Stivinton.

[Ibid. fol. 19.]

FULCO filius Guillelmi de Lisures, et Rogerus de Stivinton venerunt Thorneyam, et optulerunt super altare decimam ejusdem Rogeri quam idem Rogerus ante eidem ecclesiæ dederat. Hujus rei testes sunt Ricerius et Hamun patrum Fulconis. Henricus filius Ailrici de Massington. Radulfus de Gerevell, &c.

NUM. XVII.

De Donatione Henrici de Merch.

[Ibid. fol. 20.]

SCIANT præsentibus et posteris, quod Henricus de Merch advocacionem et dominationem quam habebat in ecclesia de Stivinton in præsentia domini Roberti, Lincolnensis episcopi, clamavit liberam et quietam imperpetuum à se et ab omnibus hæredibus suis ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ Thorneiæ, &c.

NUM. XVIII.

Carta Henrici de Merch.

[Ibid. pars ii. fol. 94, cap. lxij.]

VENERABILI, Dei gratia, T. Cantuariensi archiepiscopo, Anglorum primati et apostolicæ sedis legato,

et Nigello Elyensi episcopo, et R. Lincolnensi episcopo, &c. Henricus de Merch salutem. Noverit sanctitatis vestræ discretio, quod advocacionem et dominationem quam habebam in ecclesia de Stivinton in præsentia Roberti, Lincolnensis episcopi, apud Stangrund clamavi in perpetuum liberam et quietam, &c. Hujus rei testes, Robertus, Lincolnensis episcopus, et clerici ejus. De meis hominibus sunt testes, Radulfus frater meus. Druelinus. Galterius armiger meus. Johannes nepos meus. De hominibus abbatis testes sunt, &c.

NUM. XIX.

Neutone.

[Ibid. fol. 94, cap. lxij.]

SCIANT præsentibus et posteris quod ego Eustachius, filius Henrici de Merch, concedo et confirmo elemosinam quam pater meus Henricus Thornensi ecclesiæ dedit, scilicet advocacionem ecclesiæ de Stivinton, et dominationem quam ipse et successores ejus habuerant in ecclesia de Stivinton cum omnibus pertinentiis suis eidem pertinentibus et meo juri servientibus, liberam et quietam ab omni consuetudine et servitio in perpetuam elemosinam. Do etiam et confirmo decimam duarum virgatarum terræ et decimam de dominio meo ad opus pauperum qui sunt in hospitali de Thorneia, pro salute animæ meæ et patris et matris meæ, et Henrici avunculi mei, et omnium antecessorum et successorum. Hujus testes sunt ex parte mea Radulphus, avunculus meus, &c.

NUM. XX.

Pars nona, Carta Roberti Lincolnensis Episcopi, de Gestis Abbatum.

[Ex eodem Registro Thorneiensi, fol. 9, cap. xj.]

ROBERTUS, Dei gratia, Lincolnensis episcopus, omnibus catholicæ ecclesiæ fidelibus salutem. Justis monachorum Torneiensi monasterii petitionibus annuentes, ex dono Baldewini, filii Gisleberti ecclesias de Depynges sanctorum Jacobi et Guthlaci, et quandam partem ejusdem villæ. Ex dono Roberti de Muntfort et Turstini fratris sui medietatem villæ de Wenga, cum medietate ecclesiæ ejusdem villæ, et cum molendino. De dono Radulfi filii Nigelli iij. bovatas terræ in eadem villa de Wenga, et de dono Hugonis de Grantemainil unam virgatam terræ in eadem villa. Præterea de dono Willielmi de Weldebof duas virgatas terræ in Sandeie, et de dono Hugonis de Bello-campo unam virgatam terræ Elbodeseia. Et ex donatione Willielmi Peverel de Brunna duas virgatas terræ in Wildena. Et de dono Hugonis de Weldebof iij. acras. Et de dono Hugonis de Weldebof unam virgatam terræ et xxvij. acras in Colinwordo. Et de dono Petri de Weldebof iij. acras. De dono Pagani Cofin xx. acras in eadem villa. De dono Willielmi Fortin x. acras. Præterea de dono Rohesiæ comitissæ xx^s. annuatim in molendino de Torleie. De dono Willielmi Briton de Albinaco in Stokes manerio suo unam hidam terræ. In Pippewelle terram quæ fuit Hugonis militis de Bellovidere cum omnibus quæ in parochia nostra canonicè possident, sicut cartæ advocatorum testantur, eis confirmamus et communimus, salva tamen in omnibus Lincolnensis ecclesiæ dignitate. Præterea de dono Adelidæ de Montemoraci iij. virgatas terræ in Randa quas Turgisius tenuit et Toui prius dederat per concessionem et confirmationem prædictæ dominæ de Deneford, quietam et solutam ab omni seculari servicio. Conservantibus prædictæ ecclesiæ pacem et bona illius augmentibus sit salus, pax, et vita æterna: adversantibus et ejus jura diminuentibus poena sempiterna. Amen.

NUM. XXI.

Copthorn.

[Ibid. fol. 32, cap. xxiiij. pars ij.]

WILLIELMUS Peverel de Duura, Hugoni de Ly-

suēs, et omnibus hominibus suis salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse Deo et ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ Thornensi vij. acras terræ ad Copthorn et pratum ad eandem terram pertinens in Botulfrigg, sicut Hugo de Luisurs eandem terram Thornensi ecclesiæ donavit et per cartam suam confirmavit. Et volo eandem terram esse liberam et quietam ab omni servitio tam à me quam ab omnibus hæredibus meis. Hujus concessionis testes sunt Alanus dapifer et Hugo frater ejus, Eustachius de Bauns et Robertus de Beche, &c.

NUM. XXII.

Comitatus Northampton.

[Quarta pars ejusdem libri, fol. 1, cap. ij.]

WILLIELMUS de Albeneio, Brito, omnibus hominibus suis clericis et laicis et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis salutem. Sciatis me et Ceciliam uxorem meam et Willielmum filium meum concessisse ecclesiæ de Thorneia et monachis ibidem in ea Deo servientibus unam carrucatam terræ in manerio meo de Stokes et j. toftum quod fuit equarii et totam terram quam Hugo tenuit in Pippewelle, in bosco et plano et omnibus quæ ad eam pertinent, in elemosinam pro salute nostra et antecessorum nostrorum et omnium fidelium, ita quod teneant solutè et quietè et absque omni consuetudine et sicut ulla ecclesia quietiùs et liberiùs et honorificentius tenet elemosinas suas. Testibus Rogero et Roberto filiis meis, &c. et Warino Ridel, et Olivero, et Iwan, et Gaufrido nepotibus meis, et Roberto Brito et Godefrido Clement et Radulfo filio Willielmi, &c.

NUM. XXIII.

Carta Willielmi de Albenei.

[Ibid. folio prædicto, cap. iij.]

ALEXANDRO Dei gratia Lincolniensi episcopo et omnibus fidelibus sanctæ ecclesiæ, Willielmus de Albenei Brito salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et hac præsentī carta mea confirmasse in elemosinam Thornensi ecclesiæ terram de Pipewell, quæ est de feodo de Bellovidere, quam Hugo miles tenebat cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, et in Stokes manerio meo unam carucatam terræ de meo dominio, et hoc bene, honorificè, liberè ab omni consuetudine per concessionem Cecilie uxoris meæ, et Willielmi filii mei, qui est hæres meus, &c. Et hujus donationis testes sunt Alanus capellanus et Rogerus clericus et tres nepotes mei, Oliverus filius Galfridi, et Iwanus, et Gaufridus de Cabivin, et Warinus Ridell, Robertus Brito, Godefridus Clement.

NUM. XXIV.

Carta Ranulfi Comitis Cestrie.

[Ibid. fol. 1, cap. iij.]

RANDULFUS comes Cestrie confirmat ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ Thornensi totam terram et tenuram quam Hugo de Rademeld habuit in Pipewell et unam carucatam terræ in Stoke cum prato eidem terræ pertinente, et præter hoc totum toftum quod fuit Roberti forestarii in Stoke, sicut Willielmus de Albeney Brito eis concessit et carta ipsius testatur. Testibus Rogero de Molbrai, et Baldwino filio Gilberti, et Waltero de Remervilla, et Gaufrido filio Gaufridi, et Gaufrido dispensatore, et Willielmo capellano, et Hugone Wake apud Stanford.

NUM. XXV.

Carta Adelizæ matris Comitis Gilberti.

[Ibid. fol. 11, cap. ix.]

ADELIZ,^a mater comitis Gilberti, omnibus amicis

et hominibus suis Francis et Anglis salutem. Sciatis quod Radulfus filius Nigelli, et Anicia uxor ejus, dederunt atque concesserunt ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ et sancti Botolfi apud Thorneiam, me annuente, terram de Rande quam tenebant de me et iij^s. quos de redditu constituto inde per annum habebant prædictæ ecclesiæ, et omnes consuetudines et quicquid eis inde pertinebat. Sciendum est autem, hæc esse facta coram comite Gilberto, et Waltero fratre ejus, et coram pluribus hominibus meis clericis atque laicis apud Michelburnam. Ego autem postea eidem ecclesiæ xij^s. cum omnibus consuetudinibus et servitiis quæ mihi de prædicta terra pertinebant in elemosinam dedi atque concessi. Testibus Roberto capellano meo, et Roberto milite meo de Bertonia, Roberto dapifero meo, Mabilia puella mea. Aderiz Heaved.

NUM. XXVI.

Carta Ricardi Comitis Glocestrie.

[Ibid. fol. 3, cap. xiiij.]

UNIVERSIS præsens scriptum inspecturis vel audituris, Ricardus de Claro, comes Gloverniæ et Hereford salutem. Noverit universitas vestra nos inspexisse cartam Alicie matris comitis Willielmi antecessoris nostri sub hac forma. Omnibus fidelibus sanctæ ecclesiæ, Adeliz mater Willielmi comitis salutem. Sciatis me dedisse Deo et ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ de Thorney unam hidam terræ in Rande, &c. et xij. solidos qui deinde mihi reddebantur, &c. per concessionem Hervei filii et hæredis mei, &c. Nos igitur hanc donationem confirmamus, &c. Testibus dominis Rogero de Scaccario, Willielmo de Sancta Elena, Gilberto de Eneford militibus. Data Londoniis xxix. Januarii xxxviiij. H. 3.

NUM. XXVII.

Carta Alberici Regis Camerarii.

[Ibid. fol. 28, cap. xxx.]

Ego Albericus, regis camerarius, terram de Twiwell quamdiu vixero de domino abbate Guntero et monachis de Thorneya per talem conventionem teneo ad firmam, ut per unumquemque annum eis vj. lib. pro ea reddam: ante Nativitatem xl^s. ante Pascham xl^s. et ad vincula S. Petri extremos xl^s. Insuper, pro remissione peccatorum meorum, illis de una mea decima, scilicet de Islep, unoquoque anno, ad festivitatem sancti Michaelis x^s. reddam. Totum verò surplus quod miserim in eadem villa ultra quam recepi, in extremo die vitæ meæ, pro salvatione animæ meæ, sanctæ Mariæ, fratribusque meis, simul cum terra illorum, concedo solidum^b et quietum ab omni calumpnia. De alia terra quam pro dimidii militis servitio in eadem villa de Willielmo de Blossavilla teneo in feodo, et de dimidio unius hidæ quam certo emi precio, sanctam Mariam, meosque fratres post me concedo esse hæredes, in quantum id eis concedere possum. Hujus conventionis sunt testes Hardwine de Escalers, et Radulfus dapifer, Willielmus de Witlesige, et Simo, immo fratres illius loci et alii quamplures.

NUM. XXVIII.

Alia Carta de Roberto filio ejusdem Albrici.

[Ibid. fol. 29, cap. xxxj.]

Ego Robertus, filius Albrici camerarii regis, terram de Twiwell, quamdiu vixero, de domino abbate Roberto, et monachis de Thorneia, per eandem conventionem in feodi firmam teneo per quam conventionem pater meus ante me tenuit, et decimas de v. carucis quas pater meus Deo et sanctæ Mariæ Thorneiæ concessit, scilicet Islep, et Draitune, et Edinton, Deo atque sanctæ Mariæ atque monachis Thorneiensibus concedo. Hujus conventionis sunt testes Robertus de Jakesley,

^a Adelitia de Claromonte dicta, fol. 11, cap. ix. parte 4.^b f. solutum.

Ertnoldus, Willielmus de Cestreton, Ogerus, Tirri. De hominibus ipsius Roberti Hugo, Waze, Adam, immo omnes fratres ipsius loci.

NUM. XXIX.

De Terris et Tenementis quondam Johannis Hay in Twywell.

[Ibid. fol. 29.]

MEMORANDUM, quod Odo quondam abbas Thorenensis, post mortem Johannis Hay cepit in manum suam omnes terras et tenementa quæ idem Johannes adquisierat de tenuta ipsius abbatis et conventus in Twiwell, tanquam escaetam suam, quia idem Johannes habuit et tenuit dicta tenementa de dono cujusdam domini Willielmi Hay militis, qui manerium de Twywell integrè cum omnibus suis pertinentiis tenuit de abbate de Thorneya ad terminum vitæ suæ, in escambium manerii de Clopton, quod idem dominus Willielmus dederat abbati et conventui Thorneiæ tempore domini Willielmi de Jakeley, quondam abbatis dicti monasterii, in liberam et perpetuam elemosinam. Quæ quidem tenementa supradictus abbas de gratia sua speciali concessit et dedit conventui ad anniversarium præfati Johannis annuatim celebrandum. Salvis sibi et successoribus suis ijs. vjd. annui redditus et relevis et aliis consuetudinibus sibi inde debitis et consuetis.

NUM. XXX.

Roteland.

[Adhuc pars quarta Registri, fol. 1, cap. j.]

VENERABILI Dei gratia Rodberto, Lincolnensi episcopo, et universis ecclesiæ filiis, Thurstanus de Monteforti salutem. Sciant tam præsentis quam futuri me dedisse et concessisse in perpetuam elemosinam Deo et sanctæ Mariæ Thorneiæ, et fratribus ibidem Deo servientibus medietatem villæ quæ dicitur Wenge et medietatem ecclesiæ et molendini ejusdem villæ cum universis earum pertinentiis, excepto feudo Radulfi filii Nigelli, et feodo Thurstani armigeri mei, pro salute animæ meæ et uxoris meæ et filiorum meorum, et nominatim pro anima fratris mei Roberti de Monteforti et pro animabus omnium antecessorum meorum et successorum. Quare volo et firmiter præcipio quatinus prædicta ecclesia hanc elemosinam teneat liberè et quietè et solutè ab omni calumpnia et consuetudine et servicio mihi et hæredibus meis pertinentibus, excepto servicio regis et comitis Warwic. Concedo etiam eis curiam suam quam habent in eadem villa. Pro hac concessione ecclesia Thorneiæ dedit Rodberto filio meo marcam unam auri. Hujus rei testes sunt Robertus filius meus. Radulfus prior de Warwic. Radulfus filius Hugonis. Malgerus, et cæteri qui continentur in carta.

NUM. XXXI.

Carta Johannis de Stutavill.

[Ibid. fol. 1, cap. iij.]

ROBERTO episcopo Lincolnæ, et omnibus sanctæ Dei ecclesiæ filiis, et omnibus hominibus suis Francis et Anglis, Johannes de Stutavill salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et confirmasse dimidiam villam quæ dicitur Weng cum omnibus pertinentiis ad prædictam terram pertinentibus canonicè, pro salute animæ meæ et uxoris meæ et patris mei et matris meæ et fratrum et antecessorum et successorum meorum et omnium fidelium Dei defunctorum, et pro fraternitate loci, sicut Robertus de Montfort dedit Deo et ecclesiæ de Thorneia in elemosinam. Et hæc volo et concedo, ut Gislebertus abbas prædictæ ecclesiæ de Thorneia et monachi illius loci prædictam elemosinam de Wenge bene et in pace et liberè et quietè ab omni servicio et calumpnia et consuetudine de me et hæredibus meis imperpetuum habeant et teneant. Istius donationis sunt testes, W. decanus de Saresberia. Ern. capellanus, &c. Super hanc

verò donationem sciatis me accrevisse ecclesiam de Thorneia de donatione et dominatione totius ecclesiæ prædictæ villæ. Testibus Waleramo, Havenanno Pa-peillon, Ansg. de Cance, Ivone et Gerardo de Palmer.

NUM. XXXII.

Et sciendum est quod in veteribus scriptis hujus Ecclesiæ continetur hujusmodi Memorandum quod non continetur in Domesday.

[Ibid. parte viij. fol. 6.]

TERRA Juditæ comitissæ in Normancros hundred. Cunintune ix. hidæ. De hac terra fuerunt vj. hidæ de ecclesia sanctæ Mariæ de Thorneia. Turkil tenebat de abbate et caritatem inde reddebat, marcam videlicet auri unoquoque anno. Has autem hidas in Cunintun tenebat Turkil de Harmewrth de monachis Thorneiæ ad firmam; sed postquam terram suam reliquit, et ad Danos qui ejus erant parentes transfretavit, tota ejus terra Waltevo comiti à rege data est, qui Waltevus cum alia terra etiam terram sanctæ Mariæ Thorneiæ saisivit. Quod audientes monachi, comitem adierunt, et ei qualiter prædictus Turkil terram illam ad firmam tenuisset apertè ostendunt. Ipse verò, ut erat vir sanctus ac totius justitiæ amator, audita rei veritate, terram illam reddidit ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ Thorneiæ. Verùm monachi timentes ne Fulcardus qui ea tempestate illi præerat ecclesiæ, sæpeditam terram alicui parentum suorum ad devastandum traderet, optulerunt comiti Waltevo, ut eam ab eis teneret sicut antecessor suus Turkil eam tenuerat. Qui eis multas gratias agens eam lætabundus suscepit, et eandem firmam quam prædecessor suus ante reddiderat, annuatim reddidit. Quo defuncto, Judita comitissa terram illam habuit, sed nullam firmam monachis sanctæ Mariæ Thorneiæ reddidit: unde factum est ut alii qui post eam terram tenuerunt, monachis sanctæ Mariæ de Thorneia consuetam firmam reddere neglexerint.

NUM. XXXIII.

Privilegium Domini Alexandri Papæ Tertii, capite primo.

[Ibid. parte ix. fol. 1 a.]

ALEXANDER episcopus, servus servorum Dei. Dilectis filiis Hereberto abbati ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ et sancti Botulphi Thorney, ejusque fratribus tam præsentibus quàm futuris religiosam vitam professis in perpetuum. Justis religiosorum desideriis consentire et rationabilibus eorum petitionibus clementer annuere, apostolicæ sedis, cui largiente Domino deservimus, auctoritas et fraternæ charitatis unitas nos hortatur.

Quocirca, dilecti in Domino filii, vestris justis postulationibus clementer annuimus, et præfatam ecclesiam in qua divino mancipati estis obsequio, sub beati Petri et nostra protectione suscipimus, et præsentis scripti privilegio communimus. Statuentes, ut quascunque possessiones, quæcunque bona eadem ecclesia impræsentiarum justè et canonicè possidet, aut in futurum, concessione pontificum, largitione regum, vel principum, oblatione fidelium, seu aliis justis modis, Deo propitio, poterit adipisci, firma vobis vestrisque successoribus et illibata permaneant. In quibus hæc propriis duximus exprimenda vocabulis. Insulam videlicet Thorney, in qua ipsum monasterium situm est, cum nemore et marisco et omnibus appendiciis suis. Ecclesiam de Wytlessey, ecclesiam de Stangrund, ecclesiam de Jakesley, ecclesiam de Wodeston, ecclesiam de Haddon, ecclesiam de Newton, ecclesiam de Stibinton, ecclesiam de Twywell, ecclesiam de Bollehorst et ecclesiam de Givelden, cum una hida terræ et decimis ejusdem villæ et omnibus oblationibus. Ecclesiam sancti Gregorii de Thetford, duas ecclesias de Deping, ecclesiam de Tid, quicquid juris in ecclesia de Wenge habetis. In comitatu Cantabrigiæ, Wytlesseyam, et omnes illas rationabiles consuetudines quas habebat Eliensis ecclesia in hundredis suis de Wycheforde de terra et de hominibus Thornensibus. Ecclesiam de Witlesey, exceptis propriis regalibus consuetudinibus quæ super terram

illam evenerint, quas Hervæus primus Eliensis episcopus, cum assensu capituli sui, ecclesiæ vestræ in elemosinam rationabiliter contulit in die dedicationis ejusdem ecclesiæ.

In comitatu Huntingdoniæ, Neuton, Wodeston, Jakesley, et mercatum ejusdem villæ cum soka, et saka, et tol, et team, et infangenthef, et omnibus ejusdem pertinentibus consuetudinibus, medietatem stagni quod Wytlesmere dicitur, Stangrund, Farsheved, Haddon, Sibeston, duas hidas et dimidiam, et in Stibington v. virgatas pertinentes ad Sibeston, et decimam unius carucæ in Sibeston. In Stibinton decimam Rogerii. In villa quæ dicitur Covinton vj. hidas.

In prato de Stanton xxvii. acras de diversis hominibus. In Coppedethorn xiv. acras terræ et pratum eidem terræ pertinens. In villa quæ dicitur Huntendon duas domos et terras in quibus ipsæ domus sunt. Jus quod habetis in ecclesia Omnium Sanctorum, de mercato ejusdem villæ. Decimam Widonis filii Goscelini in Cestreton.

In Folkesworth, duas virgatas terræ et dimidiam, et aliam terram in eadem villa viij. solidos annuatim reddentem. De dono Andreæ Revelli xv. acras quas dedit in elemosinam pro se et omnibus parentibus suis vivis et mortuis.

In comitatu Hampton, Twywell, duas hidas et molendinum. Terram in Luffewyk. Item dimidiam virgatam terræ et decem acras de Inland in prædicta villa, unam hidam in Rande cum redditu ejus, scilicet xij^s. Dimidiam hidam in Charwalton. Terram de Pippewell, de dono Willielmi de Albeni Brittonis. Et in Stoke unam carucatam terræ de dominico ejusdem villæ cum tofto et prato et tota communitate in bosco et plano et pascuis. De dono Alberici de Twywell, duas garbas decimarum sex carucarum trium villarum, scilicet, Isley, Drayton, Adinton.

In comitatu de Warrewick, Salebrigg cum appendiciis suis. Unam virgatam terræ in Wolfhamcote, et molendinum de Ricton. Servitium Edrici de Fleckenho, cum sua terra, scilicet v. jugera in campo et in villa tres croftas et dimidiam.

In comitatu Bedfordiæ duas hidas et dimidiam in Bollehorst. In Wildene duas virgatas terræ cum hominibus qui illas tenent. In Bedford unam domum et terram ei pertinentem. Item in Norfolcia in villa quæ dicitur Tuameres unam terrulam reddentem quinque solidos.

Item medietatem villæ quæ dicitur Wenge et dimidium molendini ejusdem villæ. Insuper villanum unum, nomine Normannum cum terra sua, scilicet, una virgata in prædicta villa. Item x. solidos de redditu molendini de Teseburge cum dimidio augmentationis quantum creverit.

Piscationem de Welle, de Elme, de Tillinga, de Trillinga. Item terram de Stanford. Item heremitorium de Trokenholt. Terram quam habetis in Chelsey. Terram quam habetis in Etune. Terram quam habetis in Tid. Ex dono comitis de Clara, redditum centum solidorum sub jurejurando promissum. Ex dono Hugonis filii Radulfi de Wildeboef unam virgatam terræ et libertatem quam beatus Adelwoldus episcopus, fundator prædicti cœnobii, favente rege Edgario, et sancto Dunstano Dorobernæ archiepiscopo, Oswaldo Eboracensi archiepiscopo, et omnibus aliis episcopis, abbatibus et baronibus totius Angliæ, eidem loco concessit, et scripto proprio confirmavit.

Sanè novalium vestrorum, quæ propriis manibus aut sumptibus colitis, sive de nutrimentis vestrorum animalium nullus omnino a vobis decimas exigere præsumat. Obeunte vero te tunc ejusdem loci abbate, vel tuorum quolibet successorum, nullus ibi qualibet surreptione seu violentia præponatur, nisi quem fratres communi assensu, vel fratrum pars concilii sanioris, secundum Dei timorem et beati Benedicti regulam providerint eligendum. Decrevimus ergo ut nulli hominum omnino liceat præfatum monasterium temerè perturbare, aut ejus possessiones auferre, vel ablata retinere, minuire, aut aliquibus vexationibus fatigare, sed omnia integrè conserventur, eorum pro quorum gubernatione et sustentatione concessa sunt usibus omni-

modis profutura. Salvâ nimirum apostolicæ sedis auctoritate et diocesanorum episcoporum canonica justitia. Si qua igitur in futurum ecclesiastica secularisve persona hanc nostræ constitutionis paginam sciens contra eam temerè venire temptaverit, secundò tertiove commonita, nisi præsumptionem suam congrua satisfactione correxerit, potestatis honorisque sui careat dignitate, reamque se divino judicio de perpetrata iniquitate cognoscat, et à sacratissimo corpore et sanguine Dei et Domini redemptoris nostri Jesu Christi aliena fiat atque in extremo examine districtæ ultioni subjiciatur.

Cunctis autem eidem loco jura servantibus sit pax Domini nostri Jesu Christi, quatenus hîc fructum bonæ actionis percipiant, et apud districtum judicem præmia æternæ pacis inveniant. Amen.

Dat. Turoni, per manum Hermanni sanctæ Romanæ ecclesiæ subdiaconi et notarii, v. idus Januarii. Indictione xj. Incarnationis Dominicæ anno mclxij. Pontificatus verò Alexandri papæ tertii, anno quarto.

NUM. XXXIV.

Carta Regis Johannis de concessione Patronatûs Thorneiæ Abbatiae Eustachio Episcopo Eliensi et successoribus suis.

[MS. Cole, Mus. Brit. vol. iv. fol. 126 b, ex Libro MS. A. intrationis Chartarum in ædibus domini episcopi Elien. apud Holbourn, fol. 6.]

JOHANNES Dei gratia rex Angliæ, dominus Hiberniæ, dux Normanniæ, Aquitanniæ, comes Andegaviæ, archiepiscopis, episcopis, abbatibus, comitibus, baronibus, justiciariis, vicecomitibus, forestariis, præpositis, et omnibus ballivis et fidelibus suis, salutem. Sciatis nos pro Deo, et salute animæ nostræ et antecessorum et successorum nostrorum regum Angliæ, dedisse et concessisse, et præsentī carta nostra confirmasse Deo et ecclesiæ sanctæ Etheldredæ de Ely, et venerabili patri Eustachio episcopo Elien. et successoribus suis imperpetuum Patronatum abbatiae de Thorneye, cum omnibus pertinentiis, dignitatibus, libertatibus, et liberis consuetudinibus suis, habendum, et jure perpetuo possidendum sibi et ecclesiæ prædictæ, et successoribus suis, in liberam elemosinam, ita quod cum abbatiam prædictam vacare contigerit integram et plenariam et pacificam et quietam de nobis et hæredibus nostris habeat idem episcopus et successores sui imperpetuum ordinationem de abbate ibi sustinendo, et custodiam ipsius abbatiae quamdiu vacaverit: electus vero qui pro tempore ibi fuerit, temporalia quæ regalia prius vocabantur, ab ipso episcopo et successoribus suis, tanquam a dominis et patronis ejusdem abbatiae recipiet, salvo nobis et hæredibus nostris servitio militari, si quod inde nobis debetur, quod per manus domini episcopi et successorum suorum nobis et hæredibus nostris fiet. Quare volumus et firmiter præcipimus quod prædictus episcopus et successores sui prædictum patronatum habeant et teneant libere et quiete, pacifice, integre, et plenarie, cum omnibus pertinentiis, dignitatibus, libertatibus, et consuetudinibus suis imperpetuum, sicut prædictum est. Prohibemus autem ex parte Dei omnipotentis, et beatæ Mariæ, et Omnium Sanctorum, ne quis contra hanc piam et liberalem concessionem nostram venire præsumat. Si quis vero contra eam venire attemptaverit maledictionem Dei omnipotentis et nostram incurrat. Hiis testibus: domino S. Cantuar. archiepiscopo; dominis W. de London. P. Wynton. E. Hereford. J. Bathon. et Glaston. H. Lincoln. episcopis; R. com. Cestr. W. Maresc. com. de Pembroc. W. com. de Arundell. W. com. Warann. W. com. de Ferar. S. com. Wynton. W. Brevere. R. fil. Walter. G. de Maundevil. R. de Munfitch. Th. de Greynton. Dat. per manum magistri Ricardi de Mar. cancellarii nostri apud Novum Templum London xij^o. die Novemb. anno regni nostri xvj^{mo}.

NUM. XXXV.

Altera Carta Regis Johannis de Patronatu Abbatiae de Thorney.

[MS. Cole, ut supr. fol. 127 b, ex Libro MS^o. A. intrationis Chartarum in ædibus Holbornianis, fol. 26 b.]

JOHANNES Dei gratia, rex Angliæ, dominus Hiber-

niæ, dux Normanniæ, Aquitanniæ, comes Andegaviæ, archiepiscopis, episcopis, abbatibus, comitibus, baronibus, justiciariis, vicecomitibus, forestariis, præpositis, et omnibus ballivis, et fidelibus suis, salutem. Sciatis nos pro Deo et salute animæ nostræ et antecessorum et successorum nostrorum regum Angliæ, dedisse et concessisse, et præsentī cartā nostrā confirmasse Deo et beatæ Etheldredæ virginī de Ely, et venerabili patri nostro E. Elien. episcopo et successoribus suis imperpetuum Patronatum abbatīæ de Thorneya, cum omnibus pertinentiis, dignitatibus, libertatibus, et liberis consuetudinibus suis, habendum et jure perpetuo possidendum prædictæ Virginī et prædicto episcopo et successoribus suis in liberam elemosinam, ita quod cum abbatiam prædictam vacare contigerit, integram, et plenariam, et pacificam, et quietam, de nobis et hæredibus nostris habeat idem episcopus et successores sui imperpetuum ordinationem de abbate ibi constituendo, et custodiam illius abbatīæ quamdiu vacaverit. Electus vero qui pro tempore fuerit Temporalia quæ regalia prius vocabantur, ab ipso episcopo et successoribus suis tanquam a dominis et patronis ejusdem abbatīæ recipiet. Concedimus etiam et præsentī cartā confirmamus prædicto episcopo et successoribus suis imperpetuum quatuor libras quæ reddi consueverunt de hundredo de Nomanescros. Concedimus etiam eidem episcopo et successoribus suis visum franci plegii et omnimodam forisfacturam et pecuniam quæ inde provenire poterunt, et auxilium vicecomitum et ballivorum suorum de omnibus hominibus et tementis pertinentibus ad prædictam abbatiam. Ita quod prædictus episcopus et successores sui de prædictis quatuor libris et visu franci plegii, forisfactura, pecunia, et auxiliis, cum omnibus ad ea pertinentibus, quod voluerint, ordinent, et imperpetuum constituent. Nos autem omnia prædicta dedimus et concessimus Deo et beatæ Etheldredæ virginī, et memorato episcopo et successoribus suis, in puram et perpetuam elemosinam, liberam penitus et quietam ab omni sæculari servitio et exactione. Quare volumus et firmiter præcipimus quod prædictus episcopus et successores sui prædictum patronatum et omnia prædicta habeant et teneant libere et quiete, pacifice, integre, et plenarie cum omnibus pertinentiis, dignitatibus, libertatibus, et liberis consuetudinibus suis imperpetuum, sicut prædictum est. Prohibemus autem ex parte Dei omnipotentis, et beatæ Mariæ, et Omnium Sanctorum, ne quis contra hanc piam et liberam concessionem Dei omnipotentis et nostram incurret. Hiis testibus. Domino S. Cantuar. archiepiscopo; dominis W. London. P. Winton. E. Hereforden. J. Bathon. et Glaston. H. Lincoln. episcopis; R. comite Cestr. W. Marescallo comite de Pembroc. W. comite de Arundell, W. comite Waren. W. comite de Ferrar. S. comite Winton. Willielmo Briwere, Roberto filio Walteri, Galfrido de Maundeville, Ricardo de Munfichet, Thoma de Erdinton. Dat. per manum magistri Ricardi de Marisco cancellarii nostri, apud Novum Templum London. quintodecimo die Januarii.

NUM. XXXVI.

Placita Domini Regis de Quo Waranto coram Johanne de Metingham et Thoma de Belhous, Justiciariis ad hoc assign. per breve ejusdem Domini Regis in crast. S. Mich. anno r. R. Edwardi fil. R. Henrici xiv. in Com. Huntedon.

[Ex orig. in Domo Capitul. Westm. asservato.]

ABBAS de Thorney summonitus fuit ad respondendum domino regi de placito quo waranto clamat tenere hundredum de Normancros; et quo waranto clamat habere mercatum et feriam in Jakeslee et Wodeston, et visum franci plegii et weif in Cesterton, Overton Waterville, Overton Longevill, Moreburne, Wassinglee, Sautre le Moyne, Ludington, Jakeslee, Staingrout, Faresheved, Neton, Silbiston, Stibington, Walunford, Haddon, Wodeston, quæ ad ipsum regem et coronam suam pertinent; et quo waranto clamat esse quietus de sectis com. et hundredorum, et de auxilio vic. sine

licentia et voluntate ipsius domini regis vel prædecessorum suorum regum Angliæ, &c.

Et abbas per attornatum suum venit et dicit quod ad hundredum de Normancros quod dominus Willielmus rex Anglorum concessit abbati et monachis de Thorneya hundredum de Normancros ad feodi firmam annuatim per centum solidos reddendos vicecomiti Huntedon. Dicit etiam quod ad præsens non reddit pro prædicto hundredo nisi quatuor libras tantum, eo quod abbas de Burgo S. Petri tenet duo maneria infra procinctum hundredi prædicti, scilicet Aylwalton et Fletton, de quibus solebat percipere viginti solidos ad contributionem prædictorum centum solidorum. Et dicit quod tempore regis Ricardi cessavit primo solutio prædictorum viginti solidorum, et allocantur vic. super compoto suo. Et quod ad mercatum et feriam in Jakeslee et Wodeston dicit quod dominus W. rex Conquestor Angliæ concessit ecclesiæ Sanctæ Mariæ Thornens. mercatum ad manerium suum de Jakeslee quietum et tranquillum cum soka, saka, et theolonio, et omnibus consuetudinibus suis et hoc die Jovis unaquaque ebdomada et hoc per cartam ipsius W. regis quam profert et quæ hoc idem testatur. Et quo ad feriam ibidem dicit quod clamat per cartam domini Henrici regis patris domini regis nunc quam profert et quæ testatur quod idem H. rex concessit eis unam feriam apud Jakeslee per quinque dies singulis annis duraturam. Dat. per manum ipsius H. regis apud Westm. anno regni sui undecimo. Et quo ad mercatum et feriam in Wodeston dicit quod clamat per cartam ipsius H. regis quam profert, et quæ testatur quod idem dominus H. rex concessit eis unum mercatum singulis septimanis per diem Mercur. in prædicta villa, et unam feriam ibidem singulis annis per octo dies duraturam. Dat. per manum ipsius regis apud Burgum S. Petri vi^{to}. die Augusti anno regni sui li^o. Et quo ad visum franci plegii et weif in Cesterton, Overton Waterville, Overton Longeville, Moreburn, Wassinglee, Sautre le Moyne, et Ludington, dicit quod prædicta maneria sunt infra procinctum prædicti hundredi sui de Normancros, et ea ratione clamat habere visum et weif in prædictis villis. Et quo ad visum et weif in Jakeslee dicit quod clamat ab antiquo, et in Staingrout cum membro suo de Faresheved et de Neuton cum membris suis de Silbiston, Stilburton, Walunford. Et similiter clamat visum in Haddon et Wodeston ab antiquo. Et quo ad acquietantiam sectæ com. et auxil. Vic. dicit quod ipse debet quietus esse per cartam domini Henrici regis senioris, quam profert, et quæ testatur quod idem Henricus rex concessit eis quod ipsi sint quieti ab omni geldo et Vic. auxilio, et omni servicio, &c. Et de sectis hundr. dicit quod ipse est de feodo ballivus. Dicit etiam quod ipse nec prædecessores sui antequam prædictam ballivam habuerunt, nunquam fecerunt sectam aliquam ad hundr. Requisitus si habeat furcas sive alia judicialia dicit quod habet furcas apud Jakeslee quæ deserviunt omnibus aliis maneriis suis ratione hundredi sui, et tumberellum et pilorium ibidem ratione mercati sui. Et dicit quod tenet visum suum in omnibus maneriis suis et bis per annum de omnibus commorantibus in prædictis villis. Requisitus si aliquid dat domino regi pro habendo visu dicit quod non. Et de quibus articulis inquit ad visum suum dicit quod de omnibus articulis quæ in visu franci plegii debent inquiri. Requisitus si quatuor homines et præpositus veniant ad turnum Vic. dicit quod sic, et ibi præsentant omnes præsentationes quæ ad turnum Vic. debent præsentari, ita quod si Vic. in præsentationibus illis aliquid forisfactum inemendatum invenerit ibi Vic. capiet emendas.

Et Gilbertus de Thornton qui sequitur pro rege quo ad hundredum de Normancros dicit quod ex quo continetur in cartis regum, quod prædictus abbas reddere debet centum solidos annuos pro prædicto hundredo, et prædictus abbas cognoscit quod post tempus regis Ricardi, nisi tantummodo quatuor libras solvit, videtur ei quod de prædicto hundredo gaudere non debet, nisi ostendere possit aliquid speciale regale factum per quod licite possit retinere prædictos viginti solidos. Et super hoc datus est ei dies in crastino sancti Andreæ ad scaccarium, &c. Et quo ad mercatum et feriam in Jakes-

lee et Wodeston de quibus ostendit cartas sufficientes ad præsens sine salvo jure domini regis, &c. eo quod testatum est per fidedignos quod prædictus abbas est in seisinâ de prædictis mercato et feria, nec illis abutitur, &c. Et quo ad visum franci plegii quem clamat in prædictis villis infra procinctum hundredi prædicti ratione quod est hundredarius ad præsens sine die. Et quo ad residuum franci plegii quem clamat extra hundredum suum ab antiquo, petit judicium pro ipso rege desicut cognoscit quod libere tenentes, et communitas prædictarum villarum ad turnum Vic. et ibi præsentant præsentationes quæ ad turnum Vic. debent præsentari, et quæ in visu ipsius abbatis non sunt præsentata nec emendata, ex quo concedit quod dominus rex est in seisinâ de hujusmodi emendis capiendis quæ in turno Vic. debent emendari, ex quo dominus rex participem habere non debet in hujusmodi libertate regali, &c. Et super hoc datus est ei dies ut supra, &c. Et quo ad weif similiter datus est ei dies prædictus si seisinâ quam pro se allegat debeat ei valere. Et quo ad quietanciam sectæ com. et auxilio Vic. de quibus ostendit cartas sufficientes ad præsens sine die salvo jure domini regis, &c. eo quod Vic. et ballivi testantur quod prædictus abbas non debet aliquam sectam nec aliquid dare debet ad auxilium Vic. &c. Postea in octabis Purificationis beatæ Mariæ anno regni regis Edwardi filii regis Henrici quintodecimo in pleno scaccario apud Westm. in præsentia thes. baron. et justic. domini regis tam de itinere quam de utroque banco venit prædictus abbas per attornatum suum. Et quia prædictus abbas non potuit dedicere subtractionem prædictorum viginti solidorum super coronam factam per prædecessores suos, quam quidem subtractionem prædictus abbas usque nunc tempore suo continuavit et sufficiens warantum pro se non ostendit quod prædictos viginti solidos per assensum ipsius regis vel progenitorum suorum sibi retinere potuit. Et etiam quod recognitum est implacitando quod abbas de Burgo sancti Petri vel prædecessores sui unquam aliam libertatem regiam habuerunt in villa de Fletton et Alwalton, nisi per cartam regis Henrici tertii, quo tempore et antea prædecessores abbatis de Thorney extiterunt in seisinâ per cartam prædicti Willielmi regis Anglorum ita quod tempore regis prædicti homines abbatis de Burgo sancti Petri de Alwalton et Fletton venerunt ad visum franci plegii prædicti abbatis de Thorney ad præsentand. præsentationes quæ in turno Vic. debent præsentari pro conservatione pacis, et necesse non fuit quod libertas prædicti abbatis de Thorney per cartam prædicti Willielmi regis Anglorum concessa per posteriorem concessionem regum infirmaretur, consideratum est quod dominus rex recuperet seisinam suam de prædicto hundredo coronæ suæ annexo, et arreragia sua quæ sunt quater viginti et undecim libræ. Et Abbas in misericordia. Et quo ad residuum datus est ei dies, &c.

Postea a die sancti Michaelis in unum mensem xvº. quem diem habuit per communem proclamationem venit prædictus abbas per attornatum suum et datus est ei dies a die Paschæ in xv. dies, &c.: ad quem diem venit idem abbas per attornatum suum. Et datus est ei dies a die sancti Michaelis in xv. dies, &c.: ad quem diem venit prædictus abbas per attornatum suum. Et datus est ei dies a die Paschæ in xv. dies, &c. Deinde datus est dies in octab. sancti Michaelis. Et sciendum quod arreragia prædicta non currunt in summonitione quia placitum est inter abbatem de Thorney et abbatem de Burgo de acquietatione in scaccario, &c.

Postea per assensum baronum de scaccario ponuntur prædicta arreragia in summonitione versus abbatem de Thorneye, scilicet quatuor viginti et undecim libræ.

NUM. XXXVII.

De Mutuo, pro Passagio Regis, per Abbatem de Thorneye.

[Rot. Aleman. 12 Edw. III. p. 1, m. 10. Rym. Fœd. tom. v. p. 48.]

REX omnibus ad quos, &c. salutem. Sciatis nos recepisse de dilecto nobis in Christo abbate de Thorneye

per manus dilecti clerici nostri Roberti de Wodehouse, thesaurarii, et camerariorum nostrorum, ex causa mutui, nobis, pro passagio nostro versus partes transmarinas, per præfatum abbatem facti, unum ciphum argenteum cum pede et cooperculo deauratum, et aymellatum, et ingravatum de Babwyn in pomello pedis et cooperculi, ponderis quatuor librarum et decem solidorum, pretii quatuor librarum et decem solidorum: unum calicem argenteum deauratum cum patena, ponderis duarum marcarum, pretii duarum marcarum: unum ciphum argenteum deauratum extra, cum pede et cooperculo, ponderis viginti et octo solidorum et octo denariorum, pretii xxviij. solidorum et viij. denariorum, et unam capam chori de samito rubeo, brandatam de ymaginibus de auro et serico, pretii sex marcarum: quos quidem ciphos, coopercula, calicem, patenam, et capam, eidem abbati restituere, vel ei undecim libras, quinque solidos, et quatuor denarios (si iidem ciphi, coopercula, calix, patena, et capa, sibi non restituantur) solvere promittimus, bona fide. In cujus, &c. Teste rege apud villam de Sancto Edmundo tertio die Junij.

Per ipsum regem.

NUM. XXXVIII.

Confirmatio Libertatum, Franchesiarum, et Acquietanciarum acquisita per Alanum Abbatem de Thorney, Anno Regni Regis Henrici Sexti xiiijº. Irrotulatur in Memor. Scaccarii de Anno tricesimo tertio Regis Henrici Sexti, videlicet inter Recorda de Termino S. Michaelis, Rotulo xxijº. ex Parte Remem. Thes.

[MS. Cole, Mus. Brit. vol. xlv. p. 233.]

HENRICUS Dei gratia rex Angliæ et Franciæ et dominus Hiberniæ, omnibus ad quos præsentis litteræ pervenerint salutem. Inspeximus cartam domini E. quondam regis Angliæ, progenitoris nostri, de confirmatione factam in hæc verba: Edwardus Dei gratia rex Angliæ et Franciæ et dominus Hiberniæ, archiepiscopis, episcopis, abbatibus, prioribus, comitibus, baronibus, justiciariis, vicecomitibus, præpositis, ministris, et omnibus ballivis et fidelibus suis salutem. Inspeximus cartam domini E. nuper regis Angliæ patris nostri in hæc verba: Edwardus Dei gratia rex Angliæ, dominus Hiberniæ, et dux Aquitanniæ, archiepiscopis, episcopis, &c. salutem. Inspeximus cartam quam dominus H. quondam rex Angliæ progenitor noster fecit abbati et monachis de Thorneye in hæc verba: H. rex Angliæ, et dux Normanniæ et Aquitanniæ, et comes Andegaviæ, justiciariis et ministris suis salutem. Præcipio quod abbas et monachi de Turneio habeant omnia sua bene et in pace et juste, in terris, in pratis, in pascuis, in aquis, in molendinis, in terrarum divisis, et in hominibus quos habuerunt die et anno quo rex Henricus avus meus fuit vivus et mortuus, et prohibeo ne inde mittantur in placitum nisi nominatim ore me præcipiam. Et præcipio quod terræ eorum ubicumque fuerint quas et desasisæ liberæ sint ab omni geldo et vicecomitum auxilio et omni servicio. T. reg. com. Corn. apud Lund. Inspeximus etiam quandam aliam cartam quam idem progenitor noster fecit prædictis abbati et monachis in hæc verba. H. rex Angliæ et dux Normanniæ et Aquitanniæ et comes Andegaviæ archiepiscopis, episcopis, justiciariis, et omnibus fidelibus suis totius Angliæ salutem. Sciatis me concessisse ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ Tornensi mercatum ad manerium suum de Jacheslai quietum et tranquillum cum saca et soca et toll et team et infangenteof, et omnibus aliis consuetudinibus suis per diem Jovis uniuscujusque ebdomadæ, sicut carta regis Willielmi et carta regis Henrici avi mei confirmant, et nemo super hoc disturbet illuc euntes, vel inde redeuntes per aquam et per terram super x. libr. forisfact. sed meam firmam pacem habeant. Et concessi eidem ecclesiæ habere sacam et socam, et infangentheof, et toll et team, et omnes alias libertates et consuetudines in terra sua et hominibus suis de Stanford. Concessi etiam eidem ecclesiæ omnes illas consuetudines et causas sæculares quas Eliensis ecclesia habebat in hundredis suis de Wichforda de terra et de hominibus prædictæ ec-

clesiæ de Wittelesia, sicut Herveius primus episcopus de Eli ei dedit et concessit in die qua ipse dedicavit prædictam ecclesiam de Torneia. Concessi etiam illam concordiam quam abbas de Torneia et Simon Caisneduit fecerunt ad invicem de lx. acris terræ in Cherewestona, quas prædictus abbas calumpniabatur super patrem ipsius Simonem, et ipsum Sim. et sicut Radulphus filius ejus per cartam suam confirmat. Et clamo quietum de omni thelonio et consuetudine quicquid servientes monachorum de Torneia emerint vel conduxerint, et fide sua probare poterint esse monachorum dominicum ad opus eorum. Et prohibeo ne quis ab eis super hoc injuriam faciat super x. libr. forisfact. T. Thoma cancellar. et Rog.^a com. Corn. Henr. de Estsex constabul. apud Lincol. Inspeximus etiam quandam aliam Cartam quam prædictus progenitor noster fecit præfatis abbati et monachis in hæc verba: H. rex Angl. et dux. Norm. et Aquit. et com. Andegaviæ, archiepiscopis, episcopis, abbatibus, justiciariis, comitibus, baronibus, vicecomitibus, ministris, et omnibus fidelibus suis totius Angliæ salutem. Sciatis me concessisse Waltero monacho de Torneia abbatiam Torneia regendam et possidendam, cum omnibus terris et pertinentiis suis. Quare volo et firmiter præcipio quod idem Walterus abbas ibidem substitutus, abbatiam illam Torneia bene et in pace, et libere, et quiete, et honorifice, teneat et habeat in terris, et decimis, et ecclesiis, et omnibus tenuris et pertinentiis, in bosco et plano, in pratis et pascuis, in aquis et piscariis, in mariscis et rivagiis, in mercatis, in teloneis et passagiis, in stagnis et molendinis, et omnibus aliis rebus et locis, cum soca et saca, et toll et team, et infangenteof, et cum omnibus aliis libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus eidem abbatia pertinentibus, cum quibus aliquis abbas Torneia ante eum melius et liberius tenuit. T. Thoma cancell. Rog.^a com. Corn. Henr. de Estsex constabul. apud Lincol. Inspeximus etiam cartam quam dominus H. quondam rex Angliæ, avus noster, fecit prædictis abbati et monachis in hæc verba: Henr. Dei gratia rex Angliæ, dominus Hiberniæ, dux Normanniæ et Aquitanniæ, comes Andegaviæ, archiepiscopis, episcopis, abbatibus, prioribus, comitibus, baronibus, justiciariis, vicecomitibus, præpositis, ministris, et omnibus ballivis et fidelibus suis salutem. Noveritis nos, intuitu Dei, et pro salute animæ nostræ et animarum antecessorum et hæredum nostrorum concessisse, et præsentis carta nostra confirmasse abbati et monachis de Thorneia quod habeant imperpetuum unam feriam apud manerium suum de Jakesl. singulis annis duraturam per quinque dies, videlicet in die Sabbati proxima post Ascensionem Domini et die Dominica, et die Lunæ, et die Martis, et die Mercurii proxime sequentibus, nisi feria illa sit ad nocumentum vicinarum feriarum. Quare volumus et firmiter præcipimus quod prædicti abbas et monachi habeant imperpetuum prædictam feriam bene et in pace, cum omnibus libertatibus, et liberis consuetudinibus ad hujus feriam pertinentibus, sicut prædictum est. Et prohibemus ne aliquis disturbet illuc euntes vel inde redeuntes per aquam vel per terram super decem libris forisfacturæ. Hiis testibus venerabilibus patribus J. Bathon. R. Sarr. W. Karleol episcopis; H. de Burgo comite Kanc. justiciario nostro; Radulpho fil. Nicholai, Ricardo de Argent', seneschallis nostris; Henrico de Capell; et aliis. Dat. per manum ven. patris R. Cicestr. episcopi cancellarii nostri apud Westm. primo die Maii, anno regni nostri undecimo. Inspeximus etiam cartam quam idem avus noster fecit prædicto abbati et monachis in hæc verba: Henricus Dei gratia rex Angl. &c. archiepiscopis, episcopis, abbatibus, &c. salutem. Inspeximus cartam Henrici regis avi Henrici regis avi nostri in hæc verba: Henricus rex Angliæ A. episcopo Lincoln. et R. Bass. et A. de Ver, et omnibus fidelibus suis, Francis et Anglis, de Huntedunsir salutem. Sciatis me concessisse ecclesiæ sanctæ Mariæ Tornensi, mercatum ad manerium suum de Jacheslada quietum et tranquillum cum saca et soca et thelon. et omnibus aliis consuetudinibus suis per diem Jovis uniuscujusque ebdomadæ, sicut Willielmus frater meus concessit eidem ecclesiæ et carta sua confirmavit, et sicut ego præcipio

per cartam meam. Et super hoc nemo disturbet injuste illuc euntes, vel inde redeuntes super decem libris forisfacturæ, sed meam firmam pacem habeant. T. G. Canc. et W. de Alb. Bric. et R. Bass. et B. fil. Gisb. apud Branton. Nos igitur hanc concessionem ratam et gratam habentes, eam pro nobis et hæredibus nostris sigillo nostro concedimus eis et confirmamus. Hiis testibus H. de Burgo comite Kanc. justic. Angl. Willielmo de Albiniaco, Radulpho fil. Nicholai, Ricardo de Argentnem, Godefrido de Crancumb, Ricardo fil. Hugonis, et aliis. Dat. per manum venerabilis patris R. Cicestr. episcopi cancellar. nostri, apud Newerch, xxij^o. die Novembr. anno regni nostri duodecimo. Inspeximus etiam cartam quam idem avus noster fecit prædicto abbati et conventui ejusdem loci in hæc verba: Henricus Dei gratia rex Angliæ, dominus Hiberniæ, et dux Aquitanniæ, archiepiscopis, episcopis, abbatibus, prioribus, comitibus, baronibus, justiciariis, vicecomitibus, præpositis, ministris, et omnibus ballivis et fidelibus suis salutem. Sciatis nos concessisse, et hac carta nostra confirmasse, dilectis nobis in Christo abbati et conventui de Thornee, quod ipsi et successores sui imperpetuum habeant unum mercatum singulis septimanis per diem Mercurii apud manerium suum de Wodeston in comitatu Huntindon, et unam feriam ibidem singulis annis per octo dies duraturam, videlicet in vigilia et in die decollationis sancti Johannis Baptistæ, et per sex dies sequentes: nisi mercatum illud et feria illa sint ad nocumentum vicinorum mercatorum et vicinarum feriarum. Quare volumus et firmiter præcipimus pro nobis et hæredibus nostris, quod prædicti abbas et conventus et successores sui imperpetuum habeant prædicta mercatum et feriam apud manerium suum prædictum, cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus ad hujusmodi mercatum et feriam pertinentibus, nisi mercatum illud et feria illa sint ad nocumentum vicinorum mercatorum et vicinarum feriarum, sicut prædictum est. Hiis testibus, venerabili patre G. Wygorn. electo, cancellar. nostro. Rogero de Leyburn, Roberto Aguillon, Imberto de Mountferaund, Petro de Chaumpnent, Petro de Nevile, Willielmo de Aete, Galfrido de Percy, Willielmo de Faukham, Thoma de Weseham, et aliis. Dat. per manum nostram apud Burgum Sancti Petri, sexto die Augusti anno regni nostri quinquagesimo secundo. Inspeximus etiam literas patentes quas celebris memoriæ dominus E. quondam rex Angliæ, pater noster, fecit præfatis abbati et conventui in hæc verba: Edwardus Dei gratia rex Angliæ, dominus Hiberniæ, et dux Aquitanniæ, omnibus ad quos præsentis literæ pervenerint salutem. Cum celebris memoriæ dominus Willielmus quondam rex Angliæ, filius domini Willielmi regis Conquæstoris, per cartam suam, quam inspeximus, concessisset abbati et monachis de Thorneya hundredum de Normancros in com. Huntindon habend. ad feodi firmam, reddendo inde per annum per manus vicecomitum ejusdem comitatus centum solidos, et idem hundredum anno regni nostri quintodecimo coram thes. et baronibus nostris de scaccario captum esset in manum nostram occasione detentionis viginti solidorum per annum de prædictis centum solidis annuis de quater-viginti et undecim annis proxime præcedentibus, quos prædicti abbas et monachi detinuerunt, et quos per annum percipere consueverunt de villatis abbatis et conventus de Burgo Sancti Petri, de Alwalton et Fletton in eodem hundredo ad firmam prædictam, quos quidem viginti solidos iidem abbas et conventus de Burgo Sancti Petri præfatis abbati et monachis de Thorneya per prædictum tempus quaterviginti et undecim annorum detinuerunt, et de quibus arreragiis iidem abbas et conventus de Burgo Sancti Petri de toto eodem tempore nobis et præfato abbati de Thorneya per considerationem curiæ nostræ satisfecerunt, nos præfatis abbati et monachis de Thorneya gratiam facere volentes in hac parte, reddidimus eis hundredum prædictum cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, volentes et concedentes pro nobis et hæredibus nostris quod iidem abbas et monachi dictum hundredum cum prædictis viginti solidis annuis de prædictis villatis de Alwalton de Fletton provenienti-bus, et omnibus aliis ad idem hundredum pertinentibus

habeant et teneant de nobis et hæredibus nostris, sibi et successoribus suis ad feodi firmam imperpetuum, adeo libere et integre sicut illud unquam a tempore concessionis eis inde factæ ante captionem ejusdem in manum nostram plenius et liberius tenuerunt, reddendo inde per annum nobis et hæredibus nostris ad scaccarium nostrum, per manus vicecomitum comitatus prædicti qui pro tempore fuerint, decem marcas, unam videlicet medietatem ad scaccarium nostrum Paschæ, et aliam medietatem ad scaccarium nostrum sancti Michaelis. In cujus rei testimonium has literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste meipso apud Westm. primo die Februarii anno regni nostri vicesimo. Inspeximus etiam cartam quam idem pater noster fecit prædictis abbati et conventui in hæc verba: Edwardus Dei gratia rex Angliæ, dominus Hiberniæ, et dux Aquitanniæ, archiepiscopis, episcopis, abbatibus, prioribus, comitibus, baronibus, justiciariis, vicecomitibus, præpositis, ministris, et omnibus ballivis et fidelibus suis, salutem. Sciatis nos concessisse et hac carta nostra confirmasse dilectis nobis in Christo abbati et conventui de Thorneye, quod ipsi et eorum successores imperpetuum habeant liberam warennam in omnibus dominicis terris suis de Jakele et Stangrund in com. Huntingdon, dum tamen terræ illæ non sint infra metas forestæ nostræ, ita quod nullus intret terras illas ad fugandum in eis, vel ad aliquid capiendum quod ad warennam pertineat sine licentia et voluntate ipsorum abbatis et conventus vel successorum suorum super forisfacturam nostram decem librarum. Quare volumus et firmiter præcipimus pro nobis et hæredibus nostris quod prædicti abbas et conventus et eorum successores imperpetuum habeant liberam warennam in omnibus dominicis terris suis prædictis, dum tamen terræ illæ non sint infra metas forestæ nostræ, ita quod nullus intret terras illas ad fugandum in eis, vel ad aliquid capiendum quod ad warennam pertineat sine licentia et voluntate ipsorum abbatis et conventus vel successorum suorum super forisfacturam nostram decem librarum, sicut prædictum est. Hiis testibus venerabilibus patribus R. Cantuar. archiepiscopo, totius Angliæ primate. A. Dunelm. J. Wynton. et J. Lincoln. episcopis. Thoma comite Lancast. Rogero le Bygod, comite Norff. et marescallo Angl. Henr. de Lacy comite Lincoln. Octone de Grandisono, Hugone le Despencer, Johanne de Hastings, Waltero de Bello Campo senescallo hospitii nostri, et aliis. Dat. per manum nostram apud Westm. vicesimo die Octobris anno regni nostri tricesimo. Inspeximus etiam literas patentes quas dominus pater noster fecit eisdem abbati et conventui in hæc verba: Edwardus Dei gratia rex Angliæ, dominus Hiberniæ, et dux Aquitanniæ, omnibus ad quos præsentis literæ pervenerint, salutem. Quia compertum est per inquisitionem per dilectos et fideles nostros Rogerum de Hefham et Johannem de Kyrkeby de mandato nostro factam, et ad scaccarium nostrum retornatam, ac coram dilectis et fidelibus nostris magistro Willielmo de Grenefeld, cancellario nostro, thesaur. et baronibus nostris de scaccario, Rogero le Brabanzon justiciario nostro, et aliis de consilio nostro diligenter examinatam, quod Willielmus quondam rex Angliæ fil. Willielmi quondam regis Angliæ Conquestoris, per cartam suam concessit abbati et conventui de Thorneye hundredum de Normancros in com. Huntingdon tenendum cum omnibus ad idem hundredum qualitercunque spectantibus ad feodi firmam per manus vicecomitum com. illius annuatim ad scaccarium reddendam, et quod a tempore concessionis prædictæ abbates ejusdem loci tenuerunt hundredum prædictum cum omnibus ad illud pertinentibus integre, ita quod nullus vicecomes noster, aut progenitorum nostrorum regum Angliæ, hundredum prædictum ingredi, vel turna sua ibidem tenere, seu præsentationes aliquas recipere consuevit usque vicesimum sextum annum regni domini H. quondam regis Angliæ patris nostri, quo anno vicecomes com. prædicti qui tunc fuit, auctoritate sua propria, et sine waranto, hundredum prædictum intravit, et turnum suum ibidem injuste tenuit et occupavit, et quod omnes vicecomites comitatus illius ab eodem anno vicesimo sexto, per occupationem prædictam hujusmodi, turna sua ibidem hucusque bis per annum tenuerunt et occuparunt, et etiam,

quod illa duo turna in eodem hundredo valent per annum in omnibus exitibus duos solidos, et non plus, pro eo quod abbas loci prædicti percipit ibidem emendas assisæ panis, et cervisiæ fractæ, et omnia alia proficua quæ ad hundredum illud pertinent, præter amerciamenta provenientia de defaultis liberorum hominum ad turna illa non venientium. Nos pro eo quod per inspectionem et examinationem inquisitionis prædictæ manifeste liquet dictum turnum fuisse injuste, ut prædicitur, occupatum per finem quem dilectus clericus noster Willielmus de Spanneby fecit nobiscum ad scaccarium nostrum, coram prædictis fidelibus nostris pro præfatis abbate et conventu, concessimus pro nobis et hæredibus nostris, eisdem abbati et conventui, et eorum successoribus, quod ipsi hundredum prædictum de cætero teneant, sicut prædecessores sui illud, ante occupationem prædictam, tenuerunt, et quod de occupatione dicti turni injuste facta, sicut prædictum est, imperpetuum exonerentur, et inde versus nos, et hæredes nostros penitus sint quieti: ita quod vicecomites dicti comitatus qui de cætero erunt, turnum aliquod infra hundredum prædictum amplius non teneant, nec præsentationes aliquas ibidem recipiant, nec quicquam inde de cætero percipiant, nec etiam se inde in aliquo intromittant. In cujus rei testimonium has literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste meipso apud Strivelyn quinto die Julii anno regni nostri tricesimo secundo. Inspeximus etiam scriptum quod Nigellus quondam episcopus Elien. fecit præfatis abbati et conventui in hæc verba: Universis sanctæ matris ecclesiæ filiis, Nigellus Dei gratia sacre ædis sanctæ Etheldredæ virginis præsul et custos, salutem et benedictionem. Ne oblivio, noverca memoriæ quæ a nobis pie ac rite acta sunt, processu temporis possit eradere, ea præsentis paginæ dignum duximus inserere. Cum igitur in diebus nostri præsulatus a nonnullis venisset in dubium, et diutius inter ecclesiam Elyensem et cœnobium Thornense esset altercatum, ubi essent divisæ inter mariscum de Wisebeche et Thorn. necnon et proprium mariscum Thorn. et Witlesey: tandem de consensu partium, sunt plures viri prudentes, tam clerici quam laici, ætate provecti et fide digni, coram nobis et multis nobis assidentibus sunt vocati, qui hujusmodi altercationis ambiguitatem sopirent, quorum electorum inter alios hæc sunt nomina, videlicet, Trustanus de Walsoken, Godricus miles de Walsoken, Aylwardus de Wysebeche, Sedeston de Wisebeche, et Sumardus de Wisebeche, Helstan Hem, Reginaldus clericus, Ellich de Ficton, Agge de Leverington, Gudramus fil. Aldeware, Wiganus fil. Landri, Ysaac fil. Godrici, Edgarus præpositus, qui sub pœna anathematis a nobis jussi, bundas inter dictos mariscos nominare, istas esse dixerunt: scilicet a Tidbritwic super veterem ripam per Sepelac usque ad Thoht, et inde per Sepelac usque ad Cuor; deinde usque Ringemere; hinc inter Thorn. et Witlesey a Cuor usque ad Midfentre, et a Midfentre usque ad ripam quæ vocatur Must. Nos autem illorum assertionem gratam habentes et ratam, dictas bundas præsentis scripto, ac sigilli nostri appositione dignum duximus corroborari: statuentes, ut quicumque hanc confirmationem nostram infringere, vel ei ausu temerario contraire præsumpserit maledictionem Dei omnipotentis et beatæ Dei genetricis Mariæ et omnium sanctorum noverit se incursum. Nos autem donationes, concessiones, et confirmationes prædictas, ratas habentes et gratas, eas pro nobis et hæredibus nostris, quantum in nobis est, abbati et conventui loci prædicti et successoribus suis concedimus et confirmamus, sicut cartæ, literæ, et scriptum prædicta rationabiliter testantur. Præterea volentes eisdem abbati et conventui gratiam in hac parte facere ampliorem, concessimus eis pro nobis et hæredibus nostris, quod licet ipsi aliqua vel aliquibus libertatum vel quietantiarum in cartis et literis prædictis contentarum hactenus aliquo casu emergente minus plene usi fuerint, iidem tamen abbas et conventus, et successores sui, libertatibus et quietantiis illis, et earum qualibet de cætero absque impedimento nostri vel hæredum nostrorum, justic. escaetorum vicecomitum, aut aliorum ballivorum seu ministrorum nostrorum quoruncumque, plene gaudeant et utantur. Hiis testibus, venerabili patre W. Cantuar. archiepiscopo, totius Angliæ primate: Adomaro de Valencia comite Pem-

broch: Hugone de Audeleye: Nicholao de Segrave: Johanne de Cherleton: Johanne de Crumbwell, seneschallo hospitii nostri: Waltero de Mhobbeden: et aliis. Dat. per manum nostram apud Langelee sexto die Decembris anno regni nostri octavo. Inspeximus etiam scriptum Hugonis quondam Elien. episcopi, in hæc verba: 'Omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quos præsens scriptum pervenerit, Hugo Dei gratia Elien. episcopus, salutem in Domino. Noverit universitas vestra, nos caritas regum et episcoporum Elyen. Hervei, Nigelli, et Eustachii, et prioris et conventus Elyen. Thornen. ecclesiæ collatas monachis ibidem Deo servantibus, quantum in nobis est, imperpetuum confirmasse, ut omnibus in eisdem cartis contentis pacifice utantur, sicut melius antecessorum nostrorum temporibus uti solebant. Confirmavimus etiam eis donum quod Walterus fil. Walteri dedit præfatae ecclesiæ cum corpore suo, scilicet molendinum suum de Leverington cum septem acris terræ eidem molendino adjacentibus, et homagium et servitium Walteri de Camera, scilicet quinque solidos quos præfatus miles assignavit ad anniversarium suum annuatim faciendum. In hujus rei testimonium hoc scriptum dictis monachis concessimus sigilli nostri impressione roboratum. Hiis testibus: magistro Alex. de Sancto Eadmundo, Roberto rectore ecclesiæ de Fulburne, magistro Johanne de Sancto Ivone, Willielmo de Foxton, Samson de Sancto Eadmundo, et aliis. Nos autem donationes, concessionem, et confirmationes prædictas, nec non donationem, concessionem, et confirmationem quas Walterus fil. Walteri per cartam suam fecit ecclesiæ de Thorneia de uno molendino quod vocatur Westmedwe cum sede ejusdem molendini, et sex acris et tribus rodibus terræ cum pertinentiis in Luringtune in puram et perpetuam elemosinam. Donationem etiam, concessionem, et confirmationem quas Walterus fil. Walteri per cartam suam fecit præfatis monachis de corpore suo et de toto servitio quod Walterus de Camera ei debuit de terris quas de eo tenuit in Leurington cum pertinentiis, scilicet de quinque solidis per annum in puram et perpetuam elemosinam. Concessionem etiam et confirmationem quas Florentia de Gyny, soror et hæres Walteri fil. Walteri, per cartam suam fecit ecclesiæ prædictæ de omnibus terris et redditibus quos Walterus fil. Walteri, frater suus, eidem ecclesiæ contulit in Liveryngton, scilicet de molendino, sex acris et tribus rodibus terræ de homagio et servitio Walteri de Camera quos debuit præfato Walteri fratri suo, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, in puram et perpetuam elemosinam. Donationem etiam, concessionem, et confirmationem quas Walterus de Camera per cartam suam fecit præfatis monachis de omnibus terris et tenementis suis in Liveryngton in liberam et perpetuam elemosinam. Donationem etiam, concessionem, et confirmationem quas Cristiana fil. Willielmi fil. Seman de Wisbeche per cartam suam fecit præfatis monachis de septem acris terræ cum pertinentiis in Liveryngton in puram et perpetuam elemosinam. Donationem etiam, concessionem, et confirmationem quas Alanus de Fittonia per cartam suam fecit præfatis monachis de tribus rodibus terræ cum pertinentiis in Liveryngton in puram et perpetuam elemosinam. Donationem etiam, concessionem, et confirmationem quas Alanus de Fittone per cartam suam fecit præfatis monachis de decem solidis et tribus denariis redditus cum pertinentiis in Wisebeche et Liveryngton in puram et perpetuam elemosinam. Donationem etiam, concessionem, et confirmationem quas prædictus Alanus de Fitton per aliam cartam suam fecit præfatis monachis de annuo redditu decem solidorum cum pertinentiis in Liveryngton, et de Ricardo fil. Turpyn qui aliquando natus fuit, cum toto ten. et tota sequela sua, et de tribus denariis de terra quam Matilda quæ fuit uxor Walteri fil. Walteri de eo tenuit in eadem villa cum pertinentiis, una cum homagio ejusdem Matildis in puram et perpetuam elemosinam. Donationem etiam, concessionem, et confirmationem quas dictus Alanus de Fittone per aliam cartam suam fecit præfatis monachis de quindecim acris terræ suæ in purprestura quæ est inter Trokenholt et ripam quæ venit de Wisebeche in liberam, puram, et perpetuam elemosinam. Concessionem etiam quam Walterus fil. Walteri et Alanus de

Fittone, et alii homines eorum, participes de Liveryngton per scriptum suum fecerunt præfato abbati de triginta acris terræ propinquieribus Trokenholt in nova purprestura, nomine vicesimæ quintæ partis, eisdem abbati et conventui in eadem purprestura pertinentis. Donationem etiam, concessionem, et confirmationem quas Martinus fil. Johannis de Liveryngtona per cartam suam fecit præfatis monachis de quatuor denariis redditus percipiendis de quatuor acris et una roda terræ cum pertinentiis in Liveryngtona in puram et perpetuam elemosinam. Donationem etiam, concessionem, et confirmationem quas Rogerus fil. Matil. de Liveryngton per cartam suam fecit præfatis monachis de annuo redditu quatuor denariorum quem Walterus de Camera, ei debuit pro quatuor acris et una roda terræ in Novo Campo de Liveryngton in puram et perpetuam elemosinam. Renunciationem etiam quam Walterus de Fittone per scriptum suum fecit de omni jure quod habuit in ten. quæ tenuit in Wysebech et Liveryngton de domo de Thorneia. Donationem etiam, concessionem, et confirmationem quas Ricardus de Neuton per cartam suam fecit dictæ ecclesiæ Sanctæ Mariæ de Thorneia de redditu duodecim denariorum ad inveniendum incensum in capella ejusdem virginis. Donationem etiam, concessionem, et confirmationem quas Elias fil. Willielmi de Marisco per cartam suam fecit præfatis monachis de medietate unius libræ turis annuatim reddend. et de duabus acris terræ in Wysebech persolvend. Concessionem etiam, et confirmationem quas Willielmus et Rogerus fil. Ricardi de Elm per cartam suam fecerunt dictæ ecclesiæ de Thorneia de duobus solidis annuis percipiendis de una acra terræ et uno mesuagio quod Walterus Campioun et Estrilda fil. Ricardi de eis tenuerunt in Elm in puram et perpetuam elemosinam. Quietam clamacionem insuper quam Warinus de Helm, plumbarius, per scriptum suum fecit præfatis abbati et conventui de tota terra cum pertinentiis quam tenuit de eisdem in Elm. Donationem etiam, concessionem, et confirmationem quas Willielmus de Warennia per cartam suam fecit præfatis monachis de duobus millibus anguillarum in perpetuam elemosinam. Concessionem etiam quam Herveius monachus accipiens fraternitatem Ecclesiæ Thorneiæ per scriptum suum fecit eidem ecclesiæ de dimidio millenario anguillarum apud Well. unoquoque anno, sicco tempore et pluvioso. Redditionem etiam, quietam clamacionem, et resignationem quas Willielmus Fron de Welles per scriptum suum fecit præfatis monachis de omnibus piscariis et communis, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis in Welles quæ prædecessores sui de dictis monachis ad firmam tenuerunt. Donationem etiam, concessionem, et confirmationem quas Reginaldus de Marisco per cartam suam fecit præfatis monachis de dimidia marca argenti annuatim de Salina illa quam Hugo fil. Wlunie de eo tenuit, percipiend. Donationem etiam, concessionem, et confirmationem quas Robertus de Gynung per cartam suam fecit præfatis monachis de una virgata terræ cum pertinentiis in Botulfbrug, in puram et perpetuam elemosinam. Donationem etiam, concessionem, et confirmationem quas Thomas de Jakesleia per cartam suam fecit præfatis monachis de redditu duorum solidorum de mesuagio suo sito in feodo Hugonis de Boby in puram et perpetuam elemosinam. Donationem etiam quam H. de Langavilla et Matilda uxor ejus per scriptum suum fecerunt ecclesiæ prædictæ de octo acris terræ, quatuordecim acris et tribus rodibus prati, ac tribus ffordal. prati cum pertinentiis in Stantune, ratas habentes et gratas eas, pro nobis et hæredibus nostris, quantum in nobis est, dilectis nobis in Christo nunc abbati et conventui de Thorneye, et successoribus suis concedimus et confirmamus, sicut cartæ, literæ, et scripta prædicta rationabiliter testantur, et prout iidem abbas et conventus, et prædecessores sui terras, ten. et redditus prædicta hactenus rationabiliter tenuerunt, et libertatibus prædictis hactenus rationabiliter usi sunt et gavis. In cujus rei testimonium has literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Hiis testibus: venerabilibus patribus J. archiepiscopo Cantuar. tocius Angliæ primate, W. Wynton. episcopo thesaurario nostro, Henr. comite Lancastriæ, Ricardo comite Arundell, Thoma Wake de Lydell, Johanne de

Moubray, Ricardo Talbot senescallo hospitii nostri, et aliis. Dat. per manum nostram apud Westm. septimo die Februar. anno regni nostri Angliæ vicesimo secundo, regni vero nostri Franciæ nono. Nos autem cartas, literas, et scripta prædicta de hujusmodi libertatibus, franchisesis, et quietanciis minime revocatis, de avisamento et assensu dominorum spiritualium et temporalium, ac communitatis regni nostri Angliæ in parlamento nostro apud Westm. anno regni nostri primo tento existen. acceptamus, approbamus, ratificamus, ac dilectis nobis in Christo Alano Kyrketon nunc abbati et conventui loci prædicti, et eorum successoribus, confirmamus prout cartæ, literæ, et scripta prædicta rationabiliter testantur, et prout iidem abbas et conventus et prædecessores sui libertatibus, franchisesis, et quietantiis prædictis a tempore confectionis cartarum, literarum, et scriptorum prædictorum semper hactenus rationabiliter uti et gaudere consueverunt. In cujus rei testimonium has literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste meipso apud Westm. vicesimo die Maij anno regni nostri tertidecimo.

Morton.

*Per ipsum regem et consilium suum
in parlamento.*

NUM. XXXIX.

Annales Monasterii de Thorney.

[MS. Cotton. Nero C. vii. fol. 79.]

A. D. DCCCCLXXIII. Hoc anno datum est privilegium monasterio Thorneiæ a rege Æadgaro, annuente episcopo sancto Athelwoldo.

A. D. MXVII. Hoc anno Lefsius abbas Thorn. eligitur in episc. Wigorniae cui successit Lefsinus in abbacia.

A. D. MXLIX. Oswyus abbas Thorn. successit.

A. D. MLXXXI. Eodem anno abbas venerabilis Aluinus obiit. Quo anno episcopus Walcerus Dunholmensis ecclesiæ interemptus.

A. D. MLXXXII. Hoc anno suscepit Guiterius abbas abbatiam de Tornei a Wilhelmo rege seniore.

A. D. MXXVIII. Hoc anno intravimus in novam ecclesiam nos Thornenses id. Novembris primo. Postea kal. Decemb. reliquias sanctorum transtulimus, presbiterio, et duabus porticibus, et turre solummodo perfectis: accersitis vicinis nostris scilicet domino abbate Aldeuino de Ramesie, et Ingulfo de Cruland, et priore de Burch domino Alwaldo quia sine abbate erat Burch tunc, et Rogero Bigod, et multis aliis quorum nomina non recorder.

A. D. MCV. Hoc anno exceptæ sunt reliquiæ sancti Theodori martyris Thorneia, v. id. Maij a peregrino nomine Heverardus.

A. D. MCVIII. Hoc anno perfecta est ecclesia Thorneiæ, et in die sancti Lucae Evangelistæ ultimus lapis impositus, et in sequenti anno turesque et coeleæ in fronte ecclesiæ consummatæ sunt.

A. D. MCXII. Obiit abbas Gunterius.

A. D. MCXIII. Hoc anno suscepit dominus Robertus abbatiam de Thorneia.

A. D. MCXXVIII. Dedicatio Thorneiensis ecclesiæ non. Novembris.

A. D. MCLI. Obiit Robertus abbas, Gilebertus successit.

A. D. MCLIV. Gilebertus abbas obiit, et Galterius successit.

A. D. MCLVIII. Obiit Galterius abbas. Successit Herebertus. Galterius sepultus est coram altare sanctæ Mariæ Magdalenæ.

A. D. MCLXII. Obiit Herebertus abbas, et Galterius succ.

A. D. MCLXIX. Obiit Galterius abbas secundus. Iste G. abbas sepultus est coram hostio scaccarii.

A. D. MCLXXV. Succedit Salomon.

A. D. MCXCII. Obiit Salomon abbas, et succedit Robertus.

A. D. MCXCV. Hic depositus est Robertus abbas die translationis sancti Martini.

A. D. MCCXLIV. Hoc anno scilicet ydus Aprilis per infortunium incendii combusta est fere tota villa de

Witleseye, cum duabus ecclesiis, et cum duabus curiis, et cum duabus grangiis abbatis blado plenis. Et insuper xiiij. homines ibidem combusti sunt.

A. D. MCC. Obiit Robertus abbas, succedit Ricardus.

A. D. MCC. Obiit Ricardus abbas. Successit David abbas.

A. D. MCCCLX. Hoc anno ob. Thomas abbas hujus loci. Successit abb. Willielmus.

A. D. MCCCLXXVII. In crastino apostolorum Petri et Pauli per infortunium incendii combustum est totum manerium abbatis de Witteles.

A. D. MCCXC. Obiit Will. abbas, successit Odo.

A. D. MCCCv. Obiit Odo abbas, successit Willielmus de Clopton.

A. D. MCCCXV. Hoc anno maxima inundatio aquæ in partibus Thorn. quod totus mariscus per tres annos inundatus.

A. D. MCCCXVI. Hoc anno abbas Will. arripuit iter versus sanctum Jacobum in festo sanctæ Withburgæ virginis pro rege, et in vigil. Passionis Domini transivit mare apud Dorobern.

A. D. MCCCXXII. Obiit Willielmus Clopton abbas, cui successit Reginaldus de Neuton abbas.

A. D. MCCCXLVII. Obiit dompnus Reginaldus de Waterenton abbas mon. de Thorn. vid. xvj. kal. Maij, cui successit dominus Willielmus de Haddon monachus nonasterii, doctor in jure canonico.

A. D. MCCCXLV. viij. id. Novemb. Obiit bonæ memoriæ Willielmus de Haddon abbas monasterii de Thorn. doctor decretorum, cui successit frater Johannes de . . . bacalaureus juris canonici die sanctæ Katerinæ anno Domini MCCCLXV.

A. D. MCCCXVIII. Obiit frater Johannes de Depyng abbas. Cui successit frater Nicholaus de Yslep juris canonici bacalaureus viij. id. Feb.

A. D. MCCCII. Hoc anno abbas Nicholaus Islep vjº. anno praelationis suæ sponte cessavit. Cui successit eodem anno, die sancti Nicholai, Thomas Charwalton prior de Depyng. Eodem anno id. Feb. obiit idem abbas Nicholaus, et juxta capellam sanctorum Christofori et Georgii sepultus est.

NUM. XL.

Series Abbatum de Thorney.

[Ibid.]

20 W. Conq.	1085.	GUNTERUS abbas diruit veterem ecclesiam prius fundatam à sancto Athelwoldo, et construxit novam. Hic post confirmationem electionis suæ, benedictionem obtinuit à Remigio episcopo Lincolniensi.
13 H. I.	1113.	Robertus (primus) abbas.
4 Steph.	1139.	Fundatio prioratus de Depyng.
16 Steph.	1151.	Gilbertus abbas.
1 H. II.	1154.	Galterus abbas.
5 H. II.	1158.	Herbertus abbas.
10 H. II.	1163.	Walterus abbas.
17 H. II.	1170.	Vacat abbatia per sex annos ad annum 1176, 23 H. II.
18 H. II.	1171.	Obiit Baldwinus fundator de Depyng.
23 H. II.	1176.	Salomon abbas.
5 R. I.	1193.	Robertus (secundus) depositus anno 6. R. I. et abbatia vacabat per iiij. annos.
1 Jo.	1198.	Radulphus abbas fuit prior de Freston.
1 H. III.	1216.	Robertus (tertius) abbas.
16 H. III.	1231.	Wido Wake dedit prioratum de Depyng abbatia de Thorney.
22 H. III.	1237.	Ricardus abbas.
23 H. III.	1238.	David abbas.
39 H. III.	1244.	Thomas Castre.
46 H. III.	1261.	Willielmus Yakesley.
21 E. I.	1293.	Odo de Witlesey.
33 E. I.	1305.	Willielmus Clopton.
16 E. II.	1322.	Reginaldus de Waterneuton.

21 E. III.	1347.	Willielmus Haddon, doctor decretorum.	cember in the xxxj th . yere of the reygne of o ^r . soueygn lord kyng Henry the viij th .
39 E III.	1365.	Johannes Depyng, baccalarius in decretis.	Robert Blytt bysshoppe of Downe in Irlonde, havyng the seyð late monastery in comendā duryng his lyffe by writyng conformed by the kyngs letters patents cc ^{li} .
20 R. II.	1396.	Nicholaus Islep, baccalarius in decretis resignabat anno 1399.	Moryce Carter late p ^{io} r ix ^{li} .
4 H. IV.	1402.	Thomas Charw. fuit prior de Depyng.	Thomas Hake late steward vj ^{li} . xiijs. iiij ^d .
4 H. VI.	1425.	Alanus Kirketon, baccalarius in decretis.	Wythm Lee late p ^{io} r of Depyng viij ^{li} .
26 H. VI.	1437.	Johannes Kirketon, baccalarius in decretis.	Aleyn Kendall vj ^{li} . xiijs. iiij ^d .
29 H. VI.	1450.	Johannes Ramsey, baccalarius in decretis, electus quasi per viam Spiritus Sancti.	Wythm Stalworth vj ^{li} . vjs. viij ^d .
			Thomas Noble vj ^{li} .
			John Eymlett vj ^{li} .
			Roger Bucke vj ^{li} .
			Robert Huytt v ^{li} . vjs. viij ^d .
			Robert Thacker v ^{li} . vjs. viij ^d .
			Wythm Alborne at Chambleyn v ^{li} . vjs. viij ^d .
			John Smyth v ^{li} . vjs. viij ^d .
			Symon Lewes v ^{li} . vjs. viij ^d .
			John Everard vj ^{li} . xiijs. iiij ^d .
			Martyn Clypshin v ^{li} . vjs. viij ^d .
			Robert Bayte beyng no preste xl ^s .
			Gryffyth Stephenson v ^{li} . vjs. viij ^d .
			Robert Harpyn v ^{li} . vjs. viij ^d .
			Robert Hewett at Yorke v ^{li} . vjs. viij ^d .
			S ^m cccxj ^{li} . xiijs. iiij ^d .

NUM. XLI.

[In a Book of Pensions remaining in the Augmentation Office.]

Thorney, in the Countye of Cambryege.

HERAFTER ensuyth the names of the late abbott and monks there, wyth theyr pençons assignyd by the kyngs comyssyoñs to be payd unto theym yerly duryng theyr lyves, at ij. termes of the yere; that ys to sey, at the feasts of th'Annūcyacōn of our Lady and seynt Mychell th'arcangell, by evyn porçons. The fyrst payment therof to begyn at the feast of th'Annūcyacōn of o^r. Lady next ensuyng the date herof. Whiche late monastery was surrendred to the kyngs use the ffyrst daye of De-

PHYLYP PARYS.
JO. TREGONWELL.
JO. HUGHES.

COMPUT' MINISTRORUM DOMINI REGIS TEMP. HEN. VIII.

(Abstract of Roll, 32 Hen. VIII. Augmentation Office.)

THORNEY NUPER MONASTERIUM.

Com' Cant'			£.	s.	d.
Thorney Monaster'	. . . . .	Firm' Scit' cum Terr' Dñical'	. . . . .	34	13 4
Whitlessey Dominium	. . . . .	Redd' Assis'	. . . . .	68	19 2½
-	- - - - -	Firm' Scit' Maner'	. . . . .	8	0 0
-	- - - - -	Redd' Mobil'	. . . . .	0	0 9
-	- - - - -	Firm' Molend'	. . . . .	2	6 8
-	- - - - -	Vendic' Bosc'	. . . . .		nult
-	- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'	. . . . .	4	2 0
Whitlessey Rectoria	. . . . .	Firm'	. . . . .	26	13 4
Leverington	. . . . .	Firm' Terr'	. . . . .	9	13 8
-	- - - - -	Penc'	. . . . .	1	6 8
Yackesley Dominium	. . . . .	Redd' Assis' lib' Tenen'	. . . . .	3	1 2
-	- - - - -	Redd' Assis' Tenen' p Copiam Cur'	. . . . .	37	1 5
-	- - - - -	Redd' Assis' ad Vol' Dñi	. . . . .	21	19 11
-	- - - - -	Redd' Mobil' cum Operibus Au-	. . . . .	
-	- - - - -	tumpnal'	. . . . .	0	0 11
-	- - - - -	Firm' Tolnet' et Nundin'	. . . . .	0	10 0
-	- - - - -	Firm' Maner'	. . . . .	12	13 4
-	- - - - -	Firm' Tent'	. . . . .	0	1 8
-	- - - - -	Firm' Piscar'	. . . . .	5	11 8
-	- - - - -	Vendic' Bosc'	. . . . .		nult
-	- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'	. . . . .	2	1 7
Yackesley Rectoria	. . . . .	Firm'	. . . . .	26	13 4
Stangrund Dominiu'	. . . . .	Redd' Assis' libor' et Custum' Tenen'	. . . . .	35	1 7
-	- - - - -	Firm' Terr'	. . . . .	5	0 4

Com' Cant'						£.	s.	d.
Stanground Dominium	.	.	.	.	.	Firm' Pisc'	11	6 8
-	-	-	-	-	-	Exit' Marisc'	1	0 0
-	-	-	-	-	-	Vendic' Bosc'		nult
-	-	-	-	-	-	Pquis' Cur'	0	12 6
-	-	-	-	-	-	Firm' Scit' et Terr' Dñic'	13	8 0
Stanground Rectoria	.	.	.	.	.	Firm'	11	2 8
Waternewton Maner', cum Sibston Stebington,								
ac Waynsford	.	.	.	.	.	Redd' Assis' libor' et Custum' Tenen'	13	9 1
-	-	-	-	-	-	Redd' Assis' libor' et Custum' Tenen'	4	16 11½
-	-	-	-	-	-	Redd' Assis' libor' et Custum' Tenen'	0	18 5
-	-	-	-	-	-	Firm' Maner' cum Molend' Aquat'	14	6 8
-	-	-	-	-	-	Penc' et Porc'	3	11 8
-	-	-	-	-	-	Vendic' Bosc'		nult
-	-	-	-	-	-	Pquis' Cur'	0	18 0
Haddon Maner'	.	.	.	.	.	Redd' Assis' tīm libor' qīm Custum'		
						Tenen'	10	19 4
-	-	-	-	-	-	Firm' Maner'	6	13 4
-	-	-	-	-	-	Penc' et Porc'	0	5 0
-	-	-	-	-	-	Pquis' Cur'	0	7 4
-	-	-	-	-	-	Vendic' Bosc'		nult
Woodeston Maner'	.	.	.	.	.	Redd' Assis' libor' et Custum' Tenen'	16	14 9
-	-	-	-	-	-	Firm'	8	13 4
-	-	-	-	-	-	Vendic' Bosc'		nult
-	-	-	-	-	-	Pquis' Cur'	0	18 2
Farcett	.	.	.	.	.	Redd' Assis' tīm libor' qīm Custum'		
						Tenen'	25	16 4
Farcett Brydge inter Rauenes Wylloes et								
Pockett Holm' cum Piscacion' et Pastur'								
voc' Conquest Close	.	.	.	.	.	Firm' Pisc'	5	14 8
Farcett	.	.	.	.	.	Agistam'	1	13 4
-	-	-	-	-	-	Vendic' Bosc'		nult
-	-	-	-	-	-	Pquis' Cur'		nult
Com' Bedf'								
Bolnehurst Dominium	.	.	.	.	.	Redd' Assis' libor' Tenen'	1	2 3½
-	-	-	-	-	-	Redd' Custum' Tenen'	9	4 2
-	-	-	-	-	-	Redd' Tenen' ad Voluntat'	0	16 8
-	-	-	-	-	-	Firm' Maner'	10	19 4
-	-	-	-	-	-	Firm' Terr'	3	0 4
Husborne Crawley Maner'	.	.	.	.	.	Firm'	1	7 3
-	-	-	-	-	-	Vendic' Bosc'		nult
-	-	-	-	-	-	Pquis' Cur'	0	4 7½
Com' Northton'								
Twywell Maner'	.	.	.	.	.	Redd' Assis' libor' Tenen'	0	8 4
-	-	-	-	-	-	Redd' Assis' Custum' Tenen'	4	6 9
-	-	-	-	-	-	Redd' Tenen' ad Volunt'	0	19 8
Islyppe	.	.	.	.	.	Redd' Custum' Tenen'	0	8 8
Twywell Maner'	.	.	.	.	.	Firm' Maner' cum al' Minut' Firm'	7	3 4
-	-	-	-	-	-	Pencon' et Porc' Decimar'	2	6 8
-	-	-	-	-	-	Vendic' Bosc'		nult
-	-	-	-	-	-	Pquis' Cur'	0	6 4
Charvelton	.	.	.	.	.	Firm' Maner'	6	13 4
Clopton	.	.	.	.	.	Firm' Terr'	4	6 0
-	-	-	-	-	-	Perquis' Cur'		nult
Hemyngton, Loddyngton, et Kyngesthorpe	.	.	.	.	.	Exit' et Profic'	0	6 10
Com' Lincoln'								
Depyng	.	.	.	.	.	Terr' et Possession' nup Cell', non		
						r' quia conc' Duci Norf'		
Salbryge Maner' cum Molendin' Ryton	.	.	.	.	.	Firm' Moli' Aquat'	20	0 0
Com' Rutland'								
Wyng	.	.	.	.	.	Firm'	10	0 0
Com' Midd'								
Endefeld	.	.	.	.	.	Exit' et Revenc'		nult

Chateriz, or Chateris, Nunnery,

IN

CAMBRIDGESHIRE.



LEWEN, wife to Ethelstan earl of the East Angles,^a and nurse to King Edgar, with the advice and assistance of her brother Ednoth, the first abbat of Ramsey, and after bishop of Dorchester, built here, about A. D. 980, a nunnery for Benedictines, to the honour of the blessed Virgin; ^b situated in the fens, about ten miles west of Ely.

The following are the lands of this monastery recorded in the Domesday Survey:

In *Hertfordshire*, three hides and a half in Berlai. In *Cambridgeshire*, five hides and forty acres at Foxtune; half a hide in Burwell; two hides at Barentone; a hide with a virgate and a half in Shepreth; the fourth part of a virgate in Orewell; and a hide in Ovre. In *Suffolk*, the manor of Careseia, consisting of three carucates of land and a half. The total of the rents producing an annual sum of 21*l.* 4*s.*^c

King Henry the First gave the patronage of this nunnery to Hervey bishop of Ely, and to his successors in that see.^d

The nuns of Chateriz had an annual rent of ten shillings a year in Spalding and Pinchebek, which they sold, about 1265, to John the almoner prior of Spalding for ten marks.^e

Between the years 1304 and 1310 the monastery appears to have been completely destroyed by fire.^f The particulars relating to the rebuilding of the nunnery nowhere occur; but from one or two passages among the injunctions given at the visitation of the house in 1345, the greater part must have been reinstated by that time.^g The conventual church, however, was not again dedicated till 1352.^h

The Register of Gray, bishop of Ely, contains the

following record of the profession of four nuns at Chateris in 1467.

“Memorandum quod die Dominica, videlicet 20 Sept. 1467, in capella de Dounham, dominus missam celebrans solempnem, indutus pontificalibus, recepit Professiones quatuor puellarum monasterii de Chateriz, videlicet dominarum Johannæ, Aliciæ, Agnetis, et Johannæ. Prima earum legente cedula quam manibus tenuit in hac forma, ‘Ego soror Johanna promitto stabilitatem meam, et conversionem morum, et obedientiam coram Deo omnibusque sanctis ejus secundum regulam sancti Benedicti in loco de Chateriz, qui est constructus in honore sanctæ Mariæ, in presentia rev. in Christo patris ac domini domini Willielmi Dei gratia Episcopi Elien. et propria manu subscribo ✠.’ Et fecit tale signum. Deinde secunda earum legit ut supra; ac etiam tertia, et quarta, &c. Præsentibus magistro Ricardo Bole archidiacono Elien. Johanne Roureliffe, Ricardo Robynson decretorum doctoribus, Johanne Warkworth, Henrico Strother, et Thoma Markham artium magistris, et aliis in multitudinè copiosa.”ⁱ

The abbess and convent were patrons of the rectory of Barley in Hertfordshire.^k

ABBESSES OF CHATERIZ.

The names of the earliest abbesses of Chateriz, in all probability, have been long lost.

EMMA DE SOMERSHAM occurs in the year 1265, and again in 1268, 49 and 52 Hen. III.^l

AMICIA DE CAMBRIDGE occurs abbess about 1272, and again about the year 1280.^m

MARIA DE SCHULDHAM occurs in the 34th Edw. I. 1306.ⁿ

ALICIA DE SHROPHAM is the next abbess upon record; on whose resignation

MATILDA BERNARD was elected, Oct. 13th, 1347.^o

MARGARET HOTOT occurs in 1362, and again in the 42d Edw. III. 1369.^p

^a Tann. Notit. Mon. She was not wife of Ailwin, the founder of Ramsey, as Camden, Speed, &c. but his mother.

^b Ibid.

^c Compare Num. IV.

^d See Numm. II. V. VII. Bishop Tanner quotes Magn. rot. Pipæ temp. Hen. I. “*Grentebrugscira*. Episcopus Herveus debet cclx^{li}. ut Rex clamet eum quietum de sumptibus militum episcopatus, et ut Abbatia de Cateriz sit queta de Warpeni.”

^e MS. Cole, vol. xliii. p. 94.

^f See Num. X.

^g See Num. XII.

^h “Die Jovis prox. ante festum sancti Michaelis, 1352, dominus episcopus dedicavit ecclesiam parochialem de Chatriz et ecclesiam con-

ventualem de Chatriz et tunc impendit munus benedictionis quibusdam monachis ibidem.” Reg. L’Isle episc. Elien. fol. 65 b.

ⁱ Registr. Gray episc. Elien. fol. 69 a. See MS. Cole, vol. xxv. p. 88.

^k Newc. Rep. Eccl. vol. i. p. 798.

^l MS. Cotton. Jul. A. i. 6, foll. 132 b, 138, 139. Browne Willis, taking the 47th of Edw. III. instead of 47th Hen. III., says she occurs in 1374 and 1377.

^m Ibid. foll. 91 b, 113, 116.

ⁿ Ibid. foll. 94 b, 160.

^o Reg. Elien. The “Processus” at her election is given at length in Mr. Cole’s manuscripts, from the Register of Thomas L’Isle, bishop of Ely, fol. 52. See MS. Cole, vol. xxiii. p. 168.

^p MS. Cotton. ut supr. fol. 145 b.

AGNES DE ELY occurs in 1428, 6 Hen. VI.^a

AGNES ASHFIELD was abbess in 1437.^b Agnes, abbess of Chateriz, (but whether Agnes de Ely or Agnes Ashfield is not said) granted a chantry to Sir William de la Haye in the church of Shepreth, of which she was patroness.^c

MARGERY RAMPSEY died Jan. 27th, 1487, and was buried in the monastery.^d

ANNE BASSET, prioress of the abbey, was elected abbess Feb. 11th, 1487.^e

MARGARET SANCLYN is mentioned as Abbess by Mr. Cole some time in the reign of King Henry VIII. from an Instrument in the archives of Trinity college, Cambridge.^f

MARGARET DEVELYN is mentioned, in a MS. note by Mr. T. Baker, as abbess in the 24th Hen. VIII. A. D. 1533.^g

ANNE GAYTON was the last abbess.

Beside the *Abbesses* above-mentioned, four others occur in the Cottonian Register, but without dates, or any particulars in the Instruments in which they are mentioned by which the respective times of their existence can be ascertained. These are,

MARIA DE SANCTO CLARO.

^a Ibid. fol. 148 b. She is mentioned in other Instruments in the same manuscript, foll. 110, 113 b, 136 b. 138.

^b MS. Cole, vol. xlv. pp. 174, 183.

^c MS. Cole, vol. xviii. p. 4.

^d Reg. Alcock episc. Elien. fol. 147.

^e Ibid. See MS. Cole, vol. xxvi. fol. 54.

^f Ibid. vol. viii. fol. 99 b.

^g Ibid.

^b Burn. Hist. Reform. vol. i. Coll. of Records, p. 144. Willis, Mit. Ab. vol. ii. p. 48, says there were then ten nuns in it, beside the abbess. Cole, vol. xviii. p. 129, gives the substance of an Inspecimus of the 33d of Henry VIII.^h concerning the office "Capitalis Seneschali" of the monastery, receiving 40s. yearly, which had been granted 1 April, 26 Hen. VIII. to John Goderick, Esq. and was thus confirmed, and an exemplification granted. The following were the pensions still payable to the nuns in the 2d & 3d of Philip and Mary :

"CHATTERAS nuper Monasterium. Penc. Annæ Gayton per annum, xv^{li}. Elizabethæ Gie per annum, xl^s. Annæ Rede per annum, liij^s. iiij^d. Helenæ Smythe per annum, iiij^{li}. Helionoræ Hutton per annum, liij^s. iiij^d. Mariæ Grey per annum, liij^s. iiij^d."

ⁱ The following are the principal Instruments in this Register. Those, the titles of which are omitted, relate to small rents or very trivial donations. The Deeds marked with an asterisk will be found at length in the Appendix.

* 1. Cronica foundationis monasterii seu abbatihæ de Chateriz, fol. 71.

* 2. Bulla Innocentii IV. papæ, A.D. MCCXLII. fol. 71 b.

* 3. Quomodo Herveus primus episcopus Elien. monasterium de Chateriz optinuit et Eliensi ecclesiæ jure perpetuæ possessionis de manu regia temporibus perpetuis attribuit, fol. 73 b.

* 4. Carta Regis Henrici de connexione ecclesiæ de Chateriz quam monasterio de Ely cum omnibus ad eam pertinentibus condonavit, fol. 74 a.

* 5. Carta Regis Henrici de relaxatione pecuniæ de ecclesia de Chateriz quam condonarat sanctæ Etheldredæ, ibid.

6. Carta Edwardi Regis de allocatione xx^{li}. sol. apud scaccarium, Eliensis vacante sede episcopali, 34 Edw. III. fol. 74 b.

7. Carta Edwardi Regis de adquirendo ad manum mortuam, statuto non obstante, fol. 75.

8. Confirmatio Regis Ricardi super convocatione ecclesiæ de Chateriz monasterio Elien. fol. 75 b.

9. Donatio domini Nigelli episcopi Elien. de dominio et advocacione ecclesiæ parochialis beati Petri in Chateriz, fol. 75 b.

10. Carta collationis seu confirmationis ejusdem ecclesiæ beati Petri per episcopum Johannem, fol. 76.

11. Confirmatio domini Rogeri Prioris et totius Conventus Eliensis de eadem ecclesia, fol. 76.

12. Carta domini Johannis episcopi Eliensis de terris, tenementis, piscariis, et aliis in Chateriz, fol. 76 b.

13. Confirmatio domini Hugonis episcopi Elien. de terra Willielmi Oeyn in Chateriz, fol. 77.

14. Dimissio domini Hugonis episcopi Elien. de ecclesiis de Chateriz, et Scepherede in sua visitatione, fol. 77.

15. Donum Willielmi Owyn de duobus mesuagiis in Chateriz, fol. 77 b.

16. Donum Radulphi de Berlee de duobus mesuagiis et una particula terræ in Chateriz, fol. 77 b.

17. Carta Roberti filii Johannis scriptoris de quodam crofto et prato in Chateriz, fol. 78.

18. Donatio Ismaevæ filiæ Radulphi Bristou de homagio Johannis Cade, fol. 78.

19. Donum Henrici de Mershyt de duabus rodīs terræ in Chateriz, fol. 78 b.

20. Litera Conventionis inter dominam abbatissam et Matildam de Esswyth, fol. 90 b.

A. DE ROTHOMAGO, or ROAN.

MABILIA DE BANE: and

ALBRED A.

This nunnery escaped ruin in the general devastation of religious houses in 1536, and was, with thirty others, reprieved for two years only; when, on Sept. 3d, 1538, 30 Hen. VIII. it was totally suppressed.^h It was valued, according to Dugdale, at 97*l*. 3*s*. 4*½d*. per annum: according to Speed, at 112*l*. 3*s*. 6*½d*.

A few years after the suppression, in 1551, the nunnery estate, with the rectory and advowson of the vicarage, were granted to Edward lord Clinton.

The only REGISTER of this foundation at present extant is preserved among the Cottonian manuscripts in the British Museum, Julius A. I. 6, at the beginning of which is the following inscription: "Orate pro animabus venerabilis dominæ Agnetis Aschefeld quondam abbatissæ de Chatriz et Henrici Bubworth decretorum baccularii quorum sumptibus et industria est liber præ manibus in hanc formam redactus."ⁱ Agnes

21. Carta Simonis de Insula de uno mesuagio una cum octo acris terræ in Chateriz, fol. 93 b.

22. Donatio domini et advocacionis ecclesiæ B. Petri de Chateriz per Nigellum episcopum Elien. facta Deo et monialibus post decessum personarum ejusdem ecclesiæ Walteri, Philippi, et Rogeri Crochem, fol. 96 b.

23. Dimissio domini Hugonis episcopi Elien. de ecclesiis de Chateriz, et Scepherede in visitatione sua, fol. 96.

24. Confirmatio prioris Elien. et conventus super appropriatione ecclesiæ Sancti Petri de Chateriz, fol. 96.

25. Concordia inter dominam abbatissam et Alanum quondam vicarium de Chateriz auctoritate legati sedis apostolicæ, fol. 96 b.

26. Confirmatio abbatis et conventus de Rameseya super exchange cujusdam tofti in Hovere inter abbatissam de Chateriz et rectorem, fol. 104 b.

27. Confirmatio domini Hugonis episcopi Elien. super exchange inter abbatissam et rectorem de Overe, fol. 105.

28. Donatio Ricardi archidiaconi de una hida terræ in Madyn- glee, fol. 108.

29. Carta Willielmi de Baunz de quadraginta solidatis in Kyngston, Gilesdon, et Wympol, fol. 108 b.

30. Delegatio sedis apostolicæ de quibusdam decimis in villa de Barenton, fol. 109.

31. Finalis concordia inter abbatissam et rectorem de Foxton super j. hida terræ et novem acris, fol. 118 b.

32. Finalis concordia inter abbatissam et Gamielem rectorem de Foxton super pascendis averiis, A. D. 1271, fol. 125 b.

33. Carta Simonis fil. Walteri Martini de Scephere the de xl. acris terræ, fol. 126.

34. Carta appropriationis ecclesiæ de Seperethe ex dono Eustachii Elien. episcopi, fol. 131.

35. Compositio vicarii et vicariæ de Seperethe, fol. 131.

36. Carta licentiæ abbatissæ et conventus domino W. de la Haye militi, de oratorio in Seperethe, fol. 132 b.

37. Quiet. clam. Radulphi de Berlee de ccxl. acris terræ, fol. 137.

38. Concordia finalis inter abbatissam de Chateriz et rectorem de Berlee super decimis ejusdem ecclesiæ, fol. 140.

39. Delegatio sedis apostolicæ super decimis de Berlee, fol. 141.

40. Compositio de decimis in Berlee inter abbatissam de Chateriz et rectorem de Berlee, A. D. 1238, fol. 142.

41. Dimissio manerii de Kerseye ad feodi firmam Adæ de Cokefeld, fol. 142 b.

42. Verdictum coram justiciariis itinerantibus tempore regis H. seu J. pro manerio de Kerseye, fol. 143 b.

43. Supplicatio abbatissæ penes dominum regem pro manerio de Kerseye, fol. 144.

44. Extenta facta per probos et legales homines anno regni regis Edwardi tertii primo ut patet infra in libro nigro et in rotulis scaccarii de manerio de Kerseye in com. Suff. fol. 145.

45. Acquietantia dominæ Margaretæ Hotot abbatissæ metuen- dissimo domino Edwardo regi, 42 Edw. III. fol. 145 b.

46. Litera venerabilis dominæ Johannæ comitissæ de la Kent, 1 Ric. II. fol. 145 b.

47. Supplicatio dominæ abbatissæ venerabili viro comiti de March, fol. 146.

48. Acquietantia dominæ Agnetis Aschefeld abbatissæ venerabili domino comiti Marchiæ ejusque ballivo, fol. 147.

49. Acquietantia dominæ Agnetis Aschefeld domino regi ejus- que ballivo, fol. 147.

50. Cartæ aliæ de Kerseye, foll. 147 b, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152.

51. Cartæ de Lynne, foll. 153, 154.

52. Cartæ de Brecham, foll. 157, 158, 159, 160, 161.

53. Carta Theobaldi de certa terra cum advocacione ecclesiæ de Berlee, fol. 165.

54. Carta licentiæ Edw. III. regis ad manum mortuam ad va- lenc. x^{li}. fol. 170.

Ashfield has been already mentioned as abbess in 1437. Henry Buckworth, or Bubworth, vicar of Chateriz, died in 1456.

The SEAL of the abbey of Chateriz probably represents the foundress, Alfwen, wife of Ethelstan king of the East Angles; the figure being that of a woman seated, wearing a crown, and having in her right hand a staff, and in her left a book. The legend, much defaced, appears to be SIGILLUM DOMUS SANCTE MARIE. The seal is affixed to the Surrender of the abbey, dated 3d Sept.

1538, to which the following names are subscribed: "Ane Gayton abbes, Ellen Smythe prioress, Marget Vasy, Margret Skyll, Agnes Hegdon, Ane Reyde, Jone Bate, Elsabet Aspelond, Mary Gray, Elsabet Gwyne, Elenor Hutton."

The present vestiges of Chateriz nunnery consist of little more than a few walls. Cole, in one of his manuscripts, vol. viii. p. 107, about the year 1745, says the fish-house where the nuns used to dry their fish was still entire, as well as their granary.

Cartae ad Abbatiam de Chateriz in comitatu Cantabrigiae spectantes.

NUM. I.

[Ex MS. quodam penes Robertum Hewes de Grayes-Inne, Jurisconsultum, an. 1638.]

ABBAS de Ramesey tenuit manerium de Chateriz in comitatu Huntintoniae, de dono regis Edgari, antequam fuit Elyensis aliquis episcopus.

NUM. II.

In Evidences de Chateriz per Johannem Stivecle.

[Ex Munimentis Abbat. de Chateriz.]

ITEM Alwen, le mere Aylwyn founda l'abbey de nonnes de Chatteriz per assent de luy, come en sa toumbe mencion est fait; et l'abbesse tenoit de roy en chefe auxi come fait l'abbe tanqe le roy H. le premier dona la patronage des ditz noneins a Henrie euesqe de Ely en pe-roles q'ensuent. H. rex Angliae, &c. Sciatis nos dedisse et confirmasse Deo et ecclesiae Eliensi, et Herveio episcopo in elemosinam abbatiam de Chateriz cum terris et possessionibus, et omnibus rebus eidem ecclesiae pertinentibus. Et volo et praecipio, &c.

Istae sunt villae et hamlettæ adjacentes parochiae de Chateriz, aliàs Ceateriz, videlicet Sutton, Mepehale, Berenghale, Wytcham, Wichford, Comeney, Maney, et Dodyngton.

NUM. III.

Cronica Foundationis Monasterii seu Abbathiae de Chateriz.

[Ex Chronicis de Chateriz, in Bibliotheca Cottoniana, sub effigie Julii A. i. fol. 71.]

SEQUITUR Ednodus, vir in Christo famosus, et monasticæ religionis cultor egregius, qui à beato Oswaldo Eboracensi archiepiscopo et glorioso duce Egelwino in

Ramesiensem ecclesiam, quam ipsi construxerant de Wigorniensi monachatu ad officium abbatis est assumptus. Ubi cum in omni honestate sub Christo floreret, et gregem Domini fideli cura salubriter gubernaret, facta est cuidam fabro divina revelatio de corpore beati Ivonis et sociis ejus, simul cum ipso apud villam de Slepa quiescentibus. Apparens enim fabro in episcopi specie beatus Yvo, et se et socios suos in eadem villa, ab antiquissimo tempore jacuisse indicavit, et ut Ednodo id indicaret imperavit. Ac ille statim evigilans, viro Dei visionem revelavit, et de oblata suo tempore gratia nimis eum letificavit. Qui tantam sanctorum gloriam non passus est diutius in coeno latitare; sed, convocato clero et populo ad effodiendum coelestem thesaurum, cum ecclesiasticis apparatus properavit, et beatum Yvonem propriis manibus, cæteris cereos ferentibus, ipse usque in Ramesiam portavit; et postea in ipsa Slepa ecclesiam in nomine ejusdem sancti edificavit. Nec multum postea, defuncto Lincolniensi antistite, in episcopum promovetur; pro qua potestate nihil minuit de antiqua religione: sed quanto altior, tanto melior effectus, circa condendas ecclesias, et augendas congregationes, assiduus insistebat, quarum unum apud Chateriz, ob amorem sanctæ Dei genetricis Mariæ et Alfwenne sororis suæ cognomento Dominæ, ad ponendas ibi cum ipsa sanctimoniales construxit; et rebus necessariis ampliavit. Ipse quoque corpus beati Alphegi martiris, et archiepiscopi apud Grenewicum à Danis lapidatum, pietate succensus, et fide armatus collegit atque Londoniis sepelivit. Tandem verò martirii gloria, pro gloriosa conversatione decorandus, in bello quod fuit inter Edmundum regem, et Canutum, apud Assandun dum missam cantaret, à Danis Canuti sociis prius dextera manu, propter annulum amputata; deinde toto corpore scisso interfectus est, cum abbate Wlsio, qui secundum cronicam, ad adorandum Dominum pro milite bellum agente commemorant. Hujus corpus, cum ad hanc Elyensem ecclesiam, a suis fuisset allatum, ut confestim hinc ad Rameseyam, ubi abbas fuerat, deferretur. Alfgarus vir

55. Carta Ric. II. regis pro inquisitione ad manum mortuam. Anno regni x^{mo}. fol. 170 b.

56. Perdonatio domini regis Henrici quarti super diversis articulis et adquisitione ad manum mortuam; anno regni tertio.

57. Placita coram baronibus de scaccario de termino sancti Michaelis anno regni regis Edwardi III. xxvii^o. pro priore de Angleseye et abbatissa de Chateriz, fol. 174 b.

58. Placita coram baronibus de scaccario super taxam temporarium villarum de Berlee et Scheperethe pro priore de Angleseye et abbatissa de Chateriz, fol. 176.

59. Extent. monasterii de Chateriz.

60. Bona temporalia abbathiae de Chateriz ad taxam, fol. 177.

61. Bona spiritualia abbathiae ad taxam, fol. 177.

sanctus, qui tunc temporis, relicto Helmamensi episcopatu, hic ex toto se dederat, corpus illud, ad augendum loci hujus dignitatem, inebriatis custodibus, in secreto loco sepelivit, tum quia illum sanctas nostras valde dilexisse cognoverat, tum quia matrem eam esse credebat, qui et ipse, de veteri sepultura inter alios translatus, magno nobis honori habetur. Passus est anno ab incarnatione Domini mxxvj. et fuit in diebus Ethelredi et Edmundi regum temporibus.

NUM. IV.

Prædia ad Ecclesiam Conventualem de Chateriz spectantia, tempore Willielmi Regis Conquestoris.

[Ex Libro Censuali vocato *Domesday Book*, in domo Capitulari Westmon. asservato.]

Hertfordscire, tom. i. fol. 136.

TERRA ÆLCCESLÆ DE CETRIZ. In Edwnestrev Hund. Abbatissa de Cetriz tenet in BERLAI III. hid. et dim. pro uno manerio. Terra est IIII. car. In dominio una hida et dimid. et adhuc dim. potest fieri. Ibi VIII. liberi homines habent II. car. et dimid. Ibi VI. bord. et II. servi. Silua xx. porc. Inter totum valet et valuit LXX. sol. Tempore Regis Edwardi IIII. lib. Hoc manerium jacuit et jacet in dominio Sanctæ Mariæ de Cetriz æcclesiæ.

Grentebr'scire, tom. i. fol. 193.

TERRA ÆCCLESIAE DE CETRIZ. In Trepeslav Hundr. Abbatissa de CIETRIZ tenet de rege in FOXETVNE v. hid. et XL. acras. Terra est VIII. car. In dominio I. hida et XL. acr. et ibi sunt II. car. Ibi XVI. villani et XI. bord. cum VI. car. Ibi dim. molinum de x. sol. et VIII^{to}. den. pratum omnibus carucis. Valet et valuit VI. lib. Tempore Regis Edwardi VII. lib. Hæc terra jacuit semper et jacet in dominio æcclesiæ.

In Staplehov Hund. In BURUUELLA ten. moniales de Cietriz dim. hid. Terra dim. car. et ibi est pratum II. bobus. Valet et valuit semper x. sol. Hæc terra fuit et est de dominio æcclesiæ.

In Wedrelai Hund. In BARENTONE tenet æcclesia de Cietriz II. hid. Terra est III. car. In dominio I. hida. et ibi I. car. Ibi VIII. bord. et v. cot. cum II. car. Ibi III. servi et I. molinum xxv. sol. et IIII. den. Pratum III. car. Valet et valuit III. lib. Tempore Regis Edwardi IIII. lib. Hæc terra jacuit et jacet in dominio æcclesiæ de Cietriz.

In ESCEPRID tenet eadem æcclesia I. hid. et I. virg. et dim. Terra est I. car. et dim. In dominio dim. hida. et ibi dim. car. Ibi I. villanus et III. bord. et IIII^{or}. cot. cum I. car. Ibi I. servus et I. molin. de v. solid. et IIII. den. Pratum I. car. et dim. Valet et valuit xxx. sol. Tempore Regis Edwardi XL. sol. Hæc terra jacet et jacuit semper in æcclesiæ dominio de Cietriz.

In OREUUELLE tenet eadem æcclesia IIII^{tam}. partem unius virgatæ. Terra est dim. bovi. et valet XII. den. Ad æcclesiam semper pertinuit.

In OURE tenet eadem æcclesia I. hidam. Terra est I. car. et ibi est cum IIII. villanis. Pratum I. car. Pastura ad pecuniam. Valet et valuit xvi. sol. Hæc terra jacuit semper et jacet in dominio æcclesiæ de Cietriz.

Sudfolc. tom. ii. fol. 389.

TERRÆ ABBATILÆ DE CETE. . HT. Dimid. Hundr. de Cosfort. CARESEIA tenuit Sancta Maria tempore Regis Edwardi III. car. terræ et dim. semper VI. villani et XVIII. bord. et I. serv. et II. car. in dominio. et IIII. car. hominum. et IIII. acr. prati. Silva LX. porc. et I. molinum. et I. runc. et x. an. et XXXVI. porc. et CXL. oves. et III. vasa apum. Ecclesia III. acr. et I. soc. II. ac. et I. lib. homo xx. acr. et I. ācar. et I. acr. prati. Tunc valet hoc manerium IIII. lib. modo c. sol. et lib. hom. IIII. sol. IIII. d. minus. Hab. VIII. quar. in longo, et VI. in lato, et VII. den. et obol. de gelt.

NUM. V.

Quomodo Herveus primus Episcopus Eliensis Monasterium de Chateriz optinuit, et Eliensi Ecclesiæ jure perpetuæ Possessionis de manu regia temporibus perpetuis attribuit.

[Registr. de Chateriz, MS. Cotton. ut supr. fol. 73 b.]

EST autem Chateriz circa insulam Elyensem sanctimonialium habitatio, ubi monasterium sub nomine abbatiae constitutum, quamdiu sub manu regia versabatur, gravissimis angariis premebatur. Videns itaque vir discretissimus locum destructioni proximum, et pauperes Dei ancillas nimium inquietari, nec posse ullo modo sine meliore patrocinio locum incolere, paterna pietate ductus, episcopalem sollicitudinem ad liberandam Christi familiam apposuit, et mira efficacia regium favorem ad sui desiderii modum aptavit. Tantoque pondere suscepto negotio institit, ut locum illum Eliensi ecclesiæ jure perpetuæ possessionis ascriberet, et deinceps matres ibi statuendi, et monachas imponendi principalem potestatem haberet. Egit hoc itaque misericors manus Domini, ut pater animarum pater esset et rerum, et in omnibus necessitatibus suis quibus manus foeminea non sufficiebat, filiae ad patrem recurrerent, et congruum auxilium invenirent. Nemo igitur tantum episcopum putet, rebus quidem terrenis multipliciter abundantem, aliquam sinistram intentionem in hac causa fuisse sequutum, qui non ut terreno commodo consuleret, sed ut ancillæ Dei de crastino non cogitarent allaboravit. Quanto autem robore locum illum sibi suisque successoribus vendicaverit, quanta utilitate locus ille illi cesserit, duæ sequentes cartæ testantur quas regia largitas Elyensi dedit ecclesiæ.

NUM. VI.

Carta Regis Henrici de Connexione Ecclesiæ de Chatriz, quam Monasterio de Ely cum omnibus ad eam pertinentibus condonavit.

[Ibid. fol. 74 a.]

HENRICUS rex Anglorum archiepiscopis, episcopis, abbatibus, comitibus, vicecomitibus, baronibus, et omnibus fidelibus totius Angliæ, salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse Deo et Elyensi ecclesiæ et Herveo episcopo in elemosinam, abbaciam de Chateriz, cum terris et possessionibus et omnibus rebus eidem abbatiae pertinentibus. Et volo et præcipio firmiter ut benè et in pace et quietè et honorificè teneat cum saca et socha, et toll et theam, et infangenetheof, et omnibus consuetudinibus et libertatibus sicut melius et quietius et honorificentius tenet alias terras suas de episcopatu de Ely. Testibus Gaufrido cancellario, Willielmo de Albeni pincerna, Gaufrido clerico, Pagano filio Johannis, apud sanctum Petrum desuper Dinam.

NUM. VII.

Carta Regis Henrici de relaxatione Pecuniæ de Ecclesia de Chatriz quam condonarat Sanctæ Etheldredæ.

[Ibid.]

HENRICUS rex Anglorum archiepiscopis, episcopis, abbatibus, comitibus, vicecomitibus, baronibus, et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Angliæ, salutem. Sciatis me concessisse ecclesiæ S. Mariæ de Chateriz, quam concessi et dedi in elemosinam ecclesiæ de Ely, pro Dei amore et pro anima patris mei et matris meæ, et pro redemptione peccatorum meorum, et petitione Hervei episcopi ejusdem ecclesiæ primi, sex solidos et viij^d. de Warpeni quos prædicta ecclesia de Chateriz unoquoque anno dare solebat, ita quod modo imperpetuum sit inde in pace et quiete. Amen.

NUM. VIII.

Bullam per subsequentem, videlicet Innocentii Quarti, qui tenuit Pontificatum Anno Domini mccxlii. renovatur Bulla Alexandri Tertii, qui tenuit Pontificatum Anno Domini mclxij.

[Ibid. fol. 71 b.]

INNOCENTIUS episcopus, servus servorum Dei, dilectis in Christo fidelibus, abbatissæ monasterii de Chateriz, ejusque sororibus tam præsentibus quàm futuris regularem vitam professis in perpetuum. Religiosam vitam eligentibus apostolicum convenit adesse præsidium, ne fortè cujuslibet temeritatis incursus, aut eos à proposito revocet, aut robur, quod absit, sacræ religionis enervet. Eapropter dilectæ in Domino filiæ, vestris justis postulationibus elementer annuimus et monasterium de Chateriz Eliensis diocesis, in quo divino estis obsequio mancipatæ, sub beati Petri et nostra protectione suscipimus, et præsentis scripti privilegio communimus. Inprimis siquidem statuantes, ut ordo monasticus, qui secundum Deum et beati Benedicti regulam in eodem monasterio institutus esse dinoscitur, perpetuis ibidem temporibus inviolabiliter observetur. Præterea quascunque possessiones, quæcunque bona, idem monasterium impresenciarum justè, ac canonicè possidet, aut in futurum, concessione pontificum, largitione regum, vel principum, oblatione fidelium, seu aliis justis modis, præstante Domino poterit adipisci, firma vobis et eis quæ vobis successerint et illibata permaneant. In quibus hæc propriis duximus exprimenda vocabulis: locum ipsum in quo præfatum monasterium situm est, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, ecclesiam quam habetis in villa de Chateriz cum omnibus pertinenciis suis. Terram et redditus quos habetis in eadem villa de Chateriz. Terram quam habetis in villa de Foxton, cum medietate unius molendini et pertinenciis suis. Terram quam habetis in villa de Barantun, cum uno molendino et pertinenciis suis. Villam de Kareseya, cum pertinenciis suis. Ecclesiam, terram, et molendinum quæ habetis in villa de Sceperepe, cum omnibus pertinenciis eorundem. Terras quas habetis in Berele, Overe, Lincolnie, Huntedune, et Borewelle villis, cum omnibus pertinenciis earundem. Terram cum molendino quem habetis in villa de Trippelowe, cum pertinenciis eorundem. Terram cum portu quos habetis in burgo de Cantabrigia cum omnibus suis pertinenciis. Capellam de Honezeh. cum decimis et omnibus pertinentiis, cum pratis, vineis, terris, nemoribus, usuagiis, et pascuis, in bosco et plano, in aquis et molendinis, et viis, et semitis, et omnibus aliis libertatibus et immunitatibus suis. Sane novalium vestrorum quæ propriis sumptibus colitis, de quibus aliquis hactenus non percepit, sive de vestrorum animalium nutrimentis nullus à vobis decimas exigere, sive extorquere præsumat. Liceat quoque vobis personas liberas et absolutas è seculo fugientes ad conversionem accipere, et eas absque contradictione aliqua retinere. Prohibemus insuper, ut nulli sororum vestrarum post factam in monasterio vestro professionem fas sit sine abbatissæ suæ licencia de eodem loco, nisi arctioris religionis obtentu discedere, discedentem verò absque communium litterarum vestrarum cautione nullus audeat retinere. Cum autem generale interdictum terræ fuerit, liceat vobis clausis januis, exclusis excommunicatis, et interdictis, non pulsatis campanis, suppressa voce, divina officia celebrare dummodo causam non dederitis interdicto. Crisma verò, oleum sanctum, consecrationes altarium, seu basilicarum, benedictiones monialium à diocesano suscipietis episcopo, si quidem catholicus fuerit, et gratiam et communionem sacrosanctæ Romanæ sedis habuerit, et ea vobis voluerit sine pravitate aliqua exhibere. Prohibemus insuper, ut infra fines parochiæ vestræ nullus, sine assensu diocesani episcopi et vestro, capellam seu oratorium de novo construere audeat; salvis privilegiis pontificum Romanorum. Ad hæc novas et indebitas exactiones ab archiepiscopis, episcopis, archidiaconis, seu decanis, aliisque omnibus ecclesiasticis, secularibusve personis, à vobis omnino fieri prohibemus. Sepulturam quoque ipsius

loci liberam esse decernimus, ut eorum devotioni et extremæ voluntate, qui se illic sepeliri deliberaverint, nisi fortè excommunicati vel interdicti sint, aut etiam publicè usurarii, nullus obsistat; salva tamen justitia illarum ecclesiarum à quibus mortuorum corpora assumuntur. Decimas præterea et possessiones ad jus ecclesiarum vestrarum spectantes, quæ à laicis detinentur redimendi, et legitimè deliberandi de manibus eorum, et ad ecclesias ad quas pertinent revocandi, libera sit vobis de nostra auctoritate facultas. Obeunte verò te nunc ejusdem loci abbatissa, vel earum aliqua quæ tibi successerit, nulla ibi qualibet subreptionis astutia, seu violentia præponatur, nisi quam sorores communi consensu, vel earum major pars consilii sanioris, secundum Deum et beati Benedicti regulam, providerint eligendam. Paci quoque et tranquillitati vestræ paterna inposterum sollicitudine providere volentes, apostolica auctoritate prohibemus, ut infra clausuras locorum vestrorum nullus rapinam seu furtum facere, ignem apponere, sanguinem fundere, hominem temerè capere, vel interficere, seu violentiam audeat exercere. Præterea omnes libertates et immunitates à prædecessoribus nostris, Romanis pontificibus monasterio vestro concessas, necnon libertates et exemptiones secularium exactionum à regibus et principibus, vel aliis fidelibus rationabiliter vobis indultas, auctoritate apostolica confirmamus, et præsentis scripti privilegio communimus. Decernimus ergo, ut nulli omnino hominum liceat præfatum monasterium temerè perturbare, aut ejus possessiones auferre, vel ablatas retinere, minuere, seu quibuslibet vexationibus fatigare, sed omnia integra conserventur, earum pro quarum gubernatione ac sustentatione concessa sunt usibus omnimodis profutura; salva sedis apostolicæ auctoritate, et diocesani episcopi canonica justitia, et in prædictis decimis moderatione consilii generalis. Si qua igitur in futurum ecclesiastica secularisve persona hanc nostræ constitutionis paginam sciens contra eam temerè venire temptaverit, secundò tertiove commonita, nisi reatum suum congrua satisfactione correxerit, potestatis honorisque sui careat dignitate, reamque se divino judicio existere de perpetrata iniquitate cognoscat, et à sacratissimo corpore ac sanguine Dei et Domini redemptoris nostri Jesu Christi aliena fiat, atque in extremo examine districtæ subjaceat ultioni. Cunctis autem eidem loco sua jura servantibus, sit pax Domini nostri Jesu Christi, quatinus et hîc fructum bonæ actionis percipiant, et apud districtum judicem præmia æternæ pacis inveniunt. Amen.

NUM. IX.

Placita de Quo Waranto com. Cantebr. 27 Edw. I. coram Justic. Itiner.

[Ex orig. in domo Capitul. Westmon.]

ABBATISSA de Chatr. summonita fuit ad respondendum domino regi de placito quo waranto clamat habere visum franci plegii in Schepereth et Barenton, &c.

Et abbatissa venit et dicit quod ipsa et omnes prædecessores suæ abbatissæ, &c. habuerunt libertatem prædictam in prædicta villa et ea semper usi sunt a tempore quo non exstat memoria sine interruptione, et de hoc ponit se super patriam. Ideo, &c.

Et juratores ad hoc electi dicunt super sacramentum suum, quod prædicta abbatissa et omnes prædecessores suæ a tempore quo non exstat memoria, sine aliqua interruptione habuerunt in Shipreth et Barenton visum franci plegii sicut habere clamat. Ideo ipsa inde sine die salvo jure domini Henrici, &c.

NUM. X.

Litteræ precatoriæ per Robertum Elien. Episcopum, R. Lond. Episcopo porrectæ, in favorem Sanctimonialium de Chateriz, ratione combustionis illarum Cænobii.

[Ex ipso Autogr. olim in Bibl. Hatton. Hodie apud Cart. Antiq. Cotton. Mus. Brit. xxi. 12.]

VENERABILI in Christo patri, domino R. Dei gra-

tia Londonensi episcopo, Robertus ejusdem permissione, Elyensis ecclesie minister, salutem et fraternam in Domino caritatem. Ignis fortuitus ecclesiam et domos abbatisse et sanctimonialium de Chateriz nostre dioceseos, et omnia bona maneriorum suorum pro earum sustentatione ibidem collocata, nuper ita funditus devastavit; quod nec restat eis locus, ubi earum capita reclinent, nec remansit aliquid incombustum, quo pro victu tantummodo possent aliquo modo sustentari; sed necesse habent circumquaque, quod paternitati vestre, non sine cordis dolore nunciamus, pro vite necessariis alienum subsidium implorare: cujus combustionis amara in tantum nos excitavit, quod eisdem, que de proprio honeste vivere consueverunt a nostris subditis elemosinas facimus elargiri. Hinc est quod paternitatem vestram duximus, ex intimis, deprecandam, quatinus earundem inopie, pio compatiens affectu, exactionem decime jam currentis, quam pauperes hujusmodi agnovissent, si pristina bona optinuissent, una cum collega vestro, jubere dignemini relaxari. Impossibile enim est eis decimam solvere, que tam lamentabiliter sunt bonis de quibus decima exigitur, devastata. Valeat reverenda paternitas vestra semper in Christo et Virgine gloriosa. Data apud Dounham viij. kalend. Octobris.

NUM. XI.

Visitatio Monialium de Chateriz, A.D. 1345, Sede Elien. vacante.

[Ex Registro Episcop. Elien. MS. Cole, vol. xxiii. fol. 162.]

Hugo de Seton canonicus Exonien. vicarius generalis ac custos spiritualitatis civitatis ac dioc. Elien. per reverendum in Christo patrem dominum Johannem Dei gratia Cant. archiepiscopum totius Anglie primatem et apostolicę sedis legatum, vacante eadem Elien. ecclesia deputatus; dilectis nobis in Christo religiosis mulieribus de Chateriz, &c. Nuper monasterium vestrum personaliter visitantes, injungimus vobis domine abbatisse, ac vos monemus in hiis scriptis primo, secundo, et tertio, in virtute obedientie et sub pena excommunicationis majoris quod de cetero nullum constituatis Senescallum, Ballivum, seu Administratorem forinsecum bonorum Monasterii predicti, nec ab officiis suis amoveatis nec opus novum infra septa monasterii vestri vel extra incipiatis de cetero cujus construendi operis sumptus ultra x. marcarum sterlingorum summam verisimiliter se extendent; nec pecuniam seu alia bona cum recepta quacunque exnunc in consanctimonialium vobis ex devotione donata seu oblata in usus aliquos convertatis, nisi de communi consilio omnium commonialium et majoris partis earundem expresse vel tacite professorum. Exhortamurque vos Abbatisam et Priorissam quatinus in correptionibus vel correctionibus sanctimonialium

modeste, sincere, et caritative vos habere curetis; precipimusque cuicunque sanctimoniali quod reverenter et obedienter se habeat ad superiorem suam corripientem vel corrigentem eandem, et sibi in omnibus pareat et obediat ut tenetur. Exhortamur etiam vos dominam abbatisam et quancunque de conventu in virtute sanctę obedientie et in augmentum meriti vestri quatenus erga senes, debiles, et infirmas sanctimoniales compassionem habeatis, sustinendo equanimitersi propter ipsarum senium debilitatem seu infirmitatem labores chori et alios ordini congruentes cum aliis non supportent, quodque hostia chori respicientia ad majus altare monasterii vestri dum Diurnę, Horę, et Missę in ipso altari celebrantur convenienter, et comiter teneantur clausa pręterquam dum venerandum est corpus Christi, in levatione ipsius. Monemus etiam vos Abbatisam quod diligens vobis sit consideratio exilitatis reddituum et bonorum vestri Monasterii communium, et quod sic redditus et bona que vestra non sunt in usibus debitis et convenientibus curetis et procuretis dispensare per concitatum consilium Conventus, absque elargitione facienda indebite alicui de sanguine vestro, vel alias de quo gravamen monasterio vestro conferri rationabiliter dici possit; de quo conscientiam vestram oneramus. Inhibemus eciam ne aves, vel canes, seu aviculę, per Abbatisam aut Monialem quancunque habeantur infra septa monasterii et infra chorum maxime dum occupatio habet fieri in divinis, et ne ancilla vel serviens ab obsequio abbatisse seu sanctimonialis cujuscunque hactenus amota ob causam impudicitie de qua sit notoria fama non reconcilietur, nec serviat infra septa monasterii ut domestica, mercenaria, vel gratuite servitura. Et quid, &c.

NUM. XII.

Bona Temporalia Abbathie de Chateriz ad Taxam.

[Ibid. fol. 177]

In Chateriz, summa bonarum . . .	xvj ^{li} . iiij ^s . v ^d .
In Kyngeston, summa bonarum . . .	xiiij ^s .
In Foxton, summa bonarum . . .	xxvj ^{li} . vij ^s . ij ^d .
In Barenton, summa bonarum . . .	xj ^{li} . iiij ^s . j ^d .
In Overe, summa bonarum . . .	xlviij ^s .
In Maddynglee, summa bonarum . . .	xx ^s .
In Wilbertun, summa bonarum . . .	vj ^d .
Summa omnium bonarum . . .	lvij ^{li} . ij ^s . ij ^d .
Inde x ^{ma} . cxiv ^s . iiij ^d .	

Bona Spiritualia Abbathie de Chateriz ad Taxam.

Ecclesia de Chatriz . . .	xvj ^{li} . xiiij ^s . iiij ^d . Inde decima xxxiiij ^s . iiij ^d .
Ecclesia de Sheperethe . . .	xiiij ^{li} . vij ^s . viij ^d . Inde decima xxvj ^s . viij ^d .

VALOR ECCLESIASTICUS TEMP. HEN. VIII.

(Abstract of Return, 26 Hen. VIII. First Fruits Office.)

ELIEN. DIOC.

COMITAT. CANTABR.

WISBICH DECAN.

	ℓ.	s.	d.
MONASTERIUM Beatę Marię Virginis de Chateres in Temporalibus et Spiritualibus per annum clare valet	97	3	4
Decima	9ℓ.	14s.	4d.

COMPUT' MINISTRORUM DOMINI REGIS TEMP. HEN. VIII.

(Abstract of Roll, 31 Hen. VIII. Augmentation Office.)

CHATTERAS ABBATIA.

Com' Cant'		£	s.	d.
Chatteras Maner'	Redd' Assis'	7	15	4
- - - - -	Opera Autumpnal'	0	4	10
- - - - -	Terr' Dñic' cum Molendino Ventri-			
	tion	20	11	4½
Foxton Maner'	Firma Terr' Dñic'	8	0	0
Cant' Villa	Redd' Teñtor'	0	5	0
Barington	Redd' Assis'	6	4	6
- - - - -	Firma Terr' Dñic'	5	6	8
Shepreth	Redd' Assis'	10	15	8½
- - - - -	Molend' Aquat'	2	10	0
Madingley	Redd' Assis'	2	0	4
Over	Redd' Assis'	2	7	1½
Burwell	Redd' Assis'	1	6	8
Benwyk	Piscar'	0	13	4
Dudderyngton et Wymbelyngton	Terr'	0	4	4
Huntyngton	Terr'	0	3	0
Hemyngford	Un' Tenement'	0	8	0
Com' Hunt'				
Colne	Terr'	0	1	0
Lynne	Un' Tenement'	0	13	4
Kersey	Redd'	10	0	0
Barley	Maner' voc' Myncheon Bury	13	6	8
Chatteras	Rectoria	7	4	0
- - - - -	Pens' de Vicar'	0	6	8
Ely	Pens' &c.	1	0	8
Shepereth	Rectoria	10	0	0
- - - - -	Vendic' Bosc'		nult	
- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'	4	15	6
Summa totalis Oneris et Recept'		122	7	11½

Cerne, or Cernell Abbey,

IN

DORSETSHIRE.



BISHOP Tanner says, "Where the parish church of Cern is now was formerly a hermitage; after that a small monastery of three religious, founded pretty early in the Saxon times by a rich man named Egelward, to the honour of St. Peter."

If the story told by Malmesbury, however, is to be believed, the origin of this monastery must be

placed considerably higher. He informs us, that St. Augustine having converted Kent to the Christian faith, travelled through the rest of the English provinces as far as King Ethelbert's dominion extended, which was through all England except Northumberland: having arrived at Cernel, the inhabitants treated him and his companions with great rudeness, fastened the tails of cows^a to their garments, and drove them to a considerable distance from the place. The saint, however, foresaw the change which was likely to ensue, and cried to his companions "*Cerno Deum* qui et nobis retribuit gratiam, et furentibus illis emendatiorem infundet animam." The people repented of what they had done; asked pardon for their conduct; and requested his return. He imputing this change to the hand of God, gave to this place the name of Cernel, compounded of the Hebrew word *Hel*, or *El*, God, and the Latin *Cerno*.

^a "caudas racharum" q. vaccarum.

^b See Num. I. Hutchins, speaking of the foundation of this monastery, says, "The annals ascribed to Walter of Coventry, who wrote about 1230, or in the reign of John and Henry III. give much the same account, which I shall transcribe at large from his MS. in Benet college library [I. xi.]: 'In Dorsetensi pago sunt abbatiæ Kerneliensis, Midiltunensis, virorum; Sceaftoniensis fœminarum: in quo pago olim colebatur deus Helith: sed prædicans ibidem verbum Dei S. Augustinus vidit mentis oculo divinam adesse præsentiam, hilarisque factus ait Cerno Deum, qui nobis suam retribuit gratiam. Eventus, vel potius verbum, Kernelliensi loco indidit vocabulum ut vocaretur Kernele ex duobus verbis, Hebraico et Latino, quia *Hel* Deus dicatur Ebraice.'

"The author of the Flores Sanctorum, in the Life of St. Augustine (pp. 515, 516: see also Fuller's Church History, pp. 66, 67), tells us, that 'A.D. 603, Augustin destroyed the idol Heil or Heile,' or, as Leland, Helith, the Saxon Esculapius, or preserver of health, who was worshipped here at that time. This saint's company being weary and thirsty, he stuck his staff in the ground, and fetched out a crystal fountain; whence the place was called Cernel from Cerno and El as before; or rather, as Fuller thinks, it should be derived, *Cerne Well*, behold the fountain; or *Cerne Heal*. i. e. see the destruction of the idol. The author above cited adds, 'that the inhabitants fastened fishes tails to the backs of St. Augustine and his followers: in punishment whereof, all that generation had that given them by nature, which they in contempt fastened on these holy men.' This legend is still retained by the people here, who imagine the posterity

The conversion of the people followed; and when water was wanting to baptize them, a spring broke out at his command.^b

In succeeding times, according to the same authority, Edwold the brother of Edmund king of the East Angles, struck with the fate of his brother, who had been murdered by the Danes, retired from the world, and became a hermit at St. Augustine's well at Cerne, where he was afterwards buried. Veneration for the memory of Edwold appears to have given rise to a foundation, the history of which is better authenticated to us than either of the preceding accounts.

Æthelmer, or Ailmar,^c son of Æthelward, a nobleman of King Æthelred's court, rebuilt and endowed this monastery. He began it in the reign of King Edgar, and finished it A.D. 987. It was dedicated to St. Mary, St. Peter, and St. Benedict: but in later ages to St. Edwold, or Athelwold.^d

The foundation Charter endowed the monastery with the vills of Cernel and Aescere, six cassates of land in Minterne, ten manses in Winceburn, six in Bridian, and twelve in the farther Brydian, together with three manses in Hremnescumbe. Leofric clerk of Poceswylle added to this donation the vill of Poceswylle, which was confirmed by grant from King Ethelred. Ælfrith, a relation of Æthelmer, gave four cassates of land at Pydelan, after the death of Leowin their kinsman. Alswold gave five manses at Blaeewyrthe, after the death of his wife. Æthelmar also gave the tithes of his yearly rent in Cernel and Ceosolburnan, and the tithes of honey, cheese, and hogs, in his other lands.

of those who abused Augustine still remain, and are distinguished by a remarkable elongation of the *os sterni*."

"But," Hutchins adds, "it is much to be doubted whether King Ethelbert's dominions extended so far, or whether Augustine was ever in those parts. For he doth not seem to have made any great progress in converting the Saxons, except in Kent, as the conversion of the rest of that people was made after his death by various persons; the West Saxons, in particular, by Birinus: about A.D. 633 or 634. Augustine came into England between 588 and 603, and died about 604, so that, if he built this monastery, it was one of the most ancient foundations in this kingdom. But Bishop Tanner, notwithstanding the authority of Malmesbury, and succeeding writers, who with Camden follow Malmesbury, questions the truth of this account."

At the north-east corner of the church-yard which formerly belonged to the abbey, now to the parish church, from which it is distant about 500 yards, is the spring said to have been raised by St. Augustine, and still called his well. It is walled about, and seems to have had a chapel built over it. See Hutchins, p. 315.

^c Leland and Tanner call him earl of Cornwall. See Lel. Collect. tom. iii. p. 65. Num. II. Tann. Notit. Mon. Hutchins, Hist. Dors. new edit. vol. iii. p. 308, calls him Ailmer, Ælward, or Egelward. Leland, who considers him as the same Ailmer who founded the abbey of Eynesham in Oxfordshire, A.D. 1005, says he was buried in that monastery. Hutchins, in a passage which will be hereafter quoted, among the obits, names one for Ailward *the son of the founder*.

^d See Rym. Fœd. tom. xiv. p. 637. In the Domesday Survey it is simply called the church of *St. Peter* of Cernel.

He also directed the monks to observe the rule of St. Benedict, and gave them leave to choose a secular patron.^a

Canute, while king of Denmark, is said to have plundered and destroyed this abbey, but, when king of England, to have endowed it both with lands and privileges.^b

In the Domesday Survey the church of St. Peter of Cernel appears to hold lands in *Dorsetshire* only. These were rated, in the time of King Edward the Confessor, at twenty-one hides in Cernel, three hides and a half in Litelpidre, three hides in Retpole, five hides and a half in Blocheshorde, nine hides in Affapidele, six hides in Pocheswelle, two hides and a half in Werdesford, three virgates in Ælfatune, one hide in Vergroh, eleven hides in Litelbride, ten hides in Wintreburne, nine hides in Langebride, five in Netelcome, four hides in Mideltone, five hides in Cameric, five in Romescumbe, and nineteen in Simondesberge.

The total amount of land was a hundred and thirteen hides and a half and three virgates: the amount of rent at the time of the Survey 1157. Under Affapidele the rent is omitted.^c

The certificate of the knights' fees belonging to the church in the time of Henry the First, with the names of the knights who held them, as returned by abbat Robert in the reign of King Henry the Second, and recorded in the Black Book of the Exchequer, will be found in the Appendix of Instruments.^d

In after ages, till the time of the Dissolution, the abbey of Cerne possessed the manors of Affpudle, Bloxworth, West Baglake, East Baglake, Cerne, Nether Cerne, Hawkchurch, Maiden Newton, Milborn St. Andrew, Radipole, Symondsbury, Winterborn Abbas, East Woodsford, Kimeridge, Rentscombe, Piddle Musterton in Piddlehinton, Longbridy, Little Bridy, Myntern, West Milton in Poorstock, Middlemarsh in Minterne, Poxwell, Little Piddle, Tiley, Wotton, Mapercomb, Palington in Affpiddle, Woolbridge, and Hungerhill: with the advowsons of Affpudle, Bloxworth, Cerne, Hawkchurch, Radipole, Symondsbury, Longbridy, and Poxwell. Also lands in Marsh in Bloxworth, Corscomb, Poorstock, Brownsey Island, Corfe Castle, East Lullworth, Dorchester, Winford Eagle, Woolbridge, Morbeth, Watercomb, East Stoke, Winfrith, Crockway, Kingston in Winfrith, Cranbourne, and Hermitage: the appropriations of the rectories of Affpudle, Cerne, and Kimeridge: with pensions, of one mark from the rectory of Hawkchurch, fifty-two shillings from the rectory of Symondsbury, six marks from the rectory of Longbridy, two shillings from the rectory of Radipole, six shillings and eightpence from the rectory of Radipole, five shillings from the rectory of Poxwell, and six shillings and eightpence as the portion of the eleemosynary from the rectory of Affpudle.^e

King Henry the Second, by Charter, without date, granted to this abbey wreck in all their lands on the sea, and "bellum," "polam," "and forum" in the vill of Cerne, with all their liberties to their knights and free tenants, and their services, doing service of two knights at scutage, and of one on an expedition. In the 3d of Edw. I. they had a grant of sea wreck in Brunkerey and Remescumb within the liberty of Corfe Castle. (Pat. 3 Edw. I. m. 24 d.) In 8 Edw. I. grant of common pasture between the manors of Ripple and Melcomb. 11 Edw. II. the abbat had licence to purchase land to the value of 10*l.* per annum, which was afterwards done, viz. five mesuages and thirty-one acres of land in Cerne Monachorum, one mesuage seventy-one acres in Mid-

dleburgh, and ten acres in Wotton juxta Bridport. (Rot. Pat.) In the same year he had a Charter for free warren in Cern, Nether Cern, Minterne, Middlemarsh, Wintreburn, Hacheton, Wirdeford, Puddle, Palington, Little Bridy, Pokeswell, Wellbrigge, Blockesworth, Hungerhill, Winfrede, Simondsberwe, Wotton, Haukechurch, Brunkesey, Rappele, Mapercome, Nettlecome, Milton, and Longbridy. (Rot. Pat. p. 1, m. 6; p. 2, m. 6. Rot. Cart. n. 34.) 19 Edw. II. the abbat purchased of several persons one toft, ten acres of land in Longbridy, and one mesuage and twelve acres in West Baglake, and six acres, &c. in Morbeth: and the same year he had a grant of free warren in Simondsburch. (Pat. 19 Edw. II. p. 1, m. 13. Cart. 19 Edw. II. n. 13.) 4 Edw. III. he had a grant of liberties in the hundreds of Tolerford, Eggerdon, Goderthorn, Uddescomb, &c. (Cart. 4 Edw. III. n. 60. Pat. 4 Edw. III. p. 1, m. 34 vel 35. Escaet Dorset. 5 Edw. III. art. 7 and 8.) 9 Edw. III. the abbat had a grant of the manors of Muleborn and Mickleston. (Rot. Pat. 9 Edw. III. p. 1, m. 15 vel 16.) 14 and 39 Edw. III. others for tenements in Litelpride. (Rot. Pat. 14 Edw. III. p. 3, m. 28 vel 29. Pat. 39 Edw. III. p. 1, m. 7.) 5 Rich. II. he had a grant of the manor and advowson of Stoke by Bindon. (Rot. Pat. 5 Ric. II. p. 2, m. 16.) 10 and 11 Rich. II. of lands in Minterne and Werdeford. (Rot. Pat. 11 Ric. II. p. 1, m. 33.) 15 Rich. II. William Batcomb had licence to give to this abbey lands in Little Frome, Milton, and Michaelston, and two mesuages, one carucate, and three acres of land in Fordington and Milburn Port. 16 and 17 Rich. II. the abbat had a grant of lands in Simondsburch. (Rot. Pat. 16 Ric. II. p. 1, m. 7, 26. 17 Ric. II. p. 1, m. 2.) 18 Rich. II. Richard Chidiock and Joan his wife had licence to give to this abbey two mesuages, two carucates, and forty acres of land in Symondsbury. 37 Hen. VI. the abbat had a grant of lands in Cerne and Hawkchurch. (Rec. in Scacc. 2 Hen. VI. Mich. Rot. 22.) 21 Edw. IV. one third of the manor of Maids Newton. (Pat. 21 Edw. IV. p. 1, m. 8.) 5 Hen. VIII. of a chapel called le Hermitage super Blakemore. (Rec. in Scacc. 5 Hen. VIII. Hil. Rot. 7.) The abbat had free warren in all his demesne lands, by grant 2 Hen. VIII. Mich. Rec. 2 Hen. VIII. rot. 7.)^f

In the 8th of Hen. II. the abbat paid two marks for scutage. In the 14th Hen. II. he accounted for two marks and two knights' fees, and owed eight marks and seven knights' fees of the old feoffment, on the aid for marrying Matilda, the king's daughter, to the duke of Saxony. In the 6th Ric. I. he paid forty shillings scutage for the king's redemption, and in the 8th Ric. I. two marks scutage of Normandy. In the 13th of K. John he paid twenty marks for ten knights' fees for the scutage of Wales. In the 30th Hen. III. he paid forty shillings for two fees, and eight pounds for eight fees, on the aid for marrying the king's eldest daughter. In the 38th of Hen. III. he paid four pounds for two fees, and sixteen pounds for eight fees, on the aid for making the king's eldest son a knight. In the 7th of Edw. I. he paid four pounds for two fees on the scutage for Wales.^g

ABBATS OF CERNE.

ÆLFRIC, afterwards archbishop of Canterbury, was the first abbat. An account of him has been already given in the history of the monastery of St. Albans.^h He is said to have translated his "Homilies" from the Latin, solely for the use of the monks of Cerne.ⁱ Who

^a See Num. III.

^b See *Lel. Collect.* edit. 1770, tom. i. p. 66, tom. iv. p. 67.

^c See Num. IV.

^d Num. V.

^e Hutchins, *Hist. Dors.* ed. Gough, vol. iii. p. 311.

^f *Ibid.* p. 309.

^g *Ibid.* p. 311.

^h See the present Volume, p. 180.

ⁱ The following is the opening of Ælfric's Preface to his Homilies: Ic Ælfric munuc 7 mæsse preost 7 pa ðeah paccpe ðonne 7yl-

cum hadum gebýrige. weapð arend on Æðelpeber dæge cýniger fram Ælfræge biscope Æþelpolber æfter-gengan to rumum myn-
stre ðe is Cernel gehaten ðurh Æthelmæper bene þær ðegener.
hij gebýrd 7 goodnyr 7ind gehwær cupe. Ða hearn me on mode ic
trurige ðurh Godes 7ife. þæt ic þær boc of ledenum gepeorde to
Engliscpe spræce apende. na þurh gebýlde micelppe lape. ac forþan ðe
ic geseah 7 gehýrde micelgeþ pilb on manegum Engliscum bocum, ðe
ungelærede men þurh heora bilewitnysse to micclum wisdome teal-
don. and me oþhpeop þæt hi ne cuþon ne næfdon Ða godspellcan
lare on heora gewritum. buton þam mannum ðe þ leden cuthon. 7

was Ælfric's immediate successor at Cerne in 989, when he succeeded to the bishoprick of Wilton, does not appear; unless it was

ALFRIC PUTTOC, who occurs abbat in 1023.

WITHELMUS occurs in 1085, when he assisted in a council at Gloucester.^a

HAYMO, abbat of Cerne, was deposed by Archbishop Anselm in the year 1102, in a great council of the clergy and laity, for simony.^b

WILLIAM was probably the next abbat. He was a witness to the foundation Charter of Plympton priory, in Devonshire, A. D. 1121;^c as well as to a Charter granted by K. Henry the First to the church of Exeter.^d

ROBERT occurs as abbat in the Black Book of the Exchequer, in the time of Henry the Second:^e he was probably the same person with *Robert de Sancto Pancratio*, a monk of St. Michael's Mount, whose election as abbat of Cerne is mentioned by Bishop Kennett.^f

BERNARD was abbat about the year 1150.^g He had been previously a monk of Gloucester. He quitted his abbacy about 1159, on account of the great disorders, "exordinationes," of the house. He was afterwards elected abbat of Burton upon Trent, where he died in 1175.

DENNIS, or DIONYSIUS, occurs abbat in 1218. He resigned about 1220.^h

R. prior of Cerne, received the royal assent to his election as abbat on Feb. 12th, 1220.ⁱ

WILLIAM DE HUNGERFORD received the royal assent to his election March 30th, 1232.^k

RICHARD DE SUWELL, or SEWEL, a monk of Christ Church, Canterbury, received the royal assent as abbat March 20th, 1244.^l On his death,

PHILIP was elected abbat April 27th, 1260.^m He died in 1273.ⁿ

THOMAS DE EBBLESBURY received the temporalities December 15th, 1273.^o Upon his death,

GILBERT DE MINTERNE was elected; to whom the temporalities were restored Feb. 1st, 1294.^p

RALPH DE CERNE, or CERNELIO, was elected, on the death of abbat Minterne, April 23d, 1312. The temporalities were granted to him on the 5th of July following.^q

RICHARD DE OSMYNGTON received the king's assent to his election April 17th, and was confirmed and received the benediction on the 8th of the ides of May, 1324.^r He occurs in 1337.^s Upon his death,

STEPHEN SHERARD was elected abbat. The temporalities were granted to him Nov. 29th, 1356.^t A

licence for a fresh election, upon abbat Sherard's death, was obtained on the 7th of September, 1361; ten days after which the royal assent was given to the election of

THOMAS SEWALE. The temporalities were restored to him Sept. 23d.^u

JOHN HAYLE had the royal assent to his election July 15th, and received the temporalities July 30th, 1383.^x Upon his death,

ROBERT SYMONDESBERGH was elected; to whom the temporalities were restored Jan. 5th, 1384.^y

JOHN WEDE was confirmed abbat Sept. 27th, and received the temporalities Sept. 29th, 1411.^z He died in 1427.

JOHN WYINTERBURN was elected in the month of February in the same year, and received the temporalities of his office on February the 20th.^a He died June 29th, 1436.^b

JOHN GODMANSTON was elected abbat July 11th, 1436. He died in 1451.^c

WILLIAM CALLESTOKE received the royal assent to his election on Nov. 1st, and had the temporalities granted to him Nov. 18th, 1451.^d He died Aug. 10th, 1454.^e

JOHN HELYER was elected abbat Sept. 16th, 1454. He received the royal assent to his election Oct. 8th.^f Hutchins says, "for want of form, &c. the nomination devolved to the bishop, who appointed and confirmed Helier 14th Oct. 1454.^g The temporalities were restored to him Oct. 25th.^h Upon his resignation,

JOHN VAN, or VANN, LL. D., was elected in the month of October, 1458.ⁱ He died in 1470.

ROGER BEMYSTER, who had been prior of the monastery, received the royal assent to his election Feb. 27th, 1470.^k Among Dr. Hutton's extracts from the Patent Rolls we read, "Pat. 11 Edw. IV. p. 1, Rex perdonat Rog. Bemyster abb. de Cerne 10 Aug."^l He was summoned to convocation in 1495, 1496, and 1503.^m

Hutchins names

THOMAS, whom he conjectures to have had the surname of SALMON, as abbat in 1508.ⁿ

ROBERT WESTBURY had the temporalities restored to him as abbat August 7th, 1510.^o He occurs in 1522.^p

THOMAS CORTON, *alias* NORMAN, received the temporalities, upon Westbury's death, August 4th, 1525. He surrendered his monastery to the king March 15th, 1539.^q The pensions which were granted upon the occasion will be found in the Appendix of Instruments.^r

The Surrender of Cerne abbey (spelled in the ori-

buton ðam bocum ðe Ælfric cyning snoteplíce awende of leðene on Englisc, ða rind to hæbbenne. For ðisum antimbre ic gedypstlæhte on Gode truwienðe. Ð ic ðas gesetnysse under gann. 7 eac forðam ðe menn behopað Godpe lare swiðost on thisum timan the is ge endung ðyssepe wopulde. 7 beoð fela frecednyssa on man cynne æpðan ðe re enðe becume. swa swa upe dpihten on his godspelle cwæth to his leorning cnihtum. i. e. I Ælfric, monk and priest, although a man of less abilities than are requisite for one in such Orders, was sent in the days of King Æthelred, from Alphege the bishop and successor of Athelwold, to a monastery which is called Cernel, at the desire of Æthelmer the thain, whose noble birth and goodness are everywhere known. Then ran it in my mind, I trust through the gift of God, that I ought to translate this book out of the Latin tongue into the English language, not upon presumption of great learning, but because I saw and heard much error in many English books, which ignorant men, through their simplicity, esteemed great wisdom, and because it grieved me, that they neither knew, nor had the Gospel learning in their writings, except from those men that understood Latin, and those books which are to be had of King Alfred's, which he skilfully translated from Latin into English. For this reason I took courage, trusting in God, to enter upon this task, and because men have now most need of sound doctrine, especially at this time which is so near the end of the world, and vexations will torment mankind before the end is come, as our Lord in his Gospel said to his disciples.—See the unpublished sheets of Mrs. Elstob's Saxon Homiliarium, folio, p. 3.

^a See the new edit. of Hutchins, ut supr. from the Annals of Lanercost.

^b See Will. Malmesb. edit. 1596, fol. 129 b. Eadm. Hist. Nov. p. 67.

^c Dugd. Mon. Angl. former edit. tom. ii. p. 7.

^d See the Appendix to Exeter Monastery in the present Volume.

^e See Num. V.

^f See the new edit. of Hutchins, vol. iii. p. 311.

^g Ibid. ^h Hutch. ut supr.

ⁱ Pat. 4 Hen. III. m. 6.

^k Pat. 16 Hen. III. m. 7.

^l Pat. 28 Hen. III. m. 7.

^m Pat. 44 Hen. III. m. 1.

ⁿ Hutch. vol. iii. p. 311.

^o Pat. 3 Edw. I. m. 36.

^p Pat. 24 Edw. I.

^q Hutchins, from Reg. Sarum, Gaunt.

^r Ibid. Reg. Mortival.

^s Collect. E. R. Mores.

^t Pat. 30 Edw. III. p. 3.

^u Pat. 35 Edw. III. p. 2.

^x Pat. 6 Ric. II. p. 1.

^y Ibid. p. 2.

^z Pat. 12 Hen. IV. p. 1.

^a Pat. 5 Hen. VI. p. 1.

^b Hutchins, vol. iii. p. 311.

^c Ibid.

^d Pat. 30 Hen. VI. p. 1.

^e Hutchins, ut supr. p. 312.

^f Pat. 33 Hen. VI. p. 1.

^g Hutchins, ut supr.

^h Pat. 33 Hen. VI. p. 1.

ⁱ Pat. 37 Hen. VI. p. 1.

^k Pat. 49 Hen. VI. p. 1.

^l Harl. MS. 6963.

^m Hutch. p. 312.

ⁿ Ibid.

^o Pat. 2 Hen. VIII.

^p Hutch.

^q Willis, Mit. Ab. vol. ii. p. 69. See the Surrender, App. Num.

VIII.

^r Num. IX. The following were the pensions still payable in the 2d and 3d of Philip and Mary:

"CERNE nuper MONASTERIUM. Feod. Johannis Craynefyne capitalis seneschalli omnium possessionum nuper prioratus predicti per annum cxiiij^s. iiij^d. Nota quod exonerand. per regem. Walteri Skynner supervis. et. rec. omnium terrarum et possessionum dicti nuper monasterii predicti per annum x^{li}. Annuat. Christoferi Cheverell per annum xl^s. Georg. De la Lurd per annum xl^s. Willielmi Jolyff per annum iiij^{li}. Ricardi Phillippes per annum iiij^{li}. Willielmi Thornehill per annum xl^s. Thomæ Denys et Thomæ Garlande per an-

ginal *Serne*), attested by the prior and fifteen monks (not sixteen, as in Hutchins), is preserved in the Augmentation Office, and given in the Appendix, Num. VI.

The revenues of the house were valued at this time, according to Dugdale, at 51*l.* 17*s.* 10½*d.* per annum: according to Speed, at 623*l.* 13*s.* 2½*d.*^a

Hutchins says, in the 31st Hen. VIII. the site of the monastery and demesne land, with the pasture by St. Catherine's chapel, were demised for fifty years to Philip Vanwildcr, paying yearly 37*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* the reversion of which was demised, 7 Eliz. to John Fowler. 17 Eliz. this lordship, the site of the monastery, and several parcels of land, amongst which was one called Totcomb and another Podingstede apud Totcomb, were granted to John Dudley, John Ayscough, &c. and their heirs. 21 Eliz. the site of the monastery, with the parcels before mentioned, were granted to Edmund Downing and John Walker, reciting the grants 31 Hen. VIII. and 7 Eliz.^b

No remains of the CONVENTUAL CHURCH of Cerne are now existing. It is supposed to have stood east of the abbey house, partly in the church-yard, and partly in the adjoining field on the north side; dedicated to St. Mary. The south transept is supposed to have stood near the centre of the present church-yard, where fragments of monuments, &c. have been frequently found. A few yards from this spot, in the north-east corner of the church-yard, between the site of the conventual church and St. Augustine's well, a pavement of glazed figured tiles, now covered with turf, was formerly to be seen, conjectured to have been the floor of the Lady's or some other chapel at the east end of the church. Hutchins has engraved the broken figures of two abbats in black marble formerly found here. In the deepest foundations of the abbey, he says, have been observed the remains of a former handsome building incorporated, and the bases of small pillars frequently dug up are found marked with a cross on the upper side.^c

num lxvj^{s.} viij^{d.}. Willielmi Bownde per annum lxvj^{s.} viij^{d.}. Radulphi Hopton per annum vj^{li.}. Johannis Norman per annum xlvj^{s.} viij^{d.}. Thomæ Parkes per annum xxvj^{s.} viij^{d.}. Christoferi Redhouse per annum xxvj^{s.} viij^{d.}. Egidii Strangways militis per annum lxvj^{s.} viij^{d.}. Ricardi Papull per annum xx^{s.}. Alexandri Fitz James per annum xl^{s.}. Thomæ Trenchard per annum xxvj^{s.} viij^{d.}. *Penc.* Thomæ Norman nuper Abbatis ibidem per annum c^{li.}. Ricardi Forte nuper Prioris ibidem per annum x^{li.}. Rogeri Golde per annum viij^{li.}. Rogeri Greneway per annum vij^{li.}. Henrici Smythe per annum vj^{li.}. xij^{s.} iiiij^{d.}. Thomas Salter per annum vj^{li.}. xij^{s.} iiiij^{d.}. Willelmi Geffrey alias Newland per annum vj^{li.}. Johannis Mere per annum vj^{li.}. Simonis Barwike per annum cvj^{s.} viij^{d.}. Willielmi Dyer per annum cvj^{s.} viij^{d.}. Johannis Furbyer per annum vj^{li.}. Johannis Hyde per annum vj^{li.}. Johannis Croker per annum cvj^{s.} viij^{d.}. Thomæ Smythe per annum xl^{s.}. Johannis Johnson per annum xl^{s.}.^a

^a Tann. Notit. Mon.

Hutchins says, from the First Fruits Office we learn that in 1534 here were obits for Robert, Thomas, Dionysius, Ralph, Richard, and Philip, abbats of this place; for John Vann the thirty-first abbat; for Alreda the wife and Ailward the son of the founder, David Pley, Thomas Friday, Alice countess of Wilts, Henry Harding, Anastasia Attemore, Hugh Chamberlain, and John Burton.

Here was a chantry founded, 9 Edw. III., by William de Whitfeld, to find two monks, chaplains, to pray for his soul. Also another chantry, erected 4 Hen. IV., by indenture between R. Symondesbury, abbat, and Humphry Stafford, knt., whereby the abbat was to find one secular chaplain, to celebrate every day for ever, at the altar of the Holy Cross, or St. Michael, in the said monastery, for the good estate of the said Humphry and Elizabeth his wife, while living, and for their souls after death: and for the souls of John Stafford, knt. and Margaret his wife, Alice late wife of the said Humphry, Ralph late earl of Stafford, Edmund Stafford bishop of Exeter, Robert Symondesbury, John Matravers, knt., Humphry Stafford junior and Elizabeth his wife, Matilda Dynham, Walter Clopton, knt., William Ekerdon, and Robert Grey, and their ancestors: and for all their souls, whom Humphry Stafford and Elizabeth his wife were obliged to, and for those of all faithful people. This mass to be called Stafford's Mass. The abbat to find a poor man to say mass daily for ever, and to pay him 17*s.* 4*d.* yearly, in equal portions every week. The abbat grants to the founders, &c. participation of their good works, and their names to be put in the Martyrology, and recited when divine service was said. For these purposes Humphry Stafford gave to the abbat the manor of Milbourne St. Andrewe, alias Milbourne Deverel. See Hutchins's Hist. Dors. ut supr. vol. iii. p. 314.

^b Hist. Dors. ut supr.

^c Ibid. p. 307.

^d Ibid. p. 295.

^e Ibid. p. 316.

The *Gate-house*, a square embattled tower, which seems to have been the principal entrance, is now the only remain of Cerne abbey. Hutchins gives a minute account of the escocheons of Arms with which it is adorned. He conjectures it to have been erected by an abbat of the name of Thomas Salmon, in the reign of King Henry the Seventh, but of whom no other traces can be found.

A barn belonging to the abbey, of considerable size and stateliness, is engraved by Hutchins:^d who informs us, that the old abbey house, many large barns, dog kennels, &c. made out of the ruins of the abbey, were burnt about seventy or eighty years ago.^e The abbat had a park, and also a vineyard.^f

On the top of the hill, north-east from the town, stood the chapel dedicated to St. Katherine, which belonged to the monastery; of which only the traces of foundations remain.^g

Cerne mills, supposed anciently to have been the abbat's mill, are situated upon a brook a little to the south-west of what is called the abbey house. They pay a small annual acknowledgement, or ancient quit-rent, to the church of Salisbury.

The ARMS of this abbey were, Sable, a cross engrailed Or, between four lilies Argent, as given by Tanner from Reyner, as well as in the initial Letter of the present Account. Hutchins says, the cross is not engrailed in the spandril of the inner arch of the gate-house at Cerne, and in the nave of Sherbourne church.

A small portion of the Abbey SEAL, representing a Gothic building, with a figure kneeling beneath, is all that is now appendant to the Surrender of this monastery in the Augmentation Office.

The only REGISTER of Cerne abbey now known to exist is that among Bishop Moore's manuscripts, preserved in the public library at Cambridge, Ll. i. 3.^h

^f Ibid.

^g Ibid. p. 315.

^h Hutchins, speaking of Bishop Tanner's Notitia Monastica, says:

"The MS. there referred to, among Bishop Moore's manuscripts in the publick library at Cambridge num. 113, seems to have been the property of this house. It is of high antiquity, and contains a collection of lessons and prayers written in the ancient Saxon characters; and, on several leaves inserted in the beginning, contains, according to the custom of those ages, several particulars relating to the abbey. I have inserted an account of its contents communicated to me by a learned friend, who examined it at my request.

"It begins with several grants of Indulgences to the faithful visiting and offering up their devotions here; viz. twenty days by the archbishop of Canterbury, fifteen and twenty by the bishop of Sarum.

"Then follows an account of the dedication of several altars, viz. 1311, of the altar in the abbat's chapel in honour of St. Stephen and St. Katherine, by an Irish bishop of Enaghdo [Enachdunensis] who granted at the same time an indulgence for twenty days to those who visited it. The same bishop also dedicated the chapel of the Infirmary in honour of the Virgin, St. Margaret, and St. Apollonia; to the visitors of which he granted an indulgence of thirty days. A. D. 1318, the bishop of Sarum dedicated the high altar in honour of the Virgin and St. Peter, with a similar grant of forty days indulgence. In 1396, the bishop of Enachdoe, suffragan to the bishop of Oxford" [Qu. Oxon. for Exon.] "dedicated two altars in the chapel of Nu-therteene [f. Nether Cerne], the high altar to All Saints, and that on the south side to St. Ethelreda."

"Then follow several particulars relating to the knights' fees held by the abbat. 2 Hen. I. he answers for three. 14 Hen. II. a mark was raised on every knight's fee throughout England, for marrying the king's daughter to the duke of Saxony; and writs issue to every tenant in capite, to certify how many knights' fees he holds. The abbat of Cerne's return is printed in the Liber Niger." [See Num. VI. of the Append.] "It appears, however, that the exchequer was not well content with the abbat's account, who owned only two knights' fees, and disowned the other eight which were charged on him. The king afterwards grants his Charter by which they were to enjoy 'wreccum per omnes terras suas super mare et bellum et polam et forum in villa de Cerne, faciundo servitium duorum militum ad scutagium, et unum militem in expeditione.' Notwithstanding this Charter, the abbat still remained charged as before in the exchequer till the 54th of Hen. III. who confirmed the preceding Charter, and forgave the arrears, which amounted to near two hundred pounds. The Charter and the writ to the barons of the exchequer to this purpose are here preserved. One might have imagined the abbat would have been well contented with this great reduction, and cheerfully performed the service enjoined by this Charter. But, emboldened by

Cartae ad Cernellense Coenobium in agro Dorsetensi spectantes.

NUM. I.

[W. Malmesb. fol. 142 b.]

IN Dorsatensi pago sunt abbatiae: Cerneliensis Mildeltunensis virorum, Sceptoniensis foeminarum, praeter aliquas, quae vel omnino destructae, vel multum imminutae sunt. Cerneliensis exordium ita accepimus. Augustinus primus doctor Anglorum, post Cantiam Christo subditam, reliquas Anglorum provincias pervagabatur, quantum Ethelberthi regis imperium protendebatur. Habebat enim (ut aliàs diximus) sibi subiectum, quicquid Angliæ Britanniae incolunt, praeter solos Northanimbros. Pagum ergo suprà nominatum Augustinus adorsus, crebris à diaboli damno prædis christianitatis augebat numerum. Sed loco illo virtus hæsit, dæmonis conflata invidia, qui tantis animarum lucris dole-ret. Aggrediuntur ergo virum et socios furiatis mentibus incolæ, et magnis dehonestatum injuriis, ita ut etiam caudas racharum vestibis ejus affigerent, impellunt, propellunt, expellunt. Patientèr ille et modestè gaudensque pro nomine Jesu contumeliam pati, et ne magis miserorum irritaret insaniam, excusso pedum in eos pulvere, longè, quasi milliariis tribus, recessit. Tum verò persecutionis remoto turbine in quietem regressus animi, vidit mentis oculo divinam adesse præsentiam, exhilaratoque vultu ait suis: Cerno Deum qui et nobis retribuit gratiam, et furentibus illis emendatiorem infundet animam.

Cum dicto advenerunt illi properatis gressibus, facti poscentes veniam, fidem pollicentes suam, eventus vel potius verbum loco indidit vocabulum, ut vocaretur Cernel ex duobus verbis Hebraico et Latino, quod Hel Deus dicatur Hebraicè. Dixit Augustinus Dominum secernere: nec veritas sermoni abfuit, quod tam citò mente mutata plebs antè lymphata credidit. Nam et ibidem cum ad baptismum deesset aqua, ad jussum pontificis ex occultis meatibus fons erupit, qui hodieque et Augustini merito, et usus sui commodo incolis clarus habetur. Ibi succedentibus annis, Edwoldus frater Edmundi regis et martyris vitam heremiticam solo pane cibario, et aqua trivit, pertæsus (ut fama est) mundi deliciarum, quod se et fratrem durior excepisset fortuna. Fit enim plerumque, ut adversitatibus seculi admonitus generosus animus, ad Dominum se convertat attentius, qui nec falli, nec fallere novit. Et prima quidè virtus est bene per se velle, secunda cogi posse. Non minoris, ut estimo, deputatur meriti Paulus, qui ad bonum flagello coactus est aspero, quàm Petrus, qui libens et statim accurrit vocanti Domino. Edwoldus post religiosè actam vitam, magna sanctitatis opinione ibi sepultus dedit occasionem posteriori tempore Egelwaldo prædixit homini, ut cœnobium eo loco sancto Petro con-

strueret: non ita exilitèr, (ut putatur) quinimò abundanter, si illi quorum interest non ea nebulonibus suis, sed Dei servis impertirent.

NUM. II.

Cernelium, sive Cerne.

[Lelandi Collectan. vol. iii. p. 65.]

Ex fundatione Ailmeri comitis Cornubiæ, tempore Ædgari regis, sepultus est Egneshami propè Oxonium.

Ex veteri Codice.

ATHELBALDUS et Ailbertus reges, filii Atulphi, sepulti Shireburniæ ab Alchstano episcopo eorum propinquo.

Fons Sancti Augustini Cernelii.

ANTE novam fundationem Cernelii, tantum erat trium monachorum cœnobiolum ubi nunc est parochialis ecclesia de Cernel.

Ex Libello de Vita Sancti Ædwoldi fratris Sancti Edmundi Martiris.

EADUUALDUS duxit vitam heremiticam in provincia Dorcetensi propè fontem, cognomento argenteum.

Almarus comes Cornubiæ, cum Dunstano transtulere reliquias Eadwoldi ad veterem ecclesiam Cerneliensem, ubi nunc parochialis ecclesia.

Canutus, spoliato monasterio Cerneliensi, contulit se ad portum, Frommutham nomine, occidentalis Angliæ.

Ex Libro Annalium, cui titulus, Memoriale Fratris Gualteri de Coventre.

[Ibid. vol. i. p. 350.]

DEUS Helith colebatur in pago de Cernel, tempore Augustini, Anglorum apostoli.

Elwoldus, frater Edmundi regis et martyris, heremita apud Cernel, cui postea succedens Ælwardus, homo prædices, cœnobium eo in loco divo Petro construxit.

NUM. III.

Carta Æthelmeri filii Æthelwerdi.

[Cartæ Antiquæ, litera W. numero 16.]

ANNO incarnationis Domini nostri Jesu Christi nonagesimo octogesimo septimo, regnante ipso cum co-æterno Patre et Spiritu Sancto perpetua majestate, ego

success, he next labours to shake off the remainder of the yoke; and 22 Edw. I. he is distrained by the sheriff for not performing the service of one knight in the king's army, in the 10th of his reign, but obtains a Charter of pardon for this omission and a writ of superse-deas to the exchequer. 31 Edw. I. a writ issued to the sheriff not to levy the aid of forty shillings for marrying the king's daughter, on the lands of the abbey held in socage, but only on those held in fee.

"After these particulars are two or three proxies from the abbat in convocation.

"Then follow 'Magna Charta,' &c. Perambulation of the forests in Dorsetshire.

"'Compositio in curia Regis,' between the abbat of Cerne and the abbat of Abbotsbury 'de tenemento in Havek.'

"Another, 'super quadam pastura et toto wasto de Linle et Havek.' Pleas before the justices itinerant, 33 Hen. III. between the

prior of St. Swithin Winchester and the abbat of Cern 'de una carucata terræ cum pertinentiis in Melcumbe.'

"Forms of notifying the death or resignation of an abbat to the king, and of petitioning for a congé d'élire.

"Letters to the elect of Norwich, legate, on the same subject.

"Forma compromissionis pro electione abbatis."

Hutchins adds:

"In the Remembrancer's office in the Exchequer are preserved a Charter of Confirmation of liberties to the abbat. Hil. Rec. 5 Hen. VIII. rot. 7.

"A Charter of liberties, warrens, &c. Mich. Rec. 2 Hen. VIII. rot. 7.

"A charter to the abbat, confirming liberties for a chapel called the Hermitage, in Blackmore. Hil. Rec. 5 Hen. VIII. rot. 7."

Æthelmer filius Æthelwerdi, satrapa regis Æthelredi, notum fore studui ipsius regiae sublimitati hoc salubre meum consilium, et archiepiscopo Dunstano et Ælfeago Wintoniensi episcopo, et omnibus episcopis cunctisque sapientibus gentis Anglorum, quod ego liberè perpetua munificentia tribui illum locum qui vulgò Cernel nuncupatur, cum possessionibus quas ei subjugò, cuncti-creanti Deo ad almi onomatis ejus laudem, et ad honorem Mariæ genetricis Dei perpetuæ virginis, ac sancti Petri principis apostolorum, necnon et sancti Benedicti, pro meo carissimo hero basileo Æthelredo, et pro memetipso, necnon et pro dilecta mihi animula mei genitoris, et redemptione meorum præcedentium patrum, qui propria colla spontè fidei Christianæ subdiderunt, suarum possessionum me hæredem haud ingratum relinquentes. Illud monasterium, videlicet Cernel, de quo præfatus sum, primitus ditavi, sicuti mihi largitus tunc dictavit, sed post paucorum annorum spacia majoribus illud possessionibus Deo inspirante ampliavi, largiens ei et fratribus inibi degentibus illam villam Cernel, cum omnibus quæ ad eam pendent, postquam ego mortali jure hoc seculum relinquam. Hac etiam ratione concedo illam villam quæ Aescere dicitur, cum cunctis eis adhærentibus; denique me in carne, et post obitum perpetuè has possideant quas modò nomino terras; in illa villula quæ à ruricolis Minterne nominatur, sex cassatos, in Winceburnan decem mansas, in Bridian sex, in Ulteriore Brydian duodecim, in Hremnescumbe tres. Hæc nostra dona augmentavit Leofricus clericus de Poceswylle, donans spontanea largitate suam villam de Poceswylle, cum possessiunculis, fratribus prædicti loci in adjutorium cum territoriis, quod postea concessit eodem jure noster basileus Æthelredus coram testibus. Ælfrithus etiam meus propinquus de Beuncumbe largitus est unum rus juxta Pydelan, quatuor cassatos, post dies Leofwini nostri propinqui. Alfwoldus quoque in Blaeewyrthe quinque mansas post sui conjugis obitum illi monasterio concessit. Et ego mando in nomine omnipotentis Dei, ut decimæ totius anni redditus in Cernel et Ceosolburnan præfato monasteriolo cum omni diligentia dentur, quamdiu aura vitali alor, et æquè post metam labentis vitæ, et ex meis reliquis ruribus mellis casei et pinguium porcorum decimæ similiter per omne ævum incunctanter præscripto loco adducantur. Et ego volo ut illuc habitent servientes et vacantes Deo, et hiis commodis utantur qui sanctam regulam beati Benedicti vita et moribus teneant. Qui locus et ejus habitatores Deo omnipotenti sint commendati. Et sit eis liberum arbitrium secularem patronum ubi meliùs autumant sibi eligere. Et insuper adjuro per nomen æterni judicis quemcumque superstitem derelinquo, ut nequaquam præsumat hoc privilegium temerè pervertere. Sed caveat ipse et caveant valde oppido omnes iniqui raptores, ne nostrum donarium aut suis dominiis vendicent, aut avare minuant, ut non cum impiis avaris et sceleratis rapacibus æterna animadversione in baratri incendiis crucientur. Precor nunc obnixè ut quicumque fidelis illius loci res augmentare satagit, multiplicet ei Christus Dominus æternas divitias.

NUM. IV.

Prædia ad Abbatiam de Cernel spectantia, tempore Willelmi Regis Conquestoris.

[Ex Libro Censuali vocato *Domesday Book*, in domo Capituli Westmonast. asservato.]

Dorsete, fol. 77 b.

TERRA SANCTI PETRI DE CERNEL. Ecclesia S. Petri Cerneliens. tenet CERNEL. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro xxii. hid. Terra est xx. car. De ea sunt in dominio iii. hidæ et ibi iii. car. et v. servi. et xxvi. villani et xxii. bord. cum xiiii. car. Ibi molinum reddens xx. solid. et xx. acr. prati. Pastura ii. leu. long. et viii. quarent. lat. Silva i. leu. long. et viii. quarent. lat. De eadem terra tenet Brictuinus iii. hid. de abbate. et ibi habet iii. car. Hic tenuit simili-

ter tempore Regis Edwardi et non potuit recedere ab æcclesia nec potest. Dominium æcclesiæ valuit et valet xxi. lib. Brictuini c. solid.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet LITELPIDRE. Willelmus de abbate. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro iii. hid. et dim. Terra est ii. car. In dominio est i. car. et ii. servi. et i. villanus et iii. bord. cum dim. car. Ibi iii. acr. prati. Pastura ii. quarent. long. et una quarent. lat. Valuit et valet l. solid.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet RETPOLE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro iii. hid. Terra est iii. car. De ea est in dominio medietas. et ibi i. car. cum i. servo et i. villano. et v. bord. habent ii. car. Ibi x. acr. prati et v. quarent. pasturæ. Valet xl. solid.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet BLOCHESHORDE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro v. hid. et dimid. Terra est vi. car. De ea sunt in dominio ii. hidæ. et ibi ii. car. et iii. servi. et xiii. villani et ix. bord. et vii. cotar. cum iii. car. et dim. Ibi viii. acr. prati et viii. acr. silvæ. et viii. quarent. pasturæ in long. et tantundem lat. Valet vii. lib. et x. sol.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet AFFAPIDELE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro ix. hid. Terra est vi. car. De ea sunt in dominio iii. hidæ. et ibi ii. car. et iii. servi. et vi. villani et iii. bord. cum iii. car. Ibi ii. molini reddentes xv. solid. et lv. acr. prati. Pastura xii. quarent. long. et vi. quarent. lat. Silva vii. quarent. long. et tantundem.^a

Ipsa æcclesia tenet POCESWELLE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro vi. hid. Terra est vii. car. De ea est in dominio i. hida et dim. et ibi ii. car. cum i. servo. et iii. villani et viii. bord. cum iii. car. Ibi xv. acr. prati. Pastura viii. quarent. et xxvi. virg. long. et iii. quarent. et xiiii. pertic. lat. De eadem terra tenet uxor Hugonis iii. hid. et ibi est una car. hæc terra fuit de dominica firma monachorum et valet xl. solid. Dominium æcclesiæ valet vii. lib.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet WERDESFORD. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro. ii. hid. et dimid. Terra est ii. car. quæ ibi sunt cum iii. villanis et iii. bord. et v. servis. Valet xxx. solid.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet iii. virg. terræ in ÆLFATUNE. Valuerunt et val. v. solid.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet i. hid. in VERGROH. et pro tanto geldabat tempore Regis Edwardi. Ibi sunt ii. servi et molinum dimid. et viii. acr. prati. Totum valet xv. sol.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet LITELBRIDE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro xi. hid. Terra est vi. car. De ea sunt in dominio v. hidæ. et ibi ii. car. et v. servi. et vi. villani et v. bord. cum vi. car. Ibi xii. acr. prati. Pastura una leu. long. et altera lat. Silva i. leu. long. et ii. quarent. lat. Valuit et val. xvi. lib.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet WINTREBVRNE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro x. hid. Terra est x. car. De ea sunt in dominio v. hidæ. et ibi iii. car. et iii. servi. et x. villani et vii. coscezes cum iii. car. Ibi xx. acr. prati. Pastura xi. quarent. long. et x. quarent. lat. Silva ii. quarent. long. et una quarent. lat. Valuit et valet xvi. lib.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet LANGEBRIDE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro ix. hid. Terra est ix. car. De ea sunt in dominio iii. hidæ. et ibi iii. car. et iii. servi et vii. villani et ix. coscezes cum v. car. et unus tainus habet i. hidam. et ibi i. car. Ibi molinum reddens vi. sol. et xi. acr. prati. Pastura i. leu. long. et tantundem lat. Silva dim. leu. long. et iii. quarent. lat. Totum valet xxi. lib.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet NETELCOME. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro. v. hid. Terra est . De eadem terra tenet unus miles ii. hid. De ea est in dominio hida et dim. et dim. virg. terræ. et ibi i. car. et ii. servi et v. villani et vii. coscezes cum ii. car. Ibi x. acr. prati. Pastura i. leu. long. et iii. quarent. lat. Silva i. leu. long. et viii. quarent. lat. Valuit xii. lib. Modo abbati viii. lib. Militi lv. solid.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet MIDELTONE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro iii. hid. Terra est iii. car. De

^a sc. lat.

ea sunt in dominio II. hidæ. et ibi I. car. et II. servi. et v. villani et XIII. bord. cum v. car. Ibi molinum redd. LXV. denar. et XVI. acr. prati. Pastura I. leu. long. et III. quarent. lat. Silua III. quarent. long. et II. quarent. lat. Valuit x. lib. Modo IX. lib.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet CAMERIC. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro v. hid. Terra est III. car. De ea sunt in dominio III. hidæ una virgata et dim. minus. et ibi II. car. cum I. servo. et II. villani et VIII. bord. cum II. car. Ibi XVIII. acr. prati. pastura VI. quarent. long. et II. quarent. lat. Valuit et valet VIII. lib.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet ROMESCUMBE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro v. hid. et una virgata terræ. Terra est VI. car. De ea sunt in dominio II. hidæ et III. virg. terræ. et ibi II. car. et III. servi et VII. villani et VII. bord.

Ibi XII. acr. prati. pastura I. leu. long. et x. quarent. lat. Silva infructuosa v. quarent. long. et una quarent. lat. Valuit et valet VIII. lib.

Ipsa æcclesia tenet SIMONDESBERGE. Tempore Regis Edwardi geldabat pro XIX. hid. Terra est XX. car. De ea sunt in dominio v. hidæ. et ibi II. car. cum I. servo. et XX. villani et x. bord. cum XIII. car. Ibi XIII. acr. prati. Pastura v. quarent. long. et una quarent. lat. x. virg. minus. Silua dimid. leu. long. et una quarent. lat. Valuit et valet XXI. lib.

NUM. V.

Carta Abbatis Cernell.

[Lib. Nig. Scacc. ed. Hearne, 1774, tom. i. p. 76.]

ILLUSTRI domino suo regi Anglorum, Robert Cernell ecclesiæ minister salutem et fidele servitium. Sublimitati vestræ notificamus quæ sunt feoda militum ecclesiæ nostræ de tempore R. H. et qui milites ea tenent.

Robertus de Ver tenet feodum militis, et præter h. hidam et dimidiam, unde censum reddere debet.

Willelmus de Monasteriis feodum j. militis.

Aluredus de Lincolnia (et feodum quod Jordanus injuste tenet) feodum j. militis.

Robertus de Montesorell, et Jordanus de Weton, et Osbertus Chignet, et Humfredus Makerell, feodum j. militis.

Feodum quod Radulfus de Redpole tenuit, feodum unius militis.

Hugo de Bosco dimidium feod. militis.

Robertus Russel feodum j. militis quadam virgata minus, tenet injuste et contra voluntatem conventus, quia nunquam avus suus illud tenuit de ecclesia, nec pater suus, nec tenere debet.

Super dominium ecclesiæ sunt feoda trium militum et dimidii, cum tenura Francolensium in villa Cernell.

Quisque autem istorum debet facere wardiam, ad præceptum vestrum, apud Castellum de Corf uno mense per annum, vel, si vobis placuerit, habere m^a milites ad exercitum, interim dimissa guardia duos milites ad vestrum servitium invenient.

NUM. VI.

Placita de Juratis et Assis. apud Shyreburne in Com. Dors. in octab. Sancti Hillar. coram Johanne de Reygate et sociis suis Justiciar. itiner. ibidem anno regni Regis Edwardi fil. Reg. Henrici sexto.

[Ex orig. in domo Capitulari Westm. asservato.]

ABBAS de Cerne summonitus fuit ad ostendend. quo waranto clamat habere wreccum maris, furcas, et emendas assisæ et cervisiæ fractæ in terris suis sine licentia et voluntate domini regis et prædecessorum suorum regum Angliæ, &c.

Et abbas venit et quo ad wreccum maris dicit quod dominus H. rex consanguineus domini regis nunc concessit abbathiæ de Cerne wreccum maris per omnes ter-

ras suas super mare per cartam suam quam ei inde fecit. Et præterea dominus H. rex pater domini regis nunc prædictam concessionem confirmavit per cartam suam quam ei inde fecit et quæ hoc idem testatur, &c.

Et Willielmus de Gyselham qui sequitur pro domino rege dicit quod post confectionem prædictæ cartæ et confirmationem prædictam fuit dominus H. rex pater domini regis nunc, et est ipse dominus rex nunc in seysina de wrecco maris in terris ipsius abbatis, et petit quod seysina sua sibi adjudicetur.

Et abbas dicit quod revera Elias de Rabayne custos Castri de Corf, tempore regis nunc, vi et armis extorsit ab eis quoddam wreccum maris quod accidit in terra sua per quod idem abbas ad querelam suam super hoc depositam optinuit justiciarios assignatos per breve regis ad inquirendum ad quem hujusmodi eveniens in terris ejusdem abbatis debuit pertinere. Ita quod per inquisitionem super hoc factam per Walterum de Wymburn justiciarium ad hoc assignatum compertum fuit quod omne wreccum eveniens in terris ipsius abbatis ad ipsum abbatem pertinere debet per cartam et confirmationem prædictam. Et quod per eandem inquisitionem per eundem Walterum per breve domini regis compertum fuit ut prædictum est paratus est verificare, &c. Ideo libertas illa remaneat in man. domini regis quousque, &c. Et quo ad emendas assisæ panis et cervisiæ in manerio suo de Cerne dicit quod ipse et omnes prædecessores sui a tempore Conquestus et ante plene usi sunt hujusmodi libertatibus. Et dicit quod postquam ipse fuerat in bona et pacifica seysina de libertate prædicta dominus rex concessit abbathiæ prædictæ forum in villa de Cerne et omnes libertates suas et milites et libere tenentes cum eorum serviciis, faciendo inde servitium duorum militum ad scutag. et unum militem in expeditione; unde dicit quod eo waranto clamat ipse libertatem prædictam in manerio suo de Cerne. Et quoad eandem libertatem in terris suis forinsecis dicit quod dominus Johannes rex avus domini regis nunc concessit et confirmavit carta sua abbathiæ prædictæ et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus hundr. de Motbergh et Cotescumb cum omnibus pertinentiis et libertatibus, exitibus, et liberis consuetudinibus ad hundreda illa pertinentibus ad feodi firmam adeo integre sicut dominus rex tenuit, et eo waranto clamat ipse habere emendas assisæ panis et cervisiæ fractæ in terris suis forinsecis quæ sunt infra procinctum prædictorum hundredorum, et profert cartas prædictorum regum H. et Johannis quæ prædictas concessionem et confirmationem testatur.

Et Willielmus de Gyselham qui sequitur pro rege dicit quod libertas assisæ panis et cervisiæ fractæ est quædam libertas coronæ et dignitati regiæ immediate annexæ quam nullus habere potest absque speciali waranto a domino rege concesso. Et petit judicium desicut prædictus abbas nullum warantum ostendit faciens mentionem de libertate prædicta nisi solam acquietantiam occupationis suæ si prædicta sufficiant ad prædictam libertatem retinendam. Ideo quo ad hoc ad judicium.

NUM. VII.

Placita Domini Regis forinseca apud Wilton. de quindena Paschæ.

[Ex orig. in Domo Capitul. Westmonast. asservato.]

Dors. JUR. venit recogn. si abbas de Cerne fuit in seysina capiendi emendas assisæ panis et cervisiæ fractæ de tenent. abbatis de Middelton in Sidehugh quod est infra hundredum prædicti abbatis de Cerne de Medburgh in octab. sancti Hillar. anno regni regis nunc octavo, quas quidem emendas prædictus abbas de Middelton alias coram Justiciariis itinerantibus apud Schyreburne clamat ad ipsum pertinere. Et quæ quidem emendæ remanserunt domino regi eo quod convictum fuit per quandam juratam ibidem captam quod præ-

dictus abbas de Middelton nunquam fuit in seisinā de prædictis emendis. Et unde prædictus abbas de Cerne questus fuit domino regi quod fuit in seisinā capiendi prædictas emendas ut prædictum est. Et prædictus abbas de Cerne et similiter juratores modo veniunt qui dicunt super sacramentum suum quod prædictus abbas de Cerne fuit in seisinā capiendi prædictas emendas de tenentibus prædicti abbatis de Middelton' in Sidehugh in octab. sancti Hillar. ut prædictum est. Et ideo consensus est quod prædictus abbas de Cerne recuperet prædictas emendas de tenentibus prædictis in Sidehugh, &c. Salvo jure domini regis et hæredum suorum cum inde loqui voluerint.

NUM. VIII.

Surrender of the Monastery of Cerne.

[From the original in the Augmentation Office.]

OMNIBUS Christi fidelibus ad quos præsens scriptum nostrum pervenerit, Thomas Corton abbas monasterij beatæ Mariæ sanctique Petri apostoli et sancti Edwoldi de Cerne, in comitatu Dorset' ordinis sancti Benedicti et ejusdem loci conventus, salutem in Domino sempiternam. Noveritis nos præfatos Thomam et conventum unanimi consensu et assensu, nostris animis deliberatis, certa scientia et mero motu nostris, ex quibusdam causis justis et rationabilibus nos animas et conscientias nostras specialiter moventibus, ultro, sponte, ac voluntarie, dedisse et concessisse, ac per præsentem damus, concedimus, reddimus, deliberamus, et confirmamus illustrissimo invictissimoque in Christo principi et domino nostro domino Henrico octavo Dei gratia Angliæ et Franciæ regi, fidei defensori, domino Hiberniæ, ac in terra supremo capiti ecclesiæ Anglicanæ, totum dictum monasterium nostrum, ac totum scitum, fundum, circuitum, et precinctum ejusdem monasterij, necnon omnia et singula maneria, dominia, mesuagia, gardina, curtilagia, tofta, terras, et tenementa nostra, prata, pascua, pasturas, boscos, subboscos, redditus, reversiones, servicia, molendina, passagia, feoda militum, warda, maritagia, nativos, villanos cum eorum sequelis, communias, libertates, franchises, jurisdictiones, officia, curias, letas, hundreda, franci visus plegij, feria, mercata, parcos, warennas, vivaria, aquas, piscarias, vias, chimina, vacuos fundos, advocaciones, nominationes, præsentationes, et donationes ecclesiarum, vicariorum, capellarum, cantariarum, hospitalium, et aliorum beneficiorum ecclesiasticorum quorumcunque, rectorias, vicarias, cantarias, pensiones, portiones, annuitates, decimas, oblationes, ac omnia et singula emolumenta, proficua, possessiones, hereditamenta, et jura nostra quæcunque, tam infra dictum comitatum Dorset' quam alibi, infra regnum Angliæ, Walliæ, et Marchiarum eorundem eidem monasterio quoquo modo pertinentia, spectantia, appendentia, sive incumbentia, ac omnes chartas, evidencias, omniaque scripta et munimenta nostra, dicto monasterio, manerijs, terris, et tenementis, ac cæteris præmissis, cum pertinencijs, seu alicui inde parcellæ, quoquo modo spectancia sive concernentia, habenda, tenenda, et gaudenda, dictum monasterium, scitum, fundum, circuitum, et precinctum prædicti monasterij, necnon omnia et singula prædicta maneria, dominia, mesuagia, gardina, terras, tenementa, ac cætera præmissa, cum omnibus et singulis suis pertinencijs, præfato invictissimo principi et domino nostro regi, hæredibus, et assignatis suis imperpetuum, cui in hac parte ad omnem juris effectum qui exinde sequi poterit aut potest nos et monasterium nostrum prædictum, ac omnia jura nobis qualitercunque acquisita, (ut decet) subjeimus et submittimus omnem et omnimodam plenam et liberam facultatem, authoritatem, et potestatem, nos et dictum monasterium unacum omnibus et singulis manerijs, terris, tenementis, redditibus, reversionibus, servicijs, et singulis præmissis, cum suis juribus et pertinencijs quibuscunque, disponenda ac pro suo libera

regiæ voluntatis libito ad quoscunque usus majestati suo placeij alienandum, donandum, convertendum, et transferendum hujusmodi dispositiones, alienationes, donationes, et translationes, per dictam majestatem suam quovismodo fiendos extunc ratificantes, rata et grata, ac perpetuo firmas habituros promittimus per præsentem, et ut præmissa omnia et singula suum debitum sortiri valeant effectum electionibus insuper nobis et successoribus nostris necnon omnibus querelis, provocationibus, appellationibus, actionibus, litibus, et instancijs, alijsque quibuscunque nostris remedijs et beneficijs, nobis forsā et successoribus nostris, in ea parte, prætextu dispositionis, alienationis, translationis, et conversionis prædictorum et cæterorum præmissorum qualitercunque competentibus et competenturis, omnibusque doli, erroris, metus, ignoranciæ, vel alterius materiæ, sive dispositionis, exceptionibus, objectionibus, et allegationibus prorsus semotis et depositis, palam publice et expresse ex certa nostra scientia animisque spontaneis renunciavimus et cessimus, prout per præsentem renunciavimus, cedimus, et ab eisdem recedimus in hijs scriptis. Et nos prædicti abbas et conventus ac successores nostri dictum monasterium nostrum, precinctum, scitum, mansionem, et ecclesiam monasterij prædicti, ac omnia et singula maneria, dominia, mesuagia, gardina, curtilagia, tofta, prata, pascua, pasturas, boscos, subboscos, terras, tenementa, ac omnia et singula cætera præmissa, cum suis pertinencijs universis præfato domino nostro regi, hæredibus, et assignatis suis, contra omnes gentes warrantizabimus imperpetuum per præsentem. In quorum omnium et singulorum præmissorum fidem et testimonium nos præfati abbas et conventus sigillum nostrum commune præsentibus apposuvimus et nomina nostra inscripsimus. Data in domo nostro capitulari decimo quinto die mensis Marcij, anno regni dicti illustrissimi regis Henrici octavi tricesimo.

Per me Ricm Fortune priorem.
Per me Willm Newlande.
Per me Henricū Muntegeu.
Per me Thomā Serne.
Per me Stephanū Wylls.
Per me Rogerū Benet.
Per me Rycardū Antony.
Per me Rogerū Graynway stewardent.
Per me Johēm Holnest.
Per me Johēm Derlemun.
Per me Symonē Nortune.
Per me Johannem Bocklond.
Per me Willm Meryett.
Per me Thomam Tolpwell.
Per me Johannem Affpydyll.
Per me Johannem Shureborne.

NUM. IX.

The late Monastery of Cerne, in the Countie of Dors.

[In a book of Pensions remaining in the Augmentation Office.]

HERAFTER ensueth the yerly pençõns assigned and appoynted to the late abbott and covente of Cerne aforsayd by John Tregonwell and John Smyth the kynges graces comysseyons ther, the xth. daye of Marche in the xxxth. yere of the reigne of o^r. soūeigne lorde Kynge Henry the viijth. that they and eūy of theyme to haue one q̄rter of a yeres pençõn at the ffeast of thannūcyacõn of o^r. Lady nexte comynge, and at Michelm̄s ffolowinge halffe a yeres pençõn; and so from halffe yere to halffe yere duringe theire lyves.

That is to say,

Ffurst to Thoīns Norman abbotte . . .	c ^{li} .
Itīm to Richarde Fforte p ^{ior} . . .	x ^{li} .
Itīm to Roger Grenewaye . . .	vij ^{li} .
Itīm to Willm Geffreyes . . .	vj ^{li} .
Itīm to Henry Smyth sup ^{ior} . . .	vj ^{li} . xij ^s . iij ^d .
Itīm to Thoīns Salees . . .	vj ^{li} . xij ^s . iij ^d .
Itīm to Roger Boolde . . .	vij ^{li} .
Itīm to Stevyn Wyke . . .	vj ^{li} .
Itīm to Richarde Ide . . .	vj ^{li} .

Itm̄ to John Ffurbur	vj ^{li} .	Itm̄ to John Johnson	xl ^s .
Itm̄ to John Mare	vj ^{li} .		
Itm̄ to Symonde Berwyke	cvj ^s . viij ^d .	Some of the yerely pençõns aforsayd	ciijx ^{li} . vj ^s . viij ^d .
Itm̄ to John Croker	cvj ^s . viij ^d .		
Itm̄ to Willm̄ Dyer	cvj ^s . viij ^d .		THOM̄S CRUMWELL.
Itm̄ to Thōms Smyth	xl ^s .		Jo. TREGONWELL.
Itm̄ to John Harrys	xl ^s .		WILLIAM PETRE.
			JOHN SMYTH.

COMPUT' MINISTRORUM DOMINI REGIS TEMP. HEN. VIII.

(Abstract of Roll, 32 Hen. VIII. Augmentation Office.)

MONASTERIUM DE CERNE.

Com' Dors'			£.	s.	d.
Cerne Maner'		Firm' Terr' Dñical'	37	13	4
-	-	Redd' Cust' Ten'	58	11	11
-	-	Perquis' Cur'		nult	
Hawkchurche Maner'		Redd' Cust' Ten'	3	6	8
-	-	Firm' Maner'	5	6	8
-	-	Perquis' Cur'	0	0	3
Milton Maner'		Redd' lib' Ten'	0	1	9
-	-	Redd' Cust' Ten'	15	0	10
-	-	Firm' Maner'	4	11	6
-	-	Perquis' Cur'		nult	
Symondysborough cum Rector' ibm		Redd' Assis' tam lib' quam Cust'			
		Ten'	78	3	8
-	-	Firm' Maner' cum Rçõria	29	6	0
-	-	Perquis' Cur'	3	7	4
Mapercombe et Nettelcombe Maner'		Redd' Assis'	9	1	0½
-	-	Firm' Maner'	10	9	1
-	-	Perquis' Cur'	0	0	10
Madennewton		Redd' lib' Ten'	0	14	0
-	-	Redd' Cust' Ten'	6	16	0½
-	-	Perquis' Cur'	0	1	10
Littilbredie		Redd' Assis'	8	16	11½
-	-	Firm' Terr' Dñic'	15	2	0
-	-	Perquis' Cur'	0	0	10
Baglake		Redd' lib' Ten'	0	2	7
-	-	Redd' Cust' Ten'	2	17	2
-	-	Redd' Cust' Ten'	7	6	8
-	-	Firm' Maner'	6	8	8
-	-	Firm' Terr' Dñic'	2	10	0
-	-	Perquis' Cur'	2	6	8
Wynterborne Maner'		Redd' Cust' Ten'	10	18	9¾
-	-	Firm' Terr' Dñical'	2	15	0
-	-	Perquis' Cur'	0	2	3
Cerne Nether		Redd' Cust' Ten'	11	13	10
-	-	Firm' Maner'	4	13	4
-	-	Firm' Terr' Dñical'	7	0	0
-	-	Perquis' Cur'		nult	
Mynterne		Redd' Assis'	6	11	7
-	-	Firm' Maner'	4	4	8
-	-	Firm' Terr' Dñic'	3	11	2
-	-	Perquis' Cur'	0	7	8
Myddelmarche		Redd' Cust' Ten'	6	9	1
-	-	Firm' Terr' Dñic'	12	3	0
-	-	Perquis' Cur'		nult	
Bloxworth		Redd' lib' Ten'	0	16	4
-	-	Redd' Cust' Ten'	15	18	2

Com' Dors'			£.	s.	d.
Bloxworth	. . . . .	Firm' Maner'	6	15	0
-	- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'	3	6	0
Pokeswell	. . . . .	Redd' Cust' Ten'	6	17	2
-	- - - - -	Firm' Maner'	5	1	4
-	- - - - -	Perquis' Cur'	1	13	4
Affepudell	. . . . .	Redd' Assis'	20	15	6
-	- - - - -	Firm' Maner'	6	8	0
-	- - - - -	Firm' Terr' Dñic'	2	0	0
-	- - - - -	Perquis' Cur' cum Vendic' Bosc'	1	16	10
Musterton	. . . . .	Firm' Maner'	10	10	4
Armitage et Knyghton	. . . . .	Redd' Assis' lib' Ten'	0	10	2
-	- - - - -	Redd' Cust' Ten'	4	19	8
-	- - - - -	Firm' Grang'	8	14	4
-	- - - - -	Firm' Terr' Dñic' cum Porc' Decim'	3	7	9
Cerne Hundred, Todcombe, et Modborough	. . . . .	Exit' Mercat' et Nundin' de Cerne cum Perquis' Cur'	9	3	5½
Godmonston et Dorchester	. . . . .	Redd' Terr'	2	6	8
Wynford	. . . . .	Firm' Terr'	4	3	0
Littilburton	. . . . .	Firm' Terr' et Teñtor'	7	0	0
Wineford	. . . . .	Firm' Maner'	12	6	8
Radipole Maner'	. . . . .	Firm' Maner'	10	13	4
Myllburis, Remeston, Wolbrige, Melcombe Regis, Esthilleworth, Whitechurche, et Brounksey	. . . . .	Redd' Terr' et Teñt'	13	1	1½
Remescombe	. . . . .	Firm' Maner'	12	0	0
Milborne	. . . . .	Redd' lib' Ten'	0	6	9½
-	- - - - -	Redd' Cust' Ten'	3	0	8½
-	- - - - -	Firm' Maner'	6	10	0
Cerne	. . . . .	Firm' Rçorie	32	4	0
Affpudell	. . . . .	Firm' Rçorie	17	9	4
Kemerygge cum Rectoria	. . . . .	Firm' Maner' cum Rectoria	1	7	0
Symondisborough, Hawkechurche, Longbre- dye, Pudell Henton, Gloxworth, Pokes- well, Radipoll, Porestoke Vicar'	. . . . .	Firm' Penc' et Porc'	9	14	4

Cell of St. Ive,

IN

HUNTINGDONSHIRE.



THE monks of Ramsey pretending to have found the relics of St. Ivo, a Persian archbishop, in their town of *Slepe*,^a Ednoth abbat of Ramsey, A. D. 1001, founded a church in *Slepe* to the honour of that holy man;^b wherein he placed a prior and some Benedictine monks, subordinate to the monastery of Ramsey; finally giving St. Ivo's name to the town.^c Speed erroneously says, that Earl Adelmus was the founder of this priory, A. D. 1017.^d

The entry relating to *Slepe* in the Domésday Survey, as the property of Ramsey abbey, has been already given in the Appendix of Instruments subjoined to the account of that monastery. The land here consisted of twenty hides.^e It had been originally given to Ramsey abbey by Athelstan Mannessune.^f

Pope Urban, in a Charter of confirmation printed by Dugdale, names the site of the priory itself, the church of Ellesworth, the church of Cnapwelle, and the church of *Slepe*, with its chapels of Waldehirst and Wodehirst, as its principal endowments.^g

In 1207, the church and offices of the priory of St. Ive were burnt; though by what accident is not recorded. A new church was dedicated in 1237.^h

William de Gurnecestre, abbat of Ramsey, who

died in 1285, gave two hundred marks toward the reparation and renewal of the buildings of St. Ive.ⁱ Of the

PRIORS

of this cell, no regular list has been preserved. Incidental notices, however, have been found of the following.

WILLIAM occurs as prior in Pope Urban's Charter of confirmation already noticed.^k

"R. prior de Sancto Ivone" occurs A. D. 1200.^l

HUGH DE SULGRAVE, prior of St. Ive, succeeded to the abbacy of Ramsey A. D. 1254.^m

ROBERT STAMFORD occurs prior in the time of Henry the Sixth.ⁿ

ROBERT HUCHYN, whom Willis calls ROBERT HUTCHINSON, was the last prior. At the Dissolution, he had a pension of 12*l*. "over and besyds the chappell and chamber stondyng upon the brygge at Seynt Ives during his lyffe."^o

These priors were, of course, all monks of Ramsey; and, as such, voted uniformly at the elections of the respective abbats.

A grant from the monks of Ramsey to the monks of St. Ive, A. D. 1303, of power to cut underwood in Ockley wood for ever, is preserved in Madox's *Formulare Anglicanum*.^p

The cell of St. Ive was granted, in the 36th of Hen. VIII. as parcel of Ramsey abbey, to Sir Thomas Audley.^q

The priory, barn, and dove-house, are now the

^a The early history of the property of *Slepe* is thus given in the Exchequer Register of Ramsey:

"In primis Æthelstanus Mauvessone concessit Sancto Benedicto Ramesiæ terram de Chateriz," &c.—"et sorori ejusdem duas hidas apud Hettenleiam, et Alfwennæ juniore filie suæ quandam terram de *SLEPE*, et terram de Haggethorn; post mortem puellæ decrevit eandem terram ecclesiæ Ramesiensi venire in possessionem, si vero hæredem haberet in vita sua, eandem terram hæres teneret, postea Ramesiensi ecclesiæ pro sua et antecessorum suorum animabus remansuram. Dedit etiam Lefsio reliquam terram de Hettenleia, et filio fratris ejus terram de Pottune, post mortem Alfæ, si erga eam dirationare posset, quod ipsa eam cuiquam dare non deberet. Itemque præfatæ uxori suæ dedit medietatem totius piscariæ de Welle, et consuetudinalium præsentationum alteram medietatem filio suo et duabus filiabus. Post obitum igitur ejusdem Athelstani, uxor ipsius, parentum inducta suggestione, huic testationi omnino contradixit, sicut superius scriptum est. Tunc fratres communicato ad invicem consilio, animam defuncti fide quam viventi promiserant nolentes defraudari, quia in eis spem habuerat, quod liberos suos post mortem suam adjuvarent, concesserunt mulieri terram quam petierat; ea tamen interposita conditione, quod terra de *Slepe*, post dies prædictæ Alfwennæ filie ejus, tota simul Ramesiensi ecclesiæ remaneret, sive haberet liberos sive non; mulier igitur placito adquiescens, hoc totum affidavit in manu sancti Oswoldi archiepiscopi cognati sui, fidejussori in super præstita cautione. Hoc totum factum fuit apud *Slepe*, in die qua præfati Æthelstani anni-

versaria commemoratio agebatur, sub testimonio Æthelsii, filii Ethelstani aldermanni, et Leofrici filii Æthelwyni aldermanni, Edrici, Lefwyni filii Ætholfi, Alfnothi de Alricheseya, Oswaldi presbyteri, et aliorum multorum, qui conventioni huic interfuerunt. Indicet altissimus eum, qui hoc immutare præsumpserit, quod ipsi cum vadio et fidejussoribus inter se confirmaverunt." Hist. Rames. cap. xxix. Gale, Script. XV. p. 407. See also, *ibid.* p. 414, cap. xlv., "Quomodo quidam presbyter Oswaldus x. sibi hidas apud *Slepe* usurpavit, et quomodo super eisdem à fratribus Ramesiensibus implacitatus cum eis tandem concordatus est."

^b The History of Ely, printed in the same volume by Gale, lib. ii. c. 13, p. 497, speaking of abbat Ednoth, says,—"*beatum Yvonem propriis manibus cæteris cæteros ferentibus, ipse usque in Ramesiam portavit, et postea in ipsa SLEPA Ecclesiam in nomine ejusdem sancti ædificavit.*"

^c Num. I.

^d Tann. Notit. Mon.

^e See the extract, in the present Volume, p. 561.

^f See King Edgar's Charter in the Appendix to Ramsey monastery, Num. VIII. p. 558.

^g Num. II.

^h See the Append. to Ramsey, Num. XXXVIII. de Abbatibus Ramesiensibus.

ⁱ *Ibid.* Num. XXXIX.

^k See Append. Num. II.

^l MS. Cole, Brit. Mus. vol. xlv. p. 146.

^m See the present Volume, p. 549.

ⁿ MS. Cotton. Brit. Mus. Julius F. 1x. fol. 1.

^o See the present Volume, p. 588.

^p See Num. IV.

^q Tann. Notit. Mon.

principal remains of the cell of St. Ive: standing in the north-east part of the town. The lower part of the building, also, over one of the piers of the bridge, men-

tioned above as granted to prior Huchyn, is yet in existence. The upper part was destroyed by the fire which happened at St. Ives in 1689.

Cartae ad Sancti Ivonis Coenobium in comitatu Huntendoniae spectantes.

NUM. I.

De Sancto Yvone Episcopo.

[Hist. Aurea Joh. Tinemuthensis, lib. xviii. cap. 69.]

ANNO Domini m. facta est autem translatio sancti Yvonis, viij. kal. Maij, diesque translationis ejus quarto id. Junii consecrata perpetuò indicitur celebranda. Est autem Slepe, villa antiquitùs sic dicta, ubi corpus sanctissimi confessoris repertum fuisse dinoscitur, a Ramesiae monasterio viij. distans milliaribus, à burgo Huntindon tribus, super fluvium Ousa situata; modò verò villa S. Yvonis est nuncupata.

Abbas quoque Ednothus, in loco inventionis sancti episcopi, ecclesiam construxit; ipsiusque tumbæ media pars infra parietem, et media extra protensa est, quatinus adventantibus tam obserata janua, quam aperta æque gratia non deesset, quæ jugiter in eodem loco habundans, meritis hujus sancti multis beneficia confert sanitatum.

NUM. II.

Confirmatio Prioratus Sancti Ivonis.

[Ex Registro de Ramesey in Archivis Scaccarii, remanente, fol. 158 a.]

URBANUS episcopus, servus servorum Dei, dilectis filiis Willielmo priori et monachis monasterii sancti Ivonis tam præsentibus quàm futuris regularem vitam professis in perpetuum. Piæ postulatio voluntatis effectum debet prosequente compleri, et ut devotionis sanctitas laudabiliter enitescat, ut utilitas postulata vires indubitanter assumat. Eapropter, dilecti in Domino filii, vestris justis postulationibus clementer annuimus, et præfatum monasterium sancti Ivonis, in quo divino mancipati estis obsequio, sub beati Petri et nostra protectione suscipimus, et præsentis scripti privilegio communimus. Inprimis siquidem statuentes ut ordo monasticus qui secundum Domini et beati Benedicti regulam in eodem loco institutus esse dinoscitur, perpetuis ibidem temporibus inviolabiliter observetur. Præterea quascunque possessiones, quæcunque bona, idem monasterium impræsentiarum, justè et canonicè possidet, aut in futurum concessione pontificum, largitione regum vel principum, oblatione fidelium, seu aliis justis modis, præstante Domino, poterit adipisci, firma vobis vestrisque successoribus, et illibata permaneant. In quibus hæc ipsis duximus exprimenda vocabulis. Locum ipsum in quo præfatum monasterium situm est, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis. Ecclesiam de Ellesworth cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, et cum manso Manfredi presbiteri ejusdem villæ. Ecclesiam de Cnapwelle cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, ab abbate et fratribus Ramesiensibus vobis concessam et scripto firmatam. Ecclesiam de Slepa cum duabus capellis de Waldehirst et de Wodehirst ad eandem

ecclesiam pertinentibus. Sanè novalium vestrorum quæ propriis manibus vel sumptibus colitis, seu de nutriendis animalium vestrorum, nullus à vobis decimas extorquere præsumat. Liceat quoque vobis clericos vel laicos è seculo fugientes liberos et absolutos ad conversionem recipere, et eos absque contradictione aliqua retinere. Prohibemus ne ulli fratrum vestrorum post factam in eo loco professionem fas sit absque prioris sui licentia, nisi arctioris religionis obtentu, de eodem discedere, discedentem verò absque communi literarum cautione nullus audeat retinere. Sepulturam quoque ipsius loci liberam esse decernimus, ut eorum devotioni et extremæ voluntati, qui se illic sepeliri deliberaverint, nisi fortè excommunicati vel interdicti sint, nullus obstat; salva tamen justitia illarum ecclesiarum à quibus mortuorum corpora assumuntur. Libertates præterea, seu immunitates, antiquas et rationabiles consuetudines ecclesiæ vestræ concessas, et hactenùs observatas, ratas habemus, easque perpetuis temporibus illibatas manere sancimus. Cum autem generale interdictum terræ fuerit, liceat vobis clausis januis, exclusis excommunicatis et interdictis, non pulsatis campanis, suppressâ voce, divina officia celebrare. Decernimus ergo ut nulli omninò hominum liceat præfatum monasterium temerè perturbare, aut ejus possessiones auferre, vel ablata retinere, minuere, seu quibuslibet vexationibus fatigare, sed omnia integra conserventur, eorum pro quorum gubernatione ac sustentatione concessa sunt usibus omnimodis profutura. Salva sedis apostolicæ auctoritate, et diocesani episcopi canonica justitia, ac monasterii sancti Benedicti de Ramesia debita reverentia. Si qua igitur in futurum ecclesiastica sæcularisve persona hanc nostræ constitutionis paginam sciens, contr eam temerè temptaverit, secundò tertiove commonita, nisi reatum suum digna satisfactione correxerit, potestatis, honorisque sui dignitate careat, reamque se divino judicio existere de perpetrata iniquitate cognoscat, et à sanctissimo corpore et sanguine Dei et Domini Redemptoris nostri Jhesu Christi aliena fiat, atque in extremo examine districtæ ultioni subjaceat. Cunctis autem eisdem loco sua jura servantibus sit pax Domini nostri Jhesu Christi, quatenus et hic futurum^a bonæ actionis percipiant, et apud districtum judicium præmia æternæ pacis inveniant. Amen.

NUM. III.

Inquisitio de Juribus Ecclesiæ Parochialis S. Ivonis cum Capellis et Dotatione Vicariæ, 36 Hen. III.

[Ibid.]

INQUISITIO facta de consuetudinibus et redditibus hominum domini abbatis in villa de Sancto Ivone, Wodehirst, et Waldehirst, die Veneris proximo post

^a lege, fructum.

festum sancti Michaelis, anno regni regis Henrici filii regis Johannis trigesimo sexto, per Robertum filium Richemanni, Robertum Palmere, Robertum filium fabri, et Johannem ad ecclesiam, qui dicunt super sacramentum suum, quod ecclesia parochialis Sancti Ivonis est fundata et dedicata in honorem Omnium Sanctorum, ad quam pertinent duæ capellæ de Wodehyrst et Waldehyrst: et corpora defunctorum villæ de Wodehyrst et Waldehyrst solebant deferri apud sanctum Ivonem ad sepeliendum, quæ de novo in præjudicium matris ecclesiæ in cymeterio de Waldehyrst non dedicato, ut dicitur, sepeliuntur. Ad quam ecclesiam cum capella abbas et conventus Ramesiæ præsentant vicarium, quia prior de Sancto Ivone percipit nomine personæ omnes garbas decimales apud Sanctum Ivonem, Wodehyrst, et Waldehyrst, et decimam fœni, et etiam si in curtilagio alicujus bladum seminaretur, decimam garbam illius bladi sicut in campis percipiet. Percipit etiam a vicario pro portione sua, quatuor libras tredecim solidos quatuor denarios, minores etiam decimas et omnes obventiones altarium tam ecclesiæ quam capellarum, et testamenta singulorum recipiet vicarius, videlicet, de quolibet homine terram tenente, et vidua in villenagio apud Sanctum Ivonem, Wodehyrst et Waldehyrst, cum contigerit ipsum decedere, melius averium domus præter equum habebit, et si mulier decesserit vivente marito melius averium sibi remanebit, et vicarius percipiet secundum. Recipit etiam vicarius nomine decimæ agnos, porcellos, aucas, pullos, et ova gallinarum, lanam, linum, curtilagium, venarium^a pro pullo utriusque sexus, obolum pro vitulo, et quolibet decimo die, Dominico die non computato, decimam lactis. De qualibet caruca juncta inter Pascha et Pentecostem unum denarium, qui dicitur Ploualmes. Recipit apud Sanctum Ivonem pro singulis capitibus junctis eodem tempore in carucis apud Waldehyrst et Wodehyrst unum panem, cujus collectionum medietas remanet vicario et altera medietas pro voluntate parochianorum erogatur pauperibus. De qualibet etiam domo astrum habente, ad luminare ecclesiæ recipit unum obolum ad Pascha. De liberis decedentibus recipit equum, et de manentibus in vico pontis respicitur ecclesia, pro voluntate propria

decedentis, de pannis, bladis et hujusmodi, et non de averiis: de quolibet etiam uxorato habente ad vincula sancti Petri unum averium de pretio triginta denariorum, colligit vicarius unum denarium ad opus sancti Petri, a viro etiam sine sponsa et vidua obolum. Pro decimis etiam totius dominicæ abbatis percipit prior quatuor acras frumenti et quatuor avenæ, in culturis post fimitium^b ex liberatione servientis et mensuratione præpositi. Vicarius etiam habet communam cum villata et non cum abbate, &c.

NUM. IV.

Carta Rob. Abbatis et Conventus Monasterii de Ramsey.
[Madox, Formul. Anglic. p. 320, ex autogr.]

NOVERINT universi præsens scriptum visuri vel audituri, quòd nos frater Robertus de Nassington abbas monasterii de Rameseye, Lincolnensis diocesis et ejusdem loci conventus, pensatis diligenter, et deliberatè inter nos discussis oneribus priori prioratûs Sancti Ivonis, diocesis prædictæ, qui pro tempore fuerit, et eidem prioratui monasterio Rameseyæ prædicto pertinenti, et ad ipsius monasterii abbatis qui pro tempore fuerit dispositionem liberam spectanti, incumbentibus; bona prioratûs prædicti pro oneribus hujusmodi debite supportandis minimè sufficere perpendentes; deliberato inter nos et digesto consilio, unanimi assensu concessimus et assignavimus, pro nobis et successoribus nostris, priori prioratûs prædicti et monachis secum in ipso prioratu commorantibus et eidem prioratui imperpetuum, quòd ipsi ad usum ipsorum et prioratûs prædicti, liberè succidere poterunt et habere subboscum tantum, quovismodo crescentem aut provenientem in silvâ nostrâ nuncupatâ Oklee inter Le Haccheweye et Le Wykene, absque contradictione quacumque per nos seu successores nostros in posterum quovismodo faciendâ. In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum nostrum commune præsentibus apposuimus. Datum in domo capitulari monasterii nostri prædicti sexto die Junii, anno Domini millesimo ccc. quadragesimo tertio.

COMPUT' MINISTRORUM DOMINI REGIS TEMP. HEN. VIII

(Abstract of Roll, 32 Hen. VIII. Augmentation Office.)

PRIORAT' SANCTI IVONIS.

	£.	s.	d.
Scirus nuper Prioratus Sancti Ivonis cum Terris Dominicalibus &c. viz.			
Claus' Terr' Pastur' juxta Orreum Fenale	0	3	4
Divers' Parcell' Terr' voc' Le Leyes	0	6	8
Alnet' voc' Le Lytell Holme	0	1	0
Prat' in Magno Prato	0	3	4
Les Willowes et Osiers prope Le Lytell Eye	0	5	0
Terr' voc' a Pole Yerde	0	0	8
Terr' Arabil' voc' Le Sudger	0	3	4
Separal' Piscar' in Rivolo extenden' ab Hemyngeford			
Milles usque Hallywell Stake cum Le Lytyll Eye et			
Fossat'	1	6	8
Firma Rector'	6	13	4
Summa	9	3	4

^a fortè, denarium. ^b lege, fœnisjium.

Wherwell Nunnery,

IN

HAMPSHIRE.



HERWELL was not, as Speed makes it, of the order of St. Augustine, but a Benedictine Nunnery; founded by Elfrida, queen dowager of King Edgar, about the year 986, to expiate for her being concerned in the murders both of her first husband, Ethelwolfe, that she might be queen, and also of her son-in-law, King Edward, that her own son, Ethelred, might be king. Herein, it is added, she spent the latter part of her life very penitently, and was here buried.^a

King Æthelred's Charter of confirmation to this monastery, granted in 1002, will be found in the Appendix of Instruments, taken from an "Inspeximus" of the 44th of Henry the Third.^b

Emma the mother, and Editha the wife, of Edward the Confessor, appear both to have been imprisoned in the monastery of Wherwell.^c

The following were the possessions of this monastery in 1087, as they stand recorded in the Domesday Survey; the whole of the abbey-property being at that time situated in *Hampshire*. The complete vill in which the church stood belonged to the nuns. In the reign of Edward the Confessor this manor had been estimated at twenty-two hides. In the Conqueror's time it was estimated at thirteen hides. Yet the value of it amounted to a third more in the Conqueror's time than in that of the Confessor. Tochiton, which in King Edward's time had been rated at seven hides, in the Conqueror's paid geld, "se defendebat," as for three and a half only; the money value being still the same in both reigns. Godorde, which had been estimated in King Edward's time at three hides, was now rated for one and a half only; yet still, as in the earlier reign, produced the rent of forty shillings. Anna, another manor, which in the

Confessor's time had been considered as consisting of five hides, paid geld as for three virgates and a part of a fourth virgate only; a hundred shillings being the rent of the property in both instances. Middeltune was rated in the Confessor's time at twenty hides, in the Conqueror's at ten hides; the value, still remaining the same, at twelve pounds. Bolende was rated at ten hides, having been and being valued at seven pounds the year. In Winchester the abbey had thirty-one manses, or tenements, and a mill. The tenements were exempt from every customary payment except the "geldum regis." The residence of the abbess there was exempt even from that payment.

The annual revenue of the monastery at the time of the formation of the Domesday Survey appears to have amounted to 48*l.* 10*s.*^d

Numerous entries relating to the rents of tenements in Winchester belonging to the abbess of Wherwell occur in the Winton Domesday of the time of Henry the First. See the Supplemental Volume to Domesday, published by the Commissioners upon the public Records, pp. 537, 539, 550, 552.

In the war between Stephen and the Empress Maud the monastery of Wherwell was burnt by William de Ippe.^e

Pope Gregory the Eighth's confirmation of the privileges of this monastery, A. D. 1228, will be found in the Appendix of Instruments.^f

In the 18th of Edward II. Henry le Wayte had licence to grant certain tenements to the abbess and convent of Wherwell in Godesworth, Wherwell, and Eston, in the county of Hants.^g

ABBESSES of WHERWELL.

HEANFLED occurs abbess A. D. 1002.^h

EUPHEMIA, A. D. 1226.ⁱ

ELENE DE PERCY received the benediction on Lent Sunday, 1282.^k

^a Tann. Notit. Mon. Compare also the Extracts from William of Malmesbury, Append. Num. I. Tanner says this was the lady that caused also Brithnode, the first abbat of Ely, to be murdered. Vide Hist. Eliens. lib. ii. edit. Gale, pp. 491, 492.

^b See Num. III. Another Confirmation was granted, Pat. 9 Hen. VI. p. 1.

^c The Annales Eccl. Winton. Angl. Sac. tom. i. pp. 291, 292, say,

"Matri suæ EMMÆ reginæ quicquid in hoc mundo possederat usque ad pretium quadrantis auferret, et illam in abbatia de Warewellâ reclusam cum summa paritate faceret exhiberi; Alwinum Wentanum episcopum, matris ut dicebatur amasium, omnibus patrimonii sui prædiis spoliatum extra terminos civitatis Wentanæ proferre pedem sub capitis periculo prohiberet. Godwinus cum filiis suis regnum egreditur. Alwino episcopo sedes sua mutatur in carcerem. Regina apud WAREWELLAM custodiâ tradita, sed minus arctam quam filius dictaverat habens custodiam, permissa est scribere omnibus episcopis quos sibi fidos crediderat, et dolores suos exponere."—"Regina de mandato Regis reducta est Wintoniam de Warewella; et totâ nocte proximè

præcedente diem agonis sui pervigilavit ad sepulchrum S. Swithuni." Then followed the celebrated penance of the ploughshares.

Of EDITHA Hoveden says, "Porro Haroldus et Leofwinus (al. Leofwinus) filii ejus [i. e. Godwini] Bristowam adeuntes, navem quam frater illorum Swanus sibi paraverat, conscenderunt, et in Hyberniam transvecti sunt: reginam vero Edgitam rex propter iram, quam adversus patrem ejus Godwinum habuerat, repudiavit, et cum una pedissequa ad WEREWELLAM eam sine honore misit, et abbatissæ custodiam commendavit." Hoved. edit. Sav. 1596, fol. 253.

^d See Num. IV.

^e Compare Will. Malmesb. edit. Sav. 1596, fol. 107 b. See Num. I.

^f Num. V.

^g Abbrev. Rot. Orig. tom. i. p. 289. See other entries relating to Wherwell, ibid. tom. i. pp. 190, 212, 214: tom. ii. p. 61.

^h See Æthelred's Charter, Append. Num. III.

ⁱ Willis's Lists of the Principals of Religious Houses, in Tann. Notit. Mon. p. xi.

^k Reg. Pecheham archiep. Cantuar. fol. 103 a.

ISABELLA occurs abdess A. D. 1300:^a and again 17 Aug. 33 Edw. I. A. D. 1305.^b

MAUD LITTLETON was elected A. D. 1335.^c

AMITIA LADDE, elected A. D. 1340.^d

CONSTANTIA DE WINTRESIALL, elected A. D. 1361.^e

JOAN COTTERELL, also elected A. D. 1361.^f

CECILIA LUVINGTON, elected A. D. 1375.^g

ALICE PARYS, elected A. D. 1412.^h

ANNE QUARLEY, elected A. D. 1451.ⁱ

ALICE SERLE, elected A. D. 1452.^k

JULIANA OVERY, A. D. 1453.^l

MATILDA ROWSE received the temporalities of the monastery July 15th, A. D. 1494.^m Willis says, Maud occurs abdess, probably the same person, A. D. 1513.ⁿ

A VELENA (whom Willis calls AVEYTON) COWDREY had the temporalities granted to her March 13th, 1518.^o

ANNE COLTA, or COLTE, received the temporalities Aug. 9th, 1529:^p upon whose resignation,

MORPHUET KYNGESMYLL was elected abdess. The temporalities were restored to her October 20th, 1536.^q

This nunnery was dedicated to the Holy Cross and

St. Peter. On Nov. 21st, 1540, having been surrendered into the king's hands, it was dissolved: the abdess and twenty-four nuns receiving pensions.^r

The endowment of this monastery, at the time of the Suppression, according to Dugdale, was valued at 339*l.* 8*s.* 7*d.* per annum: according to Speed, at 403*l.* 12*s.* 10*d.* The site, and various other estates of the monastery, were granted in the 31st of Hen. VIII. to Sir Thomas West, Lord de la Warre.^s

Bishop Tanner notices a REGISTER of this monastery in the possession of Joshua Iremonger, Esq. which still remains at Wherwell.^t It is the same which Dugdale saw in 1669, in the hands of Charles Lord de la Warre. Excerpts from a Chartulary of this house, formerly in the hands of Thomas Noy, are also to be found among Dr. James's manuscripts in the Bodleian library at Oxford.^u

Several Indentures relating to the manor of Tokington, held under the abdess of Wherwell, are preserved among the ancient Charters in the British Museum.^x

Of this nunnery, situated about three miles from Andover, scarcely any vestiges are now remaining.

^a Willis, ut supr.

^b Coll. Wint.

^c Willis, ut supr. Matilda abdess of Wherwell, probably the same person, occurs in the Originalia Rolls, 14 Edw. III. See the Abbrev. Rot. Orig. tom ii. p. 140.

^d Willis, ut supr.

^e Ibid.

^f Ibid.

^g Ibid.

^h Ibid. See also Rym. Fœd. tom. viii. p. 764.

ⁱ Willis, ut supr.

^k Ibid.

^l Ibid.

^m Pat. 9 Hen. VII.

ⁿ Willis, ut supr.

^o Pat. 9 Hen. VIII.

^p Pat. 21 Hen. VIII.

^q Pat. 27 Hen. VIII.

^r See the Inventory, Num. VI. The following were the annuities and pensions still payable, 2 & 3 Phil. and Mar.:

"WHOREWELL nuper MONASTERIUM. Feod. Willielmi Marchionis Winton. capitalis seneschalli possessionum dicti nuper monasterii per annum viij*l.* Ricardi Taylor clerici dictæ nuper abbatiæ per script. conventus per annum iiij*l.* Annuity. Johannis Cooke per annum xxvj*l.* viij*d.* Christoferi Browne per annum xl*l.* Penciones. Morphetæ Kyngesmyll abbatisæ ibidem per annum xl*l.* Elizabethæ Pykeringe per annum iiij*l.* Elizabethæ Parcher per annum lxxvj*l.* viij*d.* Agnetis Hardinge per annum lxxvj*l.* viij*d.* Morphetæ Vine per annum liij*l.* iiiij*d.* Johannæ Matte per annum liij*l.* iiiij*d.* Johannæ Woodlocke per annum liij*l.* iiiij*d.* Elizabethæ Foster liij*l.* iiiij*d.* Elizabethæ Hacke per annum liij*l.* iiiij*d.* Agnetis Holte per annum lxxvj*l.* viij*d.* Margaretæ Aysshe per annum lxxvj*l.* viij*d.* Johannæ Dowlinge per annum liij*l.* iiiij*d.* Mariæ Inkepenne per annum lxxvj*l.* viij*d.*

^s See an extract from the Ministers' Accounts, 32 Hen. VIII. Num. VII.

^t A loose paper in Mr. Gough's hand-writing, now preserved in a copy of the second edition of Bishop Tanner's Notitia Monastica, in the Bodleian library at Oxford, beside the Confirmation of the Foundation Charter, by K. Hen. III. in the 44th year of his reign, and Pope Gregory the Eighth's Bull of Confirmation, notices in this Register a Charter for a weekly Market on Wednesdays within Wherwell manor, dated May 5th, 51 Hen. III. and a Grant of a Fair on the day of the dedication of the church, dated 25th Oct. 9 Joh. This Register appears to have been compiled in the 37th of Edw. III.

^u MS. James VIII. p. 341.

Bishop Tanner gives the following references to Instruments relating to this monastery, preserved among the Records in the Tower of London:

"Cart. Antiq. K. 14. Rot. Cart. 9 Joan. m. 6, n. 56, pro feria

apud Wherwell, &c. Claus. 16 Joan. m. 5, de feria apud Wherwell.

Claus. 6 Hen. III. m. 13, de bosco de Harewood: Claus. 7 Hen. III. m. 23. Claus. 8 Hen. III. m. 19. Claus. 12 Hen. III. m. 9. Pat. 29 Hen. III. m. 6, de assartis infra forest. de Southel: Cart. 44 Hen. III. m. 1 et 2, n. 5. Cart. 51 Hen. III. m. 6, de mercato apud Wherwell.

Pat. 5 Edw. II. p. 1, m. 22, de terris in Bachewyke: Pat. 8 Edw. II. p. 1, m. 11. Ibid. p. 2, m. 3, de terris in W. Bolingdon: Claus. 14 Edw. II. m. 10. Pat. 17 Edw. II. p. 1, m. 23. Pat. 18 Edw. II. p. 2, m. 2.

Cart. 5 Edw. III. n. 11, pro lib. war. in Wherwell, Middleton, Asshes, et Langbridge: Pat. 5 Edw. III. p. 2, m. 18, 19, et 20. Pat. 9 Edw. III. p. 2, m. 9. Pat. 13 Edw. III. p. 2, m. 6, 7, vel 8. Pat. 18 Edw. III. p. 2, m. . . dorso, de bosco de Harewode: Pat. 38 Edw. III. p. 1, m. 14 vel 15. Ibid. p. 2, m. 40, pro ten. in Middleton et Newton Say: Pat. 41 Edw. III. p. 1, m. 33, recit. cartam regis Ethelredi.

Pat. 2 Ric. II. p. 1, m. . . Pat. 7 Ric. II. p. 2, m. . . pro quatuor damis e foresta de Chuyte: Pat. 8 Ric. II. p. 1, m. 5, de privilegiis abbatisæ infra hundredum de Mestone.

Rec. in Scacc. 7 Hen. V. Pasch. rot. 1, de terris in Wherwell et Belindon.

Pat. 9 Hen. VI. p. 1, m. 2. Pat. 14 Hen. VI. p. 1, m. 13, pro ten. in Botteley et Matoksford: Pat. 22 Hen. VI. p. 2, m. 23, pro prebenda sive ecclesia de Godeworth approprienda.

Pat. 22 Edw. IV. p. 1, m. 18."

^x They are as follow:

Cart. Harl. Antiq. 79 G. 26. Indenture between Sir William West Kt. Lord Laware and Thomas West his son; and John Hurlebat of assignment of lease of the manor of Tokington, held of the abdess of Wherwell, 22 Eliz.

Ibid. 79 G. 27. Indenture between Sir Thomas West Kt. son and heir apparent of Sir Thomas West Lord La Warre, and Edward Fisher of assignment of lease of the manor of Tokington, 42 Eliz.

Ibid. 79 G. 28. Indenture between Sir Thomas West Kt. Lord La Warre and Edward Badby, of lease of the manor of Tokington alias Tufton; 44 Eliz.

Ibid. 80 I. 14. Indenture between Sir Thomas West Lord La Warr, and Herbert Morley and Edward Alford respecting land at Torkington late belonging to the house of the Holy Cross at Wherwell, 43 Eliz.

Ibid. 80 I. 15. Confirmation of a Grant made by Sir Thomas West Lord La War to Edward Fisher, of the capital messuage and farm at Tokington, 43 Eliz.

Cartae ad Werwellense Coenobium in agro Hantoniensi spectantes.

NUM. I.

[W. Malmesb. fol. 33 a, n. 10.]

ATHELWOLDUS quidam erat, sui temporis, [scilicet Edgari regis] comes egregius, et à secretis, huic rex in-
junxerat negotium, ut Elfthridam filiam Ordgari ducis
Devoniæ, quæ forma sui oculos relatorum pellexerat,
quatenus eam regiis auribus commendarent; huic, in-
quam, præceperat, ut illam adiret speculatum, nuptias
conciliaturus, si veritas famæ conquadret. Ille viam
celerans, nihilque præter opinionem comperiens, celato
apud parentes nuncio, suis potius usibus puellam appli-
cuit. Rediens ad regem, quæ suis partibus conduce-
rent, allegat speciei vulgaris et quotidianæ pusiolam
esse, nec tantæ majestati convenire. Reducto ab his
animo, et aliis amoribus intento, delatores nunciant
quanta illum Ethelwoldus astutia emunxerat. Ille clavò
clavum expellens, fraude scilicet fraudem eludens, fron-
tem serenam comiti ostendere, diem quo visitaret tam
laudatam mulierem quasi joco edicere. Qui tam ter-
ribili joco exanimatus, præcurrit ad conjugem, rogans
ut suæ saluti consuleret, et, quantum posset, vestibus se
deformaret, tunc primum aperiens facti sui concilium.
Sed quid non præsumit fœmina? ausa est primi amato-
ris, et primi conjugis fidem fallere, et speculo vultum
comere, nihil omittens quod ephebi et potentis lumbos
pertentaret. Nec citra propositum accidit: visam enim
adeo inarsit, ut dissimulato odio, comitem in silvam
Warewelle (quæ vocatur Harewoode) gratia venandi
accitum jaculo trajiceret. Ubi cum filius occisi nothus
familiari visu supervenisset, et à rege interrogatus esset,
qualiter ei talis venatio placeret, respondisse fertur,
Benè, domine rex, quod tibi placet mihi displicere non
debet; quo dicto, ita tumentis animum mansuefecit, ut
nihil chariùs in vita sua posthæc haberet, quàm juvenem
illum, tyrannici facti offensam in patrem sedulitate re-
gia in filium allevans. Ob illius sceleris expiationem,
ibidem monasterium ab Elfthrida ædificatum, sanctimo-
nialium frequentia inhabitatur.

[Ibid. fol. 140 b, n. 20.]

DE Warewelle scitur, quod Elfrida uxor re-
gis Edgari ædificaverat illum in honore sanctæ crucis,
compuncta privigni sui Edwardi nece indigna, cujus ipsa
conscia et autor fuit.

[Ibid. fol. 107 b, n. 50.]

COMBUSTA est etiam abbatia sanctimonia-
lium de Warewelle à quodam Willielmo de Ipra homine
nefando, qui nec Deo, nec hominibus reverentiam ob-
servaret, quod in ea quidam imperatricis fautores se
contutati essent (tempore regis Stephani.)

NUM. II.

[Hist. MS. Joh. Tinemuthensis, in Bibl. Bodleiana, lib. xxi. cap. 117.]

ALFREDUS rex Westsaxonum silvam quandam ve-
nandi gratiâ quadam vice adiit, et vocem parvuli vagi-
entis in arbore audivit, et à venatoribus quid hoc foret
diligenter inquisivit. Qui ascendentes arborem, invene-
runt in summitate arboris in nido aquilæ, infantem ele-

gantem, forma conspicuum, habentem in corpore notam
quasi regificum signum, purpureo pallio involutum, in
brachiis, gemellis armillas aureas nobilitatis indicium
præferentem, quem rex baptizari fecit, et à nido, Nestin-
gum vocans, nobiliter educatum in comitem provexit.
Hic genuit Witburdingum, qui genuit Wlhelmum, qui
ex uxore sua liberos procreans, cum conjugis sua xvij.
annis, usque ad provectam ætatem, cœlibem vitam duxit.
Angelus autem Domini, trina visione utrumque hortatus
est ut convenirent, quia sponsam Christi generarent,
et de cætero propositum servarent. Nata est eis igitur
infantula et Wlfhildis vocata, ablactaque, virginibus
Wiltoniæ tradita educanda, quam cum interjecto tem-
pore Edgarus rex ad se non posset accersire, nec de
ecclesia eam capere auderet, per ejus amitam nomine
Wenfledam irretire temptat. Tunc illa languorem si-
mulans, puellam ad domum suam apud Warewelle invi-
tat, ut eam quasi neptem suam rerum suarum hæredem
moritura constituat, quò cum pervenisset, ecce rex Ed-
garus sedens ad convivia, assidente sibi Wenfleda, non
languida, sed regalibus epulis jocunda, jubetur in cubi-
culo puella regaler parari, et ad regem adduci, quam
rex lateri suo assidere fecit, et ei divitias, regnum, et
imperium, reginam et dominam Britanniae fore polli-
cetur, si sibi matrimonialiter voluerit copulari. Virgo
autem tacito ore, sed corde clamoso, ad Christum attol-
lit suspiria, et ut eripiat silenter exorat, simulatâ verò
infirmirate, de convivio ad pausam in cubiculo ut de-
fessa egreditur. Rex verò ne quoquo modo posset eva-
dere, ad ostium cubiculi militum ponit custodiam: pro-
cedit itaque virgo quasi ad secreta naturæ, ubi turpe
erat mares sequi, et exutis pompaticis indumentis, per
meatum cuniculi, angelo duce, fuga dilabatur, atque in
villa de Werwelle cujusdam pauperculæ tugurio, ut men-
dica mulier hospitata est, et mane facto cum festina-
tione Wiltoniam advenit, quod rex comperiens illuc
properat, et tam per se, quàm per alios insidias appo-
nens, fortè eam in claustrum apprehendit, fugientemque
in ipso ecclesiæ limine, per manticam rapuit, sed illa
utcunq̃ potuit renitente, mantica in manu regis tra-
hentis remansit, adeo videlicet ut non sentiretur scis-
sura, et solida vestis tanquam humana industria erat
circumcisa.

Virgo igitur coram altari prostrata, pudicitiam suam
cum lacrimis Deo commendabat: at rex ad se conversus
obstupuit, et accedens ad eam dixit.

Noli timere, virgo Dei devota, quia nequaquam ultra
molestus ero proposito tuo, sed potius adiutorem, et de-
fensorem tibi me præbebo. Dedit igitur rex sibi monas-
terium virginum de Berkinge, et ad antiquum statum
regali munificentia reparavit, ipsiusque Wlfhildæ nobile
patrimonium ad xxiii. villarum mansion. auxit, prædic-
toque monasterio de Berkinge tam numero virginum,
quam copia rerum cœquavit.

NUM. III.

Charta Regis "De Inspeximus" dicta.

[Cart. 44 H. III. m. 6.]

Rex archiepiscopis, &c. salutem. Inspeximus scrip-
turas Æthelredi quondam regis Angliæ monialibus de
Werewell, super quibusdam terris, redditibus, ac liber-
tatibus confectas, absque sigilli sui appositione, cum

subscriptione quorundam magnatum temporum illorum conscriptas, quas pro eo quod vetustate erant attritæ, fecimus sub nostro sigillo exemplificari ad cautelam, nolentes quod dictis monialibus, per rupturas seu commissuras scripturarum illarum, periculum immineat de terris, rebus, aut libertatibus quas per scripturas prædictas habent, et hactenus justè possederunt. Tenor autem prædictarum scripturarum is est.

Postquam prothoplastus, invida veneniferi serpentis deceptus versutia, stola immortalitatis deposita, felicissimam paradisiacæ amenitatis amiserat beatitudinem, mortis illico cunctis postmodum inevitabilem sortitus sententiam, in hanc miserrimam, et ærumpnis plenissimam detrusus est peregrinationem, Domino sibi tale pronunciante præconium, Terra es et in terram reverteris, unde et ab ipsius stirpis origine demoniacæ potestatis jugum in omnes aggravatum est posteros, adeo cunctis fermè mortalibus portæ paterent infernales, clausis amissæ fœlicitatis firmissimè januis, donec unicus æterni patris verbigena creaturam suæ imaginis quam per se factam meminerat, inimico sibi ab initio contrario subditam, et ad pœnas ruere gehennales dolens, in extrema fere hujus caduci seculi margine carne velatus virginali, Deus immortalis hominem indueret mortalem, initaque veri Dei, et veri hominis persona, homo inter homines apparere atque conversari dignatus est. Quod misterium diabolo in tantum celebratur, ut eum eisdem modis quibus primum prostraverat hominem aggredi non diffideret, autumans se, et ipsum qui Deus in homine latebat suo posse mancipare dominio. Sed ab ipso tripharia confossus responsione, abcessit inanis, et vacuus inferos petendo suæ tumidæ preparatos adinventioni. Hinc ipsa veritas hominem ad ymaginem et similitudinem sui conditum reformare atque ab hostili eruere disponens tyrannide, viam patriæ cœlestis, quam prius in Adam perdidimus, in seipso restaurandum rectis corde et paulatim intimare curavit, ita dogmatizando. Pœnitentiam agite, appropinquabit enim regnum cœlorum. Rursumque inter reliqua suæ ammonitionis eloquia filios hominum humilitatis sequi hortatur vestigia, taliter proclamans: Honora patrem tuum et matrem tuam, ut sis longævus super terram.

Hujusmodi sententiis multociens à meis præmonitus sapientibus, Ego Æthelred gentis gubernator Angliæ, totiusque insulæ coregulus Britannicæ, et cæterarum insularum in circuitu adjacentium, quoddam nobile cœnobium cum villa circumquaque sibi connexa, Christo sanctisque omnibus humillima offero devotione, quod vulgares suaptè, à vicinitate fontis æt Werewelle appellare consueverunt, cum villulis quæ vel præscripto arcisterio, vel villæ, (ut prædiximus) subjacent circumpositæ, quæ utriusque portio tota pariter in unam collecta quantitatem, in se continet mansarum septuaginta, licet diversis disjaceat in locis, ut sit prætitulatum monasterium cum omnibus quæ supra taxata sunt ad se ritè pertinentibus, omni mundiali jugo liberrimum. Et hoc devotè ipse omnium largitori bonorum optuli pro remedio animæ patris mei Eadgari, et matris meæ Elfdryd vocitatæ, quod ipsa dum vixit possedit et jugi extruere aggressa est diligentia. Existimavi etiam me participem fore retributionis æternæ in elemosinaria partitione possessionis transitoria. Atque iccirco hoc egi, ne me argui pertimescerem ante districti tribunal judicis, si supra memoratam ipsius sententiam, dum scirem quid in oculis suæ majestatis esset placitum, contempsisse seu neglexisse convincerem.

Adhuc autem, ut in illo tremendo examine misericordiam in conspectu tam justici censoris invenire, et in dextera parte inter oves ascisci merear electas, adicio munus devotionis sincerissimæ, tribuens ad adminiculum victus et vestitus sanctimonialium in prænotato monasterio Christo sedulo servientium famulatu, quoddam aliud rus situm in provincia Saxonum Australium, quod loci accolæ Edelingedene cognominant, cassatorum sexaginta, quod et ipsa prædicta regina quamdiu spiraculo vitæ potita est sibimet in usus usurpavit proprios; ut subiciatur hujus portio telluris crebrius præscripto cœnobio, quatenus illi sanctæ familiæ ad usus sibi nil desit necessarios, tantum ut laus Christi nuni-

quam per murmuracionis torpescat gravedinem, nec regulæ sanctæ frigescat observantia, prævalente qualibet naturalis inopia refocillationis.

Ut verò istud nostrum decretum stabile capiat solidamentum, hujus curam regiminis commendo abbatissæ venerabili Heanfled agnominatæ, quæ ad eundem sanctum locum ipsum honoris, et ut veriùs dicam, oneris sortita est gradum, ut ipsa hæc omnia quamdiu spiritum gesserit vitalem diligenti cura juxta Dei velle præordinet, postque sui defectum excessus, habeat ipsa religiosa congregatio, cum sui consilio metropolitani, sibi inter se arbitrium eligendi, si inter eas talis inveniri possit, cui more omnes obediant regulari. Perduret siquidem istud cœnobium villaque quam prætitulavimus cum universis appendiciis sibi jure subjacentibus, campis, silvis, pascuis, pratis, aquarum decursibus, grouvis, piscationum hostiis, jugi securissimum libertate, sequestratis sollemnodo trium causis necessitatum communium, si contingat expeditionem educi, arcem, seu pontem redintegrari. Et ne fastidium faciam in multiloquii prolongatione, omnes Christum timentes per ejus adjuro crucifixionem, ne quispiam elationis inflatus supercilio hoc nostrum munus quod Deo optuli evertere, seu in aliud quid transmutare, vel minuere præsumat, servata æternaliter à cunctis hujus institutione privilegii. Si quis autem hoc nostrum donum augere studuerit, augeatur ei æterna felicitas. Qui verò evertere seu in aliud transferre satagerit, duplicentur illi cum Juda proditore pœnæ infernales, nisi celerius cum pœnitentiæ singultu à sua resipiscat fatuitate.

Scripta siquidem est hæc cartula anno Dominicæ incarnationis millesimo secundo. Hiis unanimi conspirantibus testimonio quorum inferiùs subsequuntur onomata. Ego Athelred rex Anglorum, hoc munus Christo devotè offerens, ne forsitan postero tempore oblivioni traderetur, hæc scecula titulari mandavi. Ego Athelstan filius regis. Ego Escbyrht filius regis. Ego Eadmund filius regis. Ego Eadred filius regis. Ego Adryc filius regis. Ego Eadgar filius regis. Ego Ealfric archiepiscopus ut ita fieret sollicitè desudavi. Ego Ealdulf archiepiscopus. adquevi. Ego Ealphar episcopus annotavi. Ego Uulstan episcopus. adsignavi. Ego Ealfheah episcopus adunavi. Ego Brithric episcopus adsensi. Ego Saxulf episcopus addixi. Ego Egwine episcopus adfirmavi. Ego Godwine episcopus annui. Ego Alfwold episcopus. Ego Ordbyrht episcopus. Ego Aelfstan episcopus. Ego Æthelric episcopus. Ego Sigeferd episcopus. Ego Ælfweard abbas. Ego Wlfstan abbas. Ego Ælfsige abbas. Ego Elfuric abbas. Ego Keanulf abbas. Ego Alfwold abbas. Ego Godwin abbas. Ego Wulfric abbas. Ego Ælfgar abbas. Ego Willnod abbas. Ego Alfric abbas. Ego Leofric abbas. Ego Ælfric dux. Ego Ælfhelm dux. Ego Leofwin dux. Ego Ethelmar minister. Ego Ordulf minister. Ego Wulgead minister. Ego Wulfheah minister. Ego Wulfic minister. Ego Ædric minister. Ego Ælric minister. Ego Birthric minister. Ego Birhsige minister. Ego Leofwyn minister. Ego Siweard minister. Ego Sired minister. Ego Egwin minister. Ego Leofwyn minister. Ego Ethelric minister.

Viginti verò et novem prædia sunt in urbe Wentana variis disjacentia in locis, quæ vectigali servicio præfato subjacent monasterio, omnique alieno permanent extranea dominio et cunctis penalibus causis, supra scripto sancto famulantibus loco, quod vulgari usu ita Anglicè dicitur: Nizan 7 xx. hægen a jynðon on Wintacearþne þ hýnað in to ðam mýnþne. mid eallan þam zepuhtum 7 þam pican þe þær of anjað. [i. e. Novem et xx. domus sunt Wincestriæ, quæ spectant ad hoc monasterium cum omnibus juribus et mulctis inde provenientibus.] Anno Dominicæ incarnationis millesimo octavo, regni verò mei tricesimo quarto. Hoc quoque ruris additamentum prænotato sanctimonialium cœnobio libens superadicere curavi: decem videlicet mansas illo in loco sitas qui solito Bulandun nomine solet appellari: eandemque telluris portionem, cum omnibus finibus simul et redditibus ad se ritè pertinentibus, in hoc privilegio scribere jussi, et cum Dei omnipotentis atque mea auctoritate præcipio, ut hujus munificentie

dapsilitatem nullus sibi usurpare, vel ausu temerario hanc in aliud quid immutare, et à præfato monasterio violenter auferre præsumat. Sed hæc quoque portio jugiter libera permaneat, eadem scilicet libertate qua reliquæ possessiones quæ in hoc privilegio conscriptæ sunt, liberæ existunt.

Nos igitur scripturas prædictas dictis monialibus, ut prædictum est, exemplificari fecimus ad cautelam; nolentes quod per rupturas seu commissuras scripturarum prædictarum eis periculum immineat. Sed omnia quæ per scripturas prædictas habent et justè possident eis concedimus et hac carta nostra confirmamus, sicut rationabiliter eis concessa sunt, et ea hactenus justè possederunt. Hiis testibus venerabilibus patribus: B. Cantuar. archiepiscopo, Waltero Wigorn. H. London. E. Sarum episcopis, Simone de Monte Forti comite Leycestr. Ricardo de Clare comite Glouc. et Hereford. Humfrido de Bohun comite Hereford. et Essex. Johanne de Plessetis comite Warr. Philippo Basset, Hug. le Bigot, Jacobo de Aldithel. Johanne Maunsel thesaurar. Ebor. Roberto Walerand, et aliis. Dat. per manum nostram apud Westmon. xxvj. die Octobris.

NUM. IV.

Prædia ad Abbatiam de Wherwell spectantia, tempore Willielmi Regis Conquestoris.

[Ex Libro Censuali vocato *Domesday Book*, in domo Capitulari Westmonast. asservato.]

Domesd. *Hantesc.* tom. i. fol. 44.

TERRA ÆCCLESIAE DE WARWELLE. In Welford Hund. ABBATIA DE WARWELLE tenet totam villam in qua ipsa æcclesia sedet. Semper tenuit. Tempore Regis Edwardi se defendebat pro xxii. hidis. Modo pro xiii. hidis. Terra est xiiii. car. In dominio sunt iiii. car. et v. villani et xii. bord. et xxv. coliberti. et x. servi. cum x. car. Ibi iii. molini de xxvii. solid. et vi. den. et lxv. acr. prati. Silva de xxv. porc. Tempore Regis Edwardi et post valebat x. lib. modo xv. lib.

Ipsa abbatia tenet TOCHITON. Semper tenuit. Tempore Regis Edwardi se defendebat pro vii. hidis. Modo pro iii. hidis et dim. Terra est . In dominio sunt ii. car. et ix. villani et vi. bord. cum car. et dimid. Ibi iiii. servi. et ii. molini de xxxv. sol. et viii. acr. prati. et silva ad clausuram. Valet et valuit vi. lib.

Ipsa abbatia tenet GODORDE. Semper tenuit. Tempore Regis Edwardi se defendebat pro iii. hid. modo pro dim. hida. Terra est iii. car. In dominio sunt ii. car. cum vi. bord. et iiii. servis. et una car. et x. acr. prati. Valet et valuit xl. sol.

Ipsa abbatia tenet ANNA. Semper tenuit. Tempore Regis Edwardi se defendebat pro v. hid. Modo pro iii. virg. et tertia parte virg. Terra est iii. car. In dominio sunt ii. car. et x. bord. et iiii. servi cum dim. car. et ii. molini de xxx. sol. et ii. acr. prati. Silva de^a clausuram. Valet et valuit c. sol.

Ipsa abbatia tenet MIDDELTUNE. Semper tenuit. Tempore Regis Edwardi se defendebat pro xx^{ti}. hid. modo pro x. hid. Terra est ix. car. In dominio ii. car. et xiiii. villani et x. bord. cum vii. car. Ibi v. servi et ii. molini de xl. sol. et piscaria ad aulam et ix. acr. prati. Valet et valuit xii. lib.

Ipsa abbatia tenet BOLENDE. Semper tenuit pro x. hid. Nunquam geldavit. Terra est vi. car. In dominio sunt ii. car. et viii. villani et iiii. bord. et iii. servi. et molinum de xv. sol. Valet et valuit vii. lib.

Ipsa abbatia tenet IN CIVITATE WINTONIA xxxi. masurā.^b de quibus habet omnes consuetudines quietas excepto geldo regis. A quo etiam geldo est quietas propria domus Abbatissæ. Tempore Regis Edwardi valebat l. sol. modo xxx. sol. Ibi quoque id est in

Wincestre habet unum molinum quod reddit xl.viii^{to}. sol.

NUM. V.

Bulla Gregorii Papæ Donatorum Concessionem recitans et confirmans.

[Ex Registro Abb. de Wherwelle in com. Suthampt. penes prænob. Car. D. de La Warre 6 Julii 1669.]

GREGORIUS episcopus servus servorum Dei, dilectis in Christo filiabus abbatissæ monasterii de Wherwell, ejusque sororibus, tam præsentibus quàm futuris regularem vitam professis imperpetuum.

Prudentibus virginibus quæ sub habitu religionis, accensis lampadibus per opera sanctitatis jugiter se properant obviam ire sponso, sedes apostolica debet patrocinium impertire, ne fortè cujuslibet temeritatis incursus, aut eas à proposito revocet, aut robur (quod absit) sacrae religionis enervet: ea propter dilectæ in Domino filiae, vestris justis postulationibus clementer annuimus, et præfatum monasterium de Wherwelle, in quo divino estis obsequio mancipatæ, sub beati Petri et nostræ protectione suscipimus, et præsentis scripti privilegio communimus.

Imprimis siquidem statuentes, ut ordo monasticus qui secundum Deum et beati Benedicti regulam in eodem monasterio institutus esse dinoscitur, perpetuis ibidem temporibus inviolabiliter observetur. Præterea quascunque possessiones, quæcunque bona idem monasterium in præsentiarum justè ac canonicè possidet; aut in futurum, concessione pontificum, largitione regum vel principum, oblatione fidelium, seu aliis justis modis, præstante Domino poterit adipisci, firma vobis, et eis quæ vobis successerint et illibata permaneant: in quibus hæc propriis duximus exprimenda vocabulis; locum ipsum in quo præfatum monasterium situm est, cum omnibus suis pertinentiis: ecclesiam Sanctæ Crucis et Sancti Petri de Wherwelle, cum manerio et aliis pertinentiis suis: ecclesiam Sanctæ Trinitatis cum capellis beatæ Mariæ et Sancti Michaelis cum pertinentiis suis: ecclesiam Sancti Petri de Codewirdâ, cum manerio et aliis pertinentiis suis: ecclesiam Sancti Nicholai de Middelton cum aliis pertinentiis suis: ecclesiam beatæ Mariæ de Tokynton, cum manerio et aliis pertinentiis suis: ecclesiam Sancti Michaelis de Bolyndone, cum manerio et aliis pertinentiis suis: ecclesiam Sancti Nicholai de Comptone cum manerio et aliis pertinentiis suis: ecclesiam beatæ Mariæ cum manerio de Wycâ et Wllegbe et aliis pertinentiis suis: capellam de Wlleghe cum pertinentiis suis: ecclesiam beatæ Mariæ de Colyngheburna minori cum pertinentiis suis: ecclesiam Sancti Petri de Everle cum pertinentiis suis: ecclesiam Sancti Martini in civitate Winton. cum terris, redditibus, possessionibus, et aliis pertinentiis quæ habent in civitate et suburbio Winton: villam de Clatford cum bosco de Harewode et aliis pertinentiis suis; manerium de Bunâ cum suis pertinentiis, de Forton et de Eston villas cum pertinentiis suis; manerium de Essefetâ et de Langhebrigge cum pertinentiis suis: redditus et possessiones quas habetis in villâ Sudhamton: redditus et possessiones quas habetis in Portesmue: redditus et possessiones quas habetis in villâ Bristolliæ. Terras et redditus quas habetis in Wingemarese et Bromlegghiâ. Decimas assartorum de Tokynton pro pensione annuâ duorum solidorum solvendorum parochiali ecclesiæ de Tokynton. Decimas de dominio nostro, ecclesiam de Langhebrigge pro pensione annuâ unius dimidiæ marcæ solvendam parochiali ecclesiæ de Newcherche: et duas partes omnium decimarum de dominiis, tam de Inghepenne, quàm de Bradefeld: et omnes decimas totius domini de Draytone; et decimas trium virgatarum terræ in Chelewartone. Molendinum de Nywebiriâ, cum pratis, vineis, terris, nemoribus . . . suagiis, pascuis, in bosco et plano, in aquis et molen-
dinis, in viis et semitis, et omnibus aliis libertatibus et

^a sc. ad clausuram.

^b Sic.

immunitatibus suis, salvâ super decimis moderatione concilii generalis.

Sane novalium vestrorum quæ propriis manibus aut sumptibus colitis, sive de nutrimentis animalium vestrorum, nullus a vobis decimas exigere vel extorquere præsumat.

Ad hæc liberas et absolutas mulieres è seculo fugientes liceat vobis in monasterio vestro ad conversionem recipere, et eas absque contradictione aliquâ retinere. Nulli quoque post factum in eodem loco professionem licitum sit de monasterio vestro, absque abbatissæ licentiâ nisi arctioris religionis obtentu discedere: discedentem verò absque communium literarum nostrarum cautione nullus audeat retinere.

Cum autem generale interdictum terræ fuerit, liceat vobis clausis januis, exclusis excommunicatis et interdictis, non pulsatis campanis, suppressâ voce, divina officia, celebrare.

Benedictiones verò monialium, ordinationes capellanorum vestrorum, qui ad sacros ordines fuerint promovendi à diocesano episcopo, gratis et sine pravitare aliquâ nobis volumus exhiberi.

Sepulturam quoque ipsius loci liberam esse decernimus, et eorum devotioni et extremæ voluntati qui se illic sepeliri deliberaverint, nisi fortè excommunicati vel interdicti sint, aut publici usurarii nullus obsistat; salvâ tamen justiciâ illarum ecclesiarum à quibus corpora assumuntur.

Obeunte verò te nunc ejusdem loci abbatissâ, vel earum aliquâ quæ tibi successerit, nulla ibi qualiter surreptionis astutiâ seu violentiâ præponatur nisi quam sorores communi consensu, vel earum pars consilii sanioris secundum Deum et beati Benedicti regulam providerit eligendam. Decernimus ergo et nulli omnino hominum liceat præfatum monasterium.....perturbare, aut possessiones auferre, vel ablatas retinere, minuere, seu qualibet vexatione fatigare, sed omnia integrè conserventur earum pro quarum gubernatione ac sustentatione concessa sunt usibus omnimodis profutura salvâ sedis apostolicæ auctoritate et diocesani episcopi canonicâ justiciâ.

Si qua igitur in futurum ecclesiastica secularisve persona hanc nostræ constitutionis paginam sciens contra eam temerè venire temptaverit secundò tertiove communitus, nisi suum reatum congruâ satisfactione correxerit, potestatis honorisque sui careat dignitate, reamque se divino judicio existere de perpetrâtâ iniquitate cognoscat; et à sacratissimo corpore et sanguine Dei et Domini redemptoris nostri Jhesu Christi aliena fiat; atque in extremo examine districtæ subjaceat ultioni. Cunctis autem eidem loco sua jura servantibus sit pax Domini nostri Jhesu Christi, quatinus et hic fructum bonæ actionis præcipiant, et apud districtum judicem præmia æternæ pacis inveniant. Amen. Ego Gregorius catholicæ sedis episcopus, &c. Dat. Perusii per manum magistri Martini S. Romanæ ecclesiæ cancellarii xvij. kal. Julii, indictione primâ, Incarnationis Dominicæ anno mcccxxvijº. Pontificatus vero domini Gregorii papæ ix. anno secundo.

NUM. VI.

[In a Book in the Augmentation Office, containing Inventories of Monasteries surrendered temp'e Hen. viij.]

Com' Southt'

Wherewell late Monastery,

SURRENDERED into th'andes of the seid comysioners to th'use of the kings magestie and his heyres for ever, by dede therof made bering date the xxjth. daye of Novembre in the xxxjth. of the reigne of o^r. most dradde victorious soûaign lorde King Henry the viijth. And the seid daye and yere clerely dissolved and suppressed.

The clere yerely value of all the possessions to the seid late mōstery belonging, aswell spūall as

temporall, ouer and besides xxxix^{li}. iiij^s. viij^d. in ffees and annuytes gūnted to diṽse psons by lres patents ccclij^{li}. vij^s. viij^d. ob. Wherof in pençōns assigned to the late religieuse dispetched,

That is to sey,	
Morphet Kingesmyll late abbes ther .	xl ^{li} .
Alice Gilford late priores	vj ^{li} .
Margery Weight late suppriores . .	c ^s .
Elizabeth Clarke late sexten	iiij ^{li} .
Johñne Michell	c ^s .
Elizabeth Pickeringe	iiij ^{li} .
Agnes Cyvill	lxxvj ^s . viij ^d .
Johñne Erneley	lxxvj ^s . viij ^d .
Johñne Lucas	lxxvj ^s . viij ^d .
Mary Inkepen	lxxvj ^s . viij ^d .
Joice Harte	lxxvj ^s . viij ^d .
Alice Harward	lxxvj ^s . viij ^d .
Elizabeth Perchar	lxxvj ^s . viij ^d .
Mary Erneley	lxxvj ^s . viij ^d .
Agnes Hardinge	lxxvj ^s . viij ^d .
Morphett Vyne	liij ^s . iiij ^d .
Johñne Mate	liij ^s . iiij ^d .
Mary Willughby	lxxvj ^s . viij ^d .
Johñne Wodlocke	liij ^s . iiij ^d .
Elizabeth Ffoster	liij ^s . iiij ^d .
Elizabeth Hacker	liij ^s . iiij ^d .
Johñne Dollinge	liij ^s . iiij ^d .
Agnes Holte	lxxvj ^s . viij ^d .
Margarett Asshe	lxxvj ^s . viij ^d .
Elizabeth Tomlyn	lxxvj ^s . viij ^d .

ccxxij^{li}. vj^s. viij^d. And soo remayneth clere . . ccxxix^{li}. xij^s. ob.

Records and Evidence belonging to the seid late Mōstery,

Remayn in the threasoury there, the keyes wherof bene delṽed to the custodie of Richard Poulett essquier, receyuo'.

Houses & Buyldings assigned to remayn.

The late abbes lodging, wt. the houses wtin the Quadrūnte, as the water leadith from the easte side of the cloister to the gate, the ffarmery, the mylle and milhous, wt. the slaughterhouse adioynynge, the bruing and baking houses, wt. the granaries to the same, the barne and stabulles in the vtter courte :

Possession therof delyuered to the Lord La Ware by force of Mr. Chūncellors lres.

Demed to be supfluous.

The church quyer and steple, couered wt. leade, the cloister couered wt. tyles and certen gutters of leade, the chapitre house, ffrayter, dormytory, conuent kitchyn, and all th'olde lodgings betwene the granarie and the halle dore, couered wt. tyles :

Commyted to the custodie of the Lord La Ware to th'use of the kings matie.

Leade remaying upon the houses afforeseid,—lx. ffoders.

Belles remaying in the steple there,—v^d poiz by estiāc', v^m. vij^c. weight.

Juelles reṽued to th'use of the kings magestie,—none.

Plate of silver reṽued to the same use.

Siluer gilte	ccij. oz. di.
Siluer pcell gilte	iiij ^{xx} vij. oz.
Siluer white	ccccxij. oz. di.

Ornaments reserved to th' use of the kings magestie,
—none.

S^m of all the ornaments, goods, and
catalles there ffounden belonging to the
said late mōstery, solde by the seid
comyssioners, as ptielerly apperith in
the boke of sale thercof made and redy
to be shewed ^{liiij^{xx}lv^{li}.xxiiij^d.}

Whereof in payments to the late religious and se^vnts
dispatched :

To vij. of the late seid religious of the
same late monastery, of the kings mat^{ies}. re-
ward, viz. to iij. e^vy of theym xl^s. and to iiij.
e^vy of theym xx^s. ^{xl^{li}.}
To xlvij. parsons, being chapleyns, offi-
cers, and s^vnts of the seid late mōstery, for
their wages and liueres <sup>xxv^{li}. iij^s.
xxxv^{li}. iij^s.</sup>

Of dettes owyng by the seyd late
mōstery to di^{usc} psons aswell of the
citie of Winchester as of the same
towne of Wherewell, for money owing
to theym for victualles and other ne-
cessaries bought and hadd to th' use of
the seid late house ^{xvj^{li}. xviii^s. ij^d.}
And soo remayneth clere ^{xliij^{li}. ix^d.}

Debtes owing by the seid late mōstery,—none.

*To the same, by Sr. John Burley Clerke, p'son
of Mildeston, for the costs, expensis, & charges by
the late abbes & conuent susteyned in the sp'uall lawes
by the wrongful vexacion of the seid parson, as by
decree made by Doctor Cockes thenne judge vnder the
bisshop of Caunterbury, now pleynly may appere xj^{li}.*

quia null' tale
debit' de jure
dicto, nuper
monasterio
pertinebat ne-
que ulla obli-
gatio aut aliud
scriptum pro
hujusmodi in-
venire potest.

Patronage of Churches belonging to the said late mōstery.	
Com' Southt'	The prebende of Wherewell. The prebende of Milton. The vicarege of Goodworth.
Com' Berk'	The vicarege of Compton.
Com' Wiltes	The psonage of Colingborne Ducs. The psonage of Everley.
Com' Soins'	The prebende of Bathewick.

NUM. VII.

Wherewell nuper Monasterium.

[Extract from Record, 32 Hen. VIII. in the Augmentation Office.]

Scitus nuper dicti monasterij, cum manerijs de
Wherewell, Westone, Middleton, Totington, Boling-
don, Good alias Goodworth, Clatteford, et Anne Parva,
et cum tota præbenda de Good alias Goodworthy præ-
dicta.
Computus Johannis Cooke, generosi receptoris
particularis omnium exituum et reventionum omnium
maneriorum prædictorum, viz. a festo sancti Michaelis
archangeli anno regni regis Henrici octavi xxxj^{mo}. us-
que idem festum sancti Michaelis archangeli extunc
proxime sequens, anno regni ejusdem regis xxxij^{do}. scilicet
per unum annum integrum.

Exitus Maneriorum prædictorum.

De aliquibus denariorum summis, per dictum re-
ceptorem ad usum regiae majestatis receptis, de exiti-
bus, proficuis, et reventionibus dictorum scitus nuper
monasterij maneriorum et præbendæ prædictorum, de-
bitis ad festum sancti Michaelis archangeli, dicto an-
no xxxij^{do}. regis prædicti, nuper clare annui valoris

cexliij^{li}. vij^s. vij^d. ob. aut de venditione boscorum et
subboscorum, in boscis et subboscis, vocatis Upyn
Copyes, et Harewod, nuper clare annui valoris xxxvij^{li}.
parcell. possessionum dicti nuper monasterij existen-
tium, hoc anno non respondet, eo quod dominus rex
nunc per literas suas patentes, datas sub magno sigillo
suo Angliæ, quarto die Marcij, anno regni ejusdem do-
mini regis xxxj^{mo}. dedit et concessit prædict. scitum,
maneria, et cætera præmissa, Thomæ West militi do-
mino Le Warr, sub hæc verba. Henricus octavus Dei
gratia Angliæ et Franciæ rex, fidei defensor, dominus
Hiberniæ, et in terra supremum caput Anglicanæ ec-
clesiæ, omnibus ad quos præsentis literæ pervenerint
salutem. Cum dilectus et fidelis noster Thomas West
miles dominus Le Warr, per quamdam indenturam ge-
rentem datam tercio die Marcij, anno regni nostri
xxxj^{mo}. inter nos ex una parte, et præfatum dominum
La Warr et dominam Elizabetham uxorem ejus ex al-
tera parte factam, barganizaverit et vendiderit nobis,
hæredibus, et successoribus nostris imperpetuum, do-
minia sive maneria de Halfenaked et Walberton, cum
eorum membris et pertinencijs in comitatu nostro Sus-
sex, ac omnes illos parcos vocatos Halfenaked Parke
et Goodwood Parke cum suis pertinencijs, in dicto co-
mitatu nostro Sussex, ac eciam omnia et singula mes-
suagia, terras, tenementa, redditus, reversiones, servicia,
prata, pascuas, boscos, subboscos, pasturas, aquas, com-
munias, vias, piscarias, molendina, vivaria, stagna, war-
renna, parcos, visus franciplegij, curias, proficua curia-
rum, herietta, relevia, escaetas, bona et catalla waviata,
extrahuras, libertates, franchisesias, advocationes eccle-
siarum, capellarum, et cantariarum, ac omnia et sin-
gula mesuagia, hereditamenta, regalitates, commodi-
tates, et proficua prædicti domini La Warr, cum omni-
bus et singulis suis pertinencijs in Halfenaked, Walber-
ton, Mondham, Byrham, Westythenoure, Hymston,
Ivernoll, Woodcotte, Westerton, Stretehampton, Box,
Grave, Compton, Offam, et Yapton, in dicto comitatu
Sussex', prout per eandem indenturam inter alia in
eadem contenta et specificata plene liquet et apparet.
Sciatis quod nos tam in consideratione et pro recom-
pensatione præmissorum, quam ex certis scientia et
mero motis nostris, dedimus et concessimus, ac per
præsentis damus et concedimus præfato Thomæ West
militi domino Le Ware, et dominæ Elizabethæ uxori
ejus, scitum, circuitum, et procinctum nuper monasterij
de Wherewell, alias dicti Wherewell, in comitatu South-
ampton', dudum dissoluti, unacum omnibus et omni-
modis domibus, orreis, stabulis, stagnis, pomarijs, gar-
dinis, edificijs, structuris, columbarijs, terris, fundo et
solo infra scitum, circuitum, et procinctum dicti nuper
monasterij, ac totum illud molendinum aquaticum, et
xxx. acras terræ, et seperalem aquam in Wherewell
alias dict. Wherewell, in dicto comitatu nostro South-
ampton. parcell. possessionum dicti nuper monasterij,
ac in manibus et occupatione ultimæ abbatissæ dicti
nuper monasterij, ad opus et usum ejusdem nuper mo-
nasterij nuper existentia. Ac etiam maneria sive do-
minia de Wherewell alias dict. Wherewell, Westover,
Middleton, Totington, Bolingdon, Good alias Good-
worth, Clatteford, et Anne Parva, cum omnibus et sin-
gulis eorum membris, commoditatibus, et pertinencijs,
in dicto comitatu nostro Southampton. nuper parcell.
possessionum dicti nuper monasterij, cum mesuagijs,
domibus, columbarijs, gardinis, terris, tenementis, et red-
ditibus, reversionibus suis, pratis, pascuis, boscis, sub-
boscis, pasturis, decimis, oblationibus, terris glebis,
fructibus, proficuis, commoditatibus, et emolumentis,
cum omnibus et singulis suis pertinentijs in Wherewell
alias dicta Wherewell prædicta, et in Knyghtmede, et
Good alias dict. Gudworth, in dicto comitatu nostro
Southampton. ac alibi infra eundem comitatum nostrum
Southampton. dictæ præbendæ pertinentibus, scu ali-
quo modo spectantibus, ac advocacionem et patronatum
præbendæ sive ecclesiæ parochialis de Wherewell alias
dicta Wherewell, in dicto comitatu nostro Southampton.
dicto nuper monasterio nuper pertinentia sive spectan-
tia, ac omnia illa boscos, subboscos, et copic'as bosci
vocatos Upyn Copies, continentes per estimationem

ccxx. acras, in dicto comitatu nostro Southampton. quondam parcella possessionum dicti nuper monasterij, ac totum illud boscum in dicto comitatu nostro Southampton. vocatum Harewod, continentem per estimationem sexcent. et sexaginta acras, quondam parcell. possessionum dicti nuper monasterij, unacum terris, solo, et fundo eorumdem boscorum et copiciarum, ac etiam omnia illa mesuagia, columbaria, terras et tenementa, redditus, reversiones, servicia, prata, pascuas, boscos, subboscos, pasturas, aquas, communias, vias, semitas, feoda militum, piscarias, vivarias, stagna, molendina, warrenna, proficua cuniculorum, visus franci, pannagium faldagiarum, oves, et staura ovium et granorum, ac omnes redditus et proficua eorumdem staurorum ovium et granorum, ac omnia et singula alia hereditamenta, commoditates, proficua, et emolumenta quaecumque, cum omnibus et singulis suis pertinencijs, in Wherewell et Good prædict. ac in Westover, Middelton, Totington, Colingdon, Clatteford, Anne Parva, Barton, Multonum, Bartone, et Byden, in dicto comitatu nostro Southampton. ac alibi infra regnum Angliæ, quæ nunc sunt aut quæ aliquo tempore infra spacium trium annorum ultimo præterito ante datam prædictæ indenturæ, accepta, reputata, dimissa, seu cognita fuerunt, ut pars, parcella, seu membra prædictorum maneriorum sive dominiorum de Wherewell, Westover, Middelton, Totington, Colingdon, Good alias dicta Goodworth, Clatteford, et Anne Parva, et eorum cujuslibet seu eorum alicujus vel alicui inde parcell. ac etiam omnia et singula illa mesuagia, terras, tenementa, redditus, reversiones, servicia, prata, pascuas, pasturas, et hereditamenta, cum suis pertinencijs, in dicto comitatu nostro Southampton. vocat. Jayes nuper existen. in tenura, dimissione, seu occupatione cujusdam Ricardi Burley, et quondam existen. parcell. possessionum seu proficuorum dicti nuper monasterij, necnon omnia et singula alia mesuagia, columbaria, molendina, terras, tenementa, cottagia, tofta, prata, pascuas, boscos, subboscos, pasturas, terras, mariscos, grangias, redditus, reversiones, servicia, redditus, et firmas tenentium, et firmariorum tenencium, pro termino vitæ et annorum, per copiam curiæ et costumarios fines, amerciamenta, firmas feodi, communias, pasturas, jumpna, brueria, liberas piscarias, warrennas, redditus, servicia, redditus oneris, redditus siccos, feoda militum, curias, proficua curiarum, letas, visus franciplegij, et turna, cum omnibus et singulis proficuis, visibus franciplegij et turno- rum, ad omnia id quod ad turnum et visum franciplegij pertinent, libertates, franchises, privilegia, warda, relevia, escaetas, herrietta, faldagia, proficua cuniculorum, vivarias, gurgites, aquas, aquarum cursus, stagna, staura ovium et granorum, proficua ovium et granorum, reddit. super quibuscunque dimissionibus reservata, bona et catalla waviata, bona et catalla felonum et fugitivorum, utlegat. attinctorum, ac omnia alia heredita-

menta, commoditates, jura, proficua, et emolumenta nostra quaecumque, cum suis pertinencijs universis, in Wherewell, Westover, Middelton, Totyngton, Bolingdon, Good alias Goodworth, Clatteford, et Anne Parva prædict. in comitatu nostro Southampton. quæ aliquo tempore antehac accepta, reputata, dimissa, seu cognita fuerunt, ut pars parcell. sive membra possessionum, proficuorum, seu hereditamentorum dicti nuper monasterij, adeo plene et integre, ac in tam amplis modo et forma prout ultima abbatissa dicti nuper monasterij seu aliqua prædecessarum suarum abbatissarum ejusdem nuper monasterij, in jure monasterij illius prædicti, scitum, procinctum, circuitum, maneria, præbendam, mesuagia, terras, tenementa, et cætera præmissa, cum suis pertinencijs, in dicto comitatu nostro Southampton. habuit, tenuit, seu gavisus fuit, habuerunt, tenuerunt, seu gavisi fuerunt, ac adeo plene et integre, ac in tam amplis modo et forma, prout prædict. scitus, circuitus, procinctus, maneria, mesuagia, terræ, tenementa, præbenda, et cætera præmissa, cum suis pertinencijs, in dicto comitatu nostro Southampton. ad manus nostras, ratione vel prætextu dissolutionis dicti nuper monasterij, aut ratione seu auctoritate alicujus actus parlamenti vel aliter quocunque modo devenerunt seu devenire debuerunt, ac in manibus nostris jam existunt seu existere debent vel deberent, habend. tenend. et gaudend. prædictum scitum, circuitum, et procinctum ejusdem nuper monasterij, ac omnia prædict. terras, tenementa, et cætera præmissa, infra scitum, circuitum, et procinctum prædicti nuper monasterij, ac omnia prædicta maneria sive dominia de Wherewell, Westover, Middelton, Totington, Bolingdon, Good, Clatteford, et Anne Parva, cum omnibus et singulis eorum membris et pertinencijs, ac prædictam præbendam de Good, cum omnibus prædictis mesuagijs, domibus, gardinis, terris, tenementis, redditibus, revertionibus, servicijs, pratis, pascuis, pasturis, boscis, subboscis, decimis, oblationibus, terris glebis, fructibus, proficuis, et cæteris præmissis cum suis pertinencijs dictæ præbendæ de Good pertinentibus sive spectantibus, ac omnia prædicta mesuagia, columbaria, terras, tenementa, redditus, reversiones, servicia, boscos, subboscos, advocaciones, ac omnia et singula cætera præmissa cum suis pertinencijs universis, in dicto comitatu nostro Southampton. præfato Thomæ West domino Le Warr. et dominæ Elizabethæ uxori ejus, ac hæredibus et assignatis ipsius Thomæ West domini Le Warr, imperpetuum, tenend. de nobis, hæredibus, et successoribus nostris in capite, per servitium militare, viz. per quintam partem serviciæ unius feodi militis, ac reddend. et solvend. inde annuatim ad curiam nostram Augmentationum, reventionum coronæ nostræ, ad opus nostrum, hæredum, et successorum nostrorum, cxxxvij^{li}. iij^s. viij^d. sterlingorum ad festum sancti Michaelis archangeli, pro omnibus alijs servicijs et demandis quibuscunque.

VALOR ECCLESIASTICUS TEMP. 26 HEN. VIII.

DIOC. WINTON. COM. SOUTHAMPTON. DECANAT. ANDEVOR.

MONASTERIUM WHORWEL.

ANNA COLT MODO ABBATISSA.

	£.	s.	d.
Valet in Firm' Terr' cum alijs Redditibus, tam Sp̃ualibus quam Temporalibus ut patet per quaternum manu commissionariorum domini regis signat'	403	12	10
Repris' in divers' Resolut' ut patet per dictum quaternum	63	4	3
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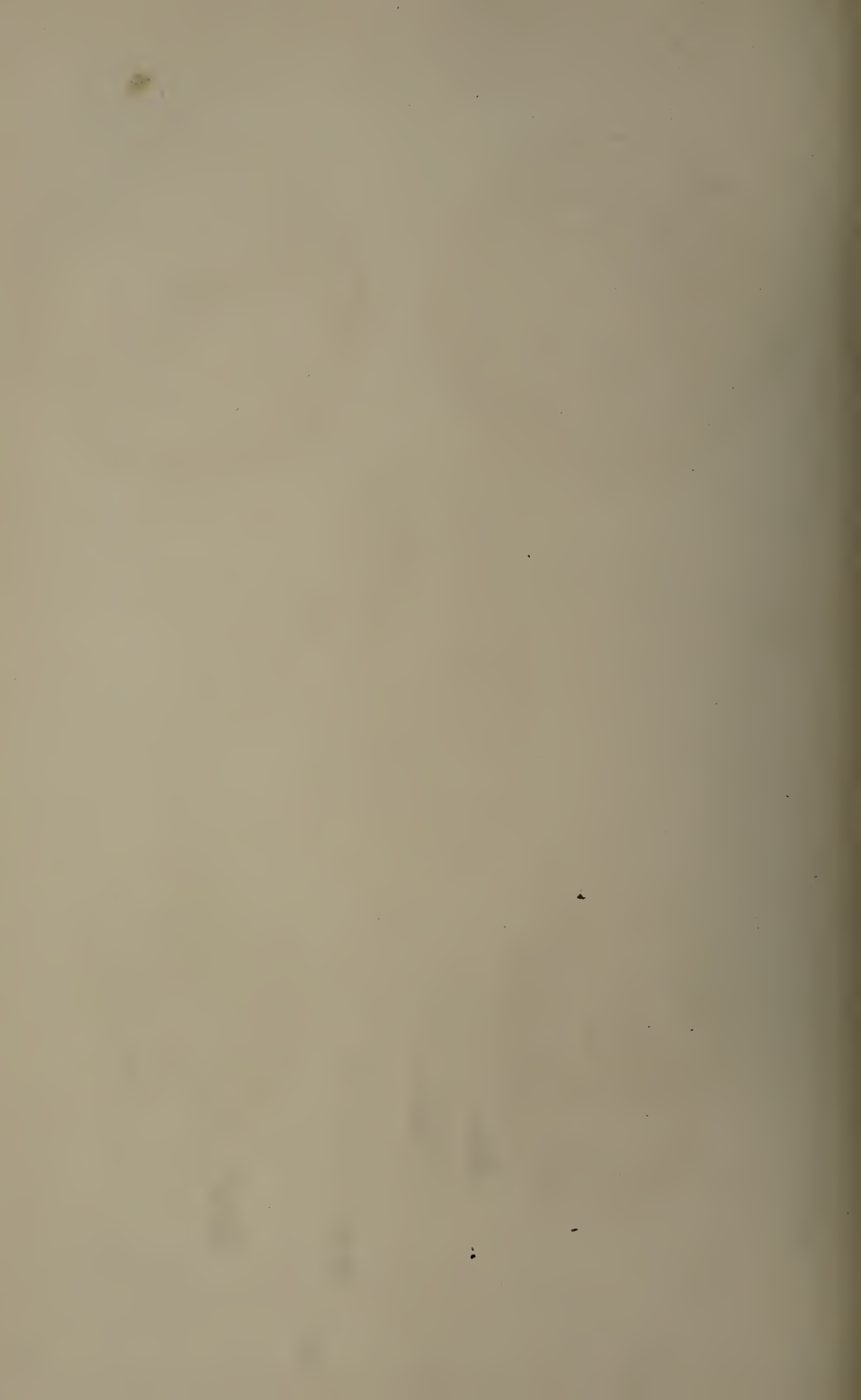
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(Abstract of Roll, 33 Hen. VIII. Augmentation Office.)

WHEREWELL NUPER MONASTERIUM.

Com' Southt'	£.	s.	d.
Scitus Monasterij, cum Manerijs de Wherewell, Weston, Middleton, Totington, Boldingdon, Good alias Goodworth, Clatteford, Anne Parva, ac cum tota Prebenda de Good alias Goodworth	Annual' Redd' reservat'	137	3 8
Aisshesey in Insula Vect	Redd' Assis' lib' Ten'	1	17 0
- - - - -	Redd' Custum' Ten'	19	11 9
- - - - -	Redd' Ten' ad Vol' Dñi	2	19 0
- - - - -	Redd' Mobil'	0	0 8
- - - - -	Firm'	12	18 4
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'	2	0 0
Est Compton cum Porc' Decim' in Fowleston	Redd' Assis' lib' Ten'	1	12 9
- - - - -	Redd' Custum' Ten'	3	14 4
- - - - -	Firm'	22	1 6
- - - - -	Pannag' Porcorum	0	3 5½
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'	3	16 2
Bathewyke	Redd' Custum' Ten'	9	16 2½
- - - - -	Redd' Ten' ad Vol' Dñi	0	0 8
- - - - -	Firma Capital' Mess' Maner' de Bathewyke	19	0 0
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'	1	0 0
- - - - -	Pencio in Bathewyke	1	6 8
Tetbury	Firm'	1	0 0
Wringmershe	Feod' Firm'	1	15 0
Wolley	Redd' Custum' Ten'	5	12 4
- - - - -	Redd' ad Vol' Dñi	0	0 8
- - - - -	Firm' Capital' Mess' Manerij	5	6 8
- - - - -	Pquis' Cur'		null
Upton	Redd' Assis'	0	5 0
Hethefylde et Bromeley	Redd' Assis'	1	0 0
Hethefylde	Terr'	0	6 8
Appulshave	Capital' Redd'	0	13 4

Com' Southt'		ℓ.	s.	d.
Wyke	Firm' Terr'	0	6	8
Hurseley	Un' Tenement'	0	10	0
Mattockesford in Parochia de Botteley . . .	Firm' Maner'	2	8	0
Bromeley	Terr' &c.	0	8	0
Estaston in Parochia de Middleton	Molend' voc' Knightbridge	0	13	4
Winton'	Terr' et Teñta in et prope	1	16	4
Southiton	Redd' Teñtorum	2	2	8
Com' Wiltes'				
Hanydon	Mes' et X ^{me}	1	13	4
Mildeston	X ^{me}	2	0	0
Com' Berks'				
Newbury	Teñta, &c.	3	16	0
Inkepen	Terr'	0	6	8
Com' Surr'				
Ertingdon	Redd'	1	1	2
Gildeford	Prat' voc' Milmede	0	1	4
S. Nich' juxta Gildeford	Terr'	0	0	7½
Com' Southt'				
Drayton in Barton Stacy	Penc'	0	10	0
Over Wallop	Penc' extra Rector'	1	10	0
Middleton	Penc' extra Eccliam	1	6	8
Com' Wiltes'				
Collingborne	Penc'	8	0	0
Everley	Penc'	2	0	0



Seals of Monasteries of the Benedictine Order
 Plate II



1. Seal of Gresham, Abbey from an ancient Impression among the Cottonian Charters in the Bodleian Library.
2. Seal of Clement, Abbot of Gresham temp. Hen. VIII from an Impression in the Charter House.
3. Seal of Evesham, Abbey from the Cottonian Charters.
4. Seal of Henry, Abbot of Evesham temp. Hen. VIII from an Impression in the Charter House.

Seals of Monasteries of the Benedictine Order

Plate X



St. Albans



Seal I.



St. Albans
 Seal II.

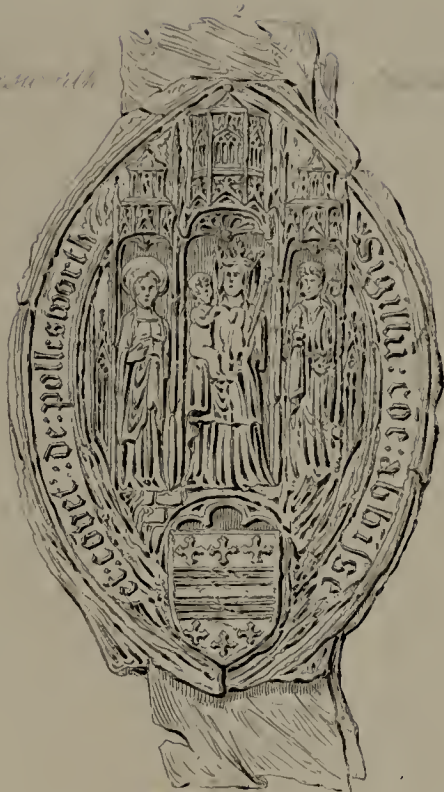


Bath



Abbey

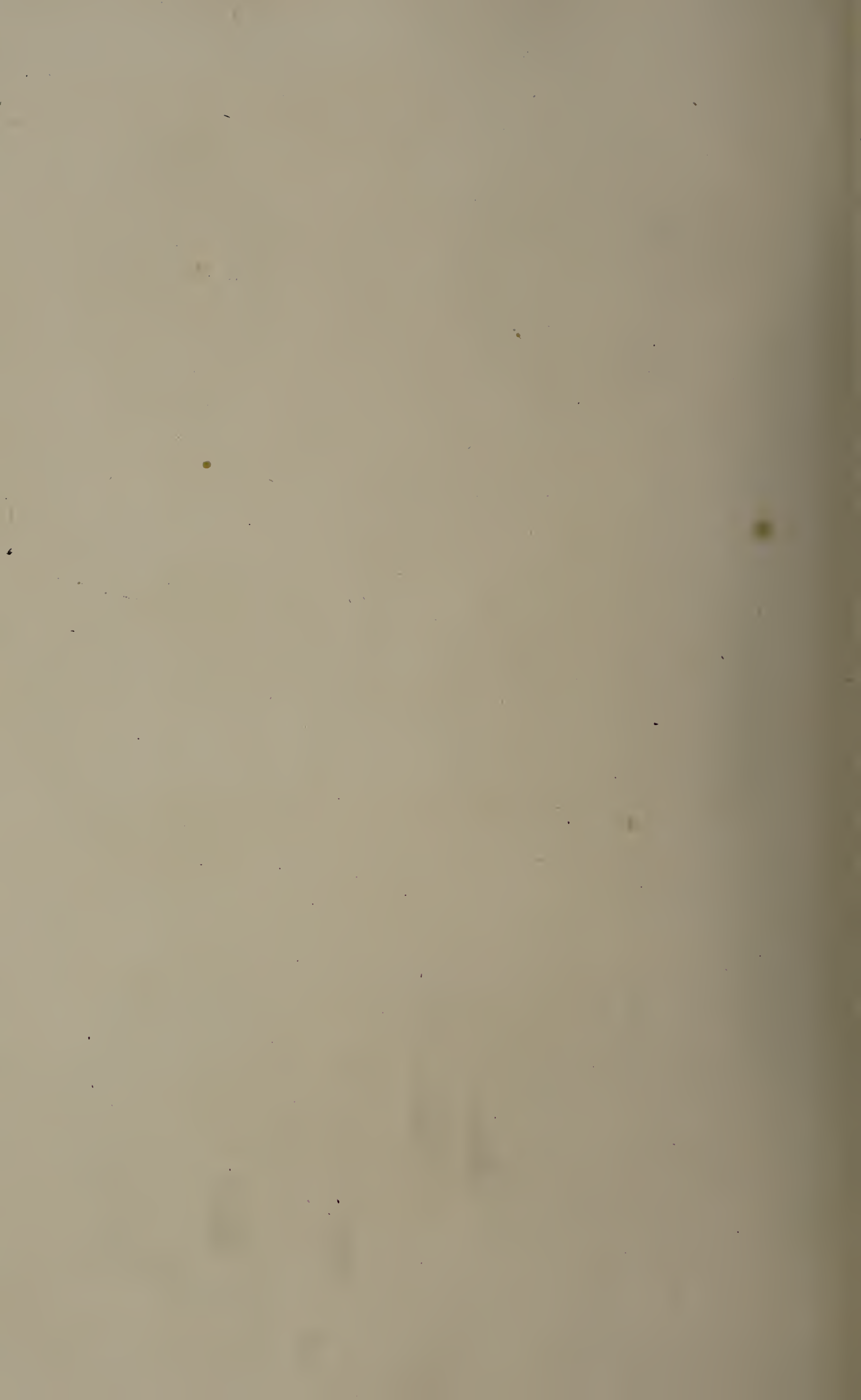
1. Seal of St. Albans Abbey, Benedictine, founded by King Henry I. in the year 1120. It is still preserved in the British Museum.
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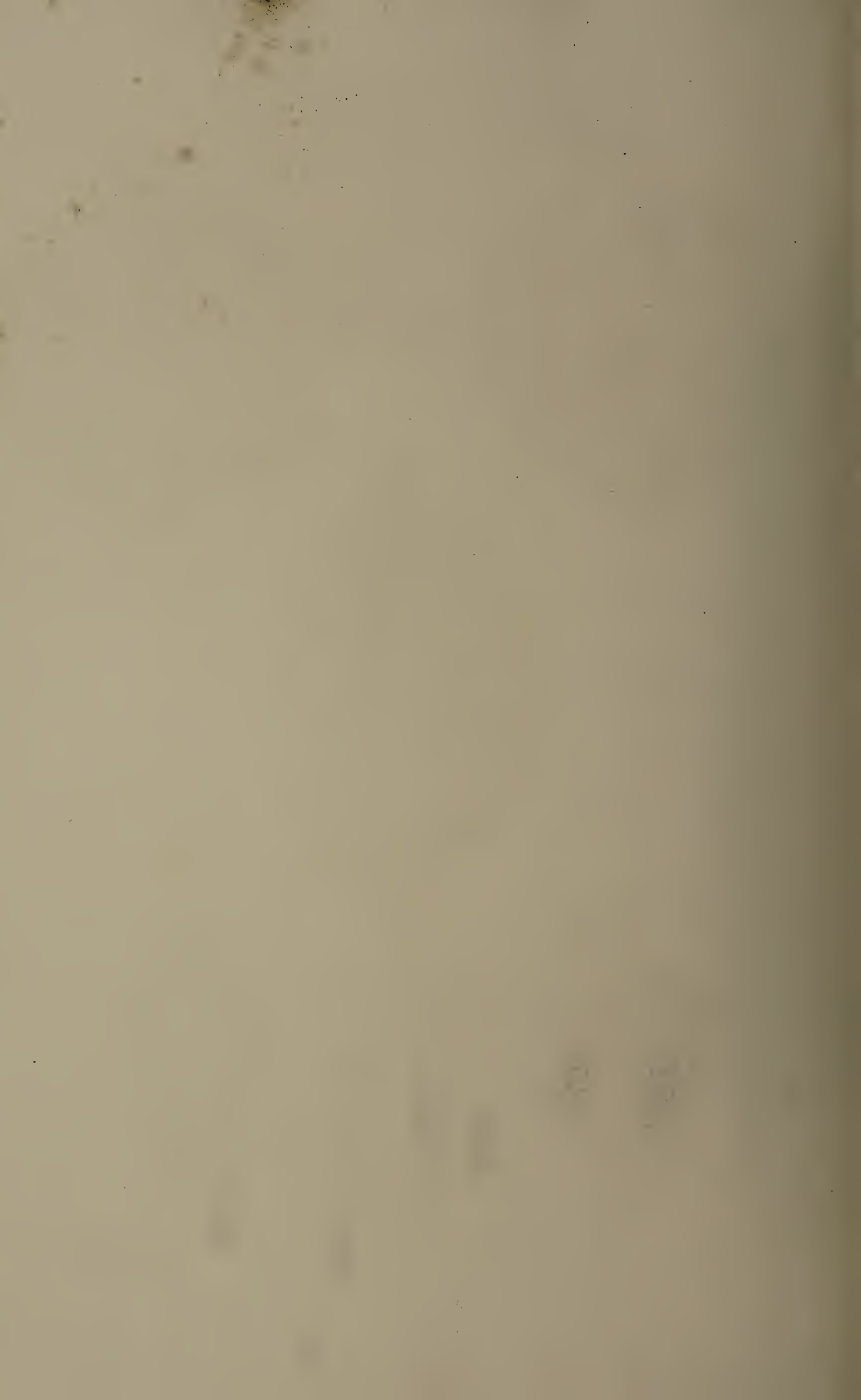


St. Mary's
Phadrig

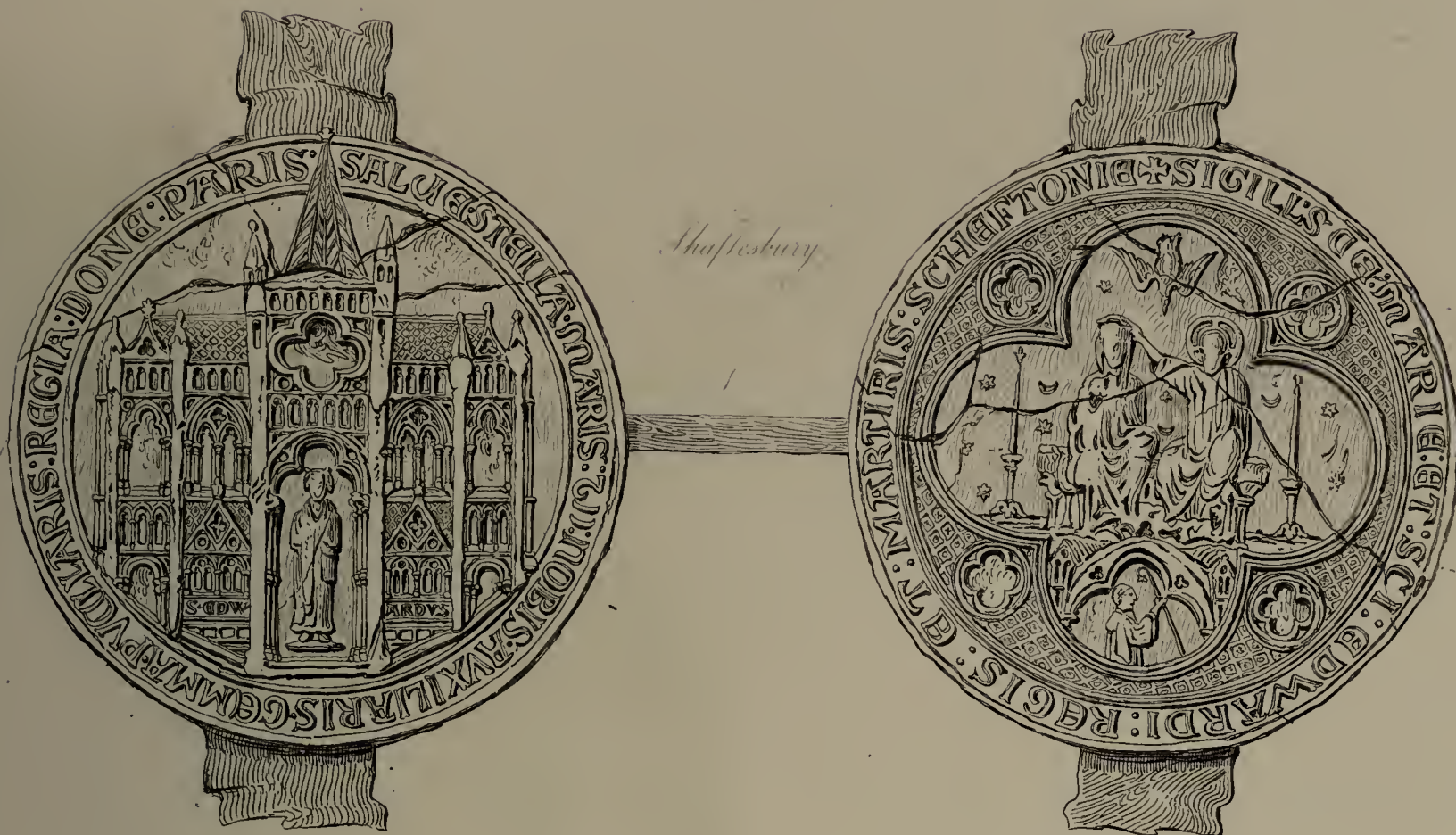


Seal of Muchdroy Abbey from a copy of the original. The seal is circular with a scalloped border. The central image depicts three figures: a king on the left holding a scepter, a central figure (likely a saint or bishop) holding a book, and a figure on the right holding a cross. The text 'm: de: muchdroy' is inscribed on the left and 'abbatis: et: conventus:' on the right. Below the figures is a banner with the text 'SIGILLUM: MONASTII: MUCHDROIE:'.





Seals of Monasteries of the Benedictine Order.
Plate XV.



Abbey

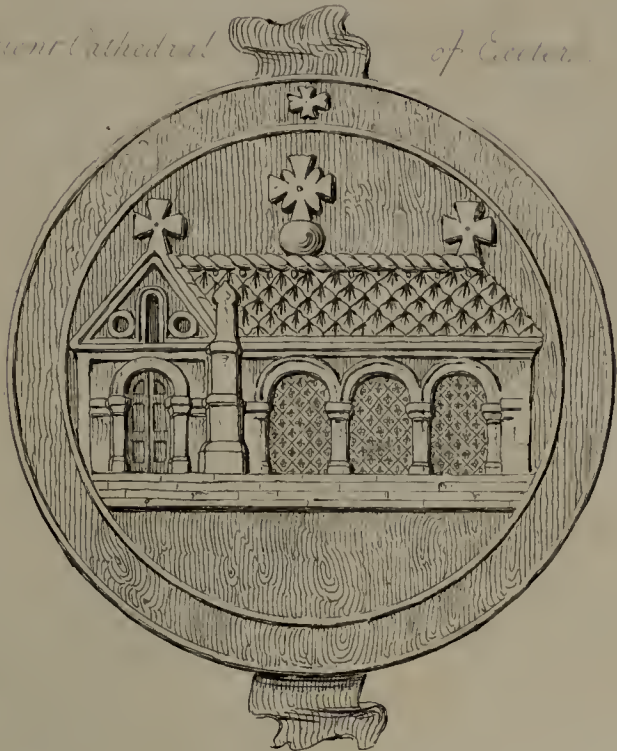


Monastery

1. Seal of Shafesbury Monastery from the Surrender in the Augmentation Office
2. Seal of Turistock Abbey from an Impression in the Augmentation Office
3. Seal of Ramsay Monastery from an Impression in the Augmentation Office

Plate XVI.

of Eccles.



horney Abbey.



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Cerne  Abbey.



